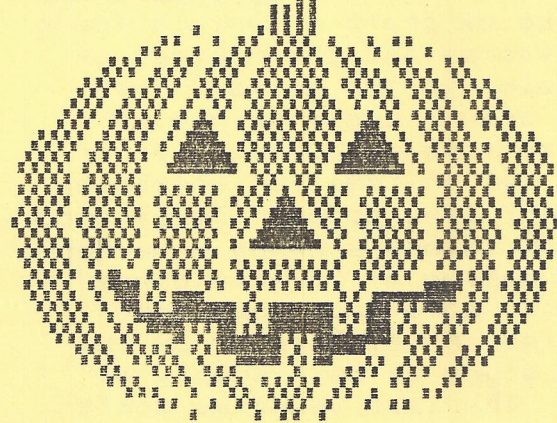
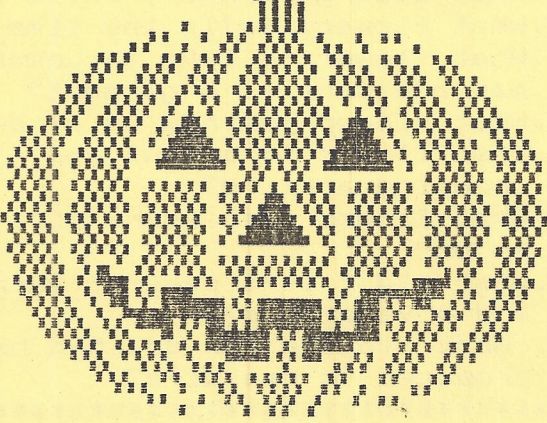


**Fertile
Reminder
Oct. 1988**



Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-

Do you ever look at your clock wrong and get up at what you think is your usual time only to find after the coffee is made and your toast is done, you are an hour early! We are early risers but this is what happened to us today. Once I am up, I refuse to go back to bed although with the gentle rain falling it would have been easy to do so today. I do not enjoy doing housework with the lights on so on these dark mornings I find something else to do such as letter writing.

It seems just yesterday we were enjoying the long days of summer-now it is getting time to think of the things one needs to get done before the really cold days arrive. The fields of corn and beans are waiting to be harvested even though calendar wise it is early. In our area because of the lack of rain, nothing has grown and produced as it usually does. I am wondering if we'll see the usual bright fall colors or if the dull browns will prevail. Even the birds seem to sense that they should move on as we don't seem to have many around. [Can you remember how thrilled and excited you were last spring when you spotted the first robin of the season?] I like this quotation from Thoreau:

Every Blade in the Field
Every Leaf in the Forest
Lays down its Life
In its Season
As Beautifully as it was
taken up.

Another sign of fall, is the abundance of craft materials found in the stores and the notices of craft sales in the malls. They seem to draw a crowd as one is hoping to find a special gift or perhaps get an idea for something they might like to do. It is good to work with one's hands - we seem to be a nation of "crafty doers" - perhaps in more ways than one!

The month of October is the time we stock up on a supply of treats. The last years we don't seem to have as many come to our door and we end up by having to eat the surplus. On a clear still night, we can hear them coming - the running of feet, perhaps the slamming of a car door and the cry in unison of Trick or Treat

from the very young and sometimes from those not so young. We are always glad when the evening is nice so that the youngsters can parade "in their finery". Do you ever try to guess who they might be? Happy Halloween!

It is now getting to be daylight and duty calls me. I have many things to do today as I get ready for friends coming from Chicago. Each day I am thankful for health and strength to do that which has to be done. Until next time-Have a good day!

L.V.N.

Three magic little words: 1."Please",
2."Sorry", 3."Thanks", use each
frequently for top results.

Garden Club Quiz - Answers found on a back page.

1. What flowering vine is like a musical instrument?
2. What flower is like a jilted lover?
3. What flower reminds you of a herd of sheep?
4. What flower is both a food and a drinking vessel?
5. What flower is a vehicle and country?
6. What flower is like a foreign country?
7. What flower is part of the eye?
8. What flower is a foreigner and a poppy?
9. What flower is word for keeping quiet?
10. What flower makes us think of fire?
11. What does an unhappy child do?
12. What flowers tells the time of day?
13. What flower is like an unmarried man and part of a garment?
14. What flower reminds us of daybreak?
15. What flower is a fowl and a grooming article?
16. What flower does every girl hope to do?
17. What plant is a part of furniture and a vegetable?
18. What did the man do when he proposed to his wife?

