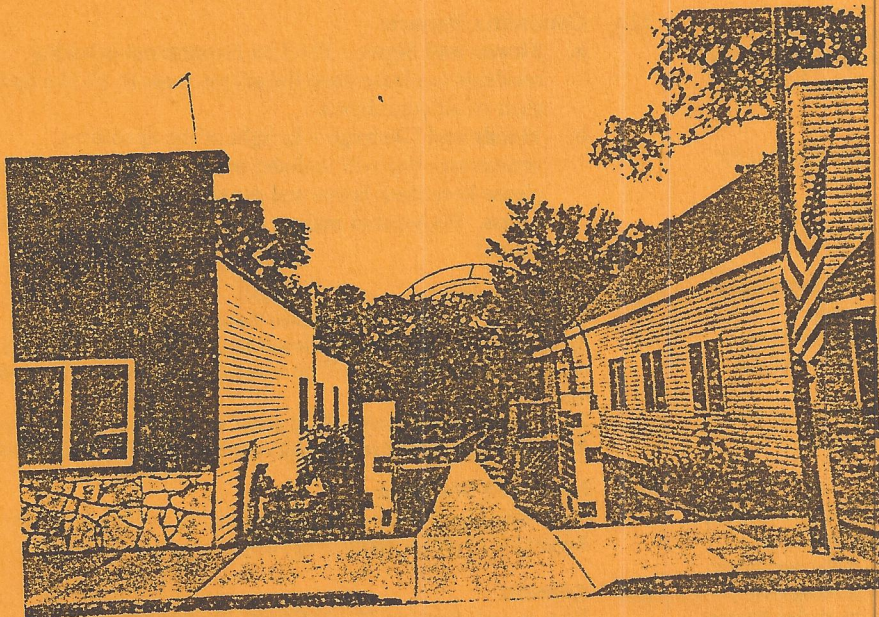
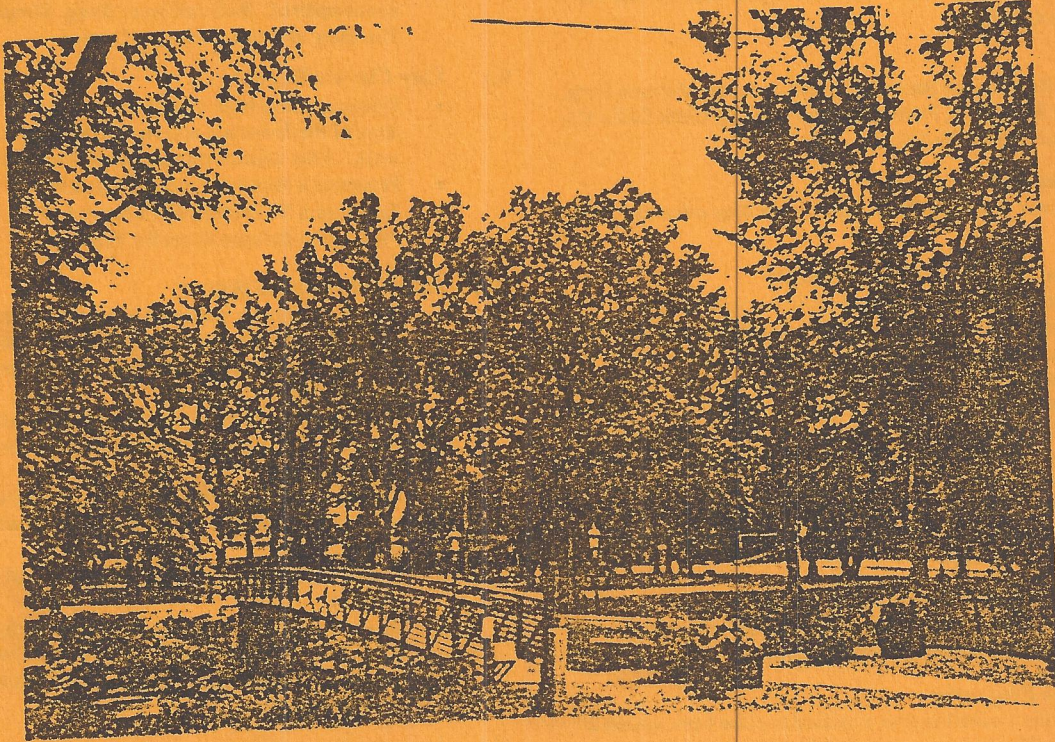


