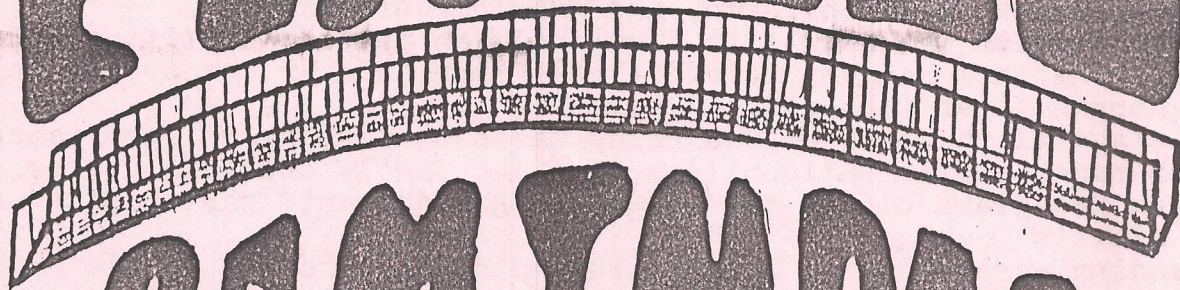


# FERTILE



# REMINDER

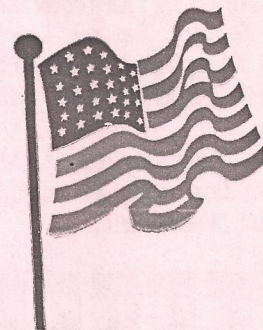
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*Artist  
DeAnn Moman*



## COMING EVENTS

July 6	7:00	Firemens Meeting
July 7	7:00	Council Meeting
July 7	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner
July 14	2:00	Fertile Garden Club
July 16	7:00	Library Meeting
July 18	1:00	Girls 4-H Club
	1:00	Boys 4-H Club
July 21	12:00	Senior Citizens Dinner



RIDIKULOUS DAZE was the theme of Teddy Bear Learning Centers annual summer party held on June 20th at 5:30 PM at the Don Waddington farm. The night started with a pot luck supper with children, and grandparents present.

Preschool graduation was held with five children getting certificates. Those graduating were Matthew Haugen, Edward (Ted) Faber, Hunter Brunsvold, Megan Quigley and Morgan Miner (absent).

The final stage of the program was relay races consisting of foot races, egg and spoon races, water balloon toss, and the family obstacle course.

All ages from two years old to the oldest of grandparents participated so it was fun for all.

Those attending were Hunter & Tanner Brunsvold, children of Jackie & Bently, grandchildren of Joyce & Buck Russell & Bob & Judy Brunsvold of Forest City; Ted, Tom & Tim Faber, children of Dennis & Nancy, grandchildren of Carl Larson & Don & Dorothy Faber, Forest City; Matthew & Tim Haugen, children of Cindy & Allen Haugen, Grandchildren of Dean & Carol Haugen; Ivy & Tara Millard, children of Dawn & Dan Millard, grandchildren of Bonnie & Herbert Hagen, Joice; Nickie & Alex Petersburg, children of Brad & Lauri, granddaughters of LaNell Loth, St Louis, Mo.; Megan Quigley, daughter of Sheryl & Bill, granddaughter of Evelyn & Wiley Weaver, Rockwell & Patrick & Miki Quigley, Belmont; Amanda & Jason Thompson, children of Henry & Christi, grandchildren of Bev & Jack Smithe, Lake Mills; JR, Augustine, Robert Howell and the Dan Miller family.

Teddy Bear Learning Center will soon start its ninth year of operation and is operated by Penny Miller and Betty Waddington, Due to so many children going to Kindergarten there will be some full time positions open for Fall..

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\* The Fertile Garden Club, met June 9th, at Pilot knob State Park, twelve members answered roll call, " A Favorite Park"  
\* The business meeting was conducted by Lorna Petersburg & Donna Ouverson. Gloria Kirschbaum gave a lesson on, Ornamental Grasses. Synnova Hoffam gave the thought for the day. Hostesses Pat Oswald and Lorna Petersburg provided, a Weiner roast and S'mores for lunch.  
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\* Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sellers and family would like to thank everyone who helped them since the fire.  
\* Terry Sellers  
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\* The Fertile Garden Club Plant and Bake Sale, held Saturday May 9th was a great sucess. After the sale Club Members exchanged May Baskets.  
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The Grant Livewirer 4-H Club met Saturday, May 20th at the Community Center. Roll call was my "Favorite Ice Cream". We opened our meeting by the Pledge of Allegence. We discussed the fair, our fair booth and going camping in August. We signed up our projects that we are taking to the fair. We closed by saying the 4-H Pledge. Emily Suby and Emily Daggett gave a presentation on "Icing a Cake", and they served lunch.

On June 17 Arlene Lee, Rachel Midtgaard, Emily Suby, Laura Lovik, Katie & Emily Evans, Emily Kingland and Bridget Anderson went to Norwest Fabric and made printed stamped tee-shirts.

