

October 1994

# FERTILE



# REMINDER

WEEKLY

*Artist  
De Ann Morrison  
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## COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 1 8:30 Beaver Creek Bake & Craft Sale
- Oct. 4 12:00 Senior Citizens Dinner
- Oct. 4 7:00 Firemens Meeting
- Oct. 5 7:00 Council Meeting
- Oct. 6 Recycle Day
- Oct. 11 Columbus Day
- Oct. 12 Garden Club
- Oct..15 7:00 Senior Citizen Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale, also Quilt Drawing.
- Oct. 18 12:00 Senior Citizen Dinner
- Oct. 19 7:00 Library Meeting
- Oct. 22 9-2 Craft Sale, Fertile Gym
- Oct. 22 Husbla Beginnings Craft Sale (Kassa Farm)
- Oct. 31 Halloween
- Oct. 31 Set Clocks Back One hour !!!!

Nov. 26th Community Holiday Celebration ????????????

Any Coming Events Please call 797-2572

By NOV. 15 th



COUNCIL NEWS

The Fertile City Council met in regular session on Tues., Sept. 6, 1994. Mayor Elthon presided and council members Brcka, Thompson, Felland and Smith were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bob Jones was present and discussed cost of bringing water and sewer to his mother's property. Motion to pay the city's share of the cost. Carried.

Policy on picnic tables in the park is that they will not be loaned out.

Resignation received from Loris Scobee. Council will seek member to fill the rest of his time.

Report on repair to the city truck, water meter repair, and mower repair. Clerk will have Watertower Paint and Repair give an estimate on insulating the water tower pipe.

Council discussed gate and fence repair at the lagoon and footbridge repair.

Permission given for Terry Scott to build a garage.

Council discussed garbage bins. Check received from Vision Electronics for \$102.04 for the past 6 months.

Library requested permission to put up library sign on Main Street. Council approved.

List will be made and owners of junk cars will be notified.

Council discussed removal of the dead tree in the river.

Motion to pay monthly bills. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Janice Hare  
City Clerk

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS:

Several property owners have complained about dogs running on their property, dumping on their property, patrons of the Community Center have complained about dogs near the door of entrance, barking and growling at them. DOG OWNERS - IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR YOUR DOGS TO RUN AT LARGE WITHIN THE CITY. Be aware that if your dog is on someone else's property they have the right to do whatever they want to your dog.

Please let's keep good order in our community. Confine your dog or you could loose your dog.

Thanks!  
Fertile City Council

Aug. Balance Sheet  
Expenditures

Les Zearing	\$696.39
David Low	301.41
Janice Hare	264.80
Interstate Power CO.	341.46
Treas. - State of Iowa	105.31
IPERS	136.05
Liberty Bank & Trust	271.52
Waste Systems Corp.	1537.73
WCTA	46.15
Peoples Nat. Gas	10.65
Fertile Lbr. & Hdwe.	31.86
Feed-Rite Controls	15.00
BMC	979.75
Worsley Electric	447.66
Fertile Fire Dept.	5000.00
Postmaster	29.00

Total 10214.74

Total Receipts 3836.07


GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Eleven ladies from the Fertile Garden Club held their Sept. meeting at the beautiful Rice Lake State Park, Tues., Sept 13, 1994. Hostesses were Lorna Petersburg, Mildred McGrath and Elaine Patten who served the punch and coffee.

Roll Call was answered by giving trivia from the day they were born. Program was given by Naturalist Dan Block. He had leaves from many trees for us to identify. He explained many things about the trees and later he had recorded bird calls and we had to identify. All agreed this was a very pleasant and informative meeting.

Each member brought a box lunch in which numbers were drawn for exchange.