SEPTEMBER 2006

FERTILE REMINDER



This is the new footbridge over the Winnebago River that many of you gave money to build. The Archway leading to the bridge contains the names of the ones who donated towards the bridge. The FB&I was responsible for the archway leading down to the bridge and the Fertile Garden Club was responsible for the wrought iron piece that goes across the top. The Garden Club furnished and tended to the flowers and plants that make the pathway beautiful.

COMING EVENTS

Sept. 4	Labor Day	
Sept. 5	Senior Dinner	Noon
Sept. 11	Fire Dept. Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 12	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Sept. 16	Boys & Girls 4-H	
Sept. 18	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Sept. 19	Senior Dinner	Noon
	City Council Meeting	7 p.m.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes July 18, 2006, 7:00 PM, City Hall

- 1.) **Call to Order**
The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, July 18, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.
- 2.) **Roll Call**
Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council members Melanne Bang, Jeff Berg, Gail Shropshire, Patrick Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May.
Absent: Council member Tad Miller.
- 3.) **Minutes Approval**
Shropshire moved and Berg 2nd to approve the May minutes. Motion Carried.
- 4.) **Voortek Auto Repair – School Property**
The gymnasium will be torn down and buried as soon as the excavator's schedule allows, as long as it is financially feasible. The remaining structure will be secured once the demolition has been completed. Voortek will not be placing vehicles outside the building. Business assets will be secured inside the building. Voortek requested a variance to allow the excavator to place the gymnasium waste onto City property while demolition is taking place. City property will be returned to its original status once demolition has been completed.
Berg moved and Renchin 2nd to approve a temporary variance to City property surrounding 508 West Washington, for demolition purposes. Motion Carried.
- 5.) **Yaggy-Colby – City Sewer Project Update**
Yaggy-Colby was not in attendance. A special Council meeting may be held to approve the next stages of the project.
- 6.) **Liens Against Properties**
May requested the Council to pass a motion to place liens against 2 properties in Fertile which are considerably delinquent with their water/sewer/refuse bill. The liens will go against next year's tax assessment. In the event that either property were to be sold prior to payment, the liens must be paid before the properties can be sold.
Renchin moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the placing of individual liens against 205 East Main Street and against 501 West Washington. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion Carried.
- 7.) **Update on the 150th Anniversary**
 - The FB&I committee has arranged for power to be supplied for the 6 food vendors whom will be present.
 - The City had pledged \$500 toward the celebration. Mayor Russell has secured the rental of picnic tables for the park activities with this money.
 - Ambulance service will be provided by Forest City Ambulance. They will be in the parade and will have at least one representative within City limits during the 3 days of activity.
 - There will be an extra special surprise at the beginning of the parade. You don't want to miss it!
 - Volunteers are still needed for several activity spots – call Kristen Anderson at 797-2615 to see where you can help out.
- 8.) **Mayor's Report**
 - A team of dedicated citizens, including Larry & Gail Shropshire, Cindy Peters, Jeff Berg, Buck and Joyce Russell, and Warren Bruns volunteered time in the Park this month. They worked on: restoring the veteran's memorial, restoring the grinding stone, restoring the water pump, placing rock around the shelter houses, trimming trees, spraying weeds, and weed whacking. THANK YOU FOR A GREAT JOB DONE!!!!
 - The City will be spraying for bugs on July 21st, July 28th, and August 3rd.
 - Dick Worsley volunteered and repaired the plug-ins on each light pole on the bridge. THANKS DICK!!!!
 - Two bids were presented to the Council for a remodeling project required by a Federal mandate. All public buildings must be handicap accessible. The project will include replacing the

existing front door, installing two handicap accessible doors into the meeting hall, and remodeling the two existing restrooms into one handicap accessible restroom.