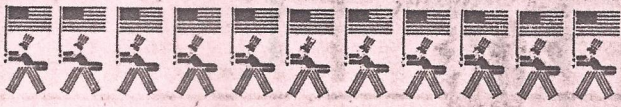
June 29th Bridget Anderson, Emily Suby and Arlene Lee are going to attend Junior 4-H Camp at Ventura.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENU'S - for July

- July 7 - Meat balls, baked potatoes, peas, salads, dessert, rolls and coffee
- July 21 - Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetable, salads, rolls, dessert and coffee



Our sympathy is extended to the family of Lawrence "Bud" Jenkins who passed away on May 21, 1992. Bud was born and raised in Fertile, son of Frank & Lena Jenkins. He attended school in Fertile and was a custodian at the school for 8 years and was also a school bus driver. Prior to his working at the school he had the Philgas Dealership and Jenkins Plumbing & Heating Business in Fertile for 35 years. Bud and Cora moved to Clear Lake in 1986 and the past year Bud had been a resident of IOOF Home in Mason City.



# CARL M. SHEIMO

BUSINESSMAN, FARMER, AUCTIONEER, MAYOR, BOARD MEMBER, SHERIFF

*Probably few men were as well known in this area as Carl Sheimo. He knew personally practically everyone in the county and the surrounding area that had any connection with farming.*  
-taken from *The Northwood Anchor*, March 14, 1963.

Carl Melvin Sheimo was born April 5, 1891, in a farmhouse about three miles west of Fertile.

He was the first to be born in a new large frame home on the K.O. Sheimo farm. Five siblings preceding him were born in a small log cabin on the same property. Five more followed his birth. He was raised on a 300 acre farm that his father, K.O. Sheimo, established. Carl attended a one-room country grade school. His education at that time did not proceed past the seventh grade, as was the custom for many sons who were required to work on the farms by the age of 12 or 13. Later he briefly attended Waldorf Jr. College in Forest City.

On September 7, 1913, he married Hilda Marie Sagen, a grade school teacher who was living with her mother in Fertile. For the next few years he continued farming on the Sheimo farm.

In 1915, he became a hardware and implement merchant in Fertile. From this time and throughout



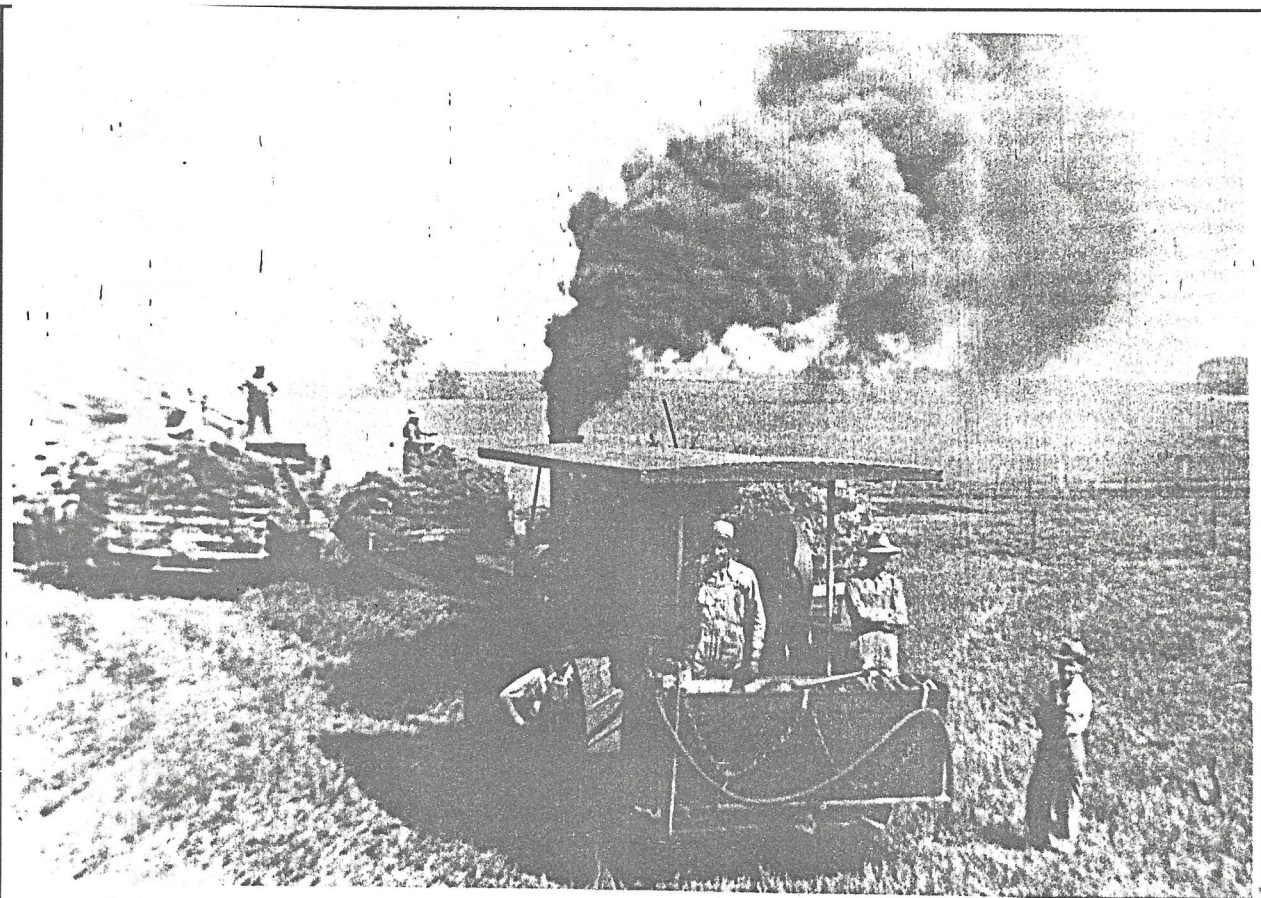
*The Sheimo Hardware (1915-1940) was located next to the bank building (now Burtness Plumbing) on main street. On the left of the interior of the hardware was a large warehouse for storage of machinery and supplies. The Sheimo Hardware also had the franchise for John Deere farm equipment throughout the years. Carl also erected windmills and serviced them.*