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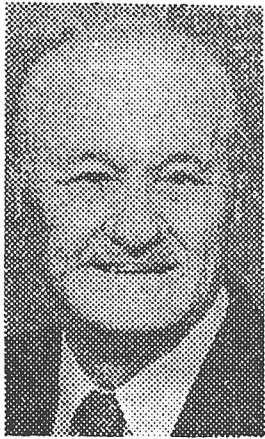
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LETTERS



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To The Fertile Reminder Staff;  
Enclosed you will find our check for the Reminder renewal plus a "little-extra". It is really poor payment for your diligent efforts all of which are most appreciated by your Reminder recipients. Also, I include money for a gift subscription to Mr. George Bauer of Yankton, SD. He was a highly respected Fertile High School coach and principal and one who will be well remembered by those of us who attended High School during the years of 1942-44. George was last in Fertile in 1992 to attend the Alumni Banquet 50 years after his initial arrival. He is currently recuperating from knee replacement surgery in Yankton. With sincere thanks to all.

Norman Brue  
Chilton, Wisc.

The Fertile community is saddened by the sudden death of a longtime resident of the community, Adolph Johnson, 77, who passed away at the North Iowa Mercy Center East on September 12, 1994 following a heart attack at his home. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Silence and his children, Joe, Jerry and Gwen and their families.

Adolph was born near Palermo, N.D., on April 29, 1917, son of Ole and Marie Johnson. He completed his education there and graduated from Palermo High School in 1935. Shortly after his graduation, he moved to the Forest City area.

He was married to Silence Stokke on April 16, 1940 at the Church of Christ parsonage in Fertile.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and saw action in the European theater.

Following his discharge from the service, he returned to Fertile and worked for a time in the quarry there. He worked 11 years for E.M. Dusenberg Road Construction out of Clear Lake and for 16 years at Lehigh Cement in Mason City. He retired at the age of 62.

He is survived by his wife, Silence of Fertile; a daughter, Gwen Scott of Mason City; two sons, Jerry of Floyd and Joe of Fertile; five sisters, six grandchildren and two great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and three brothers.

We really enjoy the Fertile paper, especially Neil Kuns' articles. Keep up the good work.

Janice Asche  
Clear Lake, Ia.

Thanks to all of you who, so generously, give of your time to publish the Reminder!

Madelyn & Maynard  
Midtgaard  
Northwood, Ia.

Enclosed is my money for the Fertile Reminder. I would sure miss the little newsy paper.

Doris Novak  
Fertile, Ia.

Please put us on the mailing list for the Fertile Reminder. If you have a copy of the July 1994 issue, we'd appreciate it if you could send that issue to us and have our subscription start then. I grew up a few miles west of Fertile, and have been reading my folks when I get home, but I decided it's time to have my own copy.

Don & Marit (Bang)  
D'Amico  
Kansas City, Ks.

Please renew my Reminder subscription. I really enjoy seeing the familiar names, the news, and all of the goodies. Also, please send the Reminder to my niece, Madeline Olson Smith, at Oxford, Ga. Best wishes and please keep it coming.

Robert Olson  
Tucson, AZ.

A WORD OF THANKS - I appreciate the encouragement and support you gave me on my bid for the Forest City Community School Board. Your involvement will continue to be needed.

Arlyn Midtgaard

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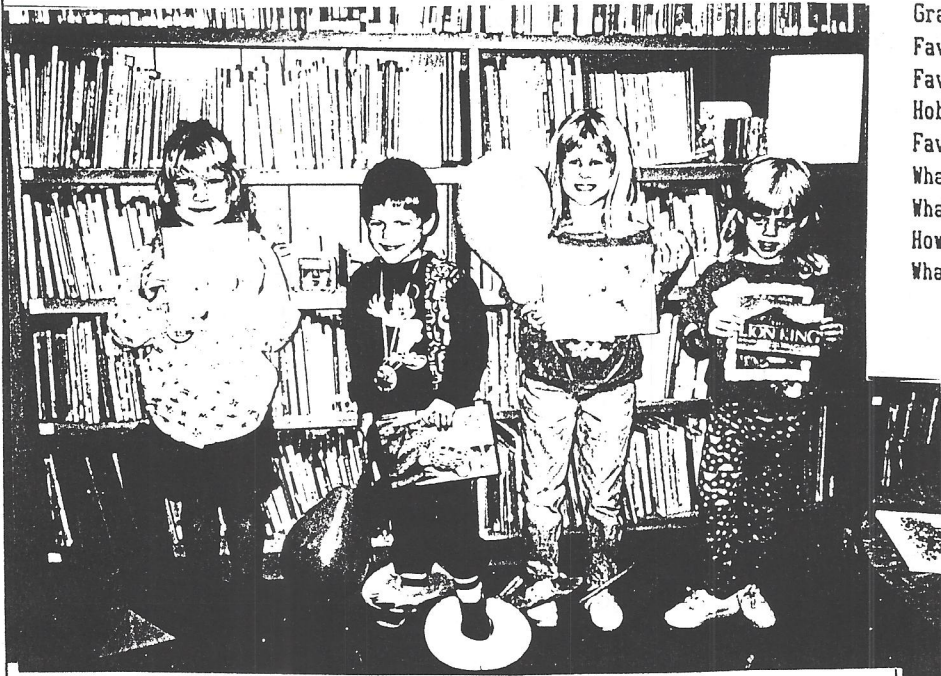
# Fertile Public Library

