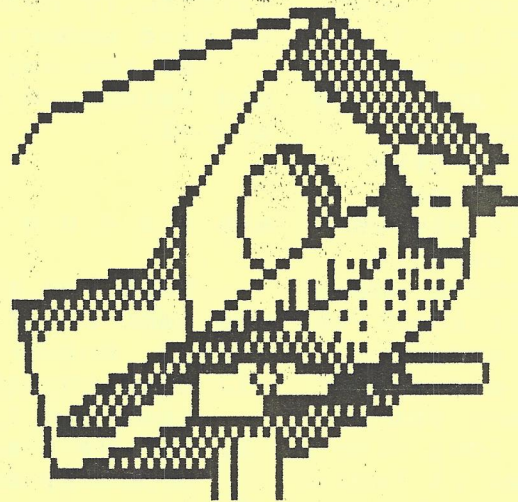


FERTILE
REMINDER



APRIL 1989

Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-

One sure sign that spring is just around the corner is the longer daylight days that we are enjoying. After Christmas, it seems that we aren't aware of it until all at once it is very noticeable. Living in the midwest as we do, we can enjoy watching the changes that each season brings.

I am wondering if each of you wondered as we did what telephone company would be best for us to serve as our long distance company. Things seem to get more and more complicated and I couldn't help but think of how different it was in "the olden days". In those days, we paid only for our long distance with nothing added. Like so many things, our personal way of telephone has fallen by the wayside and I am remembering it as it used to be.

I can close my eyes and see the old switchboard as it was then. When I first came to live in Fertile, I thought it was very complicated but in time I learned to operate it and could fill in in case of an emergency - certainly I never had the expertise that Aimee Nye and Myrna Smith had plus their helpers. It would always amaze me when all the lines were in use what a tangled up mess there would be! Then you'd have to quick check to see if someone had finished speaking so you could clear the line and answer the next call. For many, many years, there was only one line for long distance (number 40) so sometimes it took a long time to get your number placed with the operator. The long distance line was much used by the old lime-stone quarry as they hauled lime for fertilizer to many farmers who lived beyond the Fertile exchange. The code for ringing was more complicated when you were calling on a party line - perhaps your ring was one short ring and a long ring or two short rings and a long one - Anyway everyone knew their own signal although sometimes you were not certain you heard right and you'd answer. I am certain we were all guilty of being "rubber necks"! When your telephone bill was bill you would hear five long rings at noon and supertime reminding you - certainly no complicating bills coming in the mail. When I first came to town, these long rings were used as fire alarms and other emergencies as well.

Many messages were relayed through

the telephone office such as - have you heard how so and so is today; I can't get my husband or my wife on the phone - if they call, tell them I have gone to such and such a place; can you see our car or truck parked on the street; have you heard if they are letting school out early today; do you have the time - truly the telephone office and its operators were the go between for the patrons. One always knew when school was out, as then the phone was in great use by the teenagers but certainly not like today when most families have a teen line as well as more than one phone of their own.

Like everything else, things change and that is certainly true of the modern telephone - but what would we do without it?

Perhaps this will bring a memory or two to mind as you remember the old switchboard and those who served us faithfully over the years. It is good to have memories of the past!

By the way, can you remember your old telephone number and your code signal?

Until next time -
L.V.N.

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Quiz for the month - Can you find the name of flavorings in these sentences? Answers found on a back page.

1. Even though one is frugal, it is possible to have little money.
2. Did Nora say it was a van? Illa probably moved in.
3. He was named Thor. Angel would probably have suited him more.
4. This morning bed down the pigs with straw. Berry or two may be picked later.
5. There was a man in the Bible named Laban. Anna is a Bible name, too.
6. There are many good ways if using milk other than in cocoa. Nuts, too, are a versatile food.
7. Over lost opportunity never repine. Apples may never be ten for a dime.
8. A slam may not be a barb. Uttermost patience may make it a lift.
9. If toast becomes burnt, sugar may improve it.
10. There are friends worth more than a mint of money.
11. A salmon dish is a good switch from meat.
12. It would be nice to see Ma. Pleasant memories surround the home place.

