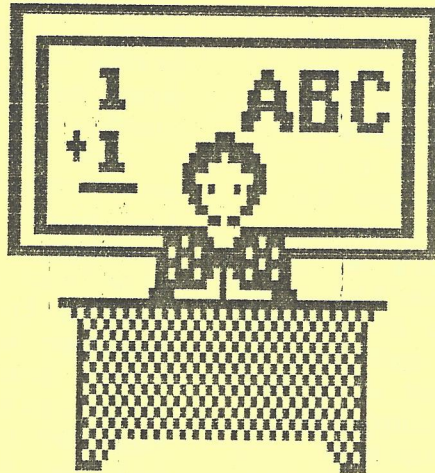


*Fertile Library*

**SEPTEMBER  
'89'**



**FERTILE  
REMINDER**

Dear Readers of The Fertile Reminder--

We have certainly been having much hot, humid weather and I am certain we are all longing for a respite from the heat. Living in Iowa, we know this is typical summer weather but even so, I don't think most people function as well when it is like this. How wonderful to step into air conditioned comfort! Don't you wonder how we got along "in the older days?"

School is in the air and for quite some time we have seen in the stores displays of school supplies and yes, winter type clothing when one is sweltering in the heat. Any more it is a big decision as to the choice of what kind of paper to buy, narrow or wide lines, how many pencils to buy, what kind of a pencil box, crayons of various hues, folders and last but not least, what kind of book bag! Certainly our school children of today go well equipped for the task ahead.

Sometimes I wonder how those of who are of another generation ever made it! I really do not know how much I was able to do for myself when I entered first grade in the county school that was attended by my brothers, two sisters and one nephew and three neices - all at different times. When I started school, there were only two of us in my grade and I do remember getting an apple to trace around and what a time I had - now today's youngsters would have been asked to express himself by drawing his own picture.

We were taught the Palmer Method of Penmanship and how I despised that class! That never stayed with me and to this day I am a finger writer and grip my pen as though my life depended on it. While in school, I did try to follow the correct writing method. When I was in third and fourth grade our teacher, who was always my favorite one, would display "good" writing papers on the black board - my ambition was one day to have my papers on display. Rose Jenkins, now deceased, was one of the older ones in our school and her papers were always on display so my ambition then was to write as well as she. I can remember how proud I was when I finally made it!

This remembrance is for those of you who are of my vintage - perhaps you, too can relate to this. We did not grow up in the era of good warm

clothes so long when cotton stockings were part of our daily apparel and when it was cold we were glad for their warmth. However, in the spring when the weather got warmer, we would long to shed our long underwear but we were not allowed to do this so when we got below the hill in our driveway we would stop and roll up the legs of our underwear above our knees. Who did we think we were fooling and what a bulky, uncomfortable mess!

I remember the muddy roads and how long we had to wear our overshoes. In particular, I can remember a pair of black cloth one buckle overshoes. When the main roads would become dry, we would long to go without our overshoes but that was a no - no. I discovered a hole in the ditch and here I would slip my overshoes off and stash them away until the return trip home. How I hoped they would still be there on my way home! I guess kids of all ages are prone to "pulling the wool" over the eyes of the elders - not always succeeding, I might add.

Our method of transportation to and from school, was by using our own two feet - this regardless of the weather. I do remember one particular bad snow storm when my brother walked to school to get me. As the teacher was unable to get to her home, she was invited to spend the night with us. My brother and my teacher held my hands and I walked between them and I now know had I been on my own I'd never had made it. Now they are both gone but this winter storm is vivid in my memory.

No hot lunches to enjoy either! In the later years when I taught school, we did have electricity and a hot plate so we would take an old metal dishpan - no plastics then - put some water in it and then youngsters could bring something from home in a jar and presto by noon - "Hot Lunch."

Isn't it good to have memories? I often wonder what the youngsters of today will remember of their growing up years. I am certain they would amaze us of things that were special to them even as now things are special to us.

Try to think cool!

Until next time -  
L.V.N



#### 50th Anniversary

An open house to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Glen and Marcella (Brue) Purcell will be held Sunday, Sept. 10th from 2 to 4 pm at the Fertile Lutheran Church. Glen and Marcella were married Sept. 10th, 1939 at the bride's home in Fertile, Iowa.

