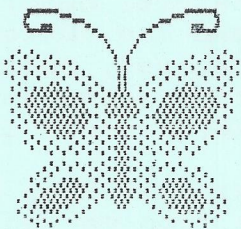
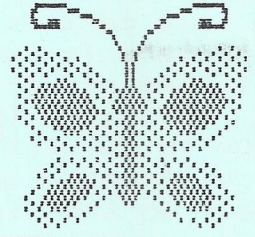
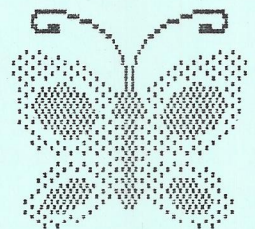


# Northfield Reminder



September 1944





Dear Readers of The Fertile Reminder--

If you are an early riser, you can smell fall and school in the air! There is a certain excitement as the kids prepare for school with their new clothes and their supplies. They might tell you that they aren't anxious to go back but after these weeks of freedom most will welcome a change. On the first day of school, they are usually waiting long before it is time for the school bus to arrive. We can only hope that cooler weather arrives before they are confined to the "halls of higher learning". As fast as time goes, we know this school year will pass quickly.

September 11th is the day set aside to honor grandparents, so Happy Grandparents Day to you be you young or old! Somehow we just know that our grandchildren are the very best, the very brightest, the very best looking - Have you ever noticed that most just seem to have pictures handy "just in case"? Even as grandchildren are special to us, I like to think that they in turn regard us as special too. They might seem to grow away from us as time makes more demands on them but somehow you know you are special to them as they search for a special card or other means to express their love and thoughts. I know this to be true as I read these thoughts expressed on my birthday card by someone who is so very special to us.

No matter how grown up I may be  
or how independent I feel ...  
No matter the distance between us  
or the times between visits ...  
No matter what happens today or  
tomorrow,  
There's one thing you can always  
be sure of ...  
How much I love you!  
Happy Birthday!  
L.V.N.

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One thing for which we should never forget is that we have a mind to think and learn.

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A Grandparent Is ....

A grandparent helps you with the dishes when it is your night.  
A grandparent is the only baby sitter who doesn't charge more after midnight or anything before midnight.  
A grandparent buys you gifts your Mother says you don't need.  
A grandparent arrives three hours early for your baptism, your graduation and your wedding because he or she wants a seat where he or she can see everything.

A grandparent pretends he doesn't know you on Halloween.

A grandparent loves you when you're a bald baby to a bald father and all the hair in between.

A grandparent will put a sweater on you when she is cold, feed you when she is hungry and put you to bed when she is tired.

A grandparent will brag on you when you get a typing pin that eighty other girls got.

A grandparent will frame a picture of your hand that you traced and put it on her living room wall.

A grandparent will slip you money just before Mother's Day.

A grandparent will accept your calls from anywhere - collect.

A grandparent will help you with your buttons, your zippers, and your shoelaces and not be in a hurry for you to grow up.

When you're a baby, a grandparent will check to see if you are crying when you are sound asleep.

When a grandchild says, "Grandma, how come you didn't have any children?", a grandparent holds back the tears.

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#### Senior Citizen Menu

Sept. 6 - Chicken, potatoe, cauliflower, tomatoes, pudding, milk, coffee, bread and butter.

Sept. 20 - Roast beef, potatoes, squash, carrot jello salad, pie, milk, coffee, bread and butter.

For reservations call Edna Pederson 797-2669 before noon on Monday.

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The following account was written by Evelyn Luker of Clear Lake, a member of the Fertile High School class of 1932.

The class graduated from Fertile High School on May 26, 1932. The commencement program was at the Lutheran Church.

The program consisted of two songs, the Salutatory, class history, class prophecy, class will, class grumbler, the Valedictory, one solo, awarding of diplomas. Professor Clemens M. Granskou, President of Waldorf College, gave the address. Supt. M.F. Penrod awarded the diplomas followed by the audience singing "America".

The graduates were: Evelyn Humphrey, Vera Deuel, Golda Severson, Lucy Gilner, Lorene Johnson, Mildred Sagen, Stella Anderson, Sophus Peterson, James Haugen, Roger Humphrey, Elmer Okland, Corlys Rye.

The class motto was: Simplicity, Sincerity, Service. Class flower was pink carnation.

