

FERTILE

REMINDER

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**HOLD REUNION**—Descendants of the late Ben and Ellen Miller gathered May 26 for a reunion at Fertile. Eight of the Millers' nine children attended. They were, first row from left, Verna Butts of San Leandra, Calif., Iva Schuler of Forest City,

Leona Meeks of Freeport, Ill., and Viola Roberts of Fertile. In the second row were Verle Miller of Fertile, Amos Miller of Westfield, Ind., Alvin Miller of Tucson, Ariz., and Glen Miller of Marshall, Texas.

## Miller clan celebrates

The descendants of the late Ben and Ellen Miller met at the Fertile Community Center May 26 for a family dinner. The occasion was the first in 12 years, at which time they celebrated their mother's 90th birthday.

Present at the reunion were eight of the nine children who range in age from 64 to 81. Orland Miller, the youngest, was unable to be in attendance. He and his family reside in San Leandra, Calif.

The eight immediate family members present were Verle and his wife, Corrine, of Fertile, Alvin and

his wife, Rose, of Tucson, Ariz., Leona Meeks of Freeport, Ill., Viola Roberts and her husband, Forrest, of Fertile, Verna Butts of San Leandro, Calif., Iva Schuler of Forest City, Gen and his wife, Flo, of Marshall, Texas, and Amos and his wife, Irene, of Westfield, Ind.

A total of 88 members were present and approximately 75 were unable to come.

A wonderful afternoon of reminiscing was enjoyed by all, when family members introduced their children and grandchildren and

brought the group up-to-date on recent happenings.

The parents of the Miller children first lived in Iowa, then moved to Wisconsin in 1920. They returned to Iowa in 1928, and all nine children grew up in the Fertile area. Mr. Miller was a carpenter.

The joy that is experienced in a large family gathering like this was so beautifully expressed as a grandson, Don Roberts of Chico, Calif., accompanied himself on the piano as he sang "Count Your Many Blessings."

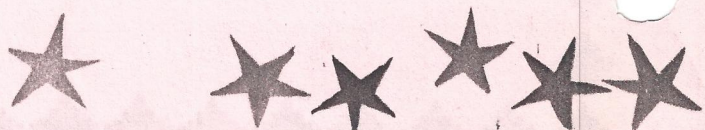
### MAKING OF FRIENDS

If nobody smiled, and nobody cared  
and  
Nobody helped us along,  
If every moment looked after itself  
and  
Good things always went to the strong.  
If nobody thought just a little about  
you and  
Nobody cared about me.  
And we stood alone, in the battle of  
life  
What a dreary old world this would be.  
Life is sweet, just because of the  
friends we have made  
And the things which in common we  
share.

We want to live on, not because of  
ourselves,  
But because of the people who care.  
It is doing and giving for somebody  
else,  
On which all life's splendor depends,  
And the joy of this world, when  
you've summed it all up,  
Is found in the making of friends.

By Egar A. Guest

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I am indeed happy to nominate my former classmate and longtime friend for the Governor's Award.

Her name is Mrs. Forrest (Viola) Roberts of Fertile, Iowa. She and her husband started farming in their early years of marriage in Minnesota—during the Depression. After a short time they decided Iowa was a better place to live and have resided here ever since celebrating their Golden Wedding in 1983.

Viola is the mother of three fine children, one girl and two boys. The youngest son was born blind and required a lot of care and devotion, and every benefit the parents could give. The son was placed in the School for the Blind at Vinton until he was a junior in High School, when he came home to graduate from Fertile. He was an exceptional pianist and organist.

Viola is a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother and has been busy for years making quilts and afghans for the grandchildren.

She has been a long-time member of the Church of Christ, serving as Treasurer of the Christian Workers, which is a women's group. She packs clothing for needy children, is a participant in her Sunday School Class, a greeter (along with her husband) on Sunday mornings, and a true example of a Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Viola is extremely interested in community affairs. She served as Treasurer of the Alumni Association and has been a most active member of the Senior Citizens Organization, always helping in the kitchen and making quilts and aprons for the Annual Sale.

