

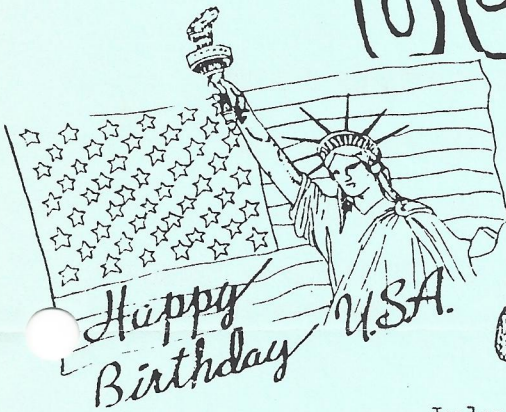
July 1994

# FERTILE



# REMINDER

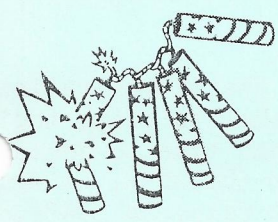
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## COMING EVENTS

- July 4 Independence Day
- July 5 7:00 Council Meeting
- July 6 Recycle Day
- July 11 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- July 12 Garden Club
- July 16 1:00 Boys and Girls 4-H
- July 16 Church Of Christ 100th Anni.
- July 17 Church of Christ 100th Anni.
- July 19 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- July 19 7:00 Library Meeting

Any Coming Event  
Please call 797-2572  
by Aug, 15 th.





# Fertile Public Library

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

## NEW BOOKS

The Chamber by John Grisham  
The Lessons of Love by Melody Beattie  
Murder on the Phone by Margret Truman  
Downtown by Anne Rivers Siddons  
The Gift by Danielle Steel  
Iced by Carol Higgins Clark  
Jordan: The man, his words, his life  
The Children of the First Man by James Alexander Thom  
The Legacy by Linda Lael Miller  
Sins of Summer by Dorothy Garlock



The Fertile Summer Library Program is start July 9 at 10am on Sat. and run through July 30 on every Saturday. It will be easy to remember-the last 4 Saturdays in July-10am-11am. The kids will play games, create crafts, read books, and win prizes. This year they can win a 1994 "Footloose" T-shirt or books. A jar of gumballs will be at the check out desk on July 1, so the kids can begin guessing the number of gumballs that are in the jar. They can enter once everyday that we are open until the last day of the program. I also have certificates for ice cream sundaes from McDonalds to give away. So come to the program this year and get "Footloose"!

FERTILE CHURCH OF CHRIST

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

July 16 & 17, 1994

"ON THIS ROCK, I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH."  
Matthew 16:18

### SATURDAY

1800's Afternoon Social - 1 to 4 p.m.  
Church Lawn

Old-time games, homemade ice cream & lemonade and box dessert social at 2:30 p.m.

Barbecued Roast Pork Supper - 5:30 p.m. at the church - by reservation

Singspiration - 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary

### SUNDAY

Informal Fellowship - 9-9:45 a.m.

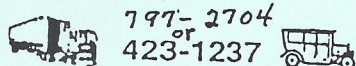
Praise & Worship Service - 10-11:30 a.m.

Catered meal - 12 noon - by reservation

"Celebrate His Greatness" - 2:30-3:30 p.m.  
Praise cantata in church sanctuary

Please note: Regarding the singspiration, We invite anyone who wishes to share their musical talent during this time to contact Michelle Kingland at 515-581-2832, or write R.R. #1, Box 258, Forest City, Ia 50436, to let us know what special you will be bringing. Please contact us by June 20th so that we can get the program arranged.

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MAY COUNCIL NEWS

APRIL BALANCE SHEET  
Expenditures

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., May 3, 1994 with Mayor Elthon presiding and council members Thompson, Brcka, Felland, Smith and Scobee present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Park Clean -up Day was set for Sat. June 4. Various suggestions and projects were discussed.

Council discussed the slope of the ditch in front of Gary Anderson's property.

Dave Low was present to discuss pulling the pump at the water plant and putting in the stand by pump. Motion to have it pulled and sent in for repair. Carried. Low also reported lagoon is low and it would be a good time to haul rock needed.