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

Library Patrons

## ---NEW BOOKS---

The Gift by Danielle Steel  
A Royal Murder by Elliot Roosevelt  
College Costs & Financial Handbook 1995  
Chutes & Adders by Barbara Block  
Like Water for Chocolate by Laura Esquivel  
Old Songs in a New Cafe by Robert Waller  
Jordan, The Man, His Words, His Life by Mitchel Krugel  
Brules by Harry Combs  
The Children of the First Man by James A. Thom  
Dawn of the Golden Promise by B.J. Hoff  
Stoner's Crossing by Judith Pella  
A Home for the Heart by Michael Phillips  
Too Long a Stranger by Janette Oke  
Stanwyck by Axel Madsen  
Daisy Bates in the Desert by Julia Blackburn  
The Bird Atlas by Barbara Taylor  
The Butterfly Book by Donald & William Stokes  
The Kids Address Book by Michael Levine  
Audobon Society Guide to Insects & Spiders  
Garfield's Halloween Adventure by Jim Davis  
Beethoven II (video)  
Thumbelina (video)  
The Butter Cream Gang (video)



Summer Library Program 1994  
Rachel Tuttle, Andrew Hall, Amanda  
Shropshire, & Kelley Benson.

25 kids attended the program this summer  
Everyone recieved a ice cream sundae gift  
certificate donated from the Clear Lake  
McDonald's Restaurant. Many other prizes  
were handed out such as books, puzzles,  
Gold Reading Medals, stickers, bookmarks,  
& T-shirts.

Name: Dustin Hoffman  
Parent's Name(s): Loren and Shari Hoffman  
Sibling(s): Keegan and Lornea Hoffman  
Age: 11  
Grade: 5  
Favorite Color: Black  
Favorite food: Corn on the cob  
Hobbie(s): Playing baseball and collecting cards  
Favorite book: "Garfield's Insults, Slams and Put-Downs"  
What do you do in the summer: Play baseball  
What is your favorite subject: None  
How often do you come to the Library: At least once a week  
What are your future plans: Go to college then become a baseball  
player

Library Patrons

Name: Daniel Hansweire  
Parent's Name(s): Dawn and Craig Hansweire  
Sibling(s): Tara Hansweire  
Age: 13  
Grade: 7  
Favorite Color: Blue  
Favorite food: Pizza  
Hobbie(s): Baseball  
Favorite book: "None" by O. Zero  
What do you do in the summer: Play baseball  
What is your favorite subject: Gym  
How often do you come to the Library: At least twice a week  
What are your future plans: Go to college then become a baseball  
player

Reporter: Amanda Ray

HALLOWEEN PARTY  
Wed. Oct. 26 at 6:30-7:30  
come in your costume & win  
a prize. Lots to do & eat.

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## *Hungry Hollow*

*Neil L. Kuns*

*March 25, 1994*

About a mile east of Fertile is a north-south road. In itself this is not unusual since, barring a bend in a river or some other natural interruption of the prairie, there is an east-west *and* a north-south road *every* mile all across North Iowa. Inside each of these squares is a section or 640 acres of land. From the air the countryside looks like a big checker board.

