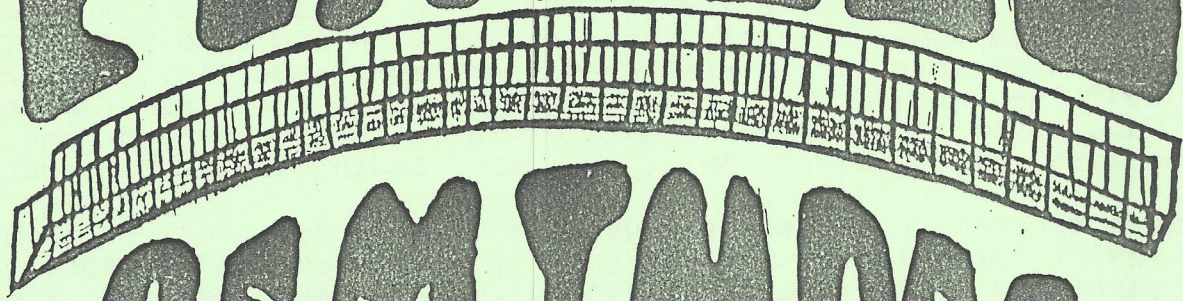
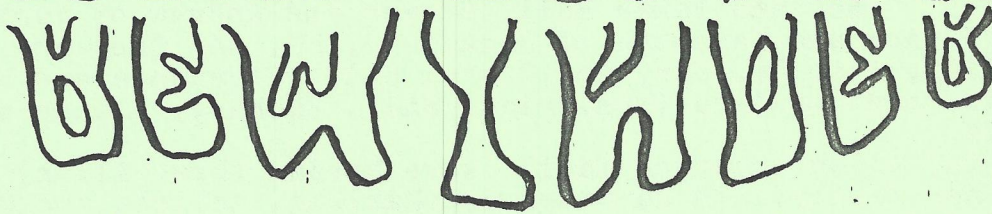


FERTILE



REMINDER



*Artist
DeAnn Monson*

COMING

EVENTS

May 4	7:00 Firemen's Meeting
May 5	7:00 Council Meeting
May 5	9:00-11:00 A.M. Cholesterol Screening Fertile Community Center
May 5	12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
May 5	1:00-4:00 Well Elderly Clinic Fertile Lutheran Church
May 6	8:30-4:00 Well Elderly Clinic Fertile Lutheran Church
May 9	9:00-11:30 Fertile Garden Club Annual Plant & Bake Sale
May 13	1:00 Elderbridge County Advisory Meeting
May 16	8:00-1:00 Fertile Rummage Sale
May 16	1:00 Girls 4-H Club Meeting 1:00 Boys 4-H Club Meeting
May 19	12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
May 21	7:00 Library Board Meeting
June 13	Fertile Alumni Banquet

Many friends and relatives of Maud (Robison) Emmert gathered on Sunday, March 29th, at the Mason City Church of Christ to honor Maud on her 100th Birthday.

Maud was born on 3/28/1892 near Fertile, the third child of Basil and Nellie (Humphrey) Robison. She attended schools in Fertile and graduated from Mason City High School before attending Hamilton Business College. Following her school days, she worked many years for Mason City Builders Supply. In 1945 she married Frank Emmert and they made their home in Mason City until Maud moved to the Manor and later to the Good Shepherd Home.

Attending were relatives from Ohio, Illinois, South Dakota, Minnesota and Iowa.

There was a program presented to Maud with Glen Bandel, former minister and friend giving the welcome, a vocal duet by Jill Norem and friend, Gus Sorbo, devotions by Gary Hall, a talk by Amy Eser and Sterling, a letter read by Joan Norem dated 8/3/99 from Maud's mother and Maud while on a trip to Ohio, and songs by Jim Ouverson, Hosting the program was Craig Ouverson.

Representing the Mavis (Ouverson) Hall family were Eugene and Judie Hall and their families, Tracy and Tammy Hall, Steven and Andrew of Fertile, Dan and Tami Jo Horner and Samantha of Richfield, MN, and Troy and Tricia Hall of Forest City, Also Dr. Gary and Cheryl Hall, Stephanie and Nathan of Lincoln, Illinois, and Coralene (Mrs. Brian) Hall, Zachary, Alexis and Ashley of Clear Lake, Ia.