They are the parents of five children: Susan, Sandra, Robert of Forest City, Richard of St. Paul, and Sharon who is deceased. They also have fifteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

All friends and relatives are invited.

#### FERTILE LIBRARY NEWS

##### LIBRARY HOURS:

WEDNESDAY - 11 AM - 6 PM

FRIDAY - 1 PM - 5 PM

SATURDAY - 9 AM - NOON 1 PM - 4 PM

##### NEW BOOKS:

Its always something - Gilda Radner  
 Rightfully mine - Doris Mortman  
 Journey - James Michener  
 Fulton County - James Goldman  
 Secret strength - Jane Eareckson Tada  
 King of the night - Johnny Carson  
 Love finds a home - Janette Oke  
 Murder at Kennedy Center - Margaret  
 Truman

Please return overdue Books.

Please give all articles for the Reminder to Carolyn Nedved. Drop them in the mail slot at her home or send them to her. The address is Bx 46, Fertile, Iowa 50434. All donations for the paper should be sent to Fertile Reminder, Box 171, Fertile, Iowa 50434.

Ruth B. Ouverson

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## Old Mill

Ruth B. Field

The ancient mill is silent now  
 where in days long ago  
 The water wheel churned merrily  
 to dash white foam below.  
 Upon the gray rocks of the dam,  
 its silver spray was cool . . .  
 Then singing over mossy stones,  
 it swirled in shaded pool.

*Fir trees leaned to gaze upon  
 their faces mirrored there,  
 And on the banks, wild cherry bloom  
 made sweet the country air.  
 I still can see the old mill pond  
 where minnows swam at play,  
 And polliwogs at sun-warmed edge,  
 where lacy ferns still sway.*

Beside white turtlehead and polk,  
 in pasturelands nearby,  
 Pink spires of the steeplebush  
 point to the cloud-frilled sky.  
 Inside the mill, the old belts sang,  
 the buzzing saw whirled round,  
 And heavy grindstones did their work;  
 enchantment here I found.

*The years have passed, the old mill stands,  
 wind sighs through broken glass.  
 I wonder if the water sprites  
 weep in the tall pond grass . . .  
 And silent now, the water wheel,  
 the gray and ancient mill  
 Is crumbling on the old gray stones  
 beneath the pasture hill.*

Love lifts its cheering ray against  
 life's gloom, like lamplight in a  
 shuttered winter room.

Peryl Oakley Reedy

## Heirlooms

"I want her wedding band," Julie said  
"And Jeri wants the old four-poster bed."

"Her rocking chair is what I'd like,"  
Said strong, handsome cousin Mike.

"Give me her cookbooks," said Aunt Nell  
"She always fed us so well."

Then spoke up cousin Maggie Lee,  
"She promised her flower garden quilt to me."

"Her feather pillows would suit me fine,"  
Said soft-spoken Aunt Caroline.

"If it's all right," said Aunt Lenore,  
"I'd like the cross and chain she wore."

I thought my legacy the best of the lot.  
Granny's old Bible is what I got.

She read its pages often to me  
When as a child I sat at her knee.

My Granny didn't leave any silver or gold  
But we each have a treasure to have and to hold.

Through these tokens, though they be small  
Granny lives on in the heart of us all.

The difference between education and  
experience is really quite simple: Edu-  
cation is what you get from reading  
the fine print. Experience is what you  
get from *not* reading it.

## Angel's food

I know I've met an angel  
She's real without disguise,  
With silver hair and rosy cheeks  
And bright blue dancing eyes.

She never frowns nor scolds me  
Each day is a surprise,  
My grandma is the angel,  
Who bakes cakes and apple pies.

## Doggish definitions

With a weary nod to late summer's dog days, just come  
up with the 10 defined words; each begins with—of  
course—the letters DOG.