STORK NEWS

Answers to Quiz

1. Lemon
2. Vanilla
3. Orange
4. Strawberry
5. Banana
6. Coconut
7. Pineapple
8. Butter
9. Burnt Sugar
10. Mint
11. Almond
12. Maple

Pre-School classes for the fall of 1989 are now open for registration at North Iowa Christian School. Two and three day per week programs of 2 1/2 hours per day are available for children ages 3 and 4. Parents may select either a morning or afternoon session. Pre-School classes are certified under the Iowa Department of Public Instruction.

Class sizes are limited, so registration should be made as soon as possible. For more information or to register call 357-4591.

There will be a bridal shower for Teresa Bradford, bride-elect of Tom Haugen, Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m. at the Fertile Church of Christ. Everyone is invited and asked to please bring a favorite recipe.

4-H CLUB NEWS

The Grant Livewires met at the Fertile Community Center Sat. Feb. 18. Roll call was "Your Favorite Valentine". Katie Anderson had a presentation on "Health Snacks". She made peanut butter balls. Kellie Knutson had a presentation on "Dry And Liquid Measuring".

Fun night is next Sat. Feb. 25. We will meet at the Olson Building. Our booth is a bowling booth.

We talked about going camping at Pilot Knob.

We are going to plant flowers in m. Rhodes park next summer.

Jodie and Jamie Ouverson were hostesses.

Curt & Christy Richards of Freeport, Ill. are the parents of a baby girl born March 14. She weighed 8 lbs 1 oz and has been named Alyssa Britana. Grandparents are Craig and Connie Suby of Freeport, Ill. and Virginia Suby of Hanlontown.

Mr. & Mrs. David Rye of Avoda, Colo. are the parents of a girl born Mar. 1. She weighed 8 lbs 4 oz and has been named Katherine Lavendar. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Norman Rye of Fertile and Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Roberts of Newman Ga.

Tom Hare and Paula Meinders are the parents of a baby girl born Mar. 1st. She weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 21 in long. She has been named Chereece Marie. Grandparents are Arnita Meinders and Larry Gaston of Forest City, Richard Meinders of Clear Lake, and Fred and Jan Hare of Fertile. Great Grandparents are Stan and Kit Zirbel of rural Fertile, Allie Hare of Oklahoma City, Okla. and Lavonne Heiner of Ventura.

An April Day

Take a floating puff
 And add a sky of blue,
 Throw in lots of sunshine
 And a nippy breeze or two;
 Season with the fragrance of
 Spring flowers and say -
 You have all the makings
 For a lovely April day!

Sing a Song

Sing a song of Sunshine
 Bright as molten gold,
 On the sky's blue curtain,
 Spreading joys untold.

Sing a song of flowers
 Songbirds on the wing,
 Sing of pussy willows,
 It's suddenly spring!

Freshman Class of 1936



Front row 1 to r - Stanton Rodberg, Leighton Humphrey, Silence Stokke, Virginia Hill, Vivian Jensen, Donald Boos, Max Nye, Richard Petersen

Back row 1 to r - Arthur Levang, Johnny Hall, Floyd Calhoun, Billy Ouverson, Keith Sheimo, Carl Furness, Dale Hagen, Roy Highsmith

Ruth Nissen joined the class in March 1936.

The Class of 1939

The class began as freshmen with sixteen members (picture) and was joined by Ruth Ouverson in March 1936. In the next two years the class had lost Bill Ouverson, Carl Furness, Stanton Rodberg, Vivian Jensen, and Richard Petersen. We gained Florence Johnson, Robert Estel, and Joan Sheplee.

As the class entered their senior year, it had lost Robert Estel and Florence Johnson. It now contained fifteen members; four girls and eleven boys.

The banquet was held in the Fertile gym with an Hawaiian theme and program, and was served by the music mothers.

The graduates were: Joan Sheplee, Silence Stokke, Virginia Hill, Ruth Nissen, Arthur Levang, Donald Boos, Floyd Calhoun, Leighton Humphrey, Maynard Calgaard, Clarence Kitner, Dale Hagen, Keith Sheimo, Johnny Hall, Max Nye, and Roy Highsmith.