Motion to have Les Zearing haul rock for the lagoon. Carried.

Roger and Vera Humphrey discussed the water, sewer and garbage bill for Violet Hall. Motion to shut off the water and discontinue bill. Carried.

Council discussed Fire Department with the members that were present.

Motion to allow boat ramp to be built on street east of James Lovick, if insurance agent can see no problem. Carried.

Fred Hare is the new representative for Vision Electronics in Fertile.

Letter received that the Postal Department will be modifying the sidewalk at the Post Office.

Lights in the Park can be on for basketball and tennis players. Lights need to be off at the closing time of the park.

Council discussed rocking and grading the alleys and also signs stating "Slow - Children Playing" for the west part of town.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

Les Zearing	\$ 202.12
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	289.80
Interstate Power	539.30
Treas.-State of Iowa	123.17
IPERS	92.12
Liberty Bank & Trust	169.83
Waste Systems Corp.	1537.73
Winnebago Co-op Telephone	42.97
Peoples Natural Gas	80.85
Food - n - Fuel	77.00
IAMU	202.00
Feed Rite Controls	15.00
Marv's Service	22.30
Pronto Market	10.13
Northwood Anchor	50.80
Worsley Electric	54.83
Municipal Supply	354.62
Miller Diesel & Auto.	214.80
LGI	1235.00
Fertile Library	1800.00
Twedt Ins. & Real Estate	7165.00
IRS	1.31

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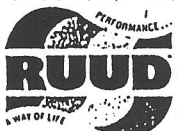
Total Receipts 13307.25

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*With Sympathy*

Word has been received of the death of Maud (Robison) Emmert of Mason City, Ia. who passed away on May 25, 1994 at Good Shepherd Nursing Home in Mason City, Ia. Maud was born in Fertile, daughter of the late Basil and Nellie (Humphrey) Robison. She grew up in the Fertile area and graduated from Fertile High School. Survivors include Francis Ouverson and several nieces and nephews in the Fertile area. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Our deepest sympathy to Kenneth and Myrtle Gudmonson on the death of Kenneth's brother Merle who passed away on May 24, 1994, at the Merle who passed away on May 24, 1994, at the Naeve Hospital in Albert Lea. Merle and his family lived in Fertile in 1957 where he worked in plumbing and heating.



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The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tue., June 7, 1994. Mayor Elthon presided and council members Brcka, Scobee, Thompson and Smith were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bob Jones asked for a variance on the building code on behalf of his mother, Pansy Jones. Motion to allow the variance. Carried.

Pump removed from the well will need approximately \$1500 repair.

Council member will talk to bridge construction company doing work on Hwy. 9. Cement they are removing could be used as fill at the sewage lagoon.

Fire Department will check on cost and number of members interested in First Responder classes.

Henry Thompson requested a building permit for his property. Motion to grant a permit. Carried.

Council discussed street repair, foot-bridge repair and cement for shelter house and around fireplace in the park.

Mayor will contact Holland Contracting regarding work to be done on the ditch in front of Gary Anderson property.

Bill Schickel, candidate for state representative for the 20th district, was present to listen to any problems or concerns the council had.

Motion to approve work to be done at the Post Office. Carried.

Discussion on junk cars.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

The Class of 1959 will hold their 35th year reunion July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at Diamond K in Clear Lake, Ia. Please send your reservation by July 13th to:

Donna Nelson  
24514 Grouse Ave.  
R1 Box 90  
Hanlontown, Ia. 50444

A number of former teachers are planning to attend.

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Les Zearing	257.97
Janice Hare	264.00
Interstate Power Co.	509.
Treas.-State of IA.	112.60
IPERS	81.90
Waste Systems Corp.	1537.73
WCTA	40.64
Peoples Nat'l Gas	44.46
Hygienic Lab.	30.00
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LGI	195.75
Stamped Envelope Agcy.	482.00
Hack Chemicals	56.60
Farmers Co-op Elevator	40.00
Iowa Rural Water Assn.	100.00
Postmaster	29.00
Liberty Bank & Trust	132.64

Total 4285.59

Total receipts 504.52

*"Congratulations!"*

A daughter, Courtney Lynn, was born on May 27, 1994 to Richard and Sharon Purcell of Roseville, Mn. Grandparents are Rick and Marlene Hatcher of Minneapolis, Mn and the late Glen and Marcella Purcell. Courtney joins three sisters, Holly, Sarah and Natalie.