1. One-horse vehicle for two  
passengers: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Former chief magistrate of Venice  
or Genoa: \_\_\_\_\_
3. World War II infantryman: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Small coastal shark: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Obstinate: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Trivial verse: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Motherless or stray calf: \_\_\_\_\_
8. Golf course's abruptly angled  
fairway: \_\_\_\_\_
9. Overpositive or dictatorial: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Dental canine: \_\_\_\_\_



## United States Postal Service

### "PUTSY" POSTAL INFO

#### FORWARDING OF MAIL

#### ONLY FIRST CLASS FREE

Have you ever gotten mail for  
a person no longer living at  
your mailing address. If you  
know the correct mailing  
address, first class mail can  
be forwarded free of charge  
by your Post Office.  
Here's how:

**DO NOT OPEN MAIL!  
DO NOT CHANGE NAME!**

Write: Please Forward to:

Correct Mailing Address  
Correct Zip Code

Drop off at your Post Office.  
No new stamps required for  
**FIRST CLASS.**

When moving remember to stop  
at your Post Office and fill  
out a change of address card.  
This card can be filled out  
at your old or your new Post  
Office. Postage is free.  
Also remember to inquire about  
a refund of your box rent if  
you rent a box. You will only  
receive a refund if you ask for  
it. Only unused 3 month periods  
are refunded.

I hope that this information is  
of use to you. I am going to  
try to make this a regular  
article in this paper, so if you  
have a question about the Post  
Office, drop me a note or stop  
by the Fertile P.O.

*Bonnie E. Beck*  
Postmaster

NOTICE !!!!!!!

Will the person who borrowed my 8 mm film of the centennial parade please return it to me. It has pictures of my father and other family members in it. It was borrowed during the 125th celebration.

Alan Elthon

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Garden Club News

The Fertile Garden Club met Aug. 8th at the community center.

The meeting was open by our president, Gloria Kirschbaum. Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll calls was "Favorite Kind of Apple or Friut". The thought for the day was by Mildred McGrath. Following the business meeting, interesting lessons were presented by Fern Midtgaard on "Day Lillies", and Gloria Kirschbaum on "Rejuvenate Perennials".

Hostesses were Doris Novak and Mildred McGraff.

The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12th at the community center.

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Pre-school

Fertile Pre-school still has openings for this fall. School begins Sept. 5th. Call Barb at 797-2225 or Suzanne at 797-2717 to enroll your child.

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Wanted

Plastic pill bottles, plastic bread wrappers, plastic tableware, light weight baby clothes and diapers made out of old sheets.

Contact Ethel Tuttle or leave at Robin Harms or Penny Millers.

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CRAFT SALE

Brues Annual Sale of Wooden Crafts Place- Fertile Community Center

Dining Room

Time- 8am to 4pm

Date- October 7, 1989

Many new, original, interesting, and useful items!

contribution will again be given the community center.

Senior citizens will sell coffee and bars.

Stan and Erma Brue

Phone 797-2741

Fertile, Ia. 50434

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4-H Club News

The Grant Livewires attended the North Iowa Fair August 9-13.

In 4-H Home Economics, Jodie Ouverson will take her bar cookies and Carrie Seglem a refinished piano stool to the state fair. Carrie Seglem gave a working presentation on "Paper Folding" and Stacy Suby on "Use of a Camera". Kelly Knutson, Abby Almeliem, Carrie Seglem, and Barb Lee worked in the 4-H food stand. Darcie Monson, Abby Almeliem, Kelly Knutson, Nichole Midtgaard, and Barb Lee were in the Little Olympics. They had lots of fun.

Ribbons won:

Home Economics

Abby Almeliem	3 blue, 2 red
Katie Anderson	1 purple, 4 blue
Kelly Knutson	2 blue, 2 red
Barb Lee	2 blue, 6 red
Nichole Midtgaard	1 purple, 1 blue 1 red
Darcie Monson	2 blue, 1 red
Jamie Ouverson	5 blue
Stacy Suby	1 blue, 3 red
Jodie Ouverson	1 purple, 1 blue
Carrie Seglem	1 purple, 7 blue

Photography

Katie Anderson	1 blue, 1 red
Barb Lee	1 purple, 1 blue 1 red
Carrie Seglem	3 blue

Sheep

Barb Lee	6 blue
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Dairy

Abby Almeliem	1 blue
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Stork News

Mr. & Mrs. Dan Benson are the parents of a baby girl born Aug. 11th. She weighed 8 lbs. and has been named Kelly Marie. Grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Larry Nelson and Mrs. Francis Benson. Great grandparents are Leverage Nelson and Mrs. Carl Vaage.

