

OCTOBER 2007

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

Oct. 1	Fire Department Meeting	7 p.m.
Oct. 2	Senior Dinner	Noon
Oct. 9	Garden Club	7 p.m.
Oct. 11	Recycle	
Oct. 15	Library Board Meeting	7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Senior Dinner City Council Meeting	Noon 7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Re-cycle Day	

CELEBRITY VISITS FERTILE

Who?

"Duckie Wuckie" surprised Fertile residents with a visit recently. Delighted citizens fed him with good Iowa-grown corn. See if you can find him in this paper somewhere.

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2007, 7:00 PM, City Hall

1.) Call to Order

The Fertile City Council met at 7:00 PM in regular session, September 18, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

2.) Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell, Council Members: Jeff Berg, Tad Miller, Patrick Renchin and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent were: Council Members: Loren Hoffman, Gail Shropshire and City Maintenance Manager Warren Bruns

3.) Minutes Approval

- *Renchin motioned and Miller 2nd to approve the August minutes with the following corrections.* Motion Carried.
- A correction was noted in regards to blacktopping the streets. It was mentioned that *Miller moved, Renchin 2nd to reject all road repair bids.* The correct statement should have said: *Berg moved, Renchin 2nd to reject all road repair bids.*

4.) Waste Management Resolution

- Mike Wick attended the meeting to request Fertile's permission to include the cities of Woden, Britt, Kanawah and Crystal Lake into the Comprehensive Plan.
- These cities currently bring their waste to the Kossuth County Landfill, but that landfill is scheduled to be closed per IDNR regulations.
- *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to approve the resolution to include Woden, Britt, Kanawah and Crystal Lake in the current Comprehensive plan. Roll call vote was unanimous.* Motion Carried.

5.) Little League Update

- David Bang and Tim Kleveland attended the meeting to give an update of this season's Little League activities.
- The Little League thanks the city for their support to this year's program in regards to concession stand and storage expansions, cement slabs for the stands and tables, playground equipment, water fountain, and cash for equipment.
- This year there were 94 Little Leaguers. This allowed for 7 teams. These numbers are recent records.
- Next year they hope to have at least one dedicated girls team and possibly add a peer pitching program (compared to coach pitching)
- The Little League requested the possible construction of dug outs.
- Mayor Russell mentioned the goals to add a shelter house, merry-go-round and swings to the area. The council also discussed options for a comprehensive tree and shade program for the recreation area.
- May requested summarized financials for the next budgeting period starting in October. May also requested pictures, schedules, and other information to be added to the city's website at: www.fertileiowa.us.

6.) Utility Charges for Apartment Complexes

- After reviewing the ordinances, resolutions and prior minutes regarding utility rates and charges, the council has agreed that there shall be one service fee for each service: water and sewer, per meter.
- Therefore, rental complexes with one meter shall be charged one service fee per meter, rather than per unit.

7.) Library Levy

- The Fertile Public Library presented a petition to the City Council to include a resolution on the November 6, 2007 general city election ballot. The petition included 20 signatures from local residents. (only 10 signatures were required).

- The resolution would add a Library Levy to our property taxes in the amount of 27 cents per \$1,000 valuation for the purpose of increasing the annual operating budget of the Library.
- The levy would commence July 1, 2008.

8.) Mayor's Report

- Russell has been working with the DOT to receive a new title for or the fire trucks due to the loss of the original.
- Information for a NIACC sponsored Entrepreneurship event is posted at the post office and at the diner.
- Aukes sprayed for mosquitoes once this summer and will be spraying up to two more times if they return.
- The FB&I Committee has purchased new banners for the Main Street light poles. They are being installed within the next few weeks.
- Clapper Tree Service has removed several dead trees from the park. They have also been grinding the stumps.
- The City will be paying for the damage to personal property caused by the straight wind storms during Fertile Days. A hayrack the City was being used for the parade was pushed into a resident's vehicle and pick-up top.

9.) City Clerk's Report

- Election information is due to the City Clerk by 5:00 Thursday September 20th. The 2 year Mayoral position is open as well as two 4 year Council positions.
- This fall's WCDA grant has been submitted. The grant will be for a fire engine chassis and several library technology upgrades.
- May, Russell and Bruns met with the City's water meter equipment provider and received a quote for a remote technology and computerized reading system. The council is considering this system for a future WCDA grant request. The system would lower data errors and streamline the reading and billing process. Manly, Forest City and several area cities have similar systems.
- Online Bill-Pay has been added to the City's website at www.fertileiowa.us.
- May presented the Year-To-Date financials.
- *Miller moved, Berg 2nd to approve the expenditures.* Motion Carried.