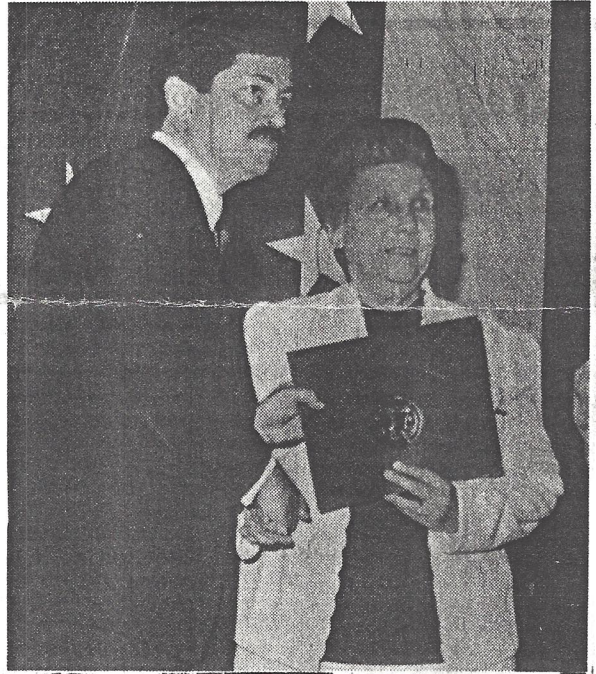
She has always been a willing worker at the Annual Community Center Turkey Dinner. Serving on the Boards of the Senior Citizens and Community Center, Viola has attended County and Area Workshops, and is a Senior Citizens delegate representing the Community Center to the County Elderbridge meetings.

She has several hobbies including camping, sewing, and canning her garden vegetables each summer.

Coming from a very large family, her home has always been a "home away from home" for many relatives who come to visit every year. Friends also have the joy of tasting all the home-made goodies, besides the hospitality.

When a family has sorrow in the vicinity, Viola is willing always to visit, plus bring food to the bereaved. Her very presence and sweet smile are enough to lift the spirits of anyone in need.

May 3, 1991



**RECEIVED AWARD**—Governor Terry Branstad presented Viola Roberts of Fertile with a volunteer recognition award Friday at Mason City. She was nominated by the state department of elder affairs.

*OPEN HOUSE JULY 28  
At Chapel Hill*

*The annual open house at Chapel Hill, 3 1/2 miles northwest of Fertile, will be held on Sunday July 28, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m.*

*The Mason City Barber Shop Chorus will present us with a musical program, starting at 2:30.*

*Persons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to be used in the tent. Following the program, refreshments will be served.*

*In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Fertile Gym.*



# CHECK IT OUT

The library's summer reading program continues into July. The activities and fun begin each Saturday at 10:00-11:00. Each time you come, kids, be sure to register to win a "1991 Super Summer Reader" tee shirt. Puppet shows, stories, games, crafts, and lots of other fun activities are being enjoyed at the library this summer. Kids of all ages are invited to come.

The library is open these new hours:

- MONDAY 2:00-8:00
- WEDNESDAY 1:00-8:00
- FRIDAY 1:00-5:00
- SATURDAY 9:00-noon

Cheryl has recently added the following adult non-fiction books to the library:

Exploring The Titanic

Abortion: The Clash of Absolutes

Recycling

Satan's Children (a theory behind multiple personalities)

Search for Serenity (Gigi Graham)

Many new junior fiction mysteries and fantasies have arrived. For children, the library has several new books featuring favorite cartoon characters including the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Garfield, and Minnie Mouse. For people of all ages, the library has the popular Disney movie: The Little Mermaid.

Cheryl reports that the library has nearly all the Louis L'Amour westerns. A new L'Amour book is now available: The Rustlers of the Western Fork.

Remember that the library has a Polaroid camera and typewriter that can be checked out. Also available are a computer, fax machine, and a copier.

It's cool and comfortable inside, so come on in! by Celeste Christensen  
The library board meets on Mon. June 24, 7:00.

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The Wheels For Life Bike-A-Thon was held May 4th. Twenty-five riders raised \$1118.90. Emily Kingland won the \$50 savings bond from Clear Lake Bank & Trust for collecting the most money. Other prizes were: Large Forest City Pizza Hut pizza - Kelly Knudson: \$10 Walmart gift certificate - Jessica Suby: Dick Tracey t-shirt from Food & Fuel - Kim Olson: Medium Forest City Pizza Hut pizza - Bridget Anderson: Small Borderline pizzas - Abby Almeliem, Angie Brierly, and Amy Juhl. \$5 gift certificate from Harrison's - Stacy Suby: \$5 gift certificate from Walmart - Emily Suby: 12 pack rootbeer from K-Way in Forest City - Arlene Lee: Borderline movie rentals - Annette Juhl and Barb Lee. Other riders received frisbies and pins from Mike Duregger. All riders received a can of pop and candy bar from Fertile Pronto, orange drink, cookie samplers, a twist cone coupon from McDonalds, and bubblegum suckers from K-Way of Forest City.

