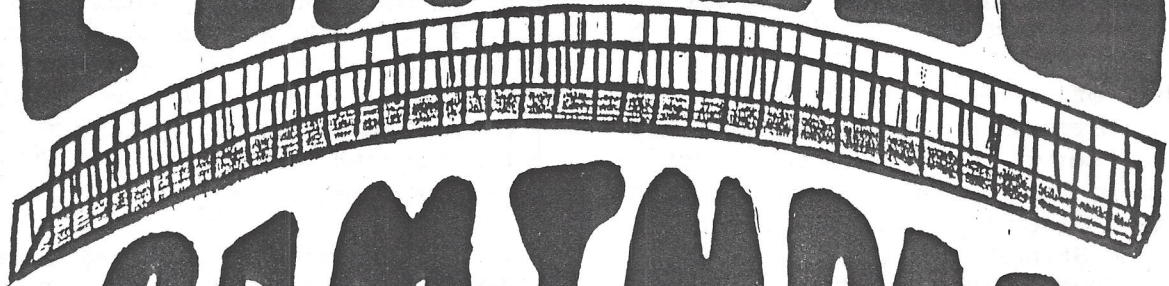
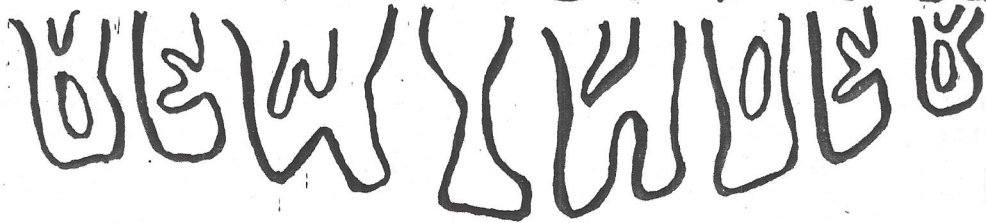


FERTILE



REMINDER



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COMING EVENTS

February 3	7:00	Firemen Meeting
" 4	7:00	Council Meeting
" 4	Noon	Senior Citizen's Dinner
" 15	1:00	Girls 4-H
" 18	Noon	Senior Citizen's Dinner
" 26	7:00	Library Meeting.



February 1992

A CONDENSED HISTORY OF
FERTILE LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Fertile Lutheran Congregation was formally organized on Feb. 16, 1874, at a meeting held in the Platt Schoolhouse located three-fourths of a mile East of Fertile. Rev. J.M. Dahl, pioneer pastor and founder of several congregations of this area, presided at the meeting and continued to serve the congregation until 1892. Charter members of the congregation were Gulbrand Olson-Hovland, Ole Pederson-Dokken, Aslak Stenerson-Mastreii, Halver A. Halverson, Knut Olson-Brattrud, Thomas Olson-Brattrud, Andreas Anderson-Grove and two unmarried men, Ole Thovson and Aslak Thovson.

It was also in 1874 that the newly formed congregation established a cemetery site east of Fertile which became known as Brush Point Cemetery. The cemetery and its supervision has been jointly shared by Fertile Lutheran and Grace Lutheran of Hantontown through the years.