10.) City Maintenance Report

- Mayor Russell reported in Bruns' absence.
- Road fill was added at the ball diamonds, water plant and several other washed-out areas.
- Miller Diesel will now be servicing the City Snow Plow.

11.) Committee Reports

- **Community Center** – The committee is putting together an informational survey to send to in-town and area residents regarding the need for and ideas for the facility. They plan on presenting this survey to the Council next month.

12.) Next Meeting

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, October 16, 2007, at Fertile City Hall.

13.) Adjourn – *Renchin moved, Miller 2nd to adjourn.* Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile
Expenditures and Revenues

As of August 31, 2007

Type	Name	Paid Amount
General Fund Checking		
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-27.36
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy	-1,057.71
Bill Pmt -Check	Aukes Lawn & Pest LC	-325.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-24.99
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI	-9.80
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-550.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	-32.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronto	-202.16
Bill Pmt -Check	Recreation Creations, Inc.	-138.59
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-219.96
Bill Pmt -Check	Thompson's Garage	-131.06
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS	-10.86
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management	-1,802.10
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA	-114.13
Bill Pmt -Check	Ace Hardware	-8.86
Bill Pmt -Check	Aquila	-89.49
Bill Pmt -Check	Clapper Tree Service	-1,628.25
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon	-610.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Farmers Lumber Company	-35.19
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.	-5.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Menards	-73.02
Bill Pmt -Check	North Central Sales & Service	-84.45
Bill Pmt -Check	Russell, Joyce V	-20.11
Bill Pmt -Check	Staples	-2.27
Check	Tractor Supply	-331.54
Deposit		2,608.99
Deposit		2,536.95
Deposit		3,239.00
Deposit		2,755.41
Deposit		2,239.47
Deposit		4,810.75
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,898.71
Deposit	Treasurer - Worth County	43.91
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino	2,382.49
Deposit	PayPal	0.03
Deposit	PayPal	0.14
Deposit		23.93
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren	-1,962.42
Paycheck	Ganz, Dennis	-53.07
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F	-819.29
Paycheck	Russell, Grant	-604.15
Total General Fund Checking		<u>12,566.55</u>
Roads Revenue Fund Savings		
Deposit		60.19
Total Roads Revenue Fund Savings		<u>60.19</u>
Sewage Fund Accounts		
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		3.17
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking		<u>3.17</u>
Total Sewage Fund Accounts		
		<u>3.17</u>
Water Revenue Accounts		
Water Revenue Fund Checking		
Deposit		2.15
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking		<u>2.15</u>
Total Water Revenue Accounts		<u>2.15</u>
TOTAL		<u>12,632.06</u>

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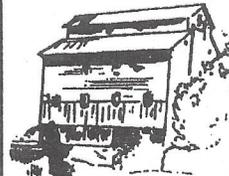
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BEWARE: THE LIBRARY HALLOWEEN PARTY IS COMING!

NEW BOOKS

The Wilde Women – Paula Wall

Heartstopper – Joy Fielding

The Quilter's Homecoming – Jennifer Chiaverini

Sorceress – Lisa Jackson

Inferno – Troy Denning

Shield of Lies – Michael Kube-McDowell

Matt Jensen: The Last Mountain Man – William W. Johnstone

Sweet Revenge – Diane Mott Davidson

Bones and Ashes – Kathy Reich

Echoes – Kristen Heitzmann

Hood – Stephen Lawhead

Just Above the Clouds – Karen Kingsbury

Whispers Along the Rails – Judith Miller

Fancy Pants – Cathy Marie Hake

You've been Warned – James Patterson

Bird Songs – Les Beletsky

Everything Tex-Mex Cookbook – Linda Larsen

Everything Chinese cookbook – Rhonda Lauret Parkinson

Sister Salty sister Sweet – Shannon King Biro

Inside My Heart - Robin McGraw

Country Woman Christmas – Country Books

Large Print

Charlotte Leaves the Light On – Annette Smith

Library News

The Library Board of Trustees is requesting that the question of a Library Levy be put on the November 6, 2007 city election ballot. This levy would raise 27 cents per \$1000 of assessed valuation. This would raise approximately \$1200 that would go directly to the library. The Trustees are seeking signatures on a petition to put this levy on the ballot. For more information please see one of the Trustees or stop by the library.