*This* road was significant for several reasons. Henry and Ruby Nissen lived on a farm off the road just south of the Cerro Gordo County line, at which the gravel surface started. Where Worth County commenced the gravel stopped and a dirt road began. This made for a muddy and slippery ride after a rain. The excitement was elevated because at the point where the flat land gives way to the valley was what we called "the big hill." Sometime in the 1950's the grade of the hill was reduced, but before that it was much steeper than most hills in the area. At its base was a trestle over the Winnebago River. The bridge was higher than the road on either side, and had a plank floor, which rattled and banged when a car was driven over its span. The combination of these factors made this short, roller coaster-like ride a favorite of mine as a child, and an exciting experience as a teen-age driver. If we had been visiting Aunt Ruby I usually begged Mom to return to town over the "big hill."

There was another reason for this road attracting my interest. Just south of the bridge and west about a quarter of a mile was Hungry Hollow. I still don't know how this little glen got its name. Did it stem from the Indians, or from early settlers? Both the name and the place have held a fascination for me over the years. I first visited it with my mother when she was looking for wild flowers. Whole drifts of May Apples grew there, along with Bloodroot, Yellow Violets, Dutchmen's Britches, Dogtooth Violets, Columbines, Jack-in-the-Pulpits and Anemones. It was one of the few places I ever found a Trillium. All of these were woodland, damp ground flowers. Hungry Hollow was definitely damp ground and deep woodsy. A tiny rill ran through the ravine, and a spring added a supply of fresh water to the area. Even on a hot summer day it was cool and quiet in the hollow

Horse-drawn farm wagons were not a rarity during my childhood, but I knew of only one or two persons who had no other way of getting into town. Occasionally we could see a wagon (not a buggy) coming slowly into town from the east, driven by a man with a long white beard. Because of his beard the kids at times called him "Santa Claus," but he was *not* a jolly fellow. He always seemed to be very somber or serious. Neither was he fat, as Santa's are usually portrayed. When we saw the wagon coming we knew one of the reclusive Orcutt brothers was heading into town to buy supplies. Gurt lived in a humble log cabin in Hungry Hollow, and his brother lived just above the hollow in a slightly more modern hut. That setting and Gurt's beard always made me think of Rip Van Winkle.

I walked to the hollow many times over the years, sometimes with friends of both genders, and sometimes alone, looking again for wild flowers. It was a pleasant way to while away an afternoon. By the time I was a teenager Gurt was gone, but his cabin still stood, open and empty. Occasionally I pondered how a person could live in such a humble abode and be content, but those were simpler days. Things had to be uncomplicated in Hungry Hollow. There was no electricity. The only running water was in the rill or the spring, but it was cool in the summer, sheltered in the winter, and quiet all year 'round. Sounds pretty good, doesn't it?

# "Congratulations!"

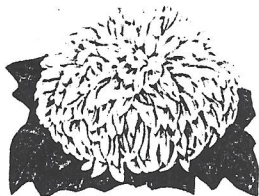
# Coming Events !!

daughter, Erin Kelley, was born on August 1, 1994 to Jill and David Huskey of Palmyra, Ill. Grandparents are Denny and Sahron Ganz of Fertile, Ia.

A son, Nicholas Michael, was born on September 4, 1994 to Sharon and Richard Froiland of Clear Lake, Ia. Grandparents are Norman and Sharon Froiland and Dave & Lola Bruns of Fertile, Ia.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lindsay Jordan and Kimberly Kolstad who were married on August 27, 1994 in St. Paul, Mn. They will be making their home in St. Paul where they are both in their last year at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in St. Paul.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Brian Nye and Cynthia Ellsworth who were married on September 10, 1994 at Casper, Wyo. They will be making their home in Longmont, Co. where Brian owns and operates Larson Electric.