Representing the Allen Ouverson family were Marian (Mrs. Allen) Ouverson of Hadley, MN. and her family, Jim Ouverson and Marleta, Melicia and Michael of Luverne, MN. and Judy's children, Heidi, Grant and Graham Harms of Slayton, MN.

Francis and Olga Ouverson of Hanlontown were attended by Dr. Dick and Dr. Anna Ouverson of Madison, South Dakota, Leon and Joyce Hagen, Christopher, Michael and Eric, and Craig Ouverson all of Hanlontown.

Representing the Maxine (Ouverson) Scobee family were Loris Scobee of Fertile, and his daughter, Bob and Joan Norem of Lake Mills and their family, Terry and Jan Hassing, Jeff and Larisa of Wells, MN. and Jill Norem, Lake Mills.



*Edna Mc-Cauley, Nellie Bird, Bonnie Boeckart
with Maud*

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

March Balance Sheet

Expenditures

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., April 7, 1992 with Mayor Nye presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Discussion on roof at the water treatment plant. Smith will check on it and report at the May meeting.

Council discussed needed street repair and sloping of the ditch west of Pat Zobels.

City received the renewal of the city's insurance policy.

Lonnie Bailey discussed drainage on the west side of 1st Street, north of the river. Motion to put in drainage pipe, part, or all the way, and then landscape. Carried.

David Low discussed needed repair at the lagoon. Motion to have Dave Low go ahead with repairs, and draw up a five year plan to work on rip-rapping sides of lagoon. He will be reimbursed for his extra work. Carried.

Dave Low will get prices on a new meter. Old one is obsolete.

Motion to allow Virgil Oувerson to correct a drainage problem near his property. Carried.

Report on Council's meeting with Worth Co. Conservation Board.

Motion to send letter to Conservation Board asking them to remove a dead tree, reimburse City for mowing their part of the park and to visit park once each month. Carried. All other items discussed were agreed on.

Motion to proceed with recycling in Fertile soon. Carried.

Raking in the park will be done on April 10 and 11. Signs will be posted.

Meeting, adjourned.

Janice Hare
City Clerk

The next regular meeting of the City Council will be Tues., May 5th.



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David Low	\$ 301.41
Tim Tuttle	226.05
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power Co.	675.47
Treas.-State of Iowa	88.58
IPERS	126.20
Waste Systems Corp.	1214.50
City of Fertile	51.00
Winnebago Co-op Tele.	83.17
Peoples Natural Gas	265.44
IAMU	201.00
Yelland & Hanes	8.25
Matt Pawott & Sons	32.37
Fertile Lbr. & Hdw.	32.90
Marv's	173.70
Pronto Market	26.30
Feed-Rite Controls	20.00
Fertile Little League- Softball	500.00
Iowa DNR	60.00
Cheryl Benson	260.63
Gary Richard	115.95
Cely Olson	24.24
Target	29.45
B. Dalton	52.56
Cheryl Benson-Reimb.	32.50
Oxmoor House	42.33
Ingram	37.28
Cheryl Benson (petty Cash)	40.00
Cheryl Benson (shoveling)	5.00
Gary Richard (shoveling)	10.00

\$4993.39

Receipts 6699.89

Our sympathy to Sandra Kimpling and her family on the death of her brother Terry Arp who passed away on April 7th.

We welcome the following families to Fertile. Keith and Ann Brcka who were married on the 28th of April. They have purchased the home of Doris Oswald.

Don & Bobbi Elbert and son Kyle. They live in the house that John Morris originally built.

