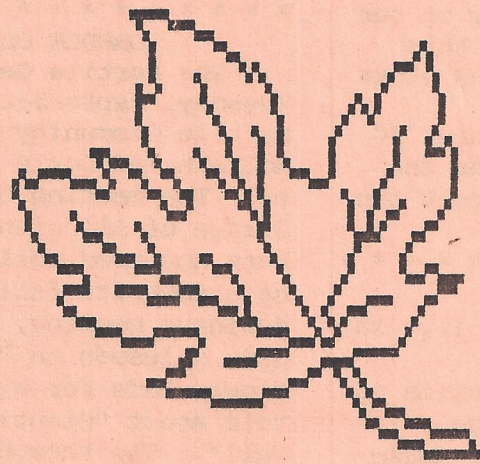


Fertile Reminder



OCTOBER
1990

Dear Readers of the Fertile Reminder-
Due to my health and radiation treatments I am taking, there is no article by me for the reminder. I will try to have one for next month's reminder.

Loretta V. Nye

FERTILE LITTLE LEAGUE NEWS

The Fertile Little League Board is happy to inform you that we made a profit of about \$700 selling food at the Phil Sheimo Sale.

Thank you to Ruth B. Ouverson for all the help you gave. Thank you to all of the parents who donated pies and bars and to the parents who worked the sale.

A special thank you to Ray and Delores Sandifer, Nancy Faber, and Ruth B. Ouverson for the special extra food that was donated.

Approximately 21 uniforms can be bought with this money. Many of our teams will need new uniforms this year, so the board is planning other fund raisers to make money.

Little League involves about 90 kids from the community during the summer months, so please support the fund raisers. Thank you.

Why would anyone want to live in a small town like Fertile?

Many people ask that question as they stop at our one stop sign.

We have two people in our community that are examples of what a small town is all about. Ruth B. Ouverson and Kay Olson.

These two ladies have given many more hours than we can ever imagine, started peoples days out a bit brighter than before, and have shown a true love for their community.

A very special thank you from the community goes to these two ladies for their contribution.

Let's remember some of the reasons why we moved to a small town.

1. Small town friendliness
2. Knowing our children are safer than in a big city
3. To show our children what community spirit and work-together is all about

Does that describe Fertile to you? We hope so.

Thank you once again to Ruth and Kay.

This letter was received from one of our reminder subscribers.

Sept. 7, 1990

Hi Everyone-

I don't remember when I first put my name on the mailing list for the Fertile Reminder, but I know it's been over a year.

I really enjoy reading it every month. Keep up those wonderful articles (especially Loretta's).

I don't know many people in Fertile anymore, having left there in the early fifties - but I really love the town of Fertile - my home town! I have many wonderful, happy memories of growing up on the farm west of town.

Class of 1951

Iva Dell Oakland

Mrs. Bill Wright

GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met on Tuesday, September 11th, at the Fertile Community Center with Mildred McGrath and Doris Novak as co-hostesses. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Seventeen members answered roll call by telling of a favorite fall outing. After the business meeting, Gloria Kirschbaum gave a lesson on "Preparing Your Flower Beds For Winter" Ruth Rovang told about "Planting Bulbs in the Fall". The thought for the day was given by Reva Anderson. A plant and bulb exchange was held.

NOTICE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THE COMMUNITY CENTERS TURKEY SUPPER SAT. NOV. 10TH SERVING FROM 5 TO 7:30.

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDER FOR THE CRAFT FAIR ON SAT., NOV 17TH.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RESERVE A TABLE FOR THE CRAFT FAIR, CALL RUTH OUVERSON 797-2267 OR CAROLYN NEDVED 797-2696

As a man grows older and wiser, he talks less and says more.

AUG BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	239.73
Waste Systems Corp.	1159.40
IPERS	144.32
City of Fertile	51.00
Peoples Nat. Gas	38.19
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	53.93
Dick Sheimo	404.56
Cheryl Benson	218.52
Treas. State of Ia.	92.51
Cely Olson	23.09
Marv's	87.53
Helman Fire Equipment	200.00
Interstate Power Co.	626.29
Demco	82.88
North Iowa Tire	22.95
Fertile Lmbr & Hdwe.	72.80
Worsley Electric	3.70
Airway Lawn Service	400.00
Cheryl Benson	40.00
Creative Ideas	9.97
B. Dalton	100.27
NCRLS	35.00
Country Woman	9.98
World Almanac Ed.	7.20
Baker and Taylor	248.49
Stoffes Const. Co.	3289.04
Worth County Eng.	4502.26
Lonnie Knudson	26.32
BMC	21.49

Total 12,512.83
 Total Receipts 5,660.98

SENIOR CITIZENS MENU

Oct. 2nd - Chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli, cucumber salad, fruit, bread, butter, milk, coffee.