THANK YOU

Thanks to all who remembered me with prayers, cards, visits and telephone calls while I was in the hospital, and for the food brought in since I returned home. It was all appreciated. Gennevie Haugen

BRUE'S WOODEN CRAFT SALE
Saturday October 1, 1988
9a.m-3p.m.

Fertile Dining Room
20% of proceeds will be
donated to the Fertile
Community Center

Coffee and goodies will be served by the
Senior Citizens

STORK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Richie Zirbel are the
parents of a baby boy born Aug. 16.
He weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and has
been named Tanner Lee. Grandparents
are Gail Zirbel of Fertile, and
Roger Zirbel of Jackson, Mississippi.
Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs.
Merle Payton of Dows.

WANTED

Full set of men's right handed
gulf clubs. Call 797-2768

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

Members of the Garden Club en-
joyed a day out Tuesday, Sept. 13.
They drove to Clear Lake and toured
the Petal Shop and Kreigers Green-
houses. They also visited Millers
Emporium. They returned home at
noon and had lunch at the Creamery.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in
regular session Tue. Sept. 6, 1988
with Mayor Hoffman presiding and
council members Sandifer, Petersen,
Strohman, and Burtness present.

Minutes of the previous meeting
were read and approved.

Mayor reported footbridge is
repaired and painted, and ready for
the fence to be installed within a
week or two.

Motion to adopt a resolution to
the completion of I-30. Carried.

Dave Low reported on the chlorin-
ator at the water plant. Several
options were discussed. He will try
to repair the one we have.

Motion to pay NIACOG the first
half of their bill for the work on
the city code. Carried.

Report on street repairs.

Resolution adopted to approve
the road use tax report for FY 87-88
as presented. carried.

COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED
Motion to pay monthly bills.
Carried.

Meeting adjourned
Janice Hare
City Clerk

The next regular meeting will
be held on Tues. Oct. 4 at the
library.

AUG BALANCE SHEET

Evelyn Knudson	282.57
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	239.73
David Sheimo	509.88
Vesta Kuns	23.75
Waste Systems Corp.	727.75
IPERS	114.35
Treas. - State of Iowa	121.00
Winn Coop Telephone	44.25
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	40.55
Interstate Power Co.	598.33
NIACOG	74.40
Feed - Rite Controls	20.00
Yohn Ready Mix	112.56
Burtness Plbg & Htg	4.06
Marv's	22.50
Hygiene Lab	30.00
K & R Gas	22.50
Fertile Lbr & Hdwe	164.68
Christian Bookstore	10.71
Franklin Watts	92.18
B. Dalton	105.30
Better Homes & Gardens	20.22
National Geographic	10.35
NCRLS	16.68
Denco	62.81
Evelyn Knudson	30.00
Postmaster	25.00
Total	3879.00

Receipts 3624.61

Senior Citizens Menu

Oct. 4 - Meat loaf, scalloped
potatoes, peas, apple salad,
bread & butter, pudding, coffee
milk.

Oct. 18 - Cubed beef over mashed
potatoes, carrots, cucumber
salad, apple pie, bread &
butter, coffee, and milk.

Call Edna Pederson before noon
on Monday. 797-2669

The Grant Livewires met Sept. 17, 1988 at the Fertile Community Center. Seven members, two leaders, and three new members were present. Our new members are: Julie Book, Abby Almeliem, and Nichole Midtgaard. Our roll call was "Our Favorite thing About The Fair".

In October, our club will be going to the 4-H County Halloween party. On Oct. 8, we plan on attending the 4-H Awards Night at NIACC.

For our Nov. meeting, we are planning a 4-H family night. It will be Nov. 19 at the Fertile Community Center. We are going to have a Thanksgiving pot luck. The food committee is Carrie Seglem, Katie Anderson, and Jodie Ouverson. The invitation and decorating committee are Staci Suby and Kelly Knutson. Program committee is Barbara Lee, Julie Book, and Jamie Ouverson.

Next year we voted to sell candy for our money making project. For our community project, we talked about planting flowers in Fertile.

We held election of officers. They are:

- President - Carrie Seglem
- Sec. Treasurer & Vice Pres. - Jodi Ouverson
- Historian - Jamie Ouverson
- Reporter - Barbara Lee
- Photographer - Kati Anderson
- Flag - Abby Almeliem
- Caller - Staci Suby

Jodi Ouverson gave a presentation on "Care Labels". Jamie Ouverson had a game. Lunch was served by Kelli Knutson and Kati Anderson.