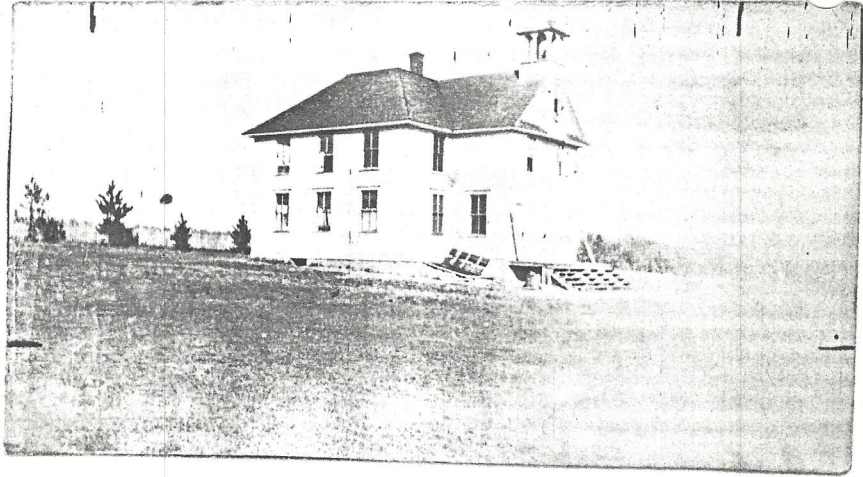
Randy and Christie Bredson and daughter Felicia. They have purchased the home of Lorelee Jennings.

* Christy Lou Bredeson, *
* Will do baby sitting in home. *
* 797-2397-106 Lake St. *

THE FERTILE SCHOOL

According to the 1976 "More About Fertile" book, one of the first schools in the area was a "shanty" built by Fertile Township, at Fertile. At that time, school was not designated by grades, but by terms, and the first term in this Fertile school was in the summer of 1860, and was taught by Phoebe Dennis, who had five students.

There are no records of the school proceedings from 1860 until 1901, but it is known that a frame building, shown to the right, was built shortly before 1895. It had only grades 1 through 8. Members of the first class to graduate from the 8th grade, in 1901, were, Hilda Rhodes(Hill); Mabel Rye(Bolstad); Ethel Brown(Deuel) & Marie Tallackson. Charles Eikenberry was the teacher. A few years later the 9th & 10th grades were added, and the first class to graduate from 10th grade in 1915 included, Sophie & Synneva Hjelmeland; Sylvia Ouverson; Lillian Sheimo & Leo Elthon. Pastor C.F. Schmidt was the Superintendent.



Later the frame building was moved to the west of where it was originally, and construction began on the brick building, shown in the picture to the right, then grades 11 & 12 were added.

In 1916 the school was consolidated, this took in country children who had previously attended the one room country schools. This brought the problem of transporting the children from the country to the school in Fertile. So horse drawn school busses were purchased, and in the winters the body of the busses were taken off of the wheels and mounted onto sled runners to get over the snowy roads and many times across fields and even fences when snow was very deep.



In 1917 the first class to graduate from the 12th grade was, Synneva & Sophie Hjelmeland; Lillian Sheimo & Leo Elthon.

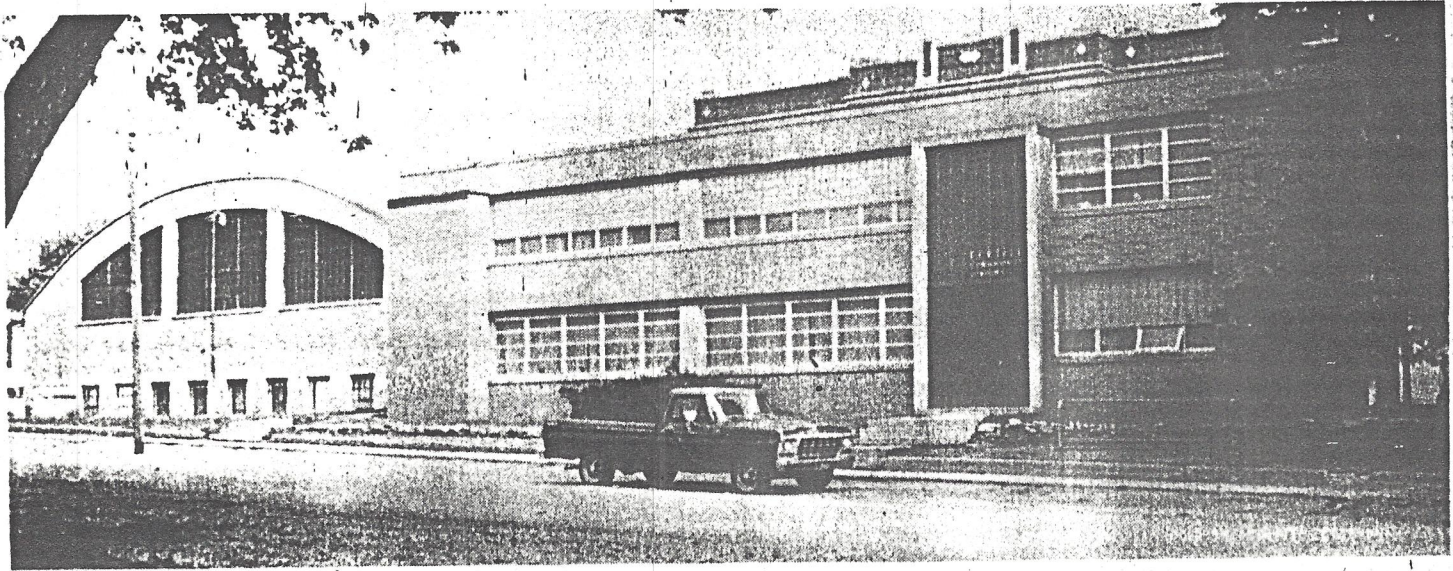
Later on the frame building was moved to downtown Fertile and situated on the north side of main street, just to the east side of the meat market building, (you younger people would know it as the Bud Jenkins or Ray Sandifer building). The inside of the former school building was remodeled with 2 apartments in the upstairs and at one time there was a cafe in the east section and a shoe repair shop in the west side of the downstairs. Later on it was sold and remodeled again, and the Gospel Mission Church occupied it until 1965. It was later sold to 2 out of town carpenter contractors and made back into an apartment building. Then it was finally sold again and then torn down. So that building, originally our school, had a long and diversified history.