*A room in the back of the main store was equipment for soldering, tinsmithing, and plumbing supplies. The big pot belly stove, in the picture above (with men standing around it) was a place for farmers to smoke, chew tobacco and spit, and to "gossip."*

*Pictured are Phil Sheimo, left, youngest brother of Carl, and Bennie Nelson, Carl's partner.*

the 1920's, he became quite successful in the business and participated in all the community activities. He served on numerous school, church and town committees. He was mayor of Fertile, a member of the town council, secretary of the Fertile school board for many years, and he became a director of the local bank.

In addition to the hardware business, he also had the local ice business for several years. This meant storing ice in the winter from the local river to be distributed to surrounding small towns throughout the summer. For some time he also ran a local gasoline and service station and had the Chevrolet franchise. During this period Carl also had a steam engine and threshing equipment and did all the threshing of grain in the surrounding area.



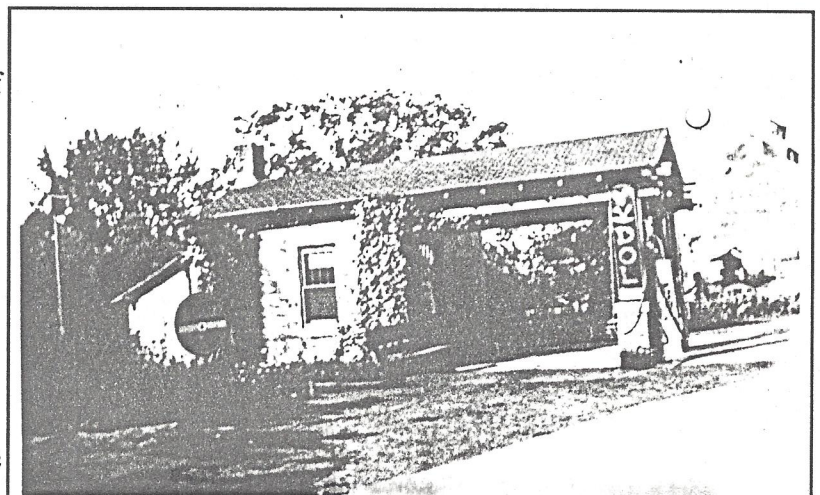
*Through the 1920's and 30's, Carl had a complete threshing rig that serviced all the farmers surrounding Fertile. It was a delight to the children in late August and early September to see the steam engine come through Fertile hearing the steam whistle. Eddie Rodberg operated the engine, Frank Jenkins was on the separator and "Kentucky Jack" often ran the straw blower. "Kentucky Jack" was proud of this job. He was a legend to all the Fertile kids at that time, since he also claimed to be the fish game warden. He was what you now call a homeless recluse whom everyone in Fertile accepted and helped out as he needed.*

Along with everyone else, he felt the effects of the depression. In the early 1930's, he took up auctioneering, and from that time until the day before his death, March 11, 1963, this was perhaps his favorite and most rewarding occupation.

In 1940 he was persuaded to run for sheriff of Worth County. He sold the hardware business in Fertile and moved to the Worth County seat, Northwood, where he lived until his death. He was a very popular and well-liked sheriff for three terms, when he decided not to run for further terms. He had continued on with his auctioneering and went into the sale barn business in Northwood. For the 15 years prior to his death, he conducted a large livestock sales business in the North Central Iowa area. He had auctioneered a large farm sale in cold weather the day before his sudden death.