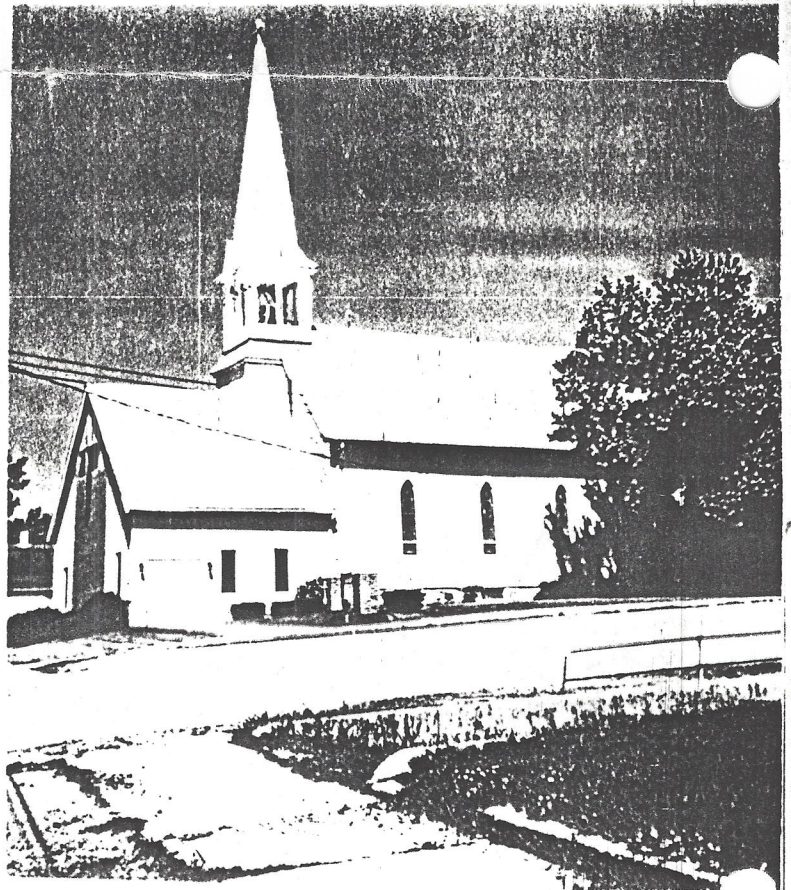
By 1876 the membership of the congregation had increased to 29 families and four unmarried men. The Platt Schoolhouse served as the place of worship for several years. The congregation later met in the creamery hall at Fertile. In 1895 the congregation built a house of worship and dedicated it the following year. This is the same building in which the congregation worships today.

In 1956, the congregation undertook a major building project when a Parish Education Unit was added to the church. This addition included a goodly number of needed Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, restrooms, a new heating plant, and also considerable remodeling of the church proper. In 1968, the Leo Elthon home was purchased as a parsonage replacing the parsonage located on Washington Street. That former parsonage is now the home of Roger and Goldie Felland. In June of 1974, the centennial anniversary of the congregation was celebrated. And again, in 1977, the congregation undertook a building project when an enlarged entrance-narthex was added to the church.

Throughout most of its history Fertile Lutheran has been aligned with other area congregations in the sharing of pastors. However, since January 1988, the congregation has been a single-point parish. A call was extended to Roger Kampstra of Ettri Wisconsin, who, with his wife, Joyce, son, Tom, moved to Fertile in September 1988, and who serves as the congregation's current pastor. The congregation's denominational affiliation is with the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America). The present membership is 228 baptized and 174 confirmed.

Sunday morning services November through March are held at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. April through October worship is at 9 a.m. with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

The congregation and pastor extend a cordial welcome to anyone in the area who does not have a church home to visit our services and share in our worship and fellowship.



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"Please Daddy, Let's Go"

A little girl with shining eyes,
Her little face a glow.

"Daddy, its almost time
for Sunday School, Let's go!"
They teach us there of Jesus love,
of how He died for all.

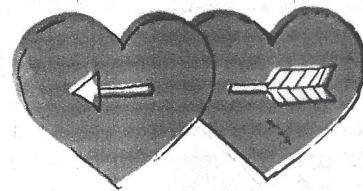
"Oh no," said Daddy, "Not today,"
"I worked hard all week and I
must have one day of rest.
Im going to the creek,
For there I can relax and rest,
and fishings fine, they say,
so run along, Don't bother me.
We'll go to church someday."

Months and years have passed away,
but Daddy hear's that plea no more,
"Let's go to Sunday School."

These childish days are ore,
And now that Daddy's growing old,
when life is almost through,
He finds some time to go to church
and what does daughter do?

She says "Oh Daddy, not today,"
"I stayed out most all last night
and Iv'e got to get some sleep.
Beside I look a fright."
Then Daddy with a trembling hand,
to brush away the tears.

again he hears the pleading voice
distinctly through the years,
He sees a small girl's shining face,
with eyes a glow, As she says,
"It's almost time for Sunday School,
Please Daddy, won't you go."



DEATHS

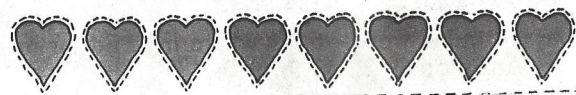
Allen Ouverson - Hadley, Minn.
passed away on December 11, 1991
He was a brother of Francis
Ouverson and son of the late
John Ouverson. He graduated in
1936 from Fertile High School.