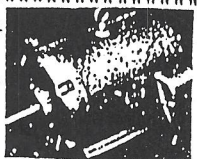
A son, Drew Allen, was born on April 28, 1994 to Todd and Tammy Hewitt of Austin, Texas. Grandparents are Tom and Sharon Hewitt of Mission, Texas formerly of Fertile. Great-grandmother is Synnova Hoffman of Fertile.

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BOYS 4-H NEWS

Fertile Valley Farmers met on May 21st at the baseball diamond. A brief meeting was held and Tyler Levad gave an interesting presentation on bee-keeping. After the presentation, we cleaned up the concession stand and painted the building and posts as a community project. Ted Faber joined us and helped with the clean-up. Eight members were present. Tyler Levad was host. June meeting will be on June 25th at 3:30 at the Jesse Faber home.

Nate Lovik, Reporter



## *Oh, Vas You Comin' Home?*

Neil L. Kuns

December 2, 1993

I was sitting in the coffee shop at Nordstrom the other day, waiting for Elaine to return from shopping -- my *second* most favorite thing to do. At least the coffee was good. As I waited my mind wandered back to a certain Saturday night in Fertile, Iowa, during the early 1940's, when one of the old Norwegian farmers had a similar problem to my own at that moment. (Waiting for wives is an ancient aggravation.)

They had come into town together to do the week's trading and grocery shopping at one of the two stores across the street from each other. He had drunk his bladder full with Carl Fredrickson's coffee at the Cozy Nook Cafe, and had stood and watched the passing scene on Main Street as long as he could stand it. The time for his wife to meet him had come and gone. It wasn't a long line at the cash register that had detained her, but a long line of conversation which knew neither the time nor when to quit. Without taking his arms out of their folded position within his bib overalls he looked carefully in both directions and on both sides of the street and couldn't see her.

Only the farmer knew if it was all that coffee or all the waiting which caused him to go, but go he did, first to his car and then to his farm.

At length "the Missus" finished talking and went to meet "the Mister", but she couldn't locate him, either in the cafe or on the street. She went to where the car had been parked, and it was *gone*. A nebulous Norwegian nervousness started nibbling at her neck and she went to "central", right across the street from the Lime Rock Cafe. Amy Nye was still there, sitting at the telephone office switch-board in front of the window, it not yet being nine o'clock. From this vantage point Amy or her assistant, Myna Smith, could look out the window and see everything and every one who was on Main Street, whether or not they were moving. They served as un-official eyes for the whole town. Most people didn't appreciate them enough for the long hours they kept nor for the information they provided.

The Missus went in and asked Amy to "ring up" the farm to see if "Nels" (a fictitious name to protect him and all of us who also sit or stand and wait) 'vas at home.' He *was* and answered the phone. A mixture of relief and exasperation was in her voice as she told him he had left her in town. Of course, it *wasn't* news to him. In his most melodic Norwegian lilt he asked, "Oh, vas you comin' home?"

He drove back into town and picked her up. No one else was privy to their conversation as they returned to the country, but I have it on good authority, that the Missus never tarried too long talking on Saturday night after that incident. nor did "Nels" ever again go home without her.

I know that women wait for men also, and the thought of leaving a very late mate stranded may well have entered the minds of many people in similar situations. We probably would never actually *do* it for most of us do not live in as benign an environment as was found in Fertile during the 40's.



We really enjoy the Reminder. I know it is a lot of work, but us old Fertilitis like to know what is going on in Fertile. We especially enjoy Neal Kuns articles, they bring back a lot of memories. I also enjoy the recipes, have used several of them. Thanks to everyone who works with the Reminder.

Helen Humphrey  
Garner, Ia.

Please enter my subscription for the Reminder. My great grandfather was Gunder K Daley who was Fertiles first blacksmith. I plan to visit Fertile on June 23 to 26th to see the town and meet some cousins.