Carl Sheimo and his wife, Hilda, lived in the house Mr. and Mrs. Don Sunne now live in. In the late 1880's and early 90's Mrs. Sheimo's

father (Halvor Sagen) ran perhaps one of the first hardware stores in Fertile which was a small one room building located across from the mill and one lot west.



*Bennie Nelson was a close friend and partner of Carl's in the 1920's in the hardware store. Rueben Rodberg worked for Carl as manager of the Tydol Service Station and Chevrolet car sales (where Marv's station is now). Bud Jenkins also worked several years delivering ice, when Carl put up ice in a large ice house next to the station.*

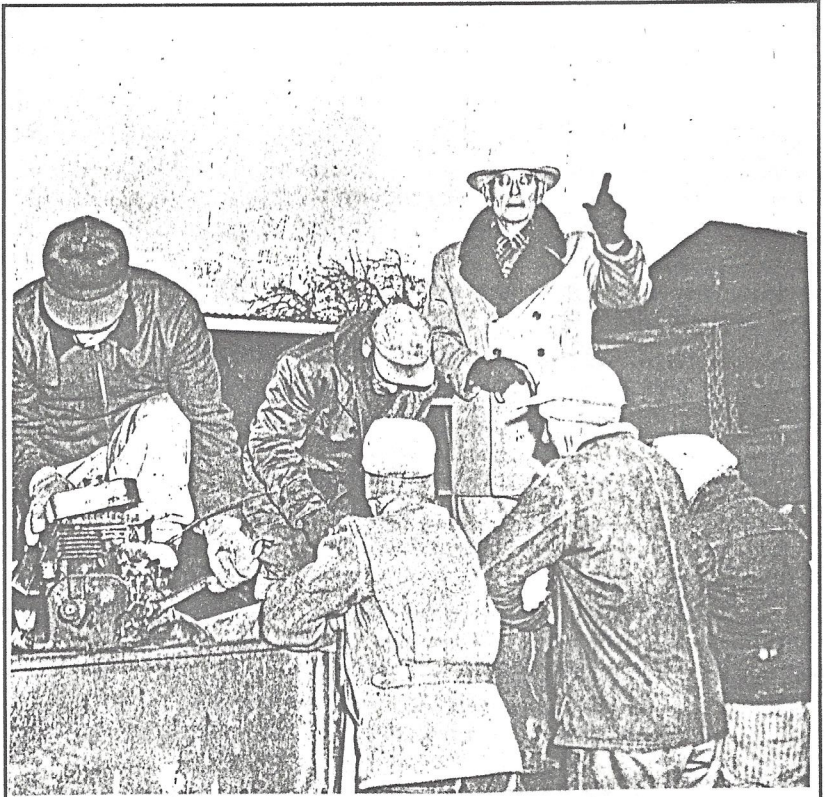
Mr. and Mrs. Sheimo had one child, Dr. Stanton Sheimo, who lives in Tacoma, Washington. All of his childhood experiences and roots are in the Fertile years of 1919 to 1936, when he graduated and went on to college.

The Reminder Staff thanks Dr. Sheimo for the information on the Sheimo Hardware and Station.

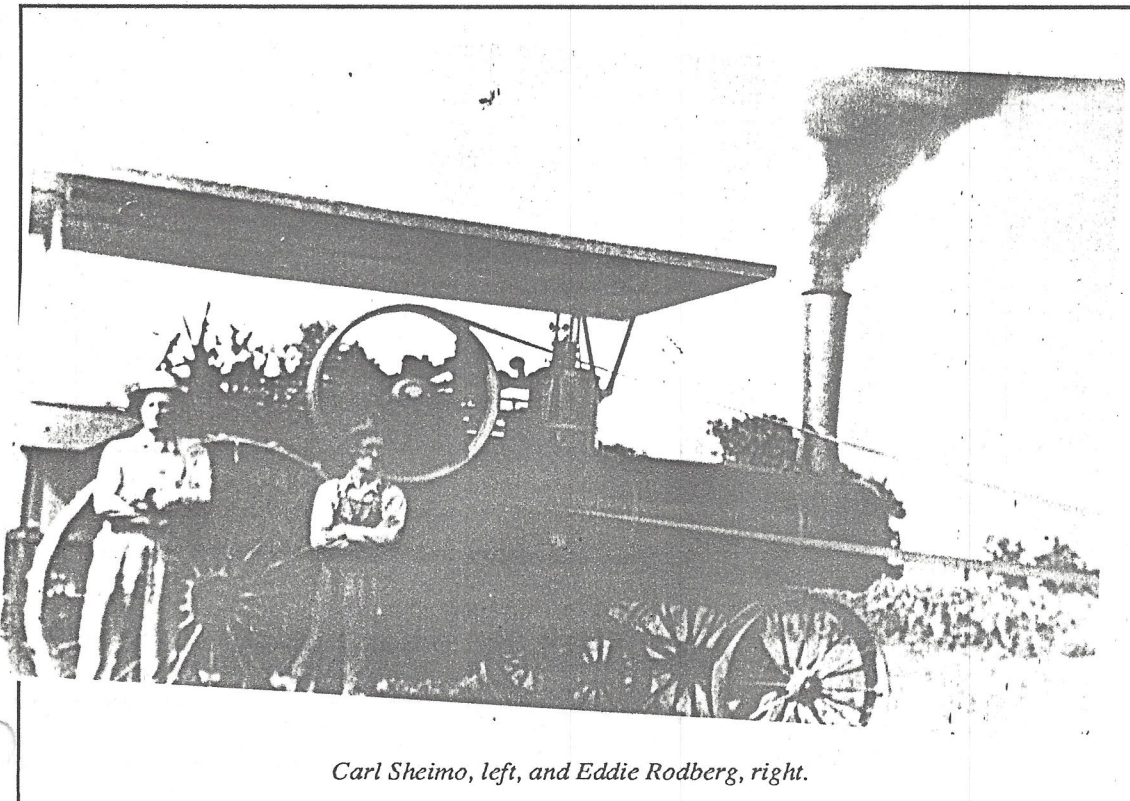
Dr. Sheimo sends his greetings to all who remember him in Fertile and expressed that his years spent in Fertile are some of his most cherished memories.