Renchin moved and Shropshire 2nd to approve the bid placed by Cherry Tree Builders for the handicap accessible remodeling project at City Hall, with the stipulation that the project must be completed by October 1st with a \$200 per day penalty for work not completed. Role call vote: Bang, Shropshire and Renchin, Yes, Berg abstained. Motion Carried.


- 9.) **City Clerk's Report**
 - Financials have been completed for the Fiscal Year 2005-2006. A copy of the financials will be mailed to the auditor within the next week. After adjustments are made, and audit can be scheduled.
 - Presented a Monthly Profit and Loss report.
 - Presented a YTD Profit and Loss Actual vs. Budget report.
 - Presented a Balance Sheet for Year End.
- 10.) **City Maintenance Report**
 - The DNR recently inspected our water/sewer system and stated that other than planned sewer system project repairs, we are in compliance with regulations. (It's been a long time since we've heard that kind of report!)
 - The chlorine regulator began leaking this last month. A new regulator has been ordered. It is slated to be replaced within the next few weeks.
 - Several curb stops within City limits are scheduled to be repaired or replaced. The cost of this maintenance will be billed to the resident.
 - A water leak at the curb stop within the Ball Diamonds has been repaired.
 - Sewer system video footage was reviewed by Bruns, Mayor Russell, and Yaggy-Colby. They revealed two sections needing emergency repair. Bruns worked with Nettleton Excavating to fix these problems.
- 11.) **Approve Expenditures**
Bang moved, Shropshire 2nd to approve the expenditures. Motion Carried.
- 12.) **Committee Reports**
 - a. **Streets and Signs** – The Fire Department is asking residents to please keep the access areas to all fire hydrants clear of all yard debris.
 - b. **Weeds and Garbage** – In light of the upcoming anniversary this will include, we are asking all residents to please keep their lawns and properties trimmed and clear of debris. We want to make a great impression for all our guests!
- 13.) **Other Business**

The gate in the City Dam has rotted through and the Dam is backlogged with fallen trees, silt and other debris. The possibility of dredging behind the Dam will be investigated by Warren Bruns and Mayor Russell.
Bang moved and Renchin 2nd to grant emergency power to Mayor Russell to approve the cost of said repair work. Motion Carried.
- 14.) **Upcoming Meetings**

The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00 PM in regular session, August 15th, 2006, at Fertile City Hall.
- 15.) **Adjourn**
Berg moved, Renchin 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes Attested by:


Eddie May
City Clerk


Dated
7/19/06

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues
As of June 30, 2006

Type	Name	Paid Amount
0001110 - General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon, LLC	-120.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP	-18.18
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-87.80
Bill Pmt -Check	North Iowa Media Group	-14.94
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-74.92
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-113.24
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call	-18.90
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-18.10
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-38.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,884.36
Bill Pmt -Check	Waupaca Northwoods. LLC	-72.23
Bill Pmt -Check	Sign Pro	-147.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-71.38
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-803.68
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-122.47
Bill Pmt -Check	BMC	-1,500.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	-1,600.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-245.50
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa League of Citites	-228.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa Rural Water Association	-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	USA Blue Book	-80.90
Bill Pmt -Check	US Post Office	-48.00
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Deposit		5,936.60
Deposit		2,235.49
Deposit		4,831.30
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	1,666.63
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	978.57
Deposit		23.42
Deposit		-1,283.39
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-53.19
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-300.41
Paycheck	Low, David	-389.50
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-391.49
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-391.49
Total 0001110 - General Fund Checking		<u>5,867.93</u>
0001111 - Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.43
Total 0001111 - Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.43</u>
0001112 - Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.32
Total 0001112 - Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2.32</u>
0001160 - Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		25.94
Total 0001160 - Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>25.94</u>
TOTAL		<u><u>5,899.62</u></u>