In 1939 a large gymnasium of rock construction, and some classrooms, was added onto the west side of the brick building. This new gymnasium seemed huge to most people who had attended school in the brick building, as that gym was so small, compared to gyms in schools in other towns. Do any of you older people remember it being called "The Cracker Box" ?

Another brick addition was built on to the south side of the old brick building in 1955. This added a nice new kitchen, dining room and several modern classrooms.

On July 1, 1962 our school system became a part of the Forest City school district, with grades K through 6, still being held in the Fertile building, and grades 7 through 12 bussed to Forest City. Eventually all grades were taken to Forest City, and the old building became the Fertile Community Center. The Senior Citizens have held their meetings and their dinners there for several years. A part of the building is still being used as a school, as a Nursery School is held there.

The following picture shows the school building as it is yet today, being used as The Fertile Community Center.



TWO ADDITIONS were made to the original Fertile School in 1939 and 1955. Gymnasium addition in 1939 was made from limestone rock from the local quarry in a Public Works

Administration project. All Fertile students will attend classes in Forest City this fall and negotiations are being made to give the building to the town. *Vera and Roger Humphrey*

Snowflakes are one of nature's fragile things but look what they can do when they stick together.



(This poem was composed during a trip through Glenwood Canyon and Independence near Aspen, Colo.)

When we see the beauty of the mountains,
The wide and rippling streams,
And we think, "God in His wisdom,
Fashioned all this-for you and me!"
The "awesome" of those mountain tops
Snow-dressed, and with greenery too
Hallowed each huge formation,
Put it up against a field of blue.

We speak of "reaching mountains,"
God said He would move them, too.
Then I begin to think, "What next?"
When I think of all He's done for me
and you.

Roads are winding through these mountains,
Fashioned there, by man alone. ~
Oh, what cutting, hewing to get them out
As we travel on life's highway of stone.
People pass of every kind.
Do they think when they see God's glory?
Do they know there is a God
That fashioned out every mountain?
Do they know their God?

I will stop to praise my Savior
Give Him thanks and glory, too,
For this sky of unfathomless blue
above me-
Eyes to see their beauty through.

Hands to fold and thank my Savior
For beauty and handwork throughout.
Pause and say, "I Love You! You are the
Creator without a doubt."

Maxine Rye

The Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday, March 10 at the Fertile Community Center for a noon pot luck. It was the first meeting of the New Year. Twenty-two members answered roll call, "Something I plan to do differently in my yard or garden this year". Eleanor Larick was welcomed as a new member. Lorna Petersburg gave a lesson on "Trimming Ice Damage" and Mary Anderson gave a lesson on "Herb Gardens." Edna Pederson gave the Thought for the Day. The 1992 officers were hostesses. They are Predisent, Linda Shahan, Vice-president, Mary Anderson, Secretary, Donna Ouverson and Treasurer, Lorna Petersburg. The next meeting will be at Lime Creek Nature Center on Tuesday April 14 at 1:00.