Fertile Library Board of Trustees

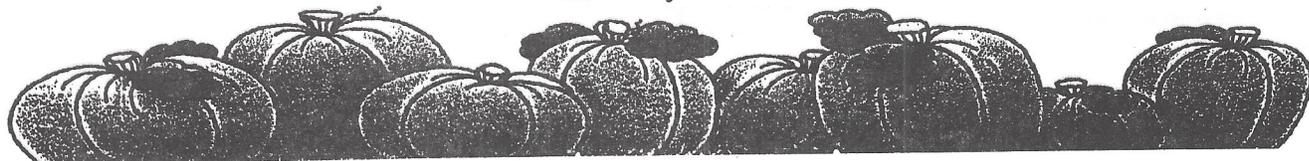
Minday Gasaway – President

Karen Usher – Vice President

Dawn Millard – Secretary

Elin Miner

Lisa May





Dear Fertile Reminder Group,

Here are some of my favorite recipes that will cover a luncheon very nicely.

Serve salads with a Cinnamon Apple Slices, hot rolls & butter.

Wayne and I really enjoy the Fertile Reminder every month. Thank

you for your efforts. They are appreciated.

Sincerely,

Wayne and Janet Humphrey

Dear Ladies,

Enjoy the paper each and every month. Please keep it coming.

Orland Miller

Dear Girls,

Thank you for the paper. I really look for the paper every month.

The Reminder has a nice variety of articles in it to read and enjoy. You do a great job! Have a nice Fall Season

Dorothy Haugen

Dear Ladies,

Enjoy getting your "Reminder" and the "Putsy" news so much. Thanks for your work and dedication that goes into preparing it.

Helen Sparby

MY WIFE AND I HAVE THE SECRET TO MAKING A MARRIAGE LAST

1. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant, have some good food and companionship. She goes Tuesday, I go Friday.
2. We also sleep in separate beds. Hers is in Sydney and mine is in Melbourne.
3. I take my wife everywhere, but she keeps finding her way back.
4. I asked my wife where she wanted to go for our anniversary. "Somewhere I haven't been in a long time!" So I suggested the kitchen.
5. We always hold hands. If I let go, she shops.
6. She has an electric blender, electric toaster and electric bread maker. Then she said, "There are too many gadgets and no place to sit down!" So I bought her an electric chair.
7. Remember...Marriage is the number one cause of divorce. Statistically, 100% of all divorces started with marriage.
8. I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was Always.
9. I haven't spoken to my wife for 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.
10. The last fight was my fault. My wife asked, "What's on the TV?"... I said "Dust!"

Author Unknown

Fertile Garden Club

The Fertile Garden Club held their annual Guest Night on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at the Church of Christ. Fourteen members and 7 guests were present. Roll call was "Introduce your guest."

We opened our meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Ginny called the meeting to order and announced that there would not be a business meeting. She introduced our Guest Speaker, Ruth Melby, owner of Courtyard Gardens in Forest City. Ruth told us about her work and how she became a Florist as she put together a beautiful arrangement, which was one of the door prizes. Fern Midtgaard won the first door prize and Candice Waddington won the arrangement.

Ginny announced that the rock is now in place at the Fertile sign and thanked those who were in charge of getting it set in place.

Kristen Mikes gave the thought of the day which was about 9-11 and the brave people who helped that day. Birthdays and anniversaries were announced and the Happy Birthday Song was sang. We then sang the Table Prayer and a delicious lunch was served by hostesses Amanda Waddington, Mary Ann Wellik, Lois Low and Bev Steffensen.

Next meeting will be October 9, 7 p.m. at the Church of Christ with Pat Lohman and Carolyn Nedved as hostesses.

Pat Oswald, Reporter

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WITH SYMPATHY

KENNETH "RED" OLSON 1937 - 2007

Kenneth "Red" Carroll Olson, 70, of Fertile died August 25, 2007 at Muse-Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.



A funeral service was held August 29, 2007 at the Church of Christ in Fertile, with Pastor Curt Gallmeyer officiating. Interment was at Grant Township Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Red was born on Jan. 5, 1937, in rural Thompson, the son of Casper and Tillie Olson. He attended Leland High School. Red

drove a semi for several years. He then worked for, and later managed, Yohn Ready Mix in Forest City.

Red loved to fish and was an avid Vikings fan, played many games on the computer, and was a great story-teller. He enjoyed any movies starring Clint Eastwood or John Wayne; and Western movies in general.

Red was a member of Church of Christ in Fertile, and he was a former member of the Fertile City Council.