Arthur Bass  
Modesto, Ca.

As a grateful recipient of the Fertile Reminder, I am happy to enclose a check for a renewel. I have some very special memories of Fertile as the location of my very first teaching assignment and also of the kindness extended to me by my students and their parents. Congratulations to Neil Kuns and Maxine Rye for so eloquently reviving those memories. Best wishes to all of the staff for your continued success.

Beryl (Cobeen)  
McClelland  
Scio, Or.

To The Editors: I recently received a most appreciative gift from my sister, Eva - a subscription to the Fertile Reminder, a publication I didn't even know existed. Perhaps this note can alert other subscribers that may have friends/relatives who have ventured away from the greatest little metro in Iowa that this publication is alive, well and available. It helps take us back to our roots. Thanks to each of you who participate in this publication.

Dale Purcell  
Lakeland, Florida

Mary and Nick Homarding donated the flag for the pole by the Giving Tree in memory of the Ouver Oувerson family. Thanks!

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Enjoyed the Reminder a lot this month. Inspired me to recall those brief teen-age years I lived there. Folks left there imprints upon me. I am grateful.

Joan Sheplee Schultz  
Portland, Oregon

The following poem was written by Joan Sheplee and enclosed with the letter we received from her.

There was a time I remember  
When life was full of spirit  
And days were full of fervor  
When hearts of light were lit.

I rejoice in memories long past  
Of friends, family and community,  
And in my life will always last  
Those treasures of smiles and affinity.

Those years taught me much  
Of love and laughter  
Of human kindness and such  
And thankful ever after - I will be.

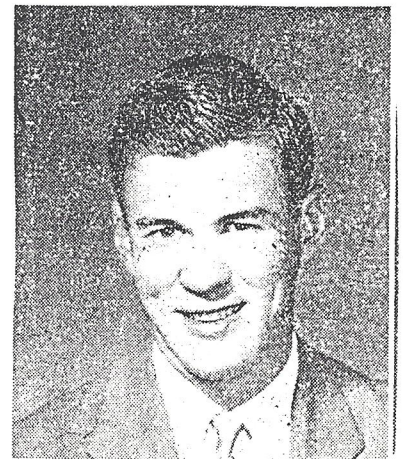
Thank you for making a part of me  
Of what I am today  
To fit for eternity  
My Father's image, I pray.

To the Fertile Reminder Staff: I thought this might be of interest if you care to use it. (The article on Class of 1949). The little paper is great!

Evelyn Tweeten Juvet  
Phoenix, AZ.

Dear Friends; Thanks for the news from Fertile. I have enjoyed your newsy paper!  
Betty Holtan Heyerdahl  
Green Bay, Wisc.

*Whats my first name?*



*Class of 1949*



## "AS PUTSY WAS"

Get into the car, I will take you "back" to Putsy as "it was" in 1947, 48, 49.

On our left is the beautiful old Church of Christ. It has a large balcony, sanctuary and basement. Mrs. Harley Ouverson is the organist. The parsonage is the 2nd house.

On the corner is a garage and a gas station. Ernie Kuns is manager.

Across the street, south, on the corner is the Fertile Hardware and Lumber. It has something unique. There were so many bridal showers after the war. You didn't go out of town shopping for a gift, you just picked up the phone, called either hardware (there were 2), asked the clerk to put your name on the \$1.00 or \$2.00 list and at the day of the shower it was totaled. The bride-to-be received a beautiful or more than one gift.

Next to the hardware is the creamery. Scotty Faulken is the buttermaker, wearing his white cap and overalls.

Now, on main street, we are in front of the Mission Hall. It is a branch of the Baptist Church.

Next is a building owned by "Bud" Jenkins. He has stoves, his tools, etc.

Across the street is "Cozy Nook" Next is the Post Office.

Across the street, on the right, is the telephone office. Aimee Nye and Myna Smith are operators. Bless their hearts! A 7-day week job. Aimee raised 2 fine sons working a 7-day week job.

Next is a store managed by Oscar Brue. He had a "charismatic touch" - a rather gentle voice - loved to chat.