Oct. 16th - Meat loaf, baked potatoes, creamed cabbage, tossed salad, apple pie bread, butter, milk, coffee.

Call Edna Pederson at 797-2669 before noon on Monday.

STORK NEWS

Tom and Thresa Haugen of Chesapeake, Va. are the parents of a baby girl born Sept. 11th. She has been named Kelsey Leora and weighed 7 lbs. 12 oz. Grandparents are Don and Carol Haugen and Gary and Janet Bedford of Janesville, Ia.

Tom has gotten orders to leave for Persian Gulf the end of Sept.

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Sept. 4th, 1990. Mayor Hoffman presided with all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. One correction was made.

Strohman reported on a used blade he will check on for a tractor.

Appointed to the library board for six year terms were Alvera Lovick, Robin Harms, Lois Anderson, and Deanna Jordan alternate.

Gravel will be put on alleys.

Discussion on ordinance dealing with driveway culverts. Motion to decide on culverts for driveways on a case by case basis. Carried.

Motion to renew David Low's contract for 1 year as sewer & water plant operator at the same salary.

Council discussed the 1990 census count. Forms have been filed to amend the count.

Discussion on equipment and sewage lagoon.

Strohman will work on fixing up the horseshoe courts.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

The next Council meeting will be October 2, 1990, at 7:00 PM.

Time change

When it's time to change the clocks I find myself complaining a lot, I go to bed an hour late, and hour early I set the plates. Right or wrong the clocks tick on, while I wonder if its nine or eight, will I be an hour early or an hour late? Did I change the kitchen clock or the clock in the hall? Did I jump ahead or did I fall? Questions buzz around in my head, maybe it's best I stay in bed, neither fall back, nor spring ahead.

Not ghostbusters

On Halloween night
 We get out the old sheets
 And dress kids like ghosts
 To take them for treats.

All down the road,
 From the Smiths to the
 Woosters
 In OUR neighborhood,
 We are ghost BOOSTERS.



Friendship

You can make more friends in two months by becoming interested in other people than you can in two years by trying to get other people interested in you.



CHECK IT OUT

October is an official library survey month. We would like to "check out" your views and opinions of this library. Elsewhere in this Shopper is a short survey. Please take a few minutes to complete this. Feel free to add any comments or suggestions. This survey will be very helpful in assessing the library's strengths and weaknesses. Surveys are being handed out on the school bus routes for rural patrons with school-aged children. Copies of the survey are also available at the library and at Pronto. Volunteers will go door to door in Fertile to collect the surveys this Thursday evening between 6:00 and 7:00. Surveys can also be dropped off or mailed to the library. We need your input. Please participate!

The BOOK SALE is continuing. Different books are being added all the time. Pictures are still available. Come in, "check it out," and take a book or picture home. You can't beat the price.

We are looking for an Assistant Librarian. This person will help the head librarian and fill in when necessary.

The Fertile Library now possesses a new fax machine and a locator. This equipment will be of great help in locating books for patrons. You may also use the fax machine. Cheryl can help anyone who needs this service.

Cheryl has purchased several new books recently. These include:

- Bred To Win - William Kinsolving
- Memories of Midnight - Sidney Sheldon
- Harvest - Belva Plain
- The Zion Chronicles vols. 1-5 -Bodie Thoene

Some junior fiction purchases include:

- Mandie and the Mysterious Bells #10
- Mandie and the Holiday Surprise #11
- The Babysitter's Club series

New videos for children are:

- Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too
- Muppet Babies
- Bugs Bunny

Videos can be checked out for one week. Please rewind them after you watch too! Thank you for the memorial to Phil Shiemo from Dean and Ellen Lou Anderson.

