

*In January*

# FEATILE



# REMINDER

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*Artist  
De Ann Morsen*



## COMING EVENTS

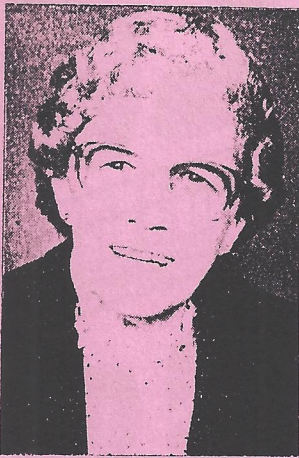
- Feb 1 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Feb 1 7:00 Council Meeting
- Feb 2 Ground Hog Day
- Feb 2 Recycle Day
- Feb 7 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Feb 12 Lincolns Birthday
- Feb 14 Valentines Day
- Feb 15 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Feb 15 7:00 Library Meeting
- Feb 19 1:00 Boys 4-H  
Girls 4-H
- Feb 22 Washingtons Birthday

Any Coming Events  
Please call -797-2572  
By March - 16.

# Happy VALENTINE'S DAY



# With Sympathy



CARRIE M. LUTHER

Funeral services for Carrie Luther were held on December 14, 1993 at the Fertile Lutheran Church.

Carrie was born April 5, 1914 on a farm near Scarville, the daughter of William R. and Anna K (Halvorsen) Evans.

She attended Luther College where she met Augie Luther. They were married in 1937 and lived in Fertile since 1953. Augie was the superintendent of the Fertile School until the reorganization with Forest City where he was junior high and grade school principal until his retirement.

After a lengthy involvement with respiratory illness and other health problems, she entered the Lake Mills Care Center where she died on December 10, 1993.

She is survived by three sons and their wives, LaRoy and Lila, LaVern and Gretchen and Robert all of Minneapolis and five grandchildren. Augie preceded her in death in 1990.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Word has been received of the death of Mrs. Jack (Sonja) Stokke of Omaha, Ne. on December 31, 1993. Jack grew up in Fertile and was a graduate of the Fertile High School. Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Harry Rodberg who passed away on January 5, 1994 at North Iowa Mercy Health Center East, Mason City. He was the son of the late Hans and Caroline Rodberg. He attended rural school near Fertile and was baptised and confirmed at Fertile Lutheran Church. He is survived by a son Harlan and his wife Mary and a daughter Darlene all of Forest City. Also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Merv and Mary (Petersburg) Anderson family on the death of Merv's father, Roy Anderson, of Moose Lake, Mn. who passed away on December 27, 1993.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Homer (Babe) Hovland of West Branch Ia. who passed away on January 5, 1994 at the Crestview Care Center in West Branch, Ia. He was the son of the late Martin and Elsie Hovland. He attended rural school near Fertile. He moved to Iowa City in 1949 and has been a resident of the Care Center since 1981. He is survived by a brother Arlo (Red) Hovland of LaPlace, La, two sisters, Mrs. Gyda Peterson of Lake Mills, Ia and Mrs. Sanford (Neva) Lien of Albert Lea, Mn. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister Mrs. Buelah Felland.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Carl Furness of Cedar Rapids, Ia who passed away on December 20, 1993 at Mercy Medical Center in Cedar Rapids, Ia. He was the son of the late John & Adledia Furness. They lived in the Fertile area while Carl was growing up. He attended school in Fertile but was a graduate from Hanlontown High School. His sister Esther Haugen lives in Fertile.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Thelma Davis of Forest City who passed away on January 9, 1994 at North Iowa mercy Health Center East, Mason City, Ia. She was the daughter of the late Christ and Tilda Benson and was a 1933 graduate of Fertile High School. She is survived by two sons, Edmund of Forest City and Douglas of Lima, Ohio; a sister Olga Halverson of St. Olaf, Ia and six grandchildren.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Mrs. Jim (Agnes) Robinson of Forest City who passed away on January 9, 1994 at Good Samaritan Center in Forest City. She was the daughter of the late Tom and Lena Bakke who were Fertile residents for many years. She is survived by 3 daughters and 6 sons. Her brothers Alvin and Ray Bakke are former Fertile residents. A grand daughter Mrs. Tim (Linda) Tuttle lives in Fertile.