Irene Lovick Brakke - Clear
Lake, Ia. passed away on Jan.
14, 1992. She was a sister of
James Lovick of Fertile and a
daughter of the late Henry
Lovick.

Mrs. Frank "Speck" Haddy, Clear
Lake, Ia. passed on January 19.
She was a mother of Mrs. Gary
Calgaard.

Our sympathy goes out to all
families.

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Mr and Mrs Adel Stevens of Lansboro,
Minn. formerly from the Fertile area,
will celebrate their 50th, Wedding
Anniversary on Sat, Feb,1st.

An open house is being sponsored
by their children from 11AM, to 5PM,
at the Branding Iron, on Highway 16,
in Preston Minn.

Adel Stevens and Francis Stinehart,
were married Feb,1st, 1942 at the
Congregational Church in Mason City.
All friends and relatives are invited.

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 1991 with Mayor Hoffman presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed a light for the intersection of Main and First Street. An estimate was received.

Letter received from Worth Co. Conservation Board. Tabled until Jan. meeting.

Report given on installation of natural gas in the south part of town.

Request received to do something about speeders, especially on Washington Street. Highway Patrol will be contacted and asked to check for speeders.

Proposal on recycling will be sent with Jan. water and sewer bills.

Motion to accept the proposed budget for Library FY 92-93. Carried.

Discussion on ice skating area in the park.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Special thanks to those of you who painted fire hydrants in Fertile. We appreciated it.

Fertile City Council

Peoples Natural Gas	\$ 60.72
Cheryl Benson	404.91
Cely Olson	19.39
Ingram	203.50
Shepherd's Voice	1.53
Better Homes & Gardens	16.00
Mayo Clinic Health Letter	24.00
Christian Parenting Today	14.93
Two Day's Business Center	16.95
Demco	9.94
Better Homes & Gardens	3.92
Cheryl Benson	10.00
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David Low	301.41
Tim Tuttle	215.42
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power	470.95
Treas.-State of Iowa	90.35
Ipers	110.61
Waste Systems Corp.	1214.50
City of Fertile	51.00
Winn. Co-op Tele. Assn.	70.04
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	42.88
Marv's Service	86.95
MVTL	10.00
Hygienic Lab.	35.00
Larsen P. & H., Inc.	29.87
League of Iowa Municipalities	181.00
Allen Haugen	3.00
Pronto	18.00
Iowa Frison Industries	48.08
U.S. Postal Service	482.00
Total	\$4707.75

Receipts \$6247.00

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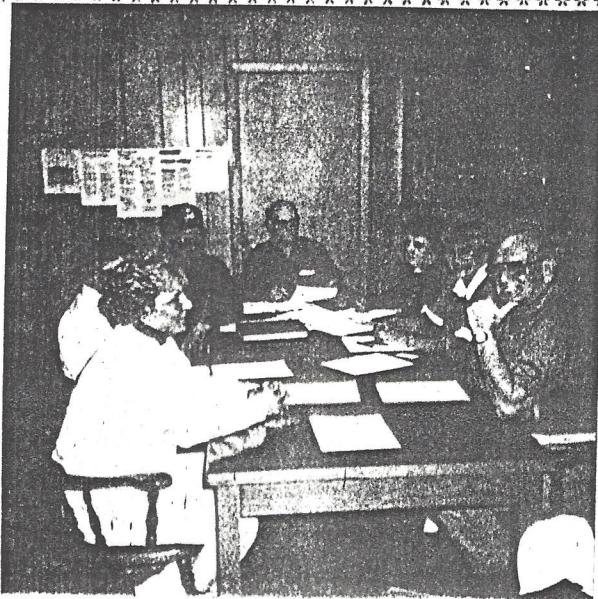


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The Grant Livewires 4-H club met Dec. 14, 1991 at the Fertile Comm. Center. Roll call was "Celebrity you want to meet." We played games and exchanged gifts for Christmas. Our leader handed out our project material for the coming year. Arlene Lee gave a Presentation on "How to sew on a button." Kelly Knutson and Nicole Midtgaard had a presentation on "Puff Paints." The food comm. served lunch. Next meeting will be Jan. 18.