*Carl Sheimo was a dedicated man. In all walks of life he was known for his sincerity, humbleness, personal integrity and spiritual faith.*

*- The Northwood Anchor,  
March 14, 1963*



*When the depression started (1929-30), the hardware and implement business went into a marked decline at that time. Carl went to auctioneering school and became a licensed auctioneer which he loved doing. He was a natural, with his strong voice, sense of humor, a fast patter, but most of all-the full trust from all the people in the county who knew him.*



*Carl Sheimo, left, and Eddie Rodberg, right.*

COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., June 2, 1992 with Mayor Nye presiding and council members Scobee, Sandifer, Thompson and Smith present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Kevin and Cindy Bidne were present with a petition regarding the conditon of the Richard Alton property. City Attorney will be contacted to enforce the city's nuisance ordinance.

Library reported that a lock on the front door has been changed. Keys were given to those needing access and a form was signed noting the rules. Discussion on ramp work, utility bills and tax and payroll forms for the Library. Cheryl Benson passed out ADA fact sheets. Library will apply for grants for roof repair.

David Low reported that Steve, with Iowa Rural Water Assn. will be here next week to look for water leaks. He also reported on the work needed at the lagoon. Low and Thompson will check on sheep to be pastured at the lagoon.

Report on humidifier and fans at Water Treatment Plant. Low will check with engineers on ceiling repair and report back.

Fire hydrants have been painted.

Report on the installation of the drain pipe on the west side of 1st. Street by Briery's. Grates have been installed on intakes.

Thompson will flash and patch roof at the Library.

Drain on property west of Esther Haugen property will be opened.

Discussion on lights at tennis court and vandalism in the park. Lights have been repaired several times this year. This is the final time the lights will be repaired.

Thompson reported water tower needs to have paint touched up and inside cleaned.

Marvin Dahn requested a small ditch along his property for drainage. He will do the work.

Recycling bill of \$2.00 monthly will be added to the garbage amount in July. It will be charged to houses and businesses.

Discussion on drainage problem near Gary Anderson's property. Motion to talk to County Engineer and see if they would pay half, check on the cost and report in July. Carried.

Culvert at the Community Center has been repaired.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

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MAY BALANCE SHEET

Expenditures

People's Natl Gas	\$ 169.17
Cheryl Benson	279.24
Gary Richard	128.83
Ingram	114.83
Oxmoor House	15.30
Demco	22.18
Mason City Business Machines	37.05
Country	9.98
Woman's Day	15.97
David Low	301.41
Tim Tuttle	279.24
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power Co.	647.93
Treas.-State of Iowa	79.63
Ipers	76.55
Waste Systems Corp.	1214.5
City of Fertile	51.00
Winn. Coop Telephone	100.06
Peoples Natural Gas	104.68
Hygienic Lab.	20.00
Worsley Electric	19.89
Fertile Lbr & Hdwe	4.25
Feed Rite Controls	40.44
LGI	34.15
Worth County Auditor	1623.50
Midwest Fire	175.50
Jugs, Jr.	1664.00
Miracle Recreation Equip.	1291.00
Decker's Sporting Goods	- 1918.75
TOTAL	10,696.11
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,666.06

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Open House Bridal shower for  
Renee Peterson, bride elect of  
Doug Burtness, Tues., July 7,  
7:30 PM at the Fertile Lutheran  
Church.

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REFLECTIONS: Wasn't it great to attend the Alumni Banquet? Sitting here, thinking over and over again of the many old friends we were privileged to meet once more and knowing at we will continue to have pleasant memories for many years.

I guess we can honestly say "There was a hot time in the old school on Saturday night!" With the temperature in the 90's - and no air conditioning in a room already full of "hot air" we did manage to endure. The spirits of the Fertile High Grads was in no way dampened.