FERTILE ALL SCHOOL BOOK

In the interest of preserving the history of the students who attended Fertile school, an all school book is being compiled for those who attended through 8th grade or graduated. Information is needed for the years 1917 to 1938. Any information during those years will be appreciated. If your parents, grandparents, etc. attended, be sure they are entered in this book. An obituary will work if you have no other information, plus a small picture. Also needed is someone to do the years 1940, 1946, 1947, 1949. Send a self addressed stamped envelope for a form to

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Plans are to have this completed by the next Alumni Banquet or two years. There were 642 graduates plus others who attended. Deadline for information is **December 31, 2006.**

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Golden Threads – Kay Hooper

Sleeping with Fear – Kay Hooper

Contest Winning Annual Recipes 2006 – Taste of Home

Cesar's Way – Cesar Millan

Extraordinary Use of Ordinary Things – Reader's Digest

Slow Cooker Favorites – Taste of Home

Judge and Jury – James Patterson

Found - Karen Kingsbury

Crisis – Robin Cook

Large Print

Can't Wait to Get to Heaven – Fannie Flagg

A Promise for Ellie – Lauraine Snelling

Letter Perfect – Cathy Marie Hake

Dead Wrong – J.A. Jance

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Judge and Jury – James Patterson

Brokeback Mountain – Annie Proulx

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Failure to Launch – Sarah Jessica Parker

The Pink Panther – Steve Martin

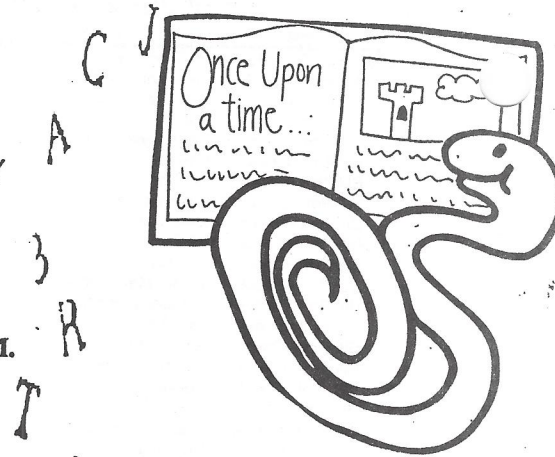
Eight Below – Paul Walker

Bad News Bears – Billy Bob Thornton

Library News

The Paws, Claws, Scales & Tales summer reading program has come to an end. Thank you Anna Almelen for doing a great job. We had four afternoon programs with an average 22 attendees per program. There were stories, crafts, games, snacks, a guest horse, home made ice cream & fun prizes. We had lots of fun! Thank you Fertile & the FB&I for a wonderful 150th Fertile Days weekend. It was fantastic. Our photo booth was a great success. We appreciate & thank everyone who worked or had pictures taken. Watch for photos at the library.

Read Like a
Creature of Habit!



WITH SYMPATHY

MARCUS STEVEN LOVIK
1939 - 2006



Marcus Steven Lovik, 67, 210 E Main, died July 28, 2006 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.

Memorial services were held August 2nd at Fertile Lutheran Church, with inurnment to be held at a later date.

Marcus was born on January 28, 1939, the son of Lloyd and Mavis (Holtan) Lovik in their farmhouse near Forest City. He attended Fertile Schools and later graduated from Fertile High School in 1956. Growing up, he helped his father on the farm and was the local milk delivery boy.

His battle began in 2000 when he found out he had a bad heart. Marcus lived a good, hard life as we all know. He loved his family and cherished the time he spent with them. He also enjoyed visiting with friends.