THE FERTILE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1933 held a reunion at the Old School Cafe, where a lunch was enjoyed by all. Those in attendance were Eva (Purcell) Hain and her husband George of Minneapolis, Elsie (Zobel) Hickok, Doris (Suby) Oswald and Wilma Larson of Mason City, Donald Gaskill and wife, Leone of Northwood, Rex Westcott and wife Esther of Clear Lake, Clarence Oувerson and wife, Ruthie, Viola (Miller) Roberts and her husband Forrest, Harold Oувerson and wife, Ruth, and Erma (Hennis) Brue and her husband Stanley all of Fertile. Four other members, Ruth (Hall) Dackin, Tahlequah, Okla., Muriel Orcutt of Minneapolis, Esther (Oswald) Hudson of Fresno, Ca., and Claire (Oswald) Divine of Waterloo were unable to attend.

The following members of the class are deceased: Dorothy (Davis) Fox, Sylvia (Hall) Segerstrom, Pearlle Myhre and Thelma (Benson) Davis. The group plans to meet again next year, hopefully during the Fertile alumni weekend.

## CRAFT FAIR

A Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, October 22, 1994 at the Fertile Community Center from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Some items are jewelry, loom rugs, stuffed dolls, wooden items, Indian jewelry, christmas items and much more. Lunch will be served all day. Proceeds from the lunch will help support the center.

THE BEAVER CREEK MISSION CIRCLE, rural Joice will be having their annual bazar on Saturday October 1, 1994 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the church basement. Included will be a bake sale, crafts, rugs, etc. Coffee and goodies will be served.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS will hold their annual pancake breakfast and bake sale on Saturday October 15, 1994 from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the school dining roo. Cost is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children 10 years and under. Drawing for the quilt will be held at 1:00 p.m.

A COMMUNITY HOLIDAY SERVICE will be held on Saturday, November 26, 1994 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fertile Gym. Local talent will provide the service. We invite everyone to our service. We hope friends will be home for the weekend and will also come and enjoy it. Let's make this a community affair! Our Memory Tree lights will be turned on so that everyone attending may see them shine as you go home and we may have lots of memories.

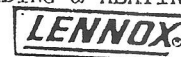
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# Worth County Towns