Our deepest sympathy is extended to Stacey and Shelley Shipman on the death of Stacey's father, Ronald Shipman, of Rudd who was killed in an apparent workplace accident at Wallace Computer Service in Osage, Ia. on January 10, 1994.



FERTILE COMMUNITY CENTER


Report for 1993

LIBERTY BANK & TRUST  
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Total Expenses	\$37,599.17
Total Income	<u>35,830.78</u>
Loss of	\$ 1,828.39
Beginning Balance Jan 1993	\$ 5,630.34
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 1993	\$ 3,801.95

LARSEN PLUMBING & HEATING  
797-2219



Income includes all donations, grants, rents, and income from cafe.  
Expenses includes all improvements and cafe expenses.

Major improvements for '93 were:

New gas lines	\$ 324.25
New water pipes	391.66
Furnace for senior citizens rooms	1,780.00
Furnace for community center	2,000.00
Air conditioner for senior citizens rooms	1,000.00
Air conditioner for community center	1,350.00
Hanging heater for gym	1,500.00
Covering dining room windows	244.24
Wiring for furnaces and air conditioners	551.98
Gas for cooking and heat for year	2,223.10
Electricity for year	1,820.83
Garbage pickup	252.00
City for sewer and water	<u>306.00</u>
	\$13,744.06

Cost of food for cafe & all fund raisers	20,659.28
Misc. expenses ( telephone, cleaning, supplies, license inspections, pest control, etc.)	<u>3,255.83</u>
Grand total	\$37,659.17

Fund raisers being planned for 1994 are:

Feb. 12.	Soup Supper and Bake Sale
Mar. 11	Pork Bbq. Supper
Apr. 30	Sale of donated items in gym Craft Fair
Nov.	Yearly Turkey Supper

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Cliff Peterson	Lee Briggeman	Carolyn Nedved
Kay Olson	Goldie Felland	Arden Midtgaard


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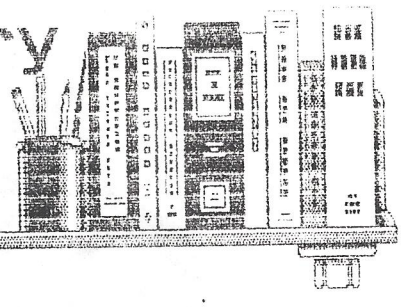
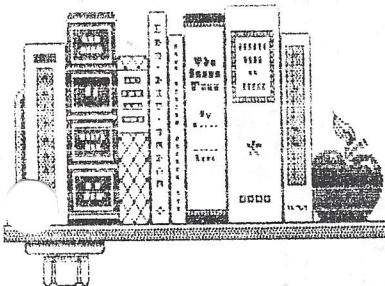
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# Fertile Public Library

Monday 1-8 pm    Wednesday 1-8 pm  
 Friday 2-5 pm    Saturday 9-Noon  
 Phone #: 797-2787  
 Fax #: 797-2787



Just recieved in January was Cheryl's recertification from the State Library. She recieved a Level II Public Librarian Certificate by completing 45 hours of continuing education in the last 3 years.

*Mystery Photo!  
 I graduated in 1954  
 Who am I?*

---- NEW BOOKS ----

- Deadly Secrets by Hilda Stahl
- Peace Like a River by Eliane Schulte
- Ladybird by Grace Livingston Hill
- The Prodigal Girl by Grace Livingston Hill
- Hears of the Motherland by
- Return to the Heartland by June Masters Bacher
- Series by Susan Feldhake
  - #1 In Love's Own Time
  - #2 Season's of the Heart
  - #3 For Ever & Ever
  - #4 Hope for the Morrow
- The Eleventh Hour by Michael Phillips
- Murder in the East Room by Elliott Roosevelt
- Grayfox by Michael Phillips
- The Rag Nymph by Catherine Cookson
- Wise Woman by Phillipa Gregory
- Slow Waltz At Cedar Bend by Robert James Waller
- Final Justice at Adobe Wells by Stephen Bly
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- Land of the Shadow by Gilbert Morris
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*Rikki Juhl  
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The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Dec. 7.1993 with Mayor Smith presiding and all council members present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Motion to accept the Library budget for FY 94-95. Report given on circulation for the past year.

Motion to appoint Marilyn Bang to the Library Board.