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WANTED!! WANTED!! WANTED!!  
Horseshoe pitchers in the Fertile Park on Thursday nights at 6:30. The pits are ready. Horseshoes are available.

Ken Strohman

VACATION TIME - SHOP CLOSED  
JULY 5th THROUGH JULY 16th.

PLAN AHEAD.

### PERSONAL TOUCH BEAUTY SHOP

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### SWEETHEART DANCE REPORT

|                   |         |
|-------------------|---------|
| Receipts:         | 2195.00 |
| Expenses:         |         |
| Manly Signal      | 30.00   |
| Envelopes         | donated |
| Printing letters  | donated |
| Postage           | 87.00   |
| Surf Ballroom     | 500.00  |
| Malek's Fisherman | 425.00  |

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PROFIT \$1153.00

Submitted by Ray & Lorraine Bakke  
Chairpersons

MAY BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| David Low               | 301.41           |
| Janice Hare             | 257.08           |
| Waste Systems Corp.     | 1214.50          |
| IPERS                   | 112.36           |
| City of Fertile         | 51.00            |
| Peoples Nat. Gas        | 107.80           |
| Winnebago Co-op Tele.   | 67.88            |
| Dick Sheimo             | 232.76           |
| Cheryl Benson           | 265.22           |
| Treas. State of Ia.     | 98.20            |
| Cely Olson              | 14.55            |
| Ingam                   | 87.13            |
| Sarah Richard           | 49.07            |
| Interstate Power Co.    | 622.72           |
| Baker & Taylor          | 15.79            |
| People                  | 18.53            |
| Sports Afield           | 6.99             |
| Ideals                  | 19.95            |
| Outdoor Life            | 23.95            |
| Cross Stitch            | 15.00            |
| Demco                   | 23.99            |
| Cornerstone Book & Gift | 45.60            |
| Feed-Rite Controls      | 20.00            |
| Demco                   | 23.99            |
| Airway Lawn Service     | 347.22           |
| Schulze Welding         | 26.00            |
| Pronto Market           | 9.00             |
| Food & Fuel             | 20.00            |
| Hygiene Lab             | 320.00           |
| Robert Haugen           | <u>20.00</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>            | <b>4,386.71</b>  |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>   | <b>14,647.21</b> |

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues. June 4th, 1991 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Strohman reported fence will be installed at the horseshoe courts in the park. Courts are finished and electrical work is done.

A representative from Waste Systems will be at the July meeting to discuss re-cycling.

Deadline for applications for a part-time city employee for water and sewer work will be extended to July 3rd.

Council received a letter from Fertile Little League on ball ground mowing, request for a light at the ballpark, and also a request that the road be gravelled and graded.

Council also discussed the road in the park.

Motion to have the salary for

above job set at \$180 per month.

Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills.

Carried.

Council discussed dead trees in the park. Henry Thompson will cut one down.

Meeting Adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

The next regular council meeting will be held on Tues. July 2, 1991.

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The City of Fertile is now accepting applications for a part-time employee.

Job Description:

- Check sewer plant daily.
- Check water plant daily.
- Read water meters.
- Turn water off at property of delinquent accounts.

Salary for above is \$180 per mo.

Additional Duties:

- Flush water hydrants twice yearly.
- Put up sign posts.
- Fill Holes in streets.
- General City maintenance.

Additional duties will be an hourly wage.

Employee will answer to mayor and street commissioner.

Please submit applications to:

City of Fertile  
Box 161  
Fertile, Iowa 50434

All applications should be received by Tues. July 2nd, 1991.

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CALLING ALL OUVERSONS

A Ouverson family reunion will be held at the Fertile Community Center on Sunday Aug. 11th at 12 noon. Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert. Coffee & cold drink will be furnished. Let's see how many Ouversons we can round up. See you on the 11th of August.

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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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