The board of education members were: Guy Walker - President, Carl Sheimo - Secretary, John Ouverson, Adolph Tweed, Jasper Humphrey, Leo Elthon.

The High School faculty: James I. Ken-Principal, Idella Quill-English, Anna Soukeep-Home Economics. The grade faculty: 7th & 8th-Waneta Thomas, 5th & 6th-Frances Wagner, 3rd & 4th-Marjorie Baker, 1st & 2nd-Mattie Ainsworth.

The Baccalaurate service was held at the Fertile Lutheran Church on May 22, 1932. The Rev. H. A. Lowe gave the invocation and scripture reading followed by Rev. H. E. Oakland giving the sermon.

The class walked in single file at both services and were not allowed to be escorted by the Junior Class.

We were not permitted to leave the school grounds during school time or recess unless the teacher needed something from the store. If your parents wanted you to run an errand, you needed a signed excuse.

The girls had a basket ball team but while we were in high school it was decided that it was too strenuous a game and too much traveling - but we were allowed to go as far as H. Lontown.

One was not suppose to use the telephone line after 9 PM. unless it was an emergency.

The float Fertile sponsored in the Puckerbrush Days parade.



## Professional props

Every statement names an occupation and an item used in that job. Though the occupation is in italics so you'll see it immediately, the item is hidden in two or more consecutive words. (Example: An *umpire* seldom asks a player's opinion.)

1. The *accountant* pulled germane figures from the firm's sales records.
2. Several *carpenters* complained when the tools they received were no better than sham merchandise.
3. An 80-year-old *chemist* came up with the latest tub-enameling technique.
4. The irate symphony *conductor* demanded to know how the oboes could flub a tone poem so badly.
5. All the radio station employees wore corduroy jackets except the *disk jockeys*.
6. The *gardeners* who signed the memo were concerned about the type of lawn that was planned.
7. A sympathetic ombudsman helped the salon's *hair stylists* get better working conditions.
8. The presiding *judge* often gave lectures on good citizenship to high school students.
9. Dissatisfied customers should cite stern regulations to an unethical *mechanic*.
10. Some people believe American *tailors* need lessons in creating high fashion.



THANK YOU

I sincerely want to thank each and everyone for cards, gifts, phone calls, and prayers while I was at St. Marys Hospital, to Pastor Bruland for the many visits to Rochester, his prayers, to the helicopter attendants, nurses and Dr. Carlson, Dr. Hamm and nurses in I.C.C.U. in St. Marys the sixteen days there, to nurses at the Manly Care Center, to my family and Thelma. All who upheld me in prayer, God bless each one of you.

Corlys Rye

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Nobody has everything. Everybody has something. The way then, to a happy heart is to enjoy what one has.

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THANK YOU

I would like to thank all the businesses in Fertile that took the time to have a poster made for the float we had at Puckerbrush Days in Forest City. Thanks to Dean Ouverson for the use of his hay rack and to Don Nelson and Bernice Doland for help putting the float together. Fertile was well represented as Arnold Hauge had a float with the Little League kids on it.

Thanks  
Kay Olson

LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY HOURS:

Wednesday - 11 AM - 6 PM  
Friday - 1 PM - 5 PM  
Saturday - 9 AM - Noon

New Books:

Bride of the wilderness - Charles McCarry  
Till we meet again - Judith Krantz  
Doctors - Erich Segal  
East of the sun - Barbara Bickman  
New Mexico! - Dana Fuller Ross  
A daughters promise - Julie Ellis  
India fan - Victoria Holt  
Another spring - June Bacher  
Love takes wing - Jeanette Oke

4-H NEWS

The Grant Livewire 4-H Club showed their projects at the North Iowa Fair. Our booth theme was "There's A Fair In The Air".

Jori Grossnickle, Holly Lovik, Emily Kragel, and Carrie Seglem worked in the 4-H food stand. Jori Grossnickle and Barbara Lee were in the 4-H Little Olympics. Emily Kragel and Carrie Seglem gave a working exhibit on "Say Cheese".