On our 50th anniversary, ten members were living. Roy Highsmith, Virginia Hill, Floyd Calhoun, Johnny Hall, and Donald Boos are deceased.

The Class of 1939 motto was "Follow Through". The class colors were Azure Blue and Dubonet. The class flower was "Lilly Of The Valley".

The class baseball and basketball teams won honors for their efforts.



Bottom row 1 to r - Harold Rholl, Leo Gaskill, Gale Rye, Art Halverson,
Joseph Levang, Clinton McNelly
Middle row 1 to r - Genevieve Larson, Marguerite Purcell, Cora Suby,
Vesta Carr, Myrtle Gudmonson, Nellie Humphrey,
Helen Rholl, Olga Benson, next unidentified,
Agnes Hjelmeland
L to r - Marcell Oswald
Back row - 1 to r - Carl Schmidt, Leonard Ouverson, Lawrence Jenkins,
Reginald Stuart, Leo Ouverson, Ernest Zobel,
Laurence Ouverson
Teacher - Evelyn Haugen

Card of Thanks

I would like to thank all of my relatives and friends so very much for all the prayers, flowers, gifts, and cards I was blessed with when I was in North Iowa Medical Center and since returning home. A special thanks to Pastor Ganz for his visits and prayers, the food sent in and the many other kindnesses. It was all greatly appreciated.

Vesta Kuns

An open house bridal shower for Marlys Reiter, bride elect of Mark Tuttle, will be held April 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the Fertile Community Center lunch room.

Garden Club News

The Fertile Garden Club held their first meeting for 1989 at the Fertile Community Center, Tuesday March 14th with a pot-luck luncheon.

Gloria Kirschbaum, our new president opened the meeting welcoming four new members; namely Celeste Christianson, Donna Ouverson, Linda Shahan, and Joyce Larsen.

Roll call was, "A Plant You Brought Inside Over Winter".

Harriet Ouverson had the thought for the day.

Following the business meeting, lessons were presented by Mary Anderson on "Plant a Butterfly Garden" and Flowering Shrubs and Trees" by Carrie Luther.

Lunch was served by the hostesses Alice Kingland and Mildred McGrath.

SENIOR CITIZENS

April 4th - Meatballs, potatoes, corn, tossed salad, lemon cake with lemon sauce, bread, butter, coffee and milk

April 18th - Cubed beef over mashed potatoes, creamed cabbage, three bean salad, pudding, bread, butter, coffee and milk.

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

Long History For April Fool -

When and if you play some prank on April Fools Day, you will be following a custom that goes back over 345 years. So far, in fact, that its true origin is uncertain.

But in 1564, the tenants of France celebrated a gala day on April 1, playing tricks and doing foolish things. They were happy because they had won an important court decision over the land owners of the country. This was probably the start of April Fools Day.

THANK YOU FROM THE COMMUNITY CENTER -

The Fertile Community Center thanks all of those who worked and participated in the Soup and Sandwich lunch held on March 11th. A profit of over \$600 dollars was made.

ANNUAL SWEETHEART DANCE

The Fertile Community Center will sponsor the Annual Sweetheart Dance at the Duncan Community Hall on March 31 from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. Maleks Fishermen will be playing. Come and help make this fund raiser the best we've ever had!

NOTE OF THANKS

This is belated but I wish to thank all you dear friends and family for your love and concern for me while I was hospitalized. Your prayers, cards, food, flowers, visits, and kindness were very much appreciated. Small town folks are best.

Dick Sheimo

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Mar. 7, 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Hansmeier, Strohman, Peterson, and Burtness present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Joan Norem and Loris Scobee presented the certificate of appointment of Maxine Scobee as Postmaster to the city.

Mayor reported the street light on the east side of the community center will be installed this week.

Insurance proposal for the next year was presented. Motion to renew as presented. Carried.