Isn't it embarrassing to meet someone without a name tag? There you are, puzzled and playing guessing games for five minutes, when you finally realize it is someone that you vowed you would never forget!

How people change! Have you ever noticed how fast "out of towners" age? The thoughts that go through your mind are similar to the ones listed, My! she sure has gained weight! Isn't he skinny? I believe her hair is colored, or she sure turned grey at an early age. Is he wearing a hair piece? Her new teeth really improved her looks! She must have married money, did you see her rings? One thing we knew for certain, Marcies tan was real!

Isn't it strange how loving and congenial get as we get older? Did you ever see so much hugging and kissing in your life? By the way, I enjoyed every minute of it! Oh! the fun of an Alumni Reunion.

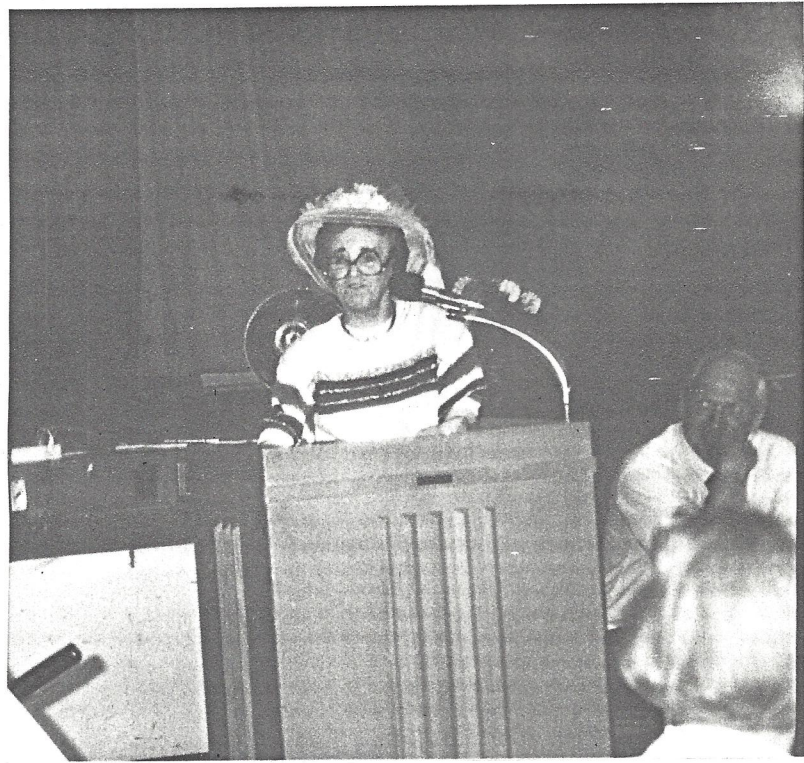
Our officers did such a good job, and the food was delicious. It was great to hear Cindy, and Ardis was a riot! Eva & I will toddle to the microphone as long as we attend as we have been together for years.

Wasn't it great to hear the letters from absent members?

One sad note, we have lost 31 members since we last met (3 years ago). We are thankful to the Lord for permitting so many of us to attend the reunion once more, and trust we will be back in 1995.

Erma Brue

THANK YOU: We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who helped in any way to make this Alumni Reunion a success. A special "thank You" to the Fertile Garden Club for the lovely flower arrangements they supplied for the banquet tables. Also a thank you to the Fertile Reminder for the "School Days" edition they put together for the banquet. Again thanks from the 1992 officers, Merle Tuttle, Leland Pederson, Marilyn Severson and Elaine Patten: also the 1992 Nominating Committee, Keith Sheimo, Max Nye, and Don Severson.



#### FERTILE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION

The Fertile High School Alumni Association held their Triennial Banquet at the Fertile Gymnasium Auditorium on Saturday, June 13, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. A Social Time was held in the Dining Room from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Reverend Joseph Levang of Fergus Falls, Mn gave the Invocation. "Minnie Pearl" of Nashville's Grand Old Opry made a social visit-- alias Ardis (Suby) Sheimo. A vocal solo "Those Were The Days" by Cindy (Midtgaard) Schubert was accompanied on the keyboard by her husband, Russell Schubert. Eva (Purcell) Hain read a poem that she had written and gave for her class' 50th Reunion in 1983.

President Merle Tuttle called the meeting to order and presented the slate of officers for 1995. They are President- Harland Rodberg; Vice President-Eugene Hall; Corresponding Secretary-Gloria Kirschbaum; Secretary/Treas.- Betty Waddington and were unanimously accepted.

Recognition was given to teachers coming from a distance. They were Beryl (Gobeen) McClelland, Marilyn (Willson) Brue, George Bauer and Charles Stalker.

Violet Hall was the oldest graduate attending, representing the Class of 1922.