Across the street is Max's Cafe. It had booths and a horse shoe counter. They served breakfasts and a noon meal.

By Max's Cafe is the Elthon Pioneer store. They have groceries in the front and a meat department in back. Downstairs you will find dry goods, coveralls, overalls, jackets, over-shoes and guns.

On the corner is the Fertile Locker managed by Delton Davis. So nice to come here for frozen beef or pork.

Across, on my right, on the corner is the Bank. Yes, a bank-a-branch of the one at Hanlontown. Sophie Deuel is bank clerk.

Across the street is another hardware, managed by Willard and Katie Thovson. Katie has such a beautiful display of dishes and latest in pots and pans.

Here, on my left, is another gas station, managed by Reuben Rodberg.

Then, comes the landmark of Fertile, the mill. Our son, David, lives in Golden, Co. He visited Georgetown, one day and saw a beautiful painted picture of the Fertile Mill

by Dave Priebe of Minneapolis. He bought it and gave it to us.

Next is another little gas station. Leo Ouverson is in charge.

I'll turn the corner, go a block north and turn west. There is the beautiful Fertile School. See that big "tunnel slide" on the back of it? :

Next is Fertile Lutheran Church. In the early years, till now, (1945) the "style" was men sat on one side - women on the other.

Across the street is the Fertile Hatchery, run by Harley Ouverson.

Let's turn back to the schoolhouse - Why? Bless her heart! Ruth Ouverson has opened the "Old School Cafe" - open 6:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. She serves breakfasts and lunches. Her french toast isn't a thin slice of bread, but a nice, thick slice of homemade bread.

Yes, Fertile was a thriving town, consisting of 3 churches, 3 stations, 2 hardware stores, 2 cafes, 2 stores, a bank, a post office and a telephone office.

It's still a thriving town, I think.

Maxine Rye



L to R: Evelyn Tweeten Juvet, Pastor Neil Kuns, Marilyn Petersen Ralston, Robert Pederson, Donna Pierce Ward.

The graduating class of 1949 from Fertile High School held its 45th year class reunion in Phoenix, AZ, April 8, 1994, at the home of Dick and Evelyn Juvet. Classmates attending were: Evelyn Tweeten Juvet of Phoenix, AZ, Pastor Neil Kuns from Los Angeles, CA, Marilyn Petersen Ralston from Shingle Springs, CA, Robert Pederson from Nora Springs, Ia, and Donna Pierce Ward from San Juan Capistrano, CA. There were 13 in the 1949 graduating class. Three classmates are deceased: Duane Carr, Marlowe Floy, and James Pierce.