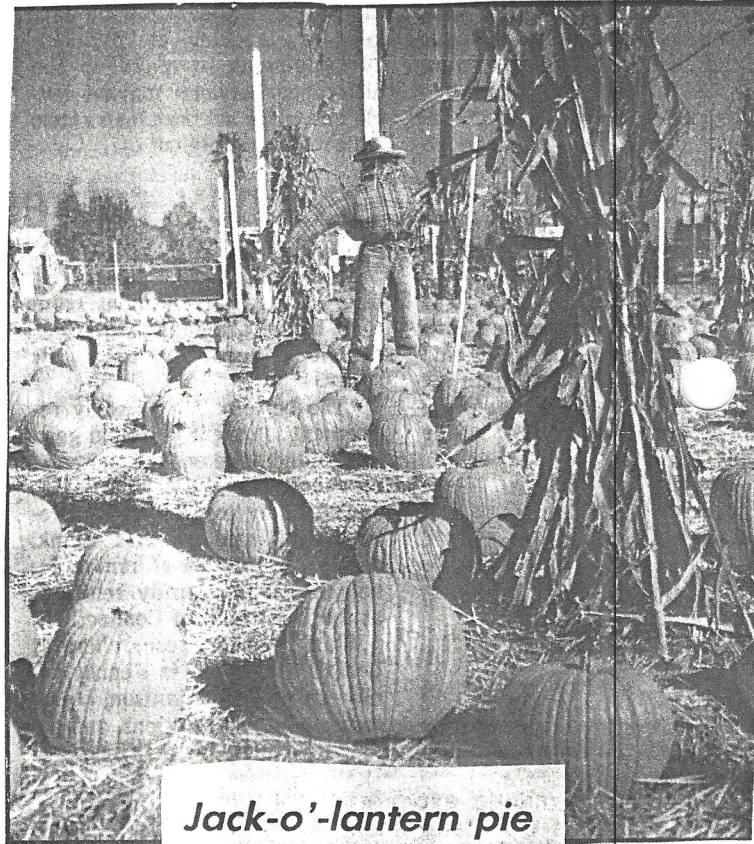
The library hours are:

WEDNESDAY	1:00- 8:00
FRIDAY	1:00- 5:00
SATURDAY	9:00- noon
	1:00- 4:00

As the days get cooler, it is a great time to head for the library to ...
CHECK IT OUT!

by Celeste Christensen

The next library board meeting is Thurs. Sept. 27 at 7:00.



Jack-o'-lantern pie

Halloween is in the air.
Orange pumpkins everywhere.

Lying ripe in farmers' fields.

Golden globes in ample yields.

Roadside markets —
loaded racks —
Bushel baskets —
mounded stacks.

Kids love carving them—
but I

Will feast on
jack-o'-lantern pie.

FERTILE LIBRARY SURVEY

(1) Check one:

- 0 - 10 years of age
- 11 - 15 years of age
- 16 - 21 years of age
- 22 - 45 years of age
- 46 - 120 years of age

(2) Do you have a Fertile Library card? yes no

(3) How often do you come in to the library?
 once a week once a month once in awhile never

(4) Check all the types of books you would like to read.

- Children's
- Junior Fiction
- Science Fiction
- History
- Biographies
- Romance
- How-to-books (crafts, decorating, mechanics, etc.)
- Westerns
- Others (list) _____

(5) Do you prefer: (check one)

- Hardcover
- Paperback

(6) Would you use:

- Large print books
- Audio (cassette) books
- Children's Videos
- Fax machine
- Computer & Printer
- Copier
- Adult music tapes
- Children's music tapes

(7) List at least 2 or more magazines you would like to see in your library.