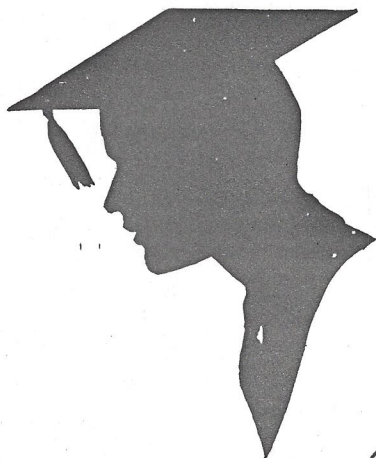
A gift of appreciation was presented to Ruth Ouverson for her assistance to the Alumni Officers. The Alumni sang "Happy Birthday" to Ruth--her birthday was on June 12th.

The Nominating Committee for 1995 are Paula Worsley, Spence Abrams, Jr. and David Bruns.

The banquet was attended by over 200.

The next Alumni gathering is scheduled for June 12, 1995 which is the 2nd Saturday in June.

*Congratulations Graduates !!*

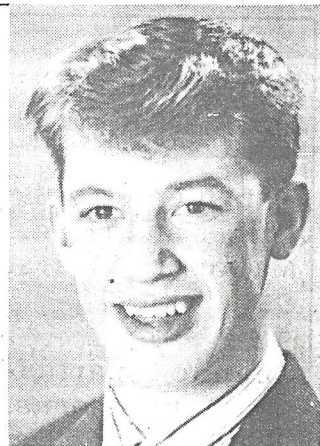


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**TOM  
KAMPSTRA**

Son of Joyce and Roger Kampstra of Fertile.

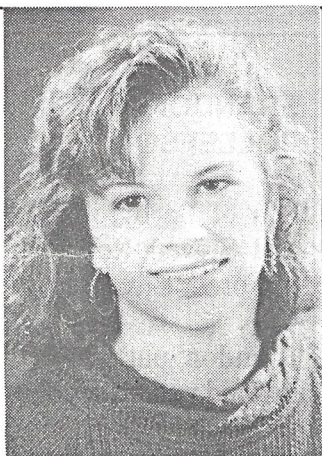
During high school, Tom participated in band. He plans to travel and attend Hamilton Business College.



**SHEILA  
OUVERSON**

Daughter of Nancy and Dean Ouverson of Clear Lake.

Sheila participated in chorus, set crew and 4-H during high school. She plans to work and attend college after graduation.



**NATHAN  
BRIERLY**

Son of Kathy and Marvin Brierly of Fertile.

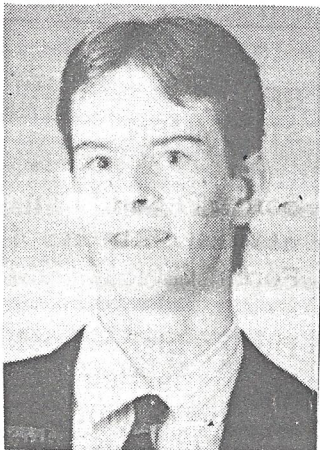
During high school, Nate participated in Industrial Arts Club. He plans to work at Hy-Vee Bakery and attend NIACC after graduation.



**BRENT  
WILLS**

Son of Orvelda and Herschel Wills of Fertile

During high school Brent participated in band, basketball, track and cross country. He plans to attend UNI after graduation.



**CARRIE  
SEGLEM**

Daughter of Barbara and Larry Seglem of Fertile.

Carrie was active in set crew, dance team, Warwhoop, yearbook, band, chorus and honor roll during high school. She plans to attend UNI after graduation.

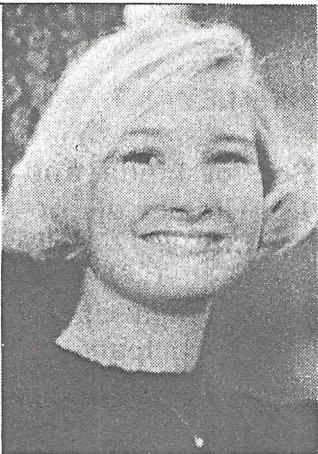




**EMILY  
KRAGEL**

Daughter of Twylah  
and Mark Kragel of  
Clear Lake.

During high school,  
Emily participated  
in softball, basket-  
ball, volleyball,  
track, SADD, FCA, student council, band,  
chorus, musicals, DARE, National Honor  
Society and Warwhoop. She plans to at-  
tend Augustanna College and major in  
physical therapy.



**BRANDON  
SHAHAN**

Son of Linda and  
Mike Shahan of Fer-  
tile.

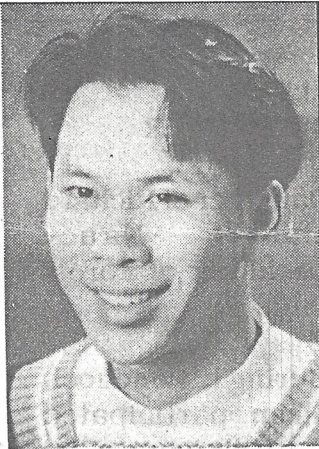
Brandon partici-  
pated in FFA and  
Industrial Arts Club  
during high school.  
His plans after graduation are undecided.