Barb Lee
Reporter

STORK NEWS

Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Webb are the parents of a baby boy born Sept. 13. He weighed 8 lbs. and has been named Houston Thomas. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nelson and Mr. & Mrs. Harold Webb of Clear Lake. Great grandparents are Mrs. Carl Vaage of Forest City, Leverage Nelson of Fertile, and Mrs. Hazel Hall of Mason City.



HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED!!

The Garage Sale

I'm having a garage sale
The sign is on the door,
I'm selling a lot of items
Which I don't need anymore.

An old-time ice cream freezer,
A pitcher trimmed in gold,
A foot tub and a basin
That's really awfully old.

Some earrings and some bottles,
An antique picture frame,
A sack of toys, a box of books,
And an old badminton game.

The ad is in the paper
And Wednesday is the day,
The time is nine to five fifteen -
I'll see you then, okay?

Answer to Quiz

1. Trumpet Vine
2. Bleeding Heart
3. Phlox
4. Buttercup
5. Carnation
6. Chinese Lantern
7. Iris
8. Oriental Poppy
9. Mum
10. Burning Bush
11. Balsam
12. Four O'clock
13. Bachelor's Button
14. Morning Glory
15. Cockcomb
16. Marigold
17. Caster Bean
18. Aster

WANTED

Do you have clothing, young girls size 8 to 10 or womens size 7 to 9 or household items, anything or everything? Friends of Mark and Chris Anderson in Mason City lost everything in a fire. Items may be left at Mark Anderson's home in Fertile or at the community center.

PLEASE

If you have items to be typed, please give them to Carolyn Nedved. If she is not at home, drop them in the door slot. That will save having them go through so many hands as Carolyn and Clet do all our typing. Pictures and special articles may still be given to Ruth B. Ouverson who runs the copier to do the Reminder. Please send donations for the paper to Ruth B. Ouverson, Box 171 Fertile, Iowa.

Stork news is to be given to Kay Olson. Loretta Nye, Florence Nye, Vesta Kuns, Dorothy Aspland, and Silence Johnson help put the paper together on mailing day along with Ruth B. Ouverson and Kay Olson.

THANK YOU

The family of Norma Jean Jenkins Tarr, wish to express their sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses and loving thoughts shown to them during the time of their sorrow. May God bless you all.

The Witching Hour
Giant golden pumpkin
Resting in the noonday sun,
I wonder if you're dreaming
Of a magic night of fun.

Very soon you'll wear a smile
Carved by a jackknife blade
As you glow with candlelight
While the spooks are on parade.

You'll sit proudly in the window
To view the eerie scene,
As the gremlins dart by
Celebrating Halloween.

You will radiate with beauty
As the young and the very old
Are captured in your spell,
While the witching hours unfold.

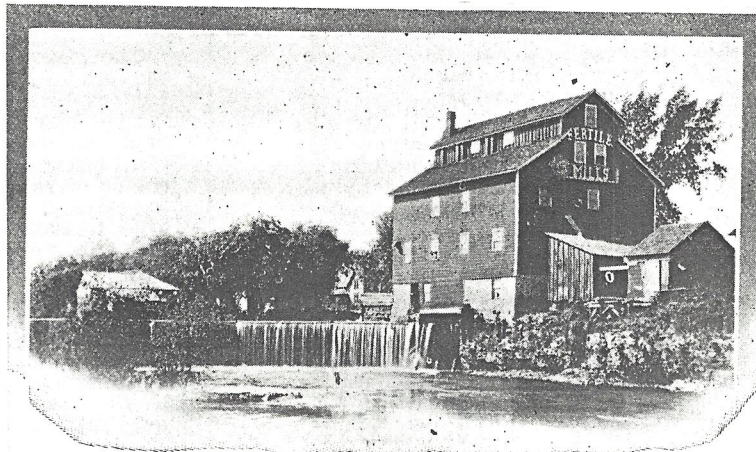
Oh, giant golden pumpkin,
When Halloween is gone
The enchantment that you weave
Will always linger on.

To err is human, but if the eraser wears out before the pencil, you are overdoing it a bit.