In the 4-H Home Economics classes our girls got the following ribbons:

Emily Kragel - 1 red  
Carrie Seglem - 7 blue, 3 red  
Jodie Ouverson - 2 blue, 5 red  
Katie Anderson - 2 blue, 1 red  
Kelli Knutson - 2 blue  
Barbara Lee - 3 blue, 2 red  
Holly Lovik - 2 red  
Jamie Ouverson - 3 blue, 2 red  
Stacey Suby - 3 blue  
Luanne Fairchild - 2 red, 2 white

Photography Division

Jodi Ouverson - 1 blue

Poster Division

Jamie Ouverson - 1 green  
Jodie Ouverson - 1 purple  
(Jodie's project was selected to go to the Iowa State Fair)

Sheep Division

Emily Kragel - 3 blue and Reserve Champion  
Barbara Lee - 1 blue, 1 red

Poultry Division

Katie Anderson - Blue - She got first place out of all the roosters.

We all had a good time and thank everyone who attended the fair and visited our fair booth.

Grant Livewires

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Let there be peace, that most precious gift -  
And let it begin with me!

A go-getter is a gent whose shoes are repaired sooner than his pants are patched!



The Fertile City Council met Tuesday August 2, 1988 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Burtness, and Strohmman present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on tile repair bill for work done north of Virgil Loviks.

Motion to extend water and sewer to the P.S.R. Plastics building.

Carried.

Evelyn Elthon was appointed to a six year term on the library board.

Motion to pay monthly bills.

Carried.

Resolution adopted to accept the updated Code of the City of Fertile as presented and waive the second and third readings of the ordinances.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be Tuesday Sept. 6, 1988.

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July Balance Sheet  
Expenditures

David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	270.34
Dick Sheimo	495.07
Waste Systems Corp.	700.63
Ipers	138.44
Treas.- State of Ia.	39.76
Treas.- State of Ia.	91.57
First State Bank	822.01
Winn RTA	36.90
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	42.51
Interstate Power Co.	617.01
Watertower Paint & Repair	5124.97
Brown Supply Co.	30.75
Ia League of Municipalities	137.00
Worth Co. Auditor	.82
K & R Service	20.00
Les Burtness	9.00
Fertile Reminder	90.00
Ertz & Associates	3911.00
Bergan Excavating	190.00
Total	13120.75
Receipts	2306.29

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\* VOIE \*  
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\* Carol Kleveland \*  
\* District 2 Forest City Community \*  
\* \*  
\* Carol Has lived in the Fertile \*  
\* Area for 22 years and has five \*  
\* children. She was employed by \*  
\* the Forest City School system \*  
\* seven years. Presently, she is \*  
\* the Director of Child Care \*  
\* Providers in her home. \*  
\* Carol says "She would like to be \*  
\* the voice for Fertile". \*  
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STORK NEWS

John & Val Burtness of Clear Lake are the parents of a baby boy born July 29th. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and has been named Chase Lyndon.

Grandparents are Lance and Diane Burtness of Fertile and Dennis and Virginia Loux of Ventura. Great Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Les Burtness of Fertile, Mr. & Mrs. Homer Britton of Belmond, Mr. & Mrs. Clif Fjetland of Forest City, and Mr. & Mrs. Lloyd Loux of Garner.

Guy & Brenda Ray are the parents of a baby girl born Aug. 4th. She weighed 7 lbs. and has been named Chelsey Jo. Grandparents are Betty Rae of Maryville, Missouri and Mary Treese of Maryville, Missouri.

Mr. & Mrs. Arlyn Midtgaard are the parents of a baby boy born July 30th. He weighed 7 lbs. 6 oz. and has been named Jeffery Amund. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Arden Midtgaard of Fertile and Mr. & Mrs. Richard Lyle of Keota, Iowa. Great Grandmother is Armorelle Miller of Keota.

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Government Commodities

Butter, flour, and powdered milk will be distributed on Sept. 8th from 1 to 4 pm at the Fertile Community Center.



THE BEFORE GENERATION  
A DIFFERENT WORLD, BUT IN MANY WAYS THE BEST OF TIMES!

High School Reunions can be a competitive sport. At early reunions classmates competed with each other about jobs and incomes. At the 25th it was spouses and children. Now we brag about grandchildren, travels and vacation homes, while regarding with envy or glee classmates' waistlines, hairlines and wrinkles.

We were before T.V. and VCR's. Before penicillin, polio shots, antibiotics, frisbees, frozen foods, nylon, Xerox and Kinsey. We were before radar, space shuttles, fluorescent lights, credit cards and ballpoint pens. Time-sharing meant togetherness, not vacations. A chip meant a piece of wood; hardware was hardware; and software wasn't even a word. We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes. Before icemakers, dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers, cuisinarts, and electric blankets. We were before yogurt, Ann Landers, plastics, hair-dryers, the 40-hour week, and the minimum wage. We got married first and then lived together. How quaint can we be? Closets were for clothes - not for "coming out of." Bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagons.