Motion to approve the budget for FY 1989-90. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

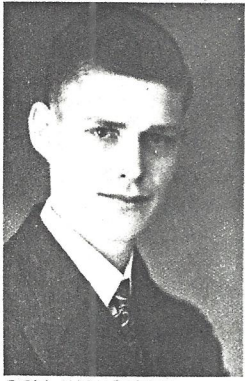
Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

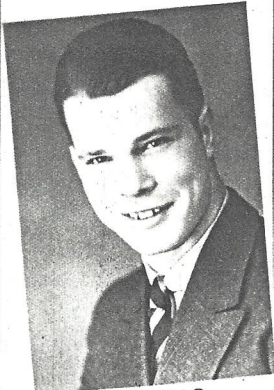
February Balance Sheet
Expenditures

Evelyn Knudson	194.01
Lonnie Knudson	131.80
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	239.73
Dick Sheimo	144.45
Waste Systems Corp.	727.75
IPERS	131.07
Treas. State of Ia.	97.02
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	256.57
Interstate Power Co.	684.95
Winn. Co-op Tele. Assn.	34.75
Worth Co. Engineer	175.00
Feed-Rite Controls	10.00
Hygienic Lab.	30.00
Larsen P & H	34.57
Justin Hoeft	15.00
Christian Bookstore	22.32
National Geographic	10.35
Baker & Taylor	67.16
Doubleday Bookclub	14.80
Glamour	15.00
Forest City Summit	10.60
Postmaster	25.00
Total	3425.39

Total Receipts 870.43



ROY HIGHSMITH



KEITH SHEIMO



MAGLENE ERDAL sponsor



FLOYD CALHOUN

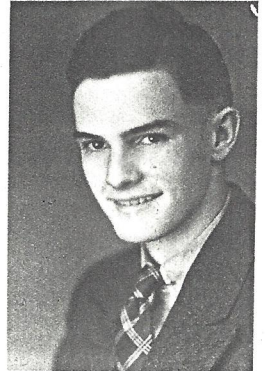


ARTHUR LEVANG



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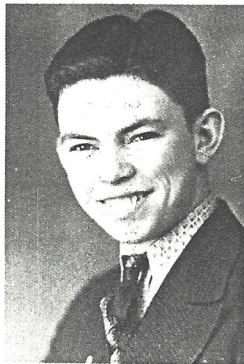
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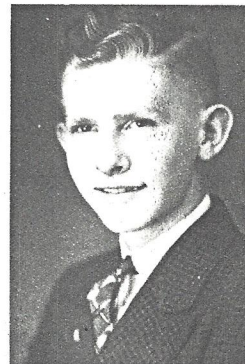
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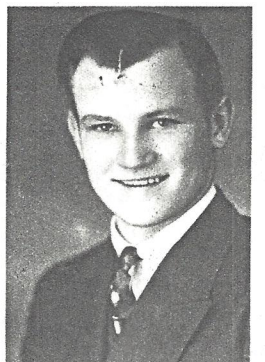
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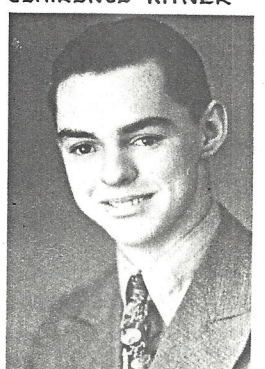
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SILENCE STOKKE



JOAN SHEPLEE



DALE HAGEN

RUSSELL of MASON CITY

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LARSENS' PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2219	FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2262
		Grain Division	
JORDAN INSURANCE AGENCY	797-2700	For Complete Grain Buying,	
AMERICAN FAMILY		Selling, & Storage	
Auto-Home-Business-Life			
		BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE	797-2647
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437	Delicious Food	
		Call For Reservations	
BURTNES PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680	K & R SERVICE	797-2440
OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUVERSON OIL	797-2267
			or
PRONTO MARKET	797-2220		797-2440
MARV'S SERVICE	797-2677		
RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES	797-2681		
FERTILE FEED SERVICE	797-2242		
Complete Livestock Needs			
Softner Salt, Dog & Cat Food			
WORSLEY ELECTRIC	797-2494		
Katolight Generators			
Sales & Service			
FOREST CITY COW PALACE	582-4646		
FIRST STATE BANK	896-2265		