He could often be found talking with friends on the deck. Marcus liked to fish, play cards and share his knowledge about carpentry; he could build most anything. He was really looking forward to riding in Fertile's Sesquicentennial parade and attending his 50-year class reunion, so he could visit with all his classmates.

Marcus is survived by his father, Lloyd Lovik; the love of his life, Mary Kreis, Fertile; children, Holly Lovik, Clear Lake; he has three fur grandchildren: Mack (Golden Retriever) and Bear and Lynx (Cats); Scott (Laura) Lovik, Clear Lake, and grand-dog Casey (Yorkie); Steve (Paula) Lovik; grandchildren, Erika and Alex Lovik, Stephanie and Christie Lovik, one great-granddaughter; a brother, Lamar Lovik, Tucson, AZ; nieces and other relatives and friends. Marcus is preceded in death by his mother, Mavis Lovik; three sisters, Linda Lovik, and two in infancy.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

ALLEN J. BERG
1933 - 2006

Allen J. Berg, 72, of Fertile, died August 7, 2006 at his home in Fertile.



Funeral services were held August 10, 2006 at the Fertile Lutheran Church with David Halverson, lay minister, officiating. Burial was at Sunset Rest Cemetery in Northwood with military rites by the Northwood Veterans Ceremonial Unit.

Allen Jene Berg, the son of Jeffrey and Marie (Bendickson) Berg was born Dec. 26, 1933, at Northwood. He was baptized and confirmed at First Lutheran Church in Northwood and attended school at Northwood until the 10th grade. Allen served his country in the U.S. Air Force, being stationed in California. He was honorably discharged in 1957 and returned home to Northwood.

On Sept. 3, 1960, he was married to Marsha Fox at the Little Brown Church in Nashua. They lived in Mason City, Britt, and in 1966 moved to Fertile. Allen was employed at Fertile Tile and Winnebago Industries in Forest City, from which he retired in 1996.

He enjoyed reading, fishing, collecting candy dishes, going to auctions, having coffee at Pronto, and especially spending time with his grandsons.

He was a member of Fertile Lutheran Church, had served on the Fertile City Council, Fertile Fire and Rescue and was a past member of the Fertile Lions Club.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marsha, of Fertile; two children, Melinda Bartz, of Northwood, and Jeffrey Berg, of Fertile; two grandsons, Adam and Trevor Bartz of Northwood; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl "Toad" Fox Jr. and his wife, Vivian, of Forest City; and numerous brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Allen was preceded in death by his parents; two infant brothers; a sister, Sharon; and a sister-in-law, Beverly Martinson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.




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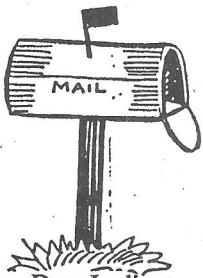
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Dear Ladies,
 Enclosed is my \$6 for your Fertile Reminder which I enjoy so much. It is so much fun reading of events in my home town. Fertile was such a great place to grow up.

Arlene Ingebritson

Dear Ladies,

Thanks you for all your work and dedication.
 Floyd & Lou Zobel

Dear Reminder Staff,

I don't know if you are or aren't interested in printing a little note regarding Fertile's recent celebration. We would like the community to know how much we enjoyed the events and do not know how else to let people know except to send a note to you in hopes that you would print it in the next Fertile Reminder.

Neal Luker (See "thank you notes" for more).

Dear Pat, Evelyn, Dolores & Ardis of the Fertile Reminder:

Thanks for all your hard and continuous work for us. I know it can't always be easy. God Bless.

Betty & Dean Theilen.

Dear Reminder,

You all do a great job on the Fertile Reminder. Dwaine and I enjoy it a great deal. Thanks.

Janice Asche

Fertile Reminder - Hi!

