

# FERTILE REMINDER

## NOVEMBER 1991

12TH Annual Turkey Supper

Sat. Nov. 9th 5:00-7:30 P.M.

FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER



Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potato  
Gravy, Corn, Cranberries, Rolls,

Assorted Pies, Coffee, Punch

Adults \$5.50 Children 3 - 10 \$3.50

Children under 3 - FREE

All proceeds go to support the Center



Just outside of my large west window, I have a post set in the ground with a lath nailed on top of it. Justin keeps a sack of suet hanging on each end of the lath. He is very good help.

As I sit here, I find I have many different feathered friends feeding there. Some just summer friends and others the year around. I have the little Downy Woodpecker and how strange he is marked, with a little red stripe across his head, that she doesn't have.

The Hairy Woodpecker is like the Downy, only larger and with the attitude that he owns the suet. I had a different one come, he had so much white on him with some black to form a V on his back. But the Audabon Bird Book does not show him, but he has all the markings of a Woodpecker.

Early in the morning a few of us neighbors have what we call "Rosie the Riveter". It really is the Redheaded Woodpecker. It also eats suet but the thing the neighbors dislike most about her is her arrival on the chimney just at daybreak, and giving the tin covering, we all have to keep rain out of the chimney, and she gives this tin covering four or five raps and waits a minute or so and gives it some more. You can't realize for sure what kind of an alarm clock it can be.

The little Chickadee is a busy body. She grabs a few bites and she's gone, and in a minute or so she's back again. I wonder with her busy attitude how she sets on her tiny eggs long enough for them to hatch.

The Nut Hatch is a charming little bird, a bit smaller than a robin and most all of these birds are gray black and white. She lands on the suet upside down and hangs there to feed. I can't understand how she can swallow her food that way, but she eats until she's had enough.

This spring I had a strange experience. I had a pair of Baltimore Oreoles come to the suet to feed, they normally never eat suet. He was such a bright gold color. I think he scared all of the other birds away. He would strut across the lath to the south end and she, a little lighter yellow, would light on the north end and both would eat there. They stayed until I'm sure she had hatched her eggs, and that awful hot weather came and I think they went farther north where it was cooler.

When I could put out corn for the squirrels they would always take out the seed end from the kernel and drop the kernel on the ground. I noticed a red Cardinal coming to eat those kernels. One morning I watched longer than usual and found he wasn't swallowing that amount of kernels. He had his mouth as full as it would hold of corn and carried it to the south end of the garage, where she sat waiting. He took thr corn several times and finally got her brave enough to come after her own corn. They were beautiful red on the white snow.

The Blue Jay is a pretty bird but he is very cruel. He destroys Robins and Morning Doves eggs and nests.

About all the food a Robin eats is angle worms and the dry summers we had in the past has been very hard on them.

The Morning Dove lives on insects and those dry summers were hard on them also. I only saw one pair this last summer.

But for all of the fowls and animals that were put here on earth for out pleasure, we can group forces and do a lot. Go to your store and ask for suet and bird seed. It may cost a little but the joy you and children will receive from it will be worth the cost. Some stores will have suet with bird seed pressed into it in a bag all ready to hang. You don't need a bird feeder or anything to hang it on. Just hang it on a limb in a tree. You'll be surprised how quickly the little feathered friends will find it. Their eyesight is very sharp and I believe they can smell the suet. You farmers that have corn in the field, leave a couple of rows. Those two rows won't make you rich nor break you, and you'll never know how much the Pheasants and Deer will appreciate it. When it's cold and the ground is covered with snow, there is very little they can find to eat, and to be so cold and hungry may prove fatal to them. Those who have the wild Turkeys, can throw a few hands full of corn or small grain and it will help them a lot.

And I'll close with this, hoping that as you take inventory of your summer garden products, you will help all of our wild life live through the winter by giving them food.