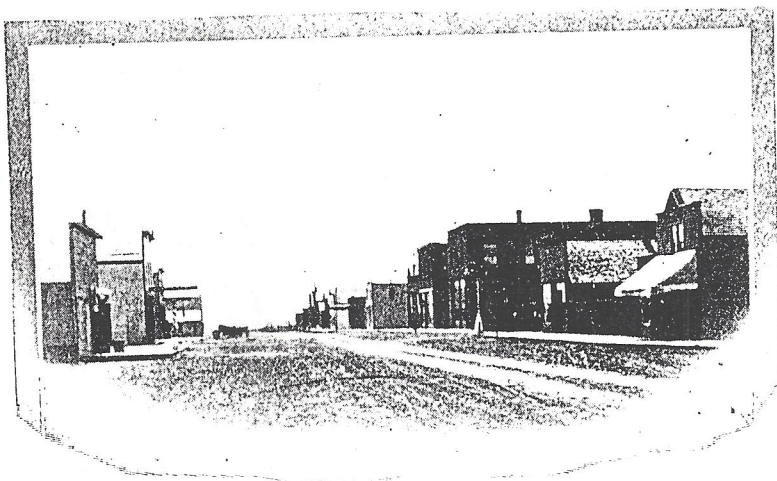
## HANLONTOWN



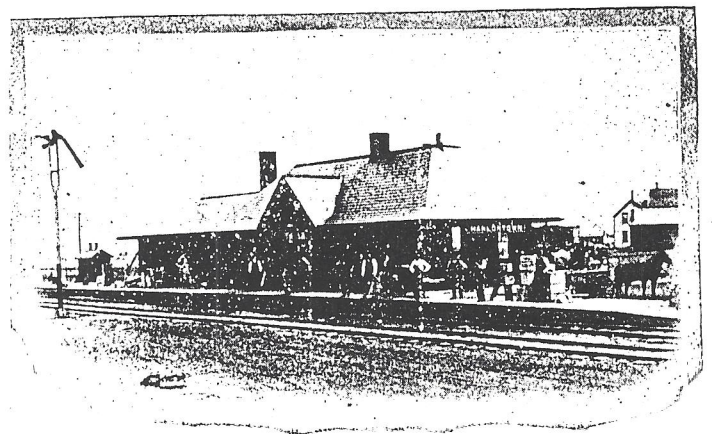
**S**IMULTANEOUSLY with the advent of the C. & N.-W. Railway into this country, Hanlontown has been conspicuous upon the Worth County map. Long before this the country surrounding was so prosperous that it needed no introduction, yet this impetus acted as a stimulant, and there has been something doing ever since. The eight years of incorporation have shown rapid strides in advancement, and they have gained strength with every step, until today they stand erect, and doff the hat conventionally to any town in the state. With long lines of cement walks, street lights, a good creamery, good store and residence buildings, fine church and school buildings, unsurpassed by any in this part of the county, they ask, and will bear investigation. Towns of this calibre are generally "sized up" by their representative business

men—the foundation of all success—prominent among whom we find the Citizen's Savings Bank, with A. O. Rye, cashier; J. Robberstad, groceries and shoes; Rye Bros., general store; J. W. Hurd, drugs; Ford & Lockram, hardware; E. Knudson & Son, meat market; City Hotel, W. A. Shook, proprietor; George Olson, liveryman; Henry Brattrud and M. Lewis, blacksmiths; E. R. Olson, farm machinery; E. Watts, live stock dealer; A. C. Gaskell, dray line; E. Martin, harness shop; the Independent and Northern Grain Co.; M. Breck, shoe shop; E. L. Clink, barber shop; Co-Operative Creamery, H. E. Fowler, buttermaker, and, by the way, one of the best in the country; N. W. Phillips, M. D.; John Masoner, marshal and street commissioner; Mrs. F. A. Russell, operator central telephone. The country surrounding Hanlontown is of virgin soil, having been tilled and kept in condition by some of the sturdiest and most proficient farmers ever having settled in any community, numbering among whom may be found some of the oldest settlers in Worth county. There are fine residences and large red barns dotting in every direction, the owners of which are all well-to-do, and who take more than a natural pride in their home town, as is evidenced in every way. An excellent band of twenty pieces, liberally supported by the citizens, is an added adornment to Hanlontown, of which they are justly proud—the spirit of patriotism permeating at all times and upon all occasions.

Taking everything into consideration, Hanlontown extends superior advantages to the investor and citizen alike, and in no distant day will demonstrate this fact. Passing the three hundred mark in population now, with nearly all young men, in the vigor of manhood, at the business helm, who can brave the most tempestuous seas on the ocean of commercial activity, with its keen competitive forces of today, they thrust an open challenge in the face of fair competition from every point of the compass, and are reaping their reward.