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Bridal Shower

An open house Bridal Shower for Julie Reuter, bride-elect of David Sunne will be held from 9:30 to 11:30 am, Saturday, August 26th at the Pilot Knob Lutheran Church.

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**Council News**

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. Aug. 1, 1989 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Peterson, Hansmeier, and Strohman present.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Discussed junk cars. Hansmeier will get license numbers for all junk cars.

Motion to adopt the ordinance for cable T-V franchise. Carried. City attorney had examined the ordinance and found it acceptable as presented.

Council discussed blacktopping of road from Hiway 9, south to Cerro Gordo County line on Thursday.

Discussion on playground equipment at the ball diamond.

Council talked about putting new plug ins for campers in the park.

Motion to pay monthly bills.

Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

**NOTICE !!!!!!!!**

Several complaints have been received regarding noise in the city at late hours. We ask your cooperation and consideration of all the residents in this matter.

Fertile City Council

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**Senior Citizens Menu**

Sept. 5 - Ham, baked potatoes, corn, tomatoes, bread & butter, apple crisp, coffee & milk.

Sept. 19 - Pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, bread & butter, fresh fruit, milk & coffee.

Call Edna Pederson 797-2669.

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**Thank You**

Friends of Fertile, Ankeny, and various cities. Thank you for kindnesses shown through prayers - visits - food - and flowers bestowed on Jay L. Ouverson during illness and death. God reward you.

Jay's family

**July Balance Sheet**

Evelyn Knudson	240.40
Lonnie Knudson	23.12
Cheryl Benson	69.37
David Low	301.89
Janice Hare	244.73
Dick Sheimo	495.27
Waste Systems Corp.	727.75
IPERS	150.93
Treas. State of Iowa	26.18
Treas. State of Iowa	102.00
First State Bank	746.26
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Natural Gas	37.88
Interstate Power Co.	304.94
Winn. Telephone	34.15
E. Knudson	30.00
Loren Hoffman	325.00
Worth Co. Auditor	1488.00
Watertower Paint & Repair	4748.19
Feed Rite Controls	10.00
Fertile Lmbr & Hdwe	62.83
Marv's	26.84
Stoffes Const.	3097.00
Worsley Elec	153.37
NIACOG	275.00
Ouverson Oil	20.00
B. Dalton	156.42
Christian Bookstore	12.51
Nal't Library Serv. Inc.	197.50
Oxmoor House	20.93
Woman's Day	19.00
Outdoor Life	13.94
Charley Nye	20.00
League of Ia. Municipalities	142.00
NCRLS	74.00
Burtness P&H	4.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,472.90</b>

Total Receipts 4,091.74

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**Huggledy, snuggledy**

Huggledy, snuggledy, Grandmas and grandpas need just as much hugging as little kids do.

Don't think because we are octogenarians we are too feeble to say, "I love you."

**Doggish definitions**

- 1-dogcart. 2-doge. 3-dogface.
- 4-dogfish. 5-dogged.
- 6-doggerel. 7-dogie. 8-dogleg.
- 9-dogmatic. 10-dogtooth.

Ella Seglem and Anna Eivenbary in the old Post Office building which is now owned by Ray Sandifer and has been converted into apartments.



This picture of Ella Seglem was taken in the late 1950's, in the old Post Office where she worked as an assistant to the postmaster. Ella worked 20 years as an assistant, the last three years in the present Post Office. She retired in 1965.

Thank the following merchants for making it possible for us to publish the Fertile Reminder. Their ads help us to purchase the paper, ink, labels, and other supplies. We still need to hear from you to pay postage and other expenses.

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			
FERTILE LUMBER & HARDWARE	797-2437	BUTCHER'S STEAK HOUSE	797-2647
Rent The Rug Doctor		Delicious Food	
		Call For Reservations	
BURTNESS PLUMBING & HEATING	797-2680	K & R SERVICE	797-2440
OLD MILL ANTIQUES	797-2490	OUVERSON OIL	797-2267
			or
			797-2440
PRONTO MARKET	797-2220		
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		