Thanksgiving is drawing close. Many tables will be loaded with the richest food. They will be singing "God Bless This House", and right they should. But, there will be thousands that may have a good dinner-thanks to some churches or some other organizations. Tomorrow will be another day. They don't know where their next meal is coming from. All we can do to help is send money to those that are planning that meal. I wish you all a very nice Thanksgiving Day. May you have a delicious dinner and a day full of lovely Memories.

GARDEN INVOICE

Have you stopped to take an invoice  
 Of your garden yet this year?  
 Of the many delicious vegetables  
 That you have grown out there?  
 Of the radishes and lettuce?  
 That you had long ago.  
 And the little fresh green onions  
 That grew up through the snow?  
 Then there was the asparagus  
 Followed by the peas,  
 And then the new potatoes  
 Came shortly after these.  
 Then next in the garden  
 The beans were hanging thick  
 And then you found big pans  
 Of green cucumbers to pick.  
 Company came unannounced  
 A salad was underway,  
 With a big head of cabbage  
 And a pepper picked that day.  
 Back out in your garden  
 With cheeks of rosy red,  
 Were several ripe tomatoes,  
 Lying in their rich green bed.  
 Next your thoughts were turning  
 To that little patch of corn.  
 And after several meals from there  
 The patch looked quite forlorn.  
 The beets had been so plentiful  
 The buttered carrots too,  
 And with all the other canning  
 The time had simply flew.  
 There are things yet to be gathered  
 Before the summer is through,  
 But as you take your invoice,  
 It's been a pleasant one too.

Violet

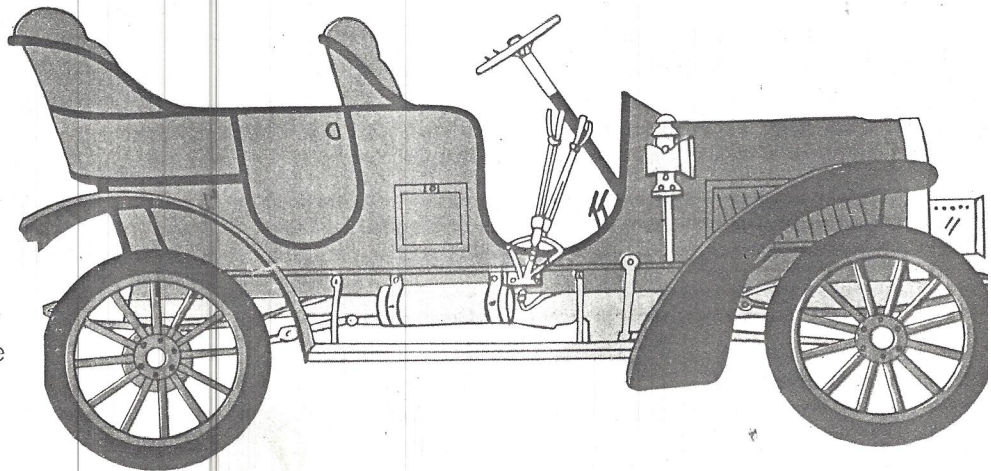


Happy  
 THANKSGIVING



This is a picture like the car I rode in in 1908 only it didn't have doors like this one has. The car belonged to Dr. Phillips at Clear Lake.

Violet





CRAFT FAIR!!!!!!

The annual Craft Fair will be held Nov. 16th at the Fertile Community Center from 9am until 2pm in the gym.

Soup, sandwiches, rolls, and much more will be sold in the dining room.

Anyone interested in a table should call 797-2424 from 6am to 2pm. \*\*\*\*\*

ANNUAL TURKEY SUPPER

The 12th annual Turkey Supper will be held Saturday Nov. 9th from 5 to 7:30 pm at the Fertile Community Center. The menu includes: turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, cranberries, rolls, pie, coffee, and punch. Cost will be \$5.50 for adults, \$3.50 for children 3-10, and free for children under 3. All proceeds go to support the center. \*\*\*\*\*

TO THE PEOPLE OF FERTILE

The town council would like your opinion of Waste Systems proposal for picking up recycleable materials. The proposals that we have are:

- A. Curbside pickup of mingled recycleable materials.
  - 1 time per mo. - \$2 per household per mo.
  - 2 times per mo. - \$3.25 per household per mo.
- B. Dropbox - \$325 per time Waste Systems Corp. to delivery a recycling dropbox to Fertile. Fertile to supply the man power to monitor the collection.