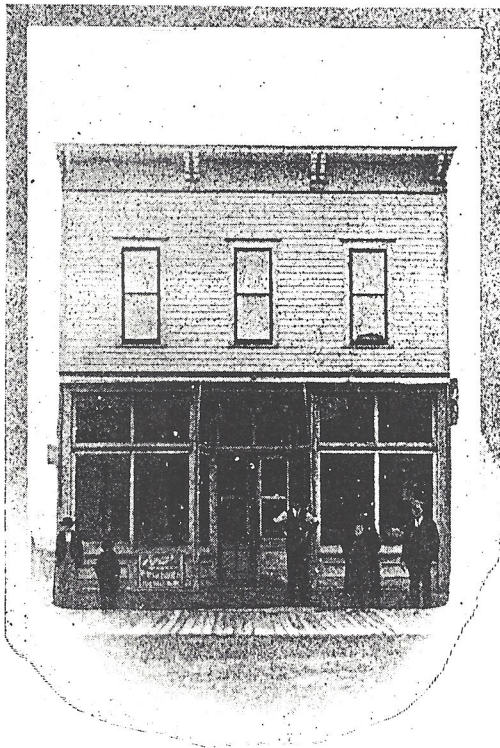


# Towns of North County

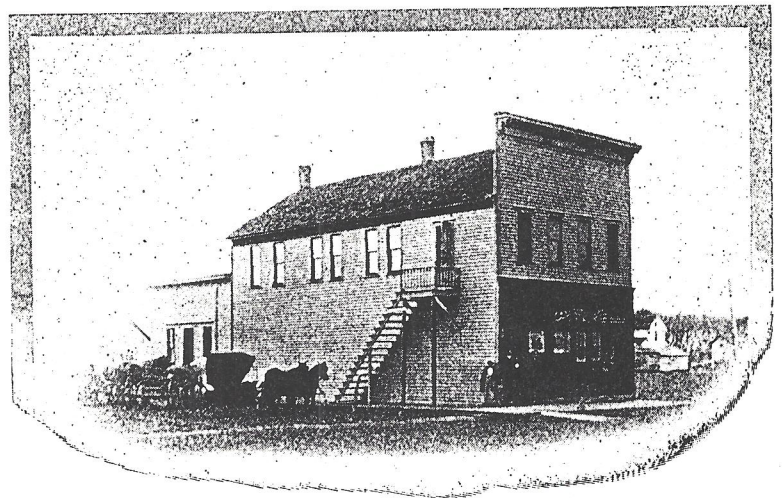
## JOICE



**N**OTHING succeeds like success. Grasping this theory early in their career, those who have made Joice what she is today have been firmly shaking the right hand of that thought ever since. They have succeeded—and with a natural pride point to the dial of time—the only correct register. Commencing with its earliest history we find O. A. Bakken as the first postmaster. He also ran a small store. In 1899 Nye, Schneider-Fowler Co. erected the first elevator, and the following year saw the Northern Grain Co. in the same line. This has since been purchased by the Farmer's Incorporated Co-Operative Society of Joice, and is now operated by them. That same year introduced Mr. C. A. Ingwell in the general merchandise line, who is still one of the reigning factors in this thorough-going town—having been honored with the postmastership ever since. The second business enterprise in the town was that of the Farmer's Savings Bank with C. H. McNider, President, and K. S. Paulson, Cashier. Hammer & Malmin were second, in 1901, in the general merchandise line. The first child born was Glen Ingwell, who was born February 28th, 1901. The first death was that of Alpha Hovrud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jul Hovrud. Holsted & Erickson conducted the first hardware store, commencing in 1901. Tom Anderson was the first blacksmith. This town never had a boom, but has enjoyed a steady, healthy growth, until today she ranks second to none of its size in the country. The more recent additions in the commercial field will be taken up later—but suffice it to say here that they are of sterling quality, and that other enterprises are forthcoming, notably the erection of a creamery, which is now in course of construction, and will be in operation June 1st of this year. The territory tributary to Joice is of the very best, and the grain and stock market afforded here attracts the attention to such a degree as to make this a busy mart at all seasons. The signs are now, more than ever, multiplying indicative of an effulgent future for Joice. The merchants of today are down-to-date, and are putting the right hand forward unto everything that would enhance the expectations of the survival of the fittest. The past two years has witnessed many strides of advancement with Joice—three new firms of a substantial character, having cast anchor and declared their intentions of remaining there. This year will find many improvements in the street and sidewalk lines, also a proposition for a new public school building has been carried to a successful end, costing \$2,000, all of which the year will bring forth. Another voucher for enthusiasm among the business men is the splendid support given their band, composed of twenty instruments, all of whom are said to be proficient in their parts. The population surrounding Joice so adhere to her every wish that she is enjoying an enviable business, all of which is meritorious and appreciated.



BANG & HUSO STORE, JOICE



C. A. INGWELL STORE, JOICE



*Recipe*

Sponge your kitchen counters & cupboards with vinegar and the ants will stay away.

- 2-4 slices bacon
- 1/4 cup vinegar
- 2 T water
- 2 green onions (sliced)
- 2 radishes (sliced)
- 1 qt. chopped garden lettuce or leaf lettuce

Shaping meat loaf into a ring eliminates uncooked center. A glass set in the center of a dish can serve as a mold.

Cut up bacon and fry gently, drain off fat. Add vinegar and water to bacon. Heat and pour over lettuce, onions and radishes. Also can use spinach instead of lettuce.

To separate 2 glasses that are stuck, fill the top glass with cold water and dip the bottom glass in hot water.