Seventeen members of the Fertile Garden Club met Tuesday, April 14th at the Lime Creek Nature Center. The Center's naturalist gave a talk on bird habitat and answered questions about birds. Everyone took a nature walk following the program. Several blooming wild flowers were identified. Lunch was served by Ethel Tuttle and Penny Miller. Roll call was "How many blooming tulips do you have in your yard". Fern Midtgaard gave the thought for the day. Plans were made for the Annual Plant and Bale Sale. It will be from 9:00 to 11:30 on Saturday May 9th at the Fertile Community Center. Coffee and rolls will be served. Everyone is encouraged to attend.



Who is he?

He was in 3rd grade when this picture was taken. Answer will be somewhere in this Reminder.



Know Your Number!

There will be a Cholesterol screening Clinic, sponsored by Worth County Public Health on May 5th at Fertile Community Center meeting room from 9am--11am. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$3 per person. Fasting is not required.

April 2, the Fertile City Council members Felland, Thompson, Sandifer and Mayor Nye met with the Worth County Conservation Board regarding the park area west of the City Park. The issues discussed were the shelter house, the parking area, rest rooms, mowing and general maintenance to the dike. The clean up after the ice storm is their responsibility. It was agreed by the Conservation Board that they will repair the rest rooms and then a joint effort to maintain them. The parking lot to the shelter house was dropped. The mowing will be discussed at the next council meeting and hope some agreement can be reached. It was discussed to remove the siding on the Conservation shelter house. More on the issue will be discussed at the next council meeting and hope a joint agreement can be made.

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Spring is here and once again clean up is in progress. Let's all take pride in our town. Let's get rid of all hazard material including old cars that are not in service, plus old refrigerator or any thing else that would spoil the appearance or be a detriment to anyone of our town. Thank you.

Mayor Nye

A Note Regarding the Park
As you all know it costs a lot to maintain the park. There is expensive equipment there and it is costly to maintain. The park is there for all to use and it is our responsibility to see it is kept in good shape. The city council would encourage all children and adults to be responsible to see that our park is kept in good condition. Thank You

FERTILE GARAGE SALE - There will be a city wide garage sale on May 16, 1992 from 8:00 to 1:00. Be sure to put up your sign!!



Commencement May 20, 1941
Fertile High Graduating Class

Front Row: Carol Kisner, Anna Mae Rye, Elaine Severson,
Darline Smith, Frances Brenden, Maxine Ouverson
Back Row: Ordean Felland, Stanton Rodberg, Francis Purcell
Bob Jorgenson, Robert Humphrey



25th Reunion 1946 Class

Front Row: Fern Ausenhus, Arlene Doty
former teachers, Mr. Grooters,
Supt., Pat Nissen, Robert Kitner
Back Row: Norma Lou Oswald, Anna Mary
Sanderson, Romane Lovik, Geraldine
Stokke, Ardelle Brosdal, Phyllis
Lindquist, Dick Combs, Dean Haugen

Mildred Jorgenson - a former teacher taught three generations while in Fertile. In 1920 she taught Hazel Stokke, in 1946 Geraldine Stokke and in 1961 she taught Jerry and Joel Johnson.

To the Class of 1946 she left a few words of instructions. In your school days you were obtaining knowledge, which in your later years you have used to gain wisdom. From the book of wisdom we read - For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Colossians 1:9-10

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Erma (Hennis) Brue recalls the day she came hurriedly into the assembly, plopped down in the seat, only to arise very rapidly because of making contact with a nice "shiny" tack. She knew who the culprit was that planted it there, so grabbed her ruler and cracked Clarence Oувerson over the head. At that very moment Supt. Penrod appeared in the door and shouted "Erma & Clarence, go in the library." So - off they trudged, happy to get out of a study hall. Thus, they were in for a visit, a good long visit, for they sat, and sat, and sat some more, and still no sign of Mr. Penrod. Finally after an hour or so he came breezing through from the north classroom. He seemed shocked to see them and asked "what are you two doing here?" They replied, "you sent us!" Much to their surprise, their red-headed supt. had cooled off, forgot his intended mission and sent them back into the assembly, unpunished. To this day they agree they did not deserve such mercy.