The town of Fertile is going to have to do something in the future. Each town is suppose to drop so much percentage of trash going to the dump. The people of Fertile are going to have to pay for any way that we go, so if you have any questions or suggestions, please talk to one of the council members.

Thank You from the Town Council \*\*\*\*\*  
THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, food, prayers, memorial gifts, flowers, visits, and acts of kindness shown in Selmer's illness and death. A special thanks to Pastor Kampstra for his visits each day. Also thanks to the staff at the Forest City Community Hospital. You were great and also Dr. Haakenson and Dr. Clark. Thanks to the Fertile Lutheran Church women who served the lunch. God bless all of you.

The Selmer Pederson Family

LIBRARY NEWS

For "National Children's Week" we will be having a special program for the kids on Wed. Nov. 20, 1991 at 4:15 after school. There will be food, crafts, & Fun.

Attention Gardeners!! Do you have extra pumpkins, gourds, etc.? The library would love to receive your donation of these for the up coming kids program.

It's HERE, the new computer is here. It has a VGA color monitor, 40 MegaByte fixed hard drive, with a DOS 5.0 and it just plain works! Come on in & see it! Don't forget the old computer is still here to use anytime. There are computer games to use in the library also.

Attention 2 - 6 graders! Raintree Publishers are having a "Write a Book Contest". If you are interested or have questions-pick up a copy of the rules at the library. Starting Sat. Nov. 9, 10 AM will be the first brainstorming meeting for those who are interested. I will help with the submitting of the entries & they can use that time to type up their entry on computer or typewriter. The deadline for entries must be postmarked by 1-31-92.

\*\*\*\*\*NEW BOOKS\*\*\*\*\*

- ADULTS-
  - Hawaii Heritage #5 (Holts)-Ross
  - Scarlett - Alexandra Ripley
  - Hope for the Troubled Heart-Graham
  - Longshot-Dick Francis
  - A Woman Named Damaris - Oke
  - A Place in the Sun - Phillips & Pella
  - The Crown & the Crucible- " & "
  - Sequoia Scout - Bodie Thoene
  - From this Time Forth - Bacher
  - Heart of the Lonely Exile - B.J. Hoff
  - Needful Things - Stephen King
  - Childhood - Bill Cosby
  - The Love Child - Cookson

- Juniors-
  - Freshman Flames #13 - Cooney
  - Garfield #21 - Jim Davis
  - An Opus Christmas Story - Breathed
  - Calvin & Hobbs - Watterson
  - My Teacher Glows in the Dark- Coville

Library Board meets every last Tues. of the month.

- Y Library Hours:
  - Mon. 2 - 8 PM
  - Wed. 1 - 8 PM
  - Fri. 1 - 5 PM
  - Sat. 9 - Noon



With the passing of our beloved sister-in-law Marcella Purcell, there are no more Purcells left in Fertile. I cannot remember the year my parents Frank and Winnie Purcell and 6 of us kids moved to Fertile, but I do know Dale, the youngest, was born in Fertile in 1925 which makes at least 60 years of us in Putsy. Our father passed away in 1954, Pat in 1967, Mom in 1978, Mike in 1982, Ginny in 1985, Marguerite in 1990, Glen in 1990, and Marcella in 1991 all with the name of Purcell. Oh the many memories of 5 Irish brothers who could scrap amongst themselves, but let anyone else pick a fight with one and the other 4 were there like little Banty roosters ready to defend the 5th.