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

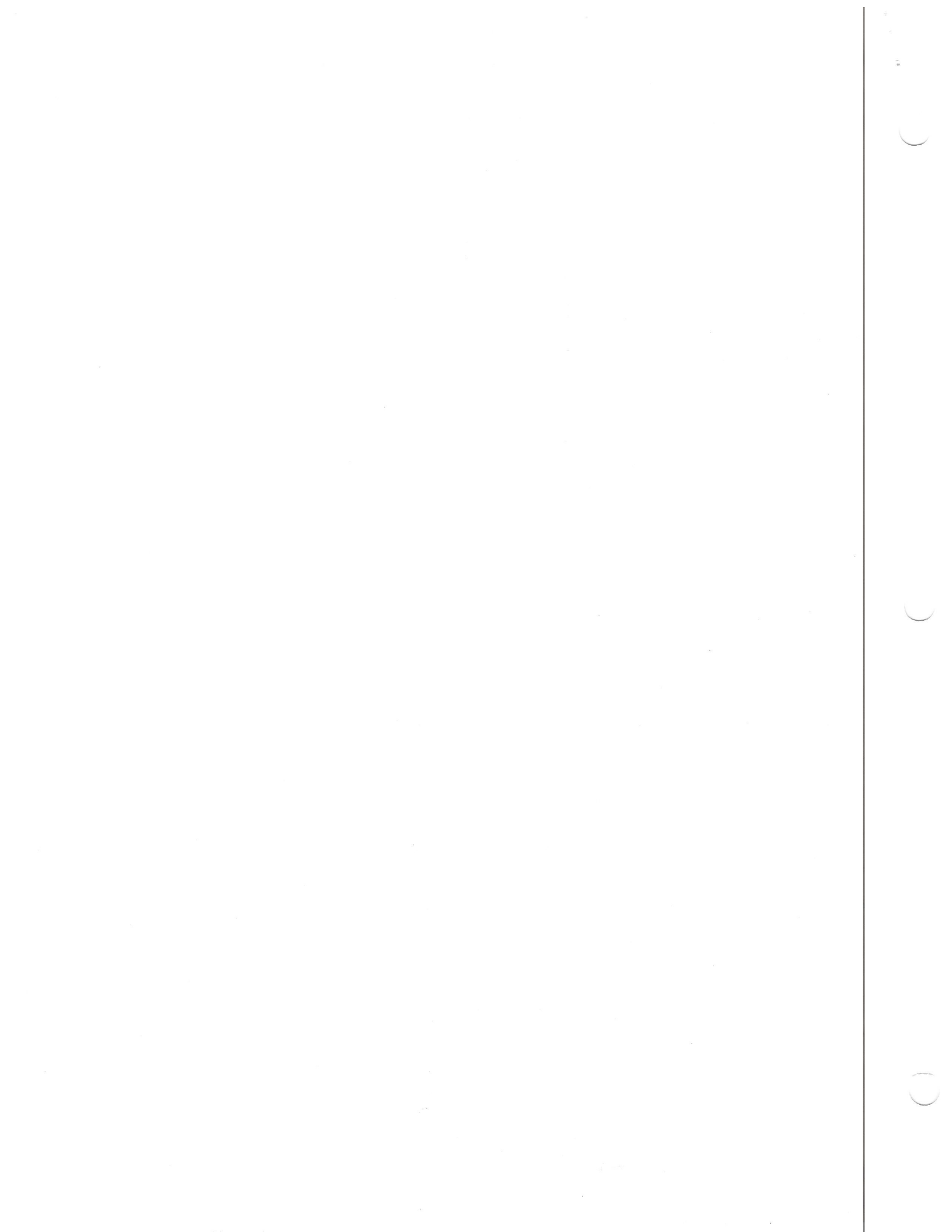
(8) Are you satisfied with the hours of the Fertile Library? yes no

Library hours are:

- Wed. 1-8 p.m.
- Fri. 1-5 p.m.
- Sat. 9-Noon
- 1-4 p.m.

(9) What time would be best for you to be able to come in:

- Morning
- Afternoon
- Evening





Here is a letter from a Fertile Reminder reader. Found this old picture and am wondering if you can use it for the Reminder that you send out monthly. I can find a Purcell girl, Fankell girl, and Clarinda Halvorson Brandon in the front row. Do you know any of the other students? The desks are interesting.

Mrs. Mildred Ouverson Meldon

Goes to a January Farm Auction Sale



Everne Nelson and a friend
at farm sale in 1951.

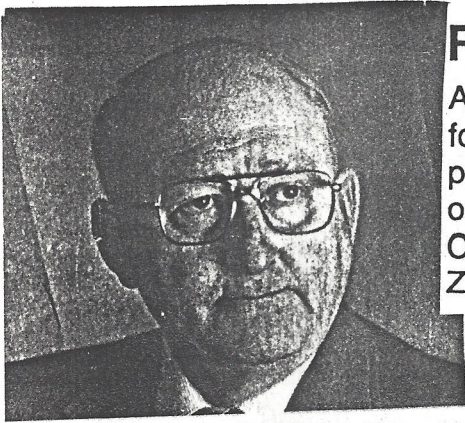
Thank the following merchants for making it possible for us to publish the FERTILE REMINDER. Their ads help us to purchase the paper, ink, labels and other supplies. We still need to hear from you to pay postage and other expenses.

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RICHARD HOLSTAD
Active member of his church, a former 4-H club leader and presently serving on the board of the Worth County Co-op Oil Company and the Worth County Zoning Board.

'I would like to become the Worth County Recorder and continue to serve the county in the friendly, courteous manner as the retiring incumbent Becky Johnson has done in the past.'