When we were in school, pizzas, Cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee, and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent. We were before lite beer and wine coolers. We were before FM radio, TV, tape recorders, synthesizers, word processors, Muzak, disco-dancing, yoga, aerobics, jogging and hot tubs. Levi blue jeans were work clothes.

In our day, cigarette smoking was fashionable; grass was mowed; coke was something you drank; and pot was something you cooked in. We were before day-care centers, house husbands, babysitters, computer dating and dual careers. The term "making out" referred to how well you did on an exam. There were 5 and 10 cent stores where you could buy things for 5 and 10 cents. For a nickel you could ride the bus, make a phone call, buy a coke or a copy of the Globe Gazette; or buy enough stamps to mail a letter and two postcards. You could buy a Chevy Coupe for \$659.00, but who could afford it in 1937? Nobody! A pity too 'cause gasoline was 11 cents a gallon.

If anyone in our day had asked us to explain CIE, MX, NATO, UFC, NFL, CPEC, NBA, ERA, Ms., or IUD - we would have said alphabet soup. We knew the difference between the sexes, but we were before sex change. However, we were the last generation so naive we thought we had to have a husband to have a baby. Fathers used to deal harsh discipline to kids, but electric razors took away the razor strap. Gas heat took away the woodshed. Tax worries took away the hair and the hairbrush. Father ran out of tools.

Police are concerned that kids are on the streets at night - they are too scared to stay home alone!

If Patrick Henry thought that Taxation Without Representation Was Bad, he should come back now and see How It Is With Representation!



## OPEN HOUSE - CHAPEL HILL

The smallest church of the area, Chapel Hill, located in Worth county, about 3 miles N.W. of Fertile, will have an Open House on Aug. 28, from 2:00 to 5:30 P.M. A program will be held at 2:30, with devotions, followed by musical instrumental numbers by Douglass Poath and Mr. and Mrs. Davane Poath of Mason City, and a vocal number by Warren Tonkelson of Garner.

Arrangements have been made for a tent and seating, but for added comfort, persons wishing to bring own lawn chairs may do so. Refreshments will be served by women of the area.

Everyone Welcome.

### CARING HEARTS HOSPICE, INC. ORGANIZES

A new era is dawning for those facing a terminal illness in our area as the Caring Hearts Hospice, Inc. officially organized on Tuesday, July 12, 1988. "Hospice is a type of care especially reserved for those in the final stages of a terminal illness," noted Mary Collins, the organization's newly elected president. "Hospice is not a place but a comforting and supportive alternative way of living in the face of death. Our purpose is not to prevent death but to make every moment of life precious -for the dying and their loved ones and families even after death occurs."

Caring Hearts Hospice, Inc. officially organized at a meeting of its Board of Directors at the First Reformed Church in Buffalo Center. Those elected to offices in the organization are:

**President: Mary Collins (Buffalo Center)**  
**President-elect: Peggy Oувerson (Fertile)**  
**Secretary: Lois Hughes (Thompson)**  
**Treasurer: John Lund (Forest City)**  
**Medical Director: Dr. Robert Haakenson (Forest City)**

It is the intention of Caring Hearts Hospice to serve all those who are served by the Buffalo Center and Forest City hospital and clinics, which includes Winnebago County and its immediately surrounding communities. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 23 at Forest City's Immanuel Lutheran Church to begin at 7:00 PM.

When it was time for the 5-year-old's first professional haircut, his grandfather asked to take him. The parents, thinking the close relationship between the two would ease the ordeal, readily agreed—and were astonished when the boy began to cry. "No!" he bellowed. "I don't wanna go to Grandpa's barber!"

"Why on earth not?" asked the bemused parents.

"'Cause he cuts a big hole in the top of Grandpa's hair," wailed the lad, "an' I don't want one in mine!"

Auction house: a place to get something for nodding.

September is when millions of shining, happy faces turn toward school. They belong to mothers. ■

Hear about the restaurant they just opened on the moon? Great food, no atmosphere.

### Professional props

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- 2-sHAM MERchandise.
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- 6-meMO WERe.
- 7-sympathetiC OMBudsman.
- 8-GAVE Lectures.
- 9-ciTE STERn.
- 10-NEED LESSons.



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