Dad would tell the boys that if they got in trouble in school, they would be in twice as much trouble when they got home. Do you think they would tell on one another? Not in your life. I can remember a gang of us going down to Violet and George Hall's on a Saturday night for a sing-a-long. Violet would play the piano, we'd sing and George would serve us pop, sandwiches, candy, or popcorn. Marguerite and I worked in the cafe for Max Purcell cooking, singing, doing waitress work, and cleaning floors. Now all the Purcells in Fertile are gone; vanished like smoke in the wind. No one will know the emptiness in our hearts with the passing of our loved ones. Only Edward, Dale, and myself are left of

7 children. Were not going to say "good-bye" to Fertile, we have too many memories left and too many creative and wonderful relationships to hold us together. It's been thrilling to read the happenings in Fertile in the "Reminder". There are many young people whose faces we don't know, but names we remember. I'd go visit my relatives, see my good friends Erma and Stanley Brue. We'd talk of personal things, laugh at our Purcell tricks, and sometimes shed tears when loved ones passed away. All things must come to an end and new things come along but that's the way the world works. One gift stands out, and that is a precious gift one gives to another of trust, loyalty, confidence, and love. For this we thank all of you. Your love and warmth shown to us survivors will be a lasting memory. Edward, Dale, and I will not say "good-bye" because it hurts too much

and seems so final but with Marcella's death, the name Purcell is gone. We will still come to Putsy, me to get my hugs and kisses from Norman and Max Nye and Stanley and Erma Brue, and Edward and Dale to get hellos and handshakes from relatives and friends. With a bundle of "heartfelt thanks" we wish all of you good health and happiness. God bless you all and continue to keep Fertile the wonderful city that it is.

Eva Hain, Edward and Dale Purcell

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WANTED!! WANTED!! WANTED!!

Two bedroom, one story home, larger rooms, large lot for R.V. and a garage or larger lot with sewer and water for new large mobile home, three stall garage and R.V.

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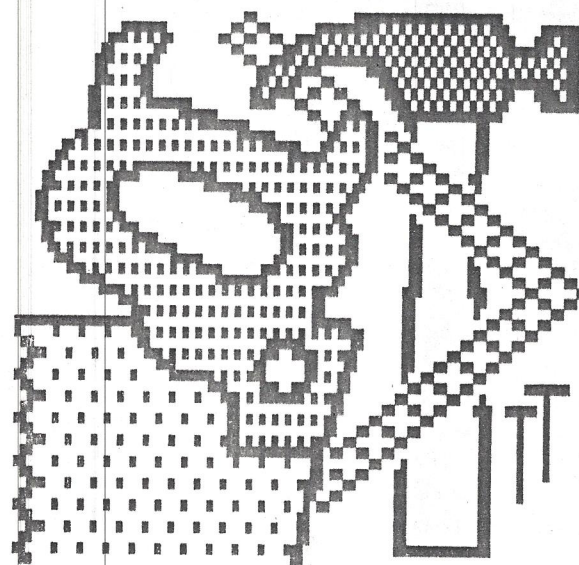
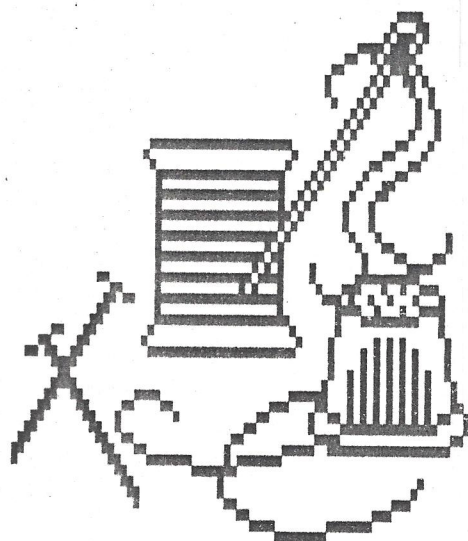
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Fertile Garden Club members touring the Earl Ferries Nursery at Hampton included the above group, left to right, Mrs. George Hall, Mrs. Wayne Wolford, Mrs. Louis Varberg, Mrs. Roger Humphrey, Mrs. Gussie Haugen, Mrs. Harvey Knutson, Mrs. Ed Myhre, Earl Ferries and Mrs. Roy Davis.