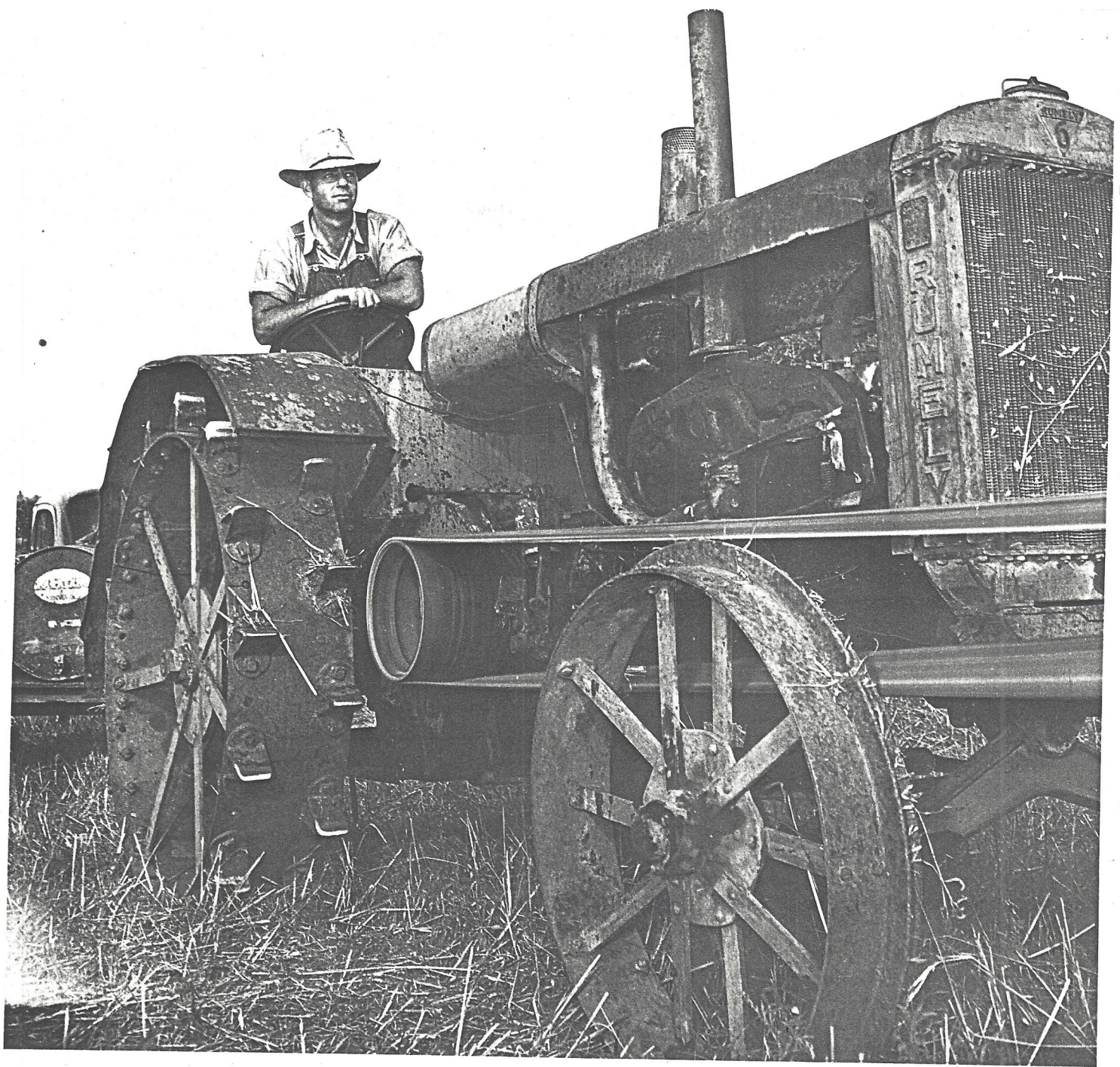
An optimist looks at an oyster and expects to find a pearl. The pessimist looks at the oyster and expects ptomaine poisoning.

"A temper is a valuable possession — don't lose it."

"Seconds count, especially when dieting."



FERTILE ROLLER MILLS



1948

Orcutts on Grant Run Many Years

Frank Orcutt couldn't remember just how many years he has been threshing. He started when he was a boy. He runs the separator and is tightening a grease cup in the picture as he leans down over a maze of belts. His is a job for a careful man.

Frank and his brother, Bernard, own the threshing rig. Bernard is shown sitting on the tractor which provides power for the big separator.

The tractor is an old Rumely 6 with 50 horsepower on the belt. The Orcutt brothers bought it after it had served a term in the quarry at Fertile which later was electrified.

The tractor is an old one but a considerable improvement over the old time steam engine, Bernard admitted. He recalled how the machine men had to get up early in the morning to get steam up for threshing. The farmer had to make a trip to town for jag of coal to run the engine. Water always had to be provided and it took an extra man to haul it.

The steam engine was heavy, too. And in the days of steam engines bridges were not built for the heavy loads which trucks haul on modern roads. Quite often bridges collapsed under the engine or separator even though an extra 2 miles was traveled often to avoid a bridge that was known to be weak.