Romane Lovik

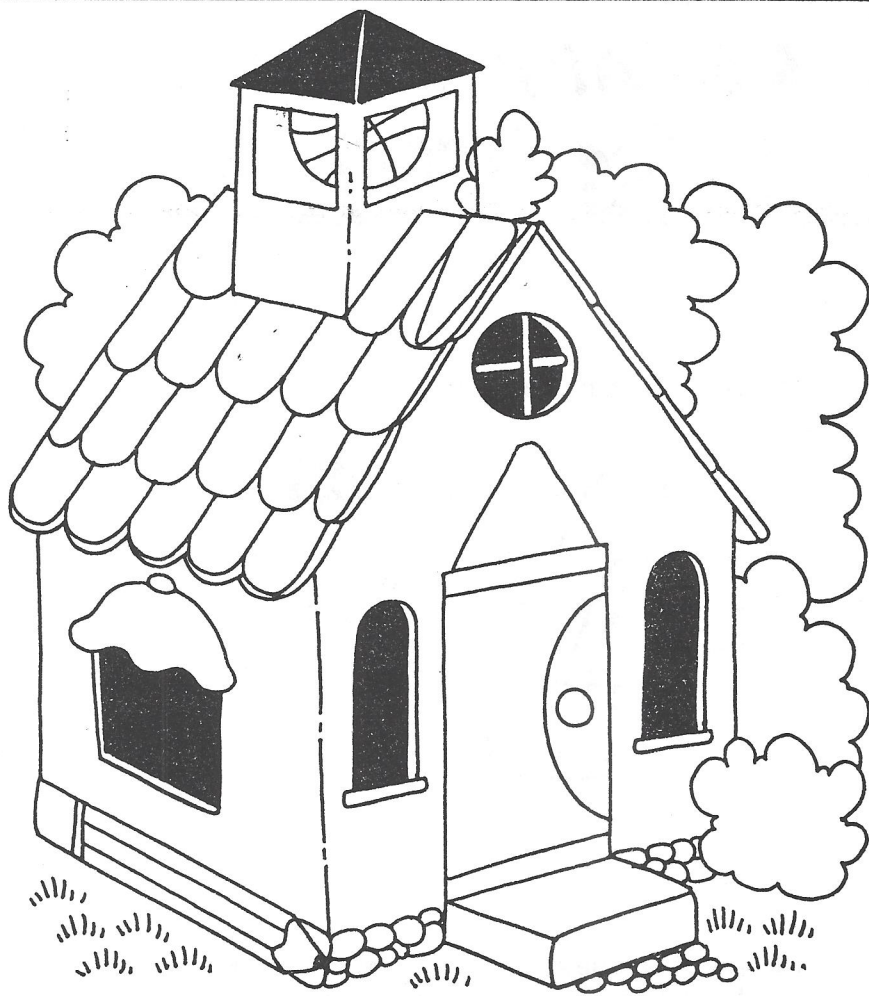
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*Kids Korner* →



Yep, I hauled off and married her - 'cause we got so many faults in common.

Lots of people are lonely 'cause they build walls instead of bridges.

Keep this in mind:

When young - one day you'll be old and -  
When old - remember you once was young!

Mystery Photo: Marilyn "Eugene" Hall

### YOU'RE IN A SMALL TOWN WHEN—

- The airport runway is terraced.
- The polka is more popular than disco on Saturday night.
- Third Street is on the edge of town.
- Every sport is played on dirt.
- The editor and publisher of the newspaper carries a camera at all times.
- You don't use your turn signals because everyone knows where you're going.
- You are born on June 13 and your family receives gifts from local merchants because you are the first baby of the year.
- You speak to each dog you pass by name, and he wags at you.
- You dial a wrong number and talk for 15 minutes.
- You are run off Main Street by a combine.
- You can't walk for exercise because every car that passes you, offers a ride.
- You get married and the local paper devotes a quarter page to the story.
- You drive into the ditch five miles out of town and the word gets back before you do.
- The biggest business in town sells machinery.
- You write a check on the wrong bank and it

- covers for you.
- You miss a Sunday at church and receive a get-well card.
- Someone asks you how you feel and listens to what you say.
- Thank God for small towns . . . and the people who live in them.

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