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Batteries & tune-ups

The Fertile City Council met on Tues., Jan. 7, 1992 at the Fertile Library. Mayor Pro-Tem Sandifer administered the oath of office to Mayor Max Nye and Council members Henry Thompson, Loris Scobee and Goldie Felland. Meeting called to order by Mayor Nye.

Motion to approve the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. Carried. Letter discussed from Worth County Conservation regarding the Fertile Park. Motion to set up a meeting with the board and leave it the way it is. Carried.

Council discussed flashing light for the corner of Main & 1st Ave. Estimate received from Worsley Elec. Motion to install light. Carried.

Council will open sealed bids on mowing at the March meeting. Bids should be for any or all of three areas: park, ball diamond, and/or all the city property. Price should be per mowing and must be received by the city by Mar. 1st. If you have questions, contact the mayor.

Motion that Library be independent from the city. Carried.

Request received for \$500.00 and new light bulbs for FY - 92-93 by Little League and Softball.

Discussion on storage shed and snow removal.

Eileen Rotta gave a presentation on the Robertelle Center at Forest City.

Commissioners for 1992 are:
Water & Sewer---Jodie Smith
Park--Henry Thompson
Streets--Goldie Felland

Mayor Pro Tem--Ray Sandifer
Motion to pay monthly bills.
Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

Joan E. Norem
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Janice Hare	257.08
Cely Olson	9.70
Ingram	116.31
Oxmoor House	12.14
NCRLS	368.00
Capper's	28.80
Demco	74.51
Super Signs	45.00
Cheryl Benson	14.97
Cheryl Benson	20.00
David Low	301.41
Tim Tuttle	236.69
Interstate Power Co.	590.69
Treas.-State of Iowa	89.11
Ipers	125.66
Waste Systems Corp	1214.50
City of Fertile	51.00
Winn. Co-op Tele. Assn.	80.72
Peoples Natural Gas	102.32
Worsley Electric	8.04
Northwood Anchor	127.50
Feed Rite Controls	10.00
MVTL	10.00
Debbie Haugen	90.00
Worth County Auditor	40.93
Liberty Ins. Services	50.00
Marv's	57.53
Hanna Farm Drainage	152.50
Food n Fuel	32.47
Fertile Reminder	180.00
Ruth B. Ouverson	33.94
Diane Burtness	33.94
Silence Johnson	33.94
Harold Ouverson	5.00
Loren Hoffman	305.87
Ray Sandifer	221.64
Ken Strohman	203.17
Craig Hansmeier	166.23
Cliff Peterson	147.76
Jodie Smith	203.17
Allen Berg	203.17
Eugene Hall	92.35
Henry Thompson	147.76
Jerry Nye	249.34
Harold Miner	166.23
Dan Benson	171.77
Loren Hoffman	35.00
Total	\$7350.21

Receipts \$10577.75

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JOB OPENING - the position for Assistant Librarian is open, 3 hrs. per week plus extra hours when librarian is gone. Starting at \$4.65/hour. Please send your resume to:

Fertile Public Library
P.O. Box 198
Fertile, IA 50434

Sat. Jan. 25, 1992, at 9am - Noon, the Library is having a "25th Anniversary - Open House". There will be pictures & displays of Fertile's history-"Past, Present, & Future". Coffee, juice, & donuts will be served.

NEW BOOKS

Adult-

- UH-OH - Robert Flughum
- Ribbon in the Sky - Dorothy Garlock
- No Greater Love - Danielle Steel
- Remember - Barbara Taylor Bradford
- A Place in the Sun - Micheal Phillips
- Warsaw Requiem #6 - Bodie Thoene
- The Crown & the Crucible - Phillips
- Scarlett - Alexandra Ripley
- A Higher Call - Harold Bell Wright
- A Daughter's Devotion - MacDonald
- The Gentlewoman's Choice - MacDonald
- The Poet's Homecoming - MacDonald
- The Laird's Inheritance - "
- Seperate Beds - LaVyrle Spencer