**CRAFT FAIR**  
**SATURDAY NOV. 16TH**  
**9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**



**FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER**

**Many craft tables, good food in  
the dining room.**

**Soups, sandwiches, rolls, etc...**



SEPT. BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	257.08
Waste Systems Corp.	1214.50
IPERS	108.11
City of Fertile	51.00
Oxmoor House	12.14
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	71.47
Allen Haugen	21.00
Cheryl Benson(salary)	265.95
Treas. State of Ia.	88.38
Cely Olson	14.55
Ingram	141.65
Sarah Richard	94.20
Interstate Power Co.	664.82
Cheryl Benson(stipend)	40.60
Cheryl Benson(mileage)	34.44
Better Homes & Gardens	23.77
Merrilyn Mc Donald	12.45
Cornerstone Book & Gift	28.85
NCRLS	11.50
Demco	33.85
Mc Call's	9.97
Feed-Rite Controls	262.41
Forest City Summit	19.00
Airway Lawn Service	347.22
Tim Tutttle	283.40
Cheryl Benson(petty cash)	40.00
Garrett Ed. Co.	92.07
Target Stores	49.94
Cheryl Benson(tuition)	38.50
Pronto	14.00
Postmaster	29.00
Total	<u>4,616.63</u>
Total Receipts	<u>12,982.00</u>

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Oct. 1, 1991 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and council members Sandifer, Strohman, Peterson, Smith, and Hansmeier present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on Jo Ann Baileys property on School Street. Motion to allow the building to be less than 25 feet from the street, because it is a business and to install a culvert on the access to the property. Carried.

Doug Nelson with Waste Systems Corp. presented 2 proposals on recycling.

Discussion on E 911 Project in Worth County.

Motion to adopt Mutual Aid Resolution for Worth County. Carried.

City received a check for \$87.76 (for 1% of cable fees for first 6 months of 1991) from Vision Electronics.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.  
Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Next regular council meeting will be held Tues. Nov. 5, 1991 at the library.

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This is to correct the item in the Sept. 3, 1991 Council news which read ---Request received to reduce utility bills for residents who are gone during the winter.

We asked for a minimum rate on the Fertile utility bill only (water, sewer, garbage). Gas and lights are meter fees only when completely shut off. Other north Iowa towns in this area do not charge when water is shut off.

Al and Gretchen Bakke

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GARDEN CLUB NEWS

The Fertile Garden Club met Tues. Oct. 8th at the Fertile Center. It was guest day and 13 guests were present. Twenty-one members answered roll call by introducing their guest. Fran Tageson from Ventura gave an interesting lesson on wreaths and door swags. Hostesses Molly Almelein, Shari Hoffman and Doris Novak served a delicious salad lunch.

The door prize was a Halloween wreath and was won by Martha Kingland.

Ethel Tuttle Reporter

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STORK NEWS

Dan and Tami (Hall) Horner of Richfield, Mn. are the parents of a baby girl born Sept. 10th. She weighed 6 pounds 10 ozs. and has been named Samantha Jo. Grandparents are Eugene and Judi Hall. Great Grandmother is Esther Haugen.

Kevin and Debra (Roberts) Hawkinson of Mitchelville are the parents of a baby boy born Sept. 22. He weighed 9 pounds 7 ozs. and has been named Harrison Wayne. Grandparents are Wayne and Jean Roberts of Clear Lake and Phyllis Hawkinson of Altoona. Great Grandparents are Forest and Viola Roberts of Fertile and Esther Holmes of Clear Lake.

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REMEMBER TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE FERTILE CITY ELECTION, NOV. 5th, FOR MAYOR AND THREE COUNCIL MEMBERS.



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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