Gayle Morse
3rd & 4th Grade Teacher

Taken in 1941
Gayle's mother talking with Mrs. Johnnie Oувerson in the back ground

Stan Brue recalls the day he had a load of softball players in his dads Model T on the return trip to Ventura.

Going their usual slow speed, as they approached the farm where Jerry Oувerson now lives, suddenly before their eyes appeared a small flock of chickens.

The guys all saw feathers flying every direction but proceeded on their way. As they rolled to a quick stop in front of the schoolhouse, Mr. Lilly the superintendent met them and asked "Did you win the game?" They reluctantly said "No". He laughingly replied, "Well, you didn't bring home the bacon, but you do have a chicken hanging on the crank of your car.

That is the day Stan Brue decided to become a Butcher.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Starting school in Fertile?
Raising one or two fingers in class -
What those priveleges were?
Operetta's held in the old gym.
Our orchestra - Beryl Cobeen director.
Penny showers for the teacher.
Watching the gym being built.,
What a beauty!
Fire drill week - going down the fire escape.
Thinking some teachers were old and still living!!
Having Stanton or Keith give you a "push" on the giant strikes. They were so tall and could push so high.
Couldn't wear slacks in school.
No big buses to ride in to school.
Initiation Day as a freshman.
Going to State and winning in basketball and music contests.
Knowing all the ball players on the team.
Knowing everyone who lived in Fertile!
Silver shirts and maroon trousers our band uniforms.
Good memories of Fertile School!



Louis Larson - Coach

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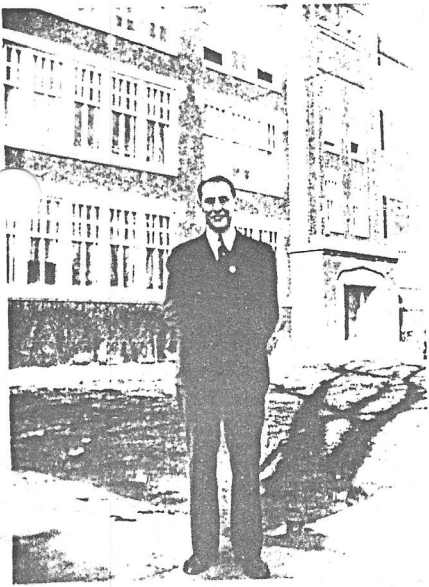
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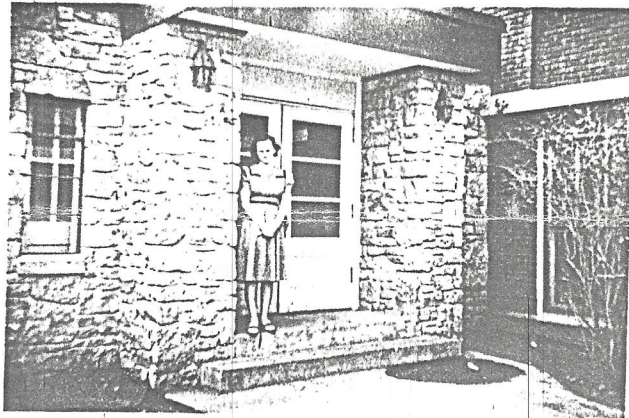
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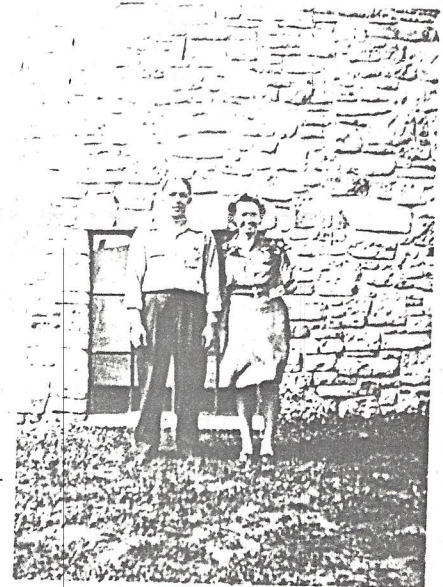
Picture was taken in 1936-1937
 Teachers at Fertile Consolidated School
 Arlene Doty - 3rd & 4th grades, Beryl Cobeen - 7th & 8th grades,
 Florence Schmidt - 5th & 6th grades, Helen Davies - 1st & 2nd grades



Victor Moen
 Music Instructor in 1941



Maglene Erdal
 Principal at Fertile High School in 1941



Mr. & Mrs. George Bauer
 former teachers



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 Charlotte Stenberg, James Lucken, Supt.