Non-Fiction

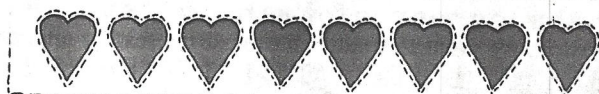
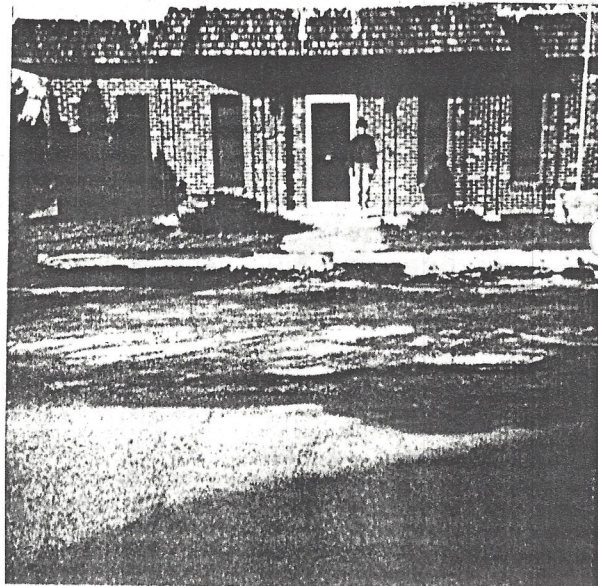
- Penny Whistle's Party Planner
- Chilton's Import Car Manual '88-92
- Games for Baby Showers
- Childhood - Bill Cosby
- Country Stenciling
- Baseball Card Price Guide
- Children's Books & Videos -
- Beauty & the Beast
- An American Tail (video)
- A Day for Eeyore (video)
- The Land Before Time (video)
- Fantasia
- Simpsons Uncensored Family Album
- Spot Goes to the Park
- B. Bears Don't Pollute (anymore)

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Wednesday 1 - 8 PM
Friday 1 - 5 PM
Saturday 9 - Noon

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In the spring of '67, Fertile started to organize a library. The first site for the new library was in the former post office building. Mrs. Robert Th - son was the first librarian working for a dollar an hour. Mrs. Levern (Reva) Nelson was the first substitute librarian. The library was finally opened on Oct. 21, 1967- Hours were Wed. 1-5pm & Wed. nights at 7-9pm & Sat. 1-5pm.

In early 1970, efforts to move the library to a permanent home took place. In June, the board recieved official notice of the \$10,000 grant from Kinney Lindstrom Foundation to be used for the erection of the new library building. The extra \$8,000 that was needed to complete the cost was raised by the town. Also in June of that year, Mrs. Harvey (Evelyn) Knudson become new librarian.

In July of '70, actual work on the new building began by contractor, Truman Knudson of North Iowa Builders. The local Lions Club & many, many others from town helped with finishing the work. The books were finally moved into the new library on a cold Dec. 3.

In March of '89, Mrs. Cheryl Benson was hired as Assistant Librarian. In June of 1990, Mrs. Evelyn Knudson retired as head librarian. The building took on a new look last Aug. when the center wall was removed. Many things have changed over the last 5 years. Everyone is invited to come in & see for themselves.

I would like to thank Larsen's for the use of their truck, Loren Hoffman for driving it, Mike Haugen for the use of his tractor to help clean up the trees and branches from our ice storm. Also Dick Worsley and Dennis Faber for helping repair the water problems at the water plant.
Tim Tuttle

Thanks to Tim Tuttle, Max Nye, Ray Bakke, Loris Scobee and anyone else unknown to us that cleaned up the trees and branches around town after our Halloween ice storm. Everyone appreciated it.
The Reminder Staff

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people from this area for the patronage you have given us throughout the year and to wish you a very happy 1992.
Tom and Nance Sheimo
Personal Touch Beauty Salon

THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

One bitter cold evening during the Holidays our door bell rang, and we were informed that the Carollers were at the neighbors and would be at our home shortly.

Stan invited them all to our family room, where our tree was decorated and our fireplace glowing. There were about thirty bright-eyed, rosy cheeked boys and girls along with parents who put on a lovely concert of Christmas Carols, closing with, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas, And a Happy New Year."

They Presented a pail of "goodies" to us, and then we proceeded to tell them how much this gesture meant to us, as due to illness I had not been in church for 15 weeks. They said "Well, we brought church to you!" That brought tears to our eyes.