I'm told by one of my classmates that you have a neat little Reminder that you will send out and ask only a \$6.00 donation. Enclosed please find my check for \$6.00

Eloise Steinfeldt Hines - Class of 1954

LOST on Saturday, August 5th, a pair of horse shoes was left after the Horseshoe Tournament. Brand name is "TED ALLEN" with white diamond in the middle. Also left was the hook to pick them up.

If found, please call Ken Strohman at 797-2495.

**Fertile Sesquicentennial
 Horseshoe Tournament Results**

Class A

1. Frank Koehler
2. George Christiansen
3. Russ Martin
4. Dan Lee
5. Les Nauman
6. Jim Gerck

Class B

1. Tom Stensland
2. Dale Fedder
3. Al Kuntz
4. Kelly Florea
5. Randy Ennen
6. Randy Boeckholt

Thank you to everyone who played for making this a great tournament.

Ken Strohman

THANK YOU!!

The Fertile Alumni Reunion Committee would like to thank the F B & I and everyone else involved in making the Sesquicentennial Weekend one we enjoyed immensely and will always remember. We'd also like to thank you for allowing the alumni reunion be a part of the celebration. 190 people were served at the banquet and plans are underway for the next all-school reunion to be held in 3 years.

Harlan, Mary, Darlene, Dolores and Joan

Sesquicentennial Committee Members:

What a wonderful celebration Fertile had!! Everyone who was involved in planning, contacting people and working at the celebration should be very proud of his/her efforts. Although we were not able to get to Fertile Friday night to enjoy anything before the fireworks, we heard that the community supper was very good as were the other activities. The fireworks display was super! We thought the parade was enjoyable and very appropriate for this celebration. Someone said to us that after a parade everyone often goes home because there is nothing else to do; however, Fertile had all types of activities which kept people in town. Having the alumni banquet Saturday night was a great idea; seeing everyone is always a special time. We were sorry we had to miss the Sunday activities which looked as interesting as did the other two days. I remember singing in the community choir fifty years ago which sang for the Sunday worship service.

A special "thank you" to those who did not grow up in Fertile but also worked hard to make Fertile's Sesquicentennial so memorable. Great job, everyone!!

Neal and Jane Luker

"CONGRATULATIONS" to the Sesquicentennial Committee for a great weekend of activities!! I wish to thank the committee for the Red Wing crock they presented to me after the community choir gave their cantata. It is a special treasure with the picture of the old school on it! Thank you so much.

Bonnie Kuns

SEPTEMBER YARDS OF THE MONTH

Because there are so many attractive yards around the town of Fertile, the Fertile Garden Club now selects two a month.

The first Yard belongs to Buck & Joyce Russell. The sign will be put on their lawn on September 1st. Congratulations


The second Yard belongs to Dennis & Nancy Faber. Congratulations. The sign will be put in their yard the 15th of the September.

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- Sept. 13 Child Immunization Clinic at Manly Town Hall from 3 - 5 p.m. No appt. necessary.
- Sept. 21 Child Immunization Clinic at Worth County Public Health Office in Northwood from 1 - 5 p.m. No appointment necessary.

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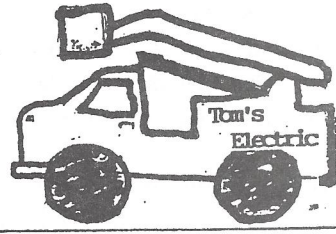
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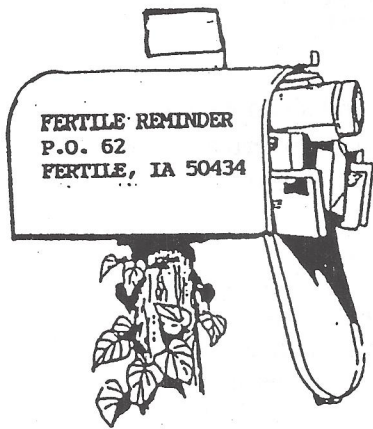
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