Beryl Cobeen - former teacher

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What Is a Class Reunion?

BY BILL ADLER

A class reunion is trying desperately to get into the same size dress you wore the day you graduated.



"I'm going to my class reunion. Should I wear my crown?"

A class reunion is seeing your principal and still being nervous.

A class reunion is meeting an impeccably groomed woman in high-fashion clothes and realizing that she was the slob you once shared a locker with.

A class reunion is bringing "homemade cookies" that you bought at the bakery.

A class reunion is showing snapshots of your children . . . again, again, again, and again . . . and again.



"Sure, you can see me again. How about at our high school's fiftieth class reunion?"

A class reunion is remembering only the good times.

A class reunion is dancing with your school beau and trying to remember what you ever saw in him.

A class reunion is finding it hard to believe that the balding man with the potbelly was the captain of the football team.

A class reunion is introducing your husband to everyone except the classmate who almost became your husband.



"You were the hit of the class reunion. Too bad the swimming pool was empty!"

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There were these two girls all through high school that tried to out do each other so on their 20th class reunion the one said to the other - "I wouldn't of recognized you - you've put on so much weight!" - The other replied "I wouldn't of recognized you if it hadn't of been for the dress."

The "Five B's" of Growing Old!!

Baldness, Bifocals, Bridge work, Bulges and Bunions.

The Fertile Little League Board:

Would like to thank everyone who participated in any way to the Soup Supper Fund Raiser.

About \$700,00 profit was made from the Sale. There are about 100 area kids that play on ten teams here in town.

That takes lots of equipment, Uniforms and Coaches.

The town of Fertile allows \$700,00 out of their budget to support Little League, and the rest has to be made through donations and fund raisers.

A very special thank you again goes to Ruth Ouverson who helps us in everyway possible.

If you have any questions about Little League, please contact these board members.

Cliff Peterson, -Pres. Denny Faber, Gary Richard, Tom Sheimo, Jodie Smith, Lee Briggeman.

Good Luck Little League!



First, a thank you to our Great Physician, then to Dr. Wolbrink, Paul, Dr. Crane, for the nurses that attended. Pastor Kampstra for his visits. Thank you for the many, many beautiful cards, flowers, gifts, visits. I enjoyed the one from the Church of Christ and Community Center. Each little touch just "urged me on" after I had my knee surgery.
Maxine Rye

A daughter Erica Suzanne was born to Scott and Laura Lovik of Clear Lake. Grandparents are Marcus Lovik of Fertile and Mary Cook of Albuquerque, New Mexico. Great grandparents are Stan and Erma Brue of Fertile.

A daughter Noel Lynn was born April 19th to Mike and Karen VanDen Bosch of Iowa City. Grandparents are Jean VanDen Bosch of Fertile, "Butch" VanDen Bosch of Lake Mills and Joyce and Maynard Calgaard of Fertile. Great-grandmother Jeanette VanDen Bosch of Manly.

OPEN HOUSE BRIDAL SHOWER - for Lisa Suby, bride-elect of Mike Lacey on Saturday May 2, 1992 10:00-12:00 noon at The Fertile Community Center.
Everyone Welcome

A Spring Well Elderly (Wellness) Clinic, will be held at Fertile Lutheran Church Tuesday May 5th, 1-4 P.M. and Wednesday May 6th, all day, 8,30 am -4 P.M. Ages 55+ encouraged to make appointments. Locally call Myrtle Gudmonson 797-2715, or Worth County Public Health 324-1741, at Northwood.

"Elderbridge County Advisory Meeting"
May 13th--1Pm.
at Fertile Senior Citizen Center.

SENIOR CITIZEN MENU'S - for May

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May 19 - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salads, lemon cake, coffee

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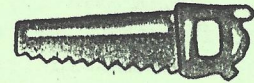


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Answer: Dick Shelmo, he graduated in the class of 1943.

Thanks Pronto for the Easter Egg Hunt!



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