In the comfort of our old recliners we were so blessed by a couple that cared enough to call on us, who are not members of their church.

That's Christs' Love In Action!
Thank you Church of Christ Carollers.
Erma & Stan Brue

We want to thank Pastor Kampstra and the Lutheran Church carolers who came to our house Sunday evening Dec. 22 and entertained us with their singing of Christmas Carols, and for the sack of apples you gave us. We doubly appreciated you because we had to miss going to our church Christmas program that evening, due to the ice.

May God Bless Each of You
Roger & Vera Humphrey

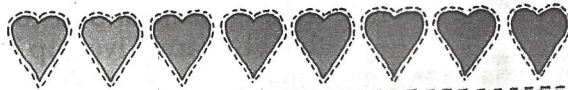
Thanks to the outgoing city council for your past years of service. We appreciate all you have done for our town.

Welcome to the new city council. Lets all work together and help keep our town neat so we can all be proud.

Thanks to all former Reminder Staff for your many years of service. May we continue to produce a paper everyone will enjoy reading.

We welcome all new resident of the Fertile area. We hope you will like our town.

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- .ears
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Since May of 1985, Pronto Market of Fertile, has occupied 1200 sq. ft. of what used to be Fertile Meats and Groceries.

Pronto Market of Fertile, is one of 63 Pronto Franchises in the state of Iowa.

Besides carrying gas and groceries, Pronto also rents movies, sells kerosene, lottery tickets, beer and cigarettes.

The store is owned by Gary and Patti Juhl, and is managed by Sue Lee.

Store hours are:

7am to 9pm Mon-Sat
8am to 8pm Sundays



LASAGNE

- 8 oz. lasagne noodles
- 32 oz. jar spaghetti sauce
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1 cup cottage cheese
- 1 lb. hamburger
- 3 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

Brown meat and drain. Add oregano to spaghetti sauce - grease and line 9 x 13 pan with uncooked noodles. Mix hamburger & spaghetti sauce together & put half of sauce over noodles. Add cottage cheese on top. Repeat another layer of noodles & sauce. Top with mozzarella cheese. Must refrigerate over night to soften noodles. Bake 350° for 1 hour. Serves 12-15.

Romane Lovik


HINTS

Cool your birthday candles in freezer before using them and they will burn evenly and much slower.

When making apple pies, if you put a layer of apples in your crust, then your sugar, cinnamon & lemon juice, then apples on top of sugar again, your pies will not run over in the oven.


Sprinkle a little powdered sugar over the meringue of pies before placing them in the oven. It helps to brown the meringue and will prevent it from sticking to the knife when cutting it.


Cottage cheese will remain fresher longer if stored upside down in refrigerator.



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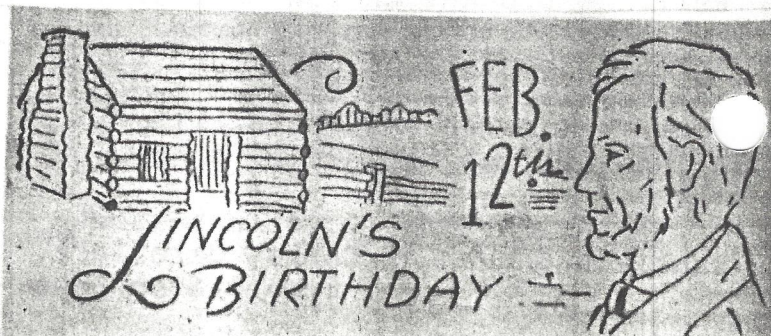
Pepsi 8 Pk Bottles **\$2¹⁹**

Pepsi 12 Pk Cans **\$3⁹⁹**

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ATTENTION

The membership drive for Senior Citizens has been extended due to the Holidays and the icy weather, 1992 membership will be for the fiscal year.

Join and receive your membership card so you can enjoy the Benefits of the Recreational Rooms.

Also meet with us every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month for a Fabulous Meal and Fellowship.

The Fertile Reminder will publish the dates for each meal along with menu.

For your benefit "We need your help."