Karen Bellville was present from the Worth Co. Sesquicentennial Comm. Each city needs to select one person to serve on the committee.

Discussion on sewer repair at the Bob Jones place. Motion to have the work done. Carried.

City received a donation of \$1,000 from Art Holden of Manly for the park.

John Greve will be contacted to check on progress of action on the removal of the park sign on Hwy. 9.

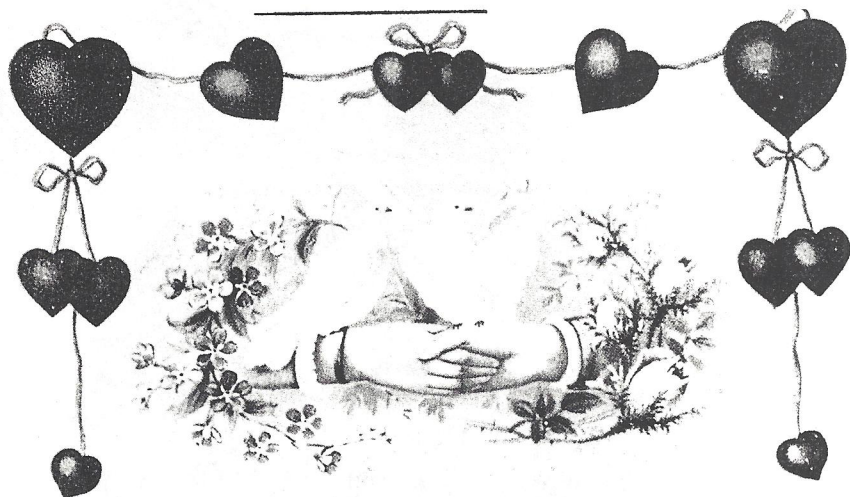
P.I.M. requested street on the north side of the recycling building be sanded. Motion to sand that street. Carried.

Motion to increase city clerks salary by 3%. Carried.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk



Hi! I do so look forward to receiving the Reminder. Fertile is really special to me and my girls and the Reminder brings back so many memories that we cherish. I enjoy Neil Kuns' recollections. He was in my first grade when I was teaching in Fertile. I like knowing what's going on now too. So thanks for keeping Fertile a part of my life.

Helen Davis  
Forest City, Ia.

David Low	\$ 301.41
Ray Sandifer	226.05
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power Co.	492.67
Treas-State of Iowa	107.07
IPERS	141.06
Liberty Bank & Trust	228.38
Waste Systems Corp	1537.73
Winn. Co-op Telephone	51.53
Peoples Natural Gas	34.83
Fertile Comm. Center	480.00
Feed Rite Control	264.41
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	16.80
All Seasons Roofing	2692.63
Ruth B. Ouverson	32.32
Diane Burtness	32.32
Silence Johnson	32.32
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Total	6928.61

Total Receipts 2740.99



HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

February is the month  
When hearts go on display;  
In every card shop window  
There's a fanciful array

Painted hearts and lacy hearts,  
Some with darts and cupid's bow,  
And on each card endearing words  
That say "I love you so."

I'd like to fill the mailman's pack  
Up to the very brim  
With valentines to bless each home  
And all who dwell within.

I'd like to make a mother smile  
And brighten Grandma's eyes  
And give a dad who feels left out  
A shiny bright surprise.

I'd like to give to every child  
A valentine to treasure;  
One that says "Without a doubt  
You're loved beyond all measure!"

For all the lonely hearts I'd add  
A special line or two,  
Letting them know that they are loved  
Each day the whole year through!

A super giant valentine  
To the world I'd send;  
I'd ask all nations to join hearts  
And truly be good friends.

I'd fill each mailman's pack sky-high  
With loving hearts entwined,  
Until the whole wide world became  
A great big valentine!

Kay Hoffman

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Jan. 4, 1994. Meeting was called to order. Mayor Smith administered the oath of office to Mayor elect Elthon. Mayor Elthon administered the oath of office to Smith and Brcka as council members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Council discussed action regarding the Hwy. 9 sign that was removed.

Motion to have Miller Diesel & Automotive repair the snowplow. Carried.

David Low discussed requirements for lead and copper testing. City will order 6 more water meters. Water leaks have been repaired.