Just the same, Bernard admitted he'd like to see one of the old engines. They were much more fascinating machines than the modern tractors. Their noisy chugging and smoke pouring out of the stack made them somehow seem more alive than a tractor. Besides, a tractor can't whistle.

55th Class Renunion

The Fertile High School graduating class of 1933 held a renunion at the Fertile Creamery Restaurant at 12 o'clock on Saturday, Sept. 10, 1988.

All eighteen graduates are still living, and thirteen were in attendance. We can truly say with the Psalmist "This is the day which the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it".

Mrs. Ruth Dakin prayed the table prayer before we partook of a delicious steak dinner.

The afternoon was spent looking at pictures, clippings, and other memoirs. Letters were read by various members from Mr. & Mrs. J.L. Lucken & Miss Pearl Johnson (former teachers). Mr. & Mrs. Pearl Myhre and Mrs. Eva Sampson, a local photographer, took several pictures.

Those in attendance were:

Wilma Larson of Mason City, Elsie (Zobel) Hickok of Mason city, Thelma (Benson) Davis of Forest City, Idella (Quill) Weyland of Minneapolis Minn., Claire (Oswald) Divine and husband Frank of Waterloo, Viola (Miller) Roberts and husband Forrest of Fertile, Doris (Suby) Oswald of Fertile, Harold Ouverson and wife Ruth of Fertile, Donald Gaskill and wife Leone of Northwood, Clarence Ouverson and wife Ruthie of Hanlontown, Rex Westcott and wife Esther of Clear Lake, Ruth (Hall) Dakin and husband Lester of Texas, Erma (Heunis) Brue and husband Stanley of Fertile, and Esther (Oswald) Hudson and daughter of California.

Those unable to attend were:

Eva (Purcell) Sampson of Minneapolis, Muriel Orcutt of Minneapolis, Sylvia (Hall) Segerstrom of Red Wing, Minn., Dorothy (Davis) Fox of Walker, Mn., and Pearl Myhre of Cedar Rapids.

Mrs. Idella (Quill) Weyland, our former English teacher, brought greetings, and Ruth (Hall) Dakin, who was on the Mission field for 37 years in South Africa, spoke briefly. Mrs. Erma Brue was emcee and furnished tape organ music during the dinner hour.

The group enjoyed reminiscing and telling many humorous incidents that had taken place during past days.

In closing, the members sang a short song about "Old Fertile High" which was composed by Eva Sampson, and then the group joined hands and sang Auld Lang Syne.

E.A.B.

Our Junior Class play was "When The Movies Came To Town" and our Senior Class play was "Up In The Air".

Our Jr.-Sr. Banquet was May 12, 1933 in the Christian Church Parlor. Class officers in our Senior year were: President - Elsie Zobel, Vice President - Wilma Larson, Secretary - Donald Gaskill, Treasurer - Sylvia Hall. Class colors were hyacinth and blue, class flower was Hyacinth, our motto was "Tonight We Launch - Where will We Anchor?".

Our teachers during our Senior year were: Ann (Soukup) Earwicher - Science and Home Ec.; Idella Quill - English and Latin; Supt. M.F. Penrod - Physics and Bookkeeping; J.L. Lucken - Math and History. Mr. Lucken was our class sponsor.

The Commencement Program was held at the Fertile Christian Church May 18, 1933.

Invocation - Rev. H.E. Okland

Salutatory - Wilma Larson

Class History - Claire Oswald

Vocal Trio - "Passed By Your

Window" - Erma Heunis,

Elsie Zobel, Delilah Myhre

Class Poem - Dorothy Davis

Grumbler - Rex Westcott

Vocal Trio - "Dreaming"

Class Will - Erma Heunis

Valedictory - Ruth Hall

Commencement Address - by the

Honorable E.G. Dunn of Mason City

Awarding of diplomas -

Supt. M.F. Penrod

Baccalaureate Program

Class of 1933

at the Fertile Lutheran Church

May 14, 1933

Processional - Miss Idella Quill

Invocation -

Vocal Solo -

"That Old Fashioned Mother Of Mine"

Elsie Zobel

The Sermon was delivered by Rev.

H. O. Urness of Clear Lake

The High School Chorus sang

"The Heavens Resound"

Recessional - Miss Idella Quill

Scholarships were awarded to Ruth Hall and Pearl Myhre.



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ELSIE ZOBEL

SUPT. PENROD

THELMA BENSON

FERTILE HIGH SCHOOL



VIOLA MILLER



PEARL MYHRE



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