**MATT  
BIRETZ**

Son of Helen and  
Joseph Biretz of  
Fertile.

Matt plans to attend  
Winona State Uni-  
versity after gradu-  
ation.



*"Congratulations"*  
*to our College graduates:*

*From NIACC =*

*Doug Burtness*  
*Sara Seglem*  
*Rita Spears - Midthus*

*From - State Fair Community*  
*College -*  
*Sedalia, Missouri*

*Robin Froiland*

*From - Central College - Pella*

*Shawn Lovick*





**OPEN HOUSE:** The tenth annual open house at Chapel Hill, the smallest church in the area, located 3 miles northwest of Fertile, Iowa, will be held on Sunday afternoon, July 19th, from 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. A program will be given at 2:30 p.m., with Father Slepicka of Clear Lake, formerly of Manly, as guest speaker. Special music will be provided by "Three Men and a Mike", a men's quartet of Forest City. Persons are encouraged to bring lawn chairs to be used in the tent. Following the program, refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by the Worth County Historical Society.

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Who is he?  
He was 6 years old and  
in 1st grade. Answer  
will be somewhere in  
this issue.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** A daughter, Alexandria Frances, was born May 23rd to Renae Peterson and Doug Burtness. Grandparents are Janet and Larry Burtness of Fertile. Great-grandparents are Les and Doris Burtness of Fertile.



**"Three Men & a Mike"**

In the May Reminder you recall an article concerning the City Park, the expenses involved in maintaining it, and a plea to youth and adults to be responsible citizens to help keep the park in good condition.

Since that article was written, there has been more vandalism. The lights on the tennis court have been destroyed several times, and other destruction has taken place. We are asking for help to prevent future vandalism. If anyone knows or sees anything out of order, please report it to the mayor or a council member.

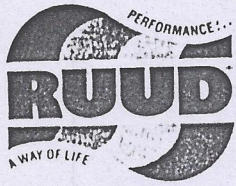
It has been decided that we will repair what needs fixing one more time. If vandalism continues, we will turn off the electricity and make other changes.

Mayor Nye  
& Council

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The Fertile Reminder put together a special "School Days" edition that was available at the alumni banquet. We printed 75 of them but we heard that some did not get one. If we have enough requests we will reprint, so if you will let us know so we know how many more we need to print.

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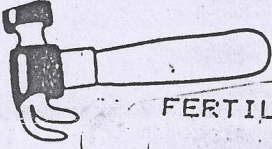


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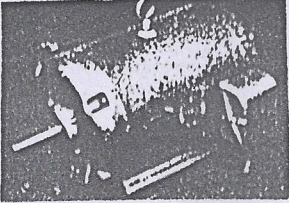
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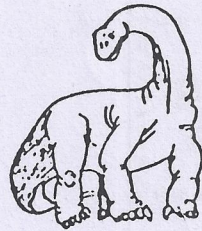
# NEWSLETTER

Fertile Public Library  
Check It Out!

The 1992 Summer Reading Program starts July 11 - Aug. 8 on Saturday mornings at 10am - 11 am. This years program is called "Books 'n' Stones 'n' Dinosaur Bones". There will be games, crafts, storytime, & films every week. A theme T-shirt will be given away on Aug. 8 by drawing a name in the attendance box. So the more days you attend the better chance you can win. Other prizes and activities will be posted at the library. If you love Dinosaurs, you'll love the summer reading program.

You can now pick-up you own list of new books each month at the library desk.

## "Books 'n' Stones 'n' Dinosaur Bones"



## Library Hours:

Monday 2 - 8 pm  
Wednesday 1 - 8 pm  
Friday 1 - 5 pm  
Saturday 9 - Noon

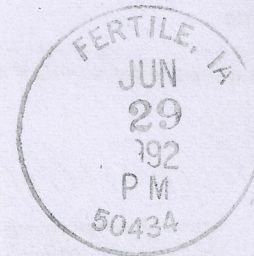
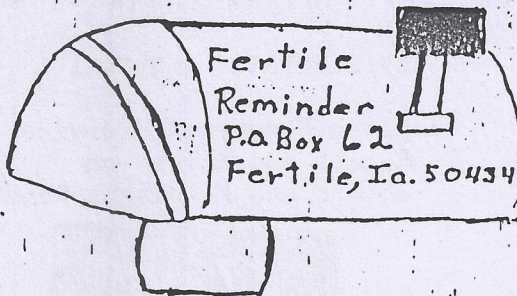
It's Okay to Get Smart With Us!

Who is her Stanley Brue

If there is anyone locally, who can not come to the library because of accessibility, please call the library with the problem and ideas to help change any of the obstacles.

The "Guess Who" picture in last months Reminder happened to be our mayor Charlie Nye.

Don't forget recycling  
July 1st is pick up day  
Lets everybody participate.



Andy Oswald  
RR 1  
Hanlontown, IA 50444

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