Motion to have the city own the Mayor's answering machine. Carried.

Council needs to make appointments to the Worth-Winn. Betco group and Worth Co. Sesquicentennial group.

Report on unpaid water and sewer bills.

Council will make a request for funds for the dike repair to the Hanson - Winnebago Foundation.

Letter received regarding insurance refund that will be coming.

Council discussed plowing of streets, embargo of streets in the spring and mowing in the park.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk



VALENTINES

It's fun remembering days gone by,  
The valentines that made us sigh,  
The box at school with bright red hearts  
That held the penny cards with darts  
Or homemade greetings made in haste  
With lacey trims and flour paste.

How we loved each valentine  
With sentiment, "Will you be mine?"  
These gems now rest in faded books,  
Tucked away in storage nooks.  
It's great when there is time to while  
To read again these cards and smile.

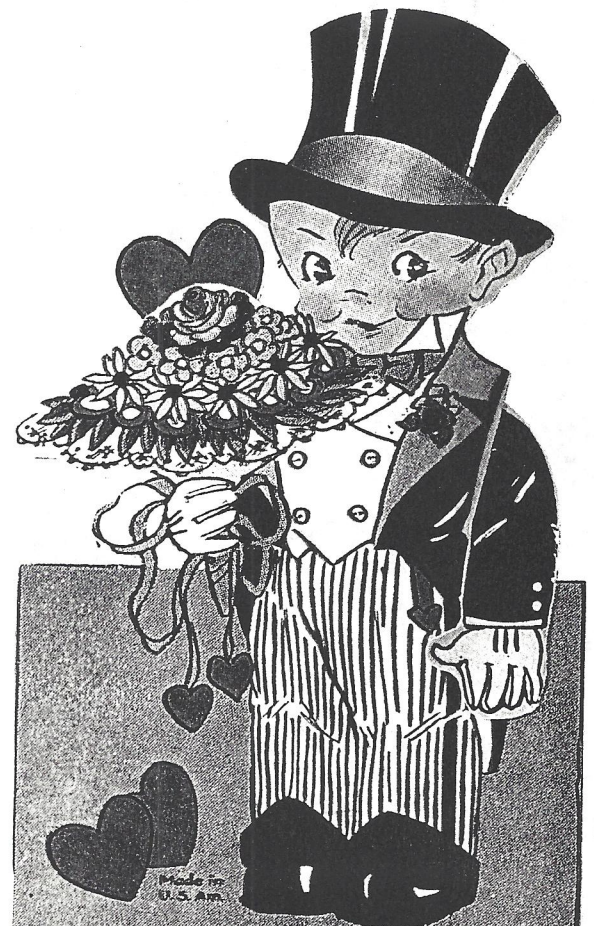
We reminisce about those days  
So much a part of memory's maze,  
And wonder bout the friends of yore,  
Who added to our childhood lore,  
Those whose names are on the lines  
of our keepsake valentines!

DECEMBER BALANCE SHEET  
EXPENDITURES

David Low	\$ 301.41
Janice Hare	257.08
Interstate Power Co.	363.08
Treas. - State of Iowa	106.20
IPER	83.63
Liberty Bank & Trust	151.47
Waste Systems Corp.	1537.73
Winn. Co-op Telephone	51.76
Peoples Natural Gas	97.65
Food - n - Fuel	50.00
Northwood Anchor	161.00
Fatt Parrott & Sons	40.50
House of Sports	24.44
Feed-Rite Control	5.00
Haugen Lawn Service	95.00
Fertile Reminder	180.00
BMC	35.99
Ray Sandifer	257.12
Jodie Smith	473.76
Larry Shropshire	184.69
Goldie Felland	258.57
Loris Scobee	277.05
Margaret Ouverson	147.76
Henry Thompson	83.11

Total 5224.08

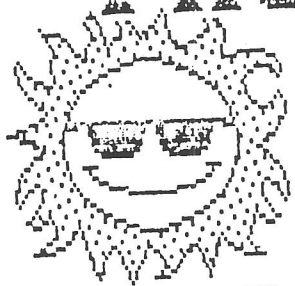
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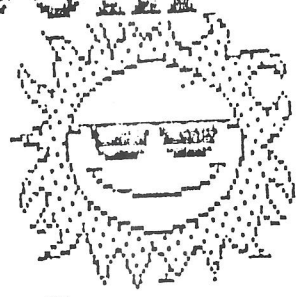
LET ME BE  
YOUR VALENTINE