For your 1992 membership card contact Viola Roberts, Maynard Calgaard, Jim Lovick, or Keith Sheimo, For reservations call Comm. Center.

Lenora Ouverson's father, Nels Field, started the Fertile Meat Market business. He sold it to E.E. Brown (Era Humphrey's grandfather), who later sold it to a man by the name of Schreihans. My dad, Mort Haugen, then bought and operated the business. This business was located in the building owned presently by Ray Sandifer which is west of the Larsen's Plumbing and Heating site. Dad's ice house was located directly behind the butcher shop. He operated the business until the last day of 1941.

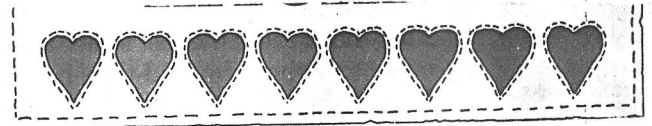
Because of a need for more income, somewhere around 1928, dad began making bologna and selling it from town to town. He established three routes and served each two times a week in summer, and once a week in cold weather.

Because of refrigeration needs he also operated an ice harvesting business. He filled his ice house and another ice house in town for use by local people.

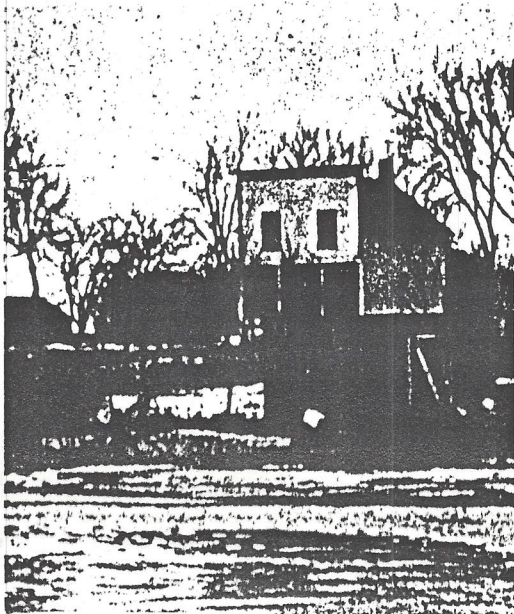
Dad also harvested ice for the Forest City produce which was located on the west edge of Forest City. This ice was used to cool railroad cars when poultry was shipped. The ice harvesting continued until 1952 or 1953.

Dean Haugen

LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING 797-2219



RAY SANDIFER - TOM'S SALES 797-2681



First meat market in Fertile.

Fertile Meat Market

- Lard, 2 lbs.35c
- Pigs Feet, 2 jars70c
- Brisket Bacon20c
- Fertile Valley Brand Butter42c

We have discontinued selling Oleo. We co-operate with Fertile Community Builders.

Highest prices paid for hides.

M. A. Haugen

FERTILE REMINDER _ BOX 62

Please send us news, pictures, births, deaths - anything of interest to our people.

The Reminder is sent out the last Tuesday of the month - so we would appreciate news by the 15th of the month.

Send or call any information to either Lois Anderson, Florence Nye, Thelma Trustem, Shirley Sheimo, or Romane Lovik.

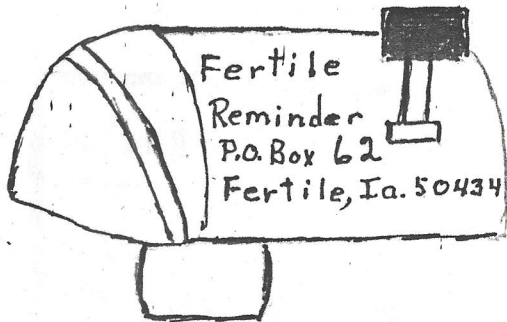
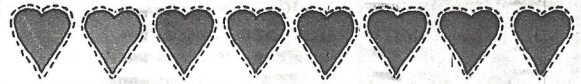
LEAP YEAR

I'm 65, and I guess that puts me in with the geriatrics, but if there were 15 months in every year I'd only be 48.

It takes a long time to grow young.



Gym is open for walking. Hours are the same as the center is open.



Andy Oswald
RR 1
Hanlontown, Ia 50444

A date will appear on your mail box when your Reminder has expired. We would appreciate a donation.