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### MARINATED CARROTS

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  - 1 green pepper diced
  - 2 small cans tomato soup
  - 2 cups sugar
  - 1 cup salad oil
  - 1½ cup cider vinegar
  - 2 tsp dry mustard
  - 2 tsp salt
  - 1 tsp black pepper
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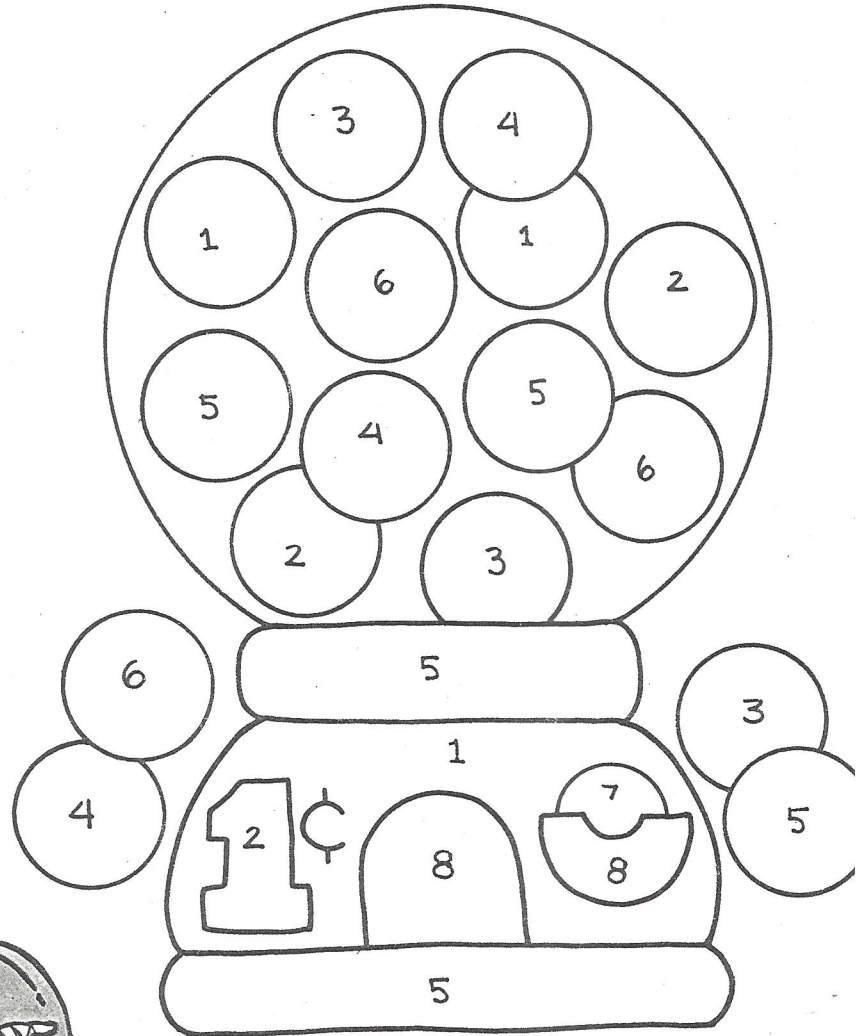
A handful of dry laundry detergent in garbage cans will help repel flies and other insects.

At the first attack of a chigger bite, let a drop of ammonia touch the affected spot and the cure is immediate.

Toothpaste will bring luster back to jewelry.

For flakier pie crust add 1 heaping tablespoon of plain salad dressing to the pie crust mix. Or 1 tablespoon of shortening. The crust browns better and needs less water to make the dough.

Put 4 or 5 cloves in your vacuum cleaner bag - It will add a fresh scent to the air as you vacuum.



### In the Old Days

In the old days if folks missed the stage-coach they didn't worry, they'd be another along in 3 weeks - Now we're in such a hurry we get angry if we miss one section of a revolving door!

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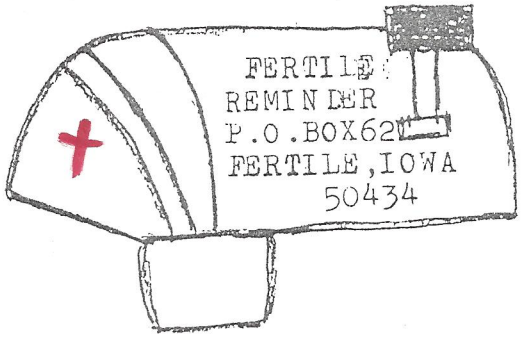
**IOWA LOTTO MACHINE coming soon**

GIFT SHOP COMING TO FERTILE - Coming in October, Fertile will have its very own gift shop. Tanya (Felland) Olson is opening up the "Cozy Nook" Gift Shop in her garage at 107 East Main. It's going to be a unique little shop with a variety of gifts, cards, candles, dried flowers, advertising nostalgia, seasonal gifts and hand made items, says Tanya. The advantages of having the gift shop in her home are convenience and price. People may visit the shop anytime, within reason, of course. If someone needs a gift at 8:00 at night, I'll be there to help them out. And my prices are no more expensive than Mason City, she adds. Tentative opening date is set for October 15th, but may be sooner if the inventory starts arriving. Hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. However, anyone may call 797-2064 and Tanya will gladly assist you.

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