# The Sun Room



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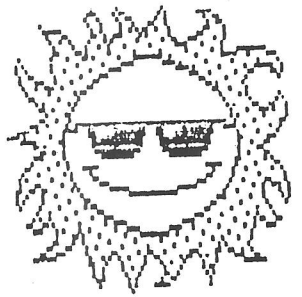
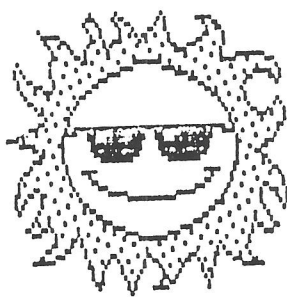
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## *A Penny a Dozen*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*August 24, 1993*

Strange things have happened to our money and our values over the last fifty years. It is now more economical, (although illegal) to drill a hole in a penny and use it for a washer than to buy a washer. In California, at least, they sell for two for a nickel. If I find a penny on the ground I still bend over and pick it up. That's more than can be said of the current generation. For many of them it seems hardly worth the effort. Grandma Carr always told me never to put a penny in my *mouth*, because maybe a dog had "piddled" on it. Putting it in my pocket *was* permissible, and at an early age I learned to do this and to value even a single cent. Two penny ante chores were my teachers.

Nearly every family in Fertile had a vegetable garden. Why not in a place called "Fertile"? Along with the corn, carrots and cabbage we usually planted potatoes. There were beetles we called potato bugs. If they ate the vines we didn't get to eat the tubers, so it was either them or us. I learned later that this insect is one of the most destructive agricultural pests in the world. We were "organic gardeners" before it was "cool". If the pesticides existed we couldn't have afforded them. I didn't realize that at the time. The standard way of dealing with the bugs was to pick them off by hand, and I was hired to do this at the rate of a penny a dozen. It didn't matter if they were the hard shelled or the younger soft shelled bugs. They were all worth the same bounty. After the patch was picked clean the bugs were counted and then destroyed by dousing them in gasoline.

The other job was picking up nails at the Fertile Lumber Company. In those days they not only sold lumber and hardware but also fabricated hay racks, hog houses, and other such useful constructions for the farmers in the area. The carpenters worked efficiently, and that meant not stopping to bend over and pick up a nail which might slip from their hands. The roads around and the passages through the lumber yard were dirt or gravel and the smaller nails especially could work their way into the dust and later into the tires of the vehicles.

The youngsters in town were used to pick up the nails. When either the vast array of interesting activities in town or our pocket change were exhausted we would go to Henry Halvorson or Les Burtness and ask if we could "get a job picking up nails." We were cautioned to stay out of the nail room and to only pick up nails from the ground of the lumber yard. We would then carefully go over every inch of the roads, especially where the carpenters had been working, looking for the lost nails. Our bounty was then taken to the office and we were paid a penny a dozen for our foundling nails. We not only bent over to pick up a penny, we bent over twelve times to pick up the nails to earn a penny.

Looking back now I realize that the lessons relating to the value of work and the need to toil, even for a few pennies, was worth far more than the money we earned and I'm grateful for those early lessons.





**Pronto - Fertile**

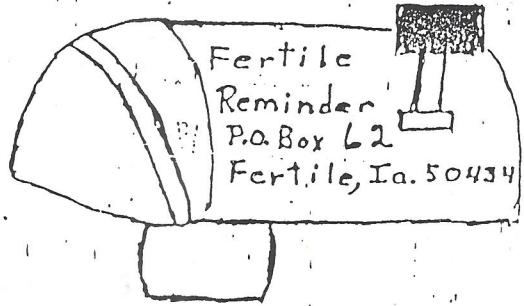
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**NOTICE:** The Fertile Community Gym will be open Saturday afternoons from 12:30 to 3:30. Adult supervision will be provided with strict rules being enforced. The gym will be used to play basketball and other activities that the kids enjoy. PLEASE bring dry tennis shoes along to play on the gym floor and wear warm clothing.

PLEASE NOTE that the cost of making copies at the library has changed from 20¢ a copy to 25¢.

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