Red is survived by his wife, Kay Olson, Fertile; four children, Donald (Cely) Olson, rural Forest City, Dorrie (Rick) Hesley, Clear Lake, Kim Olson, Fertile, and Cory Olson, Fertile; seven grandchildren: Adam, Kenneth and Elizabeth Olson, Forest City; Hunter and Mitchell Koch, Nora Springs, Logan Hesley, Clear Lake, and Zebadyah Ataalseed, Atlanta GA; brothers, Dennis (Donna) Olson, Joice, and Robert (Martha) Olson, Jewel; and sister Clarine Olson, Clear Lake.

Red was preceded in death by his parents, Casper and Tillie Olson; and infant brother, Duane Olson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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- Oct. 18 Child Immunization Clinic at WCPH in Northwood from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Children under 6 years of age may receive a free lead test at this time. No appt necessary.
- Oct. 23 Child Immunization at Methodist Church, Northwood from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No appointment necessary. Free lead test available.

Iowa WIC Program - Do you know anyone who is pregnant, recently had a baby or has a child under age 5? Tell them about WIC - a nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children. The IOWA WIC PROGRAM can provide nutritious foods such as milk, cheese, eggs, cereal, juice and infant formula at no cost for families with pregnant women or young children. They also receive nutrition advice from trained professionals and referrals for health care. Many working families participate in WIC. Call 1-800-532-1579 today for more information and income

CLARENCE E. OUVERSON 1916 - 2007

Clarence E. Oувerson, 91, of 23794 Dogwood Ave, Fertile, died August 26, 2007 at the Oakwood Care Center in Clear Lake.



Funeral services were held August 30, 2007 at the Church of Christ in Fertile, with Pastor Curt Gallmeyer officiating. Interment was in Grant Township Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Clarence was born May 4, 1916, the son of Henry and Mary Oувerson. He graduated from Fertile High School in 1933.

He farmed all of his life until he retired in the 70's. He was also a mechanic at Fertile Implement, Whitis in Forest City and Winnebago Industries in Forest City.

Clarence married Ruth E. Nissen March 2, 1940 in Fertile.

He was an elder of the Church of Christ, Fertile, a member of Cerro Gordo Farm Bureau and was board member of Fertile Consolidated School.

He is survived by his son, Gary Oувerson, and his wife Pat, of Crossville, TN; granddaughter, Shana Moody and her husband, J. T; two great-grandchildren, Reilly and Raegan Moody of Nashville, TN; brother, Virgil Oувerson and his wife, Ruth, Fertile; brothers-in-law Bill Nissen, Clear Lake and Vern Mathison, Buffalo Center; and sister-in-law, Lenora Oувerson, Fertile; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Ruth on Feb. 11, 1996; brothers, Emory, Harley, Edwin, Melvin and Lawrence; and a sister Mary.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

THANK YOU!

A big "thank you to all my friends who sent cards and gifts while I was in the hospital. Also for your prayers. All was much appreciated.

Ruth Rhodes

THANK YOU!

Thank you for the cards, prayers, visits and food after my surgery and during my recuperation. I'm doing well and soon will be out and about.

Charlie Nye

WITH SYMPATHY

LLOYD S. LOVIK

1915 - 2007

Lloyd S. Lovik, 92, formerly of the Forest City area, died Sept. 16, 2007 at the Austin Medical Center in Austin, MN.



Funeral services were held Sept. 23, 2007 at Pilot Knob Lutheran Church with Rev. Bob Snitzer officiating. Burial was in Winnebago Lutheran Church Cemetery, rural Lake Mills.

Lloyd Stanley Lovik was born March 11, 1915 in rural Forest City to Swen and Hilma Lovik. He attended country schools in Winnebago County.

On Jan 16, 1938, Lloyd was united in marriage with Mavis Holtan at Winnebago Lutheran Church parsonage. The couple made their home in Winnebago County where they farmed. Mavis passed away on July 5, 1988. Lloyd was later wed to Mary Wilde on Sept. 27, 1988 in Shelbyville, KY.

Lloyd had been a resident of the Adams Health Care Center in Adams, MN at the time of his death.

Survivors include his wife, Mary of Lyle, MN; a son, Lamar Lovik of Tucson, AZ; step-son, Timothy (Kim) Wilde of Lyle, MN; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; a brother, Virgil (Romane) Lovik of Fertile; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Mavis; a son, Marcus; three daughters, Linda Lovik and two others in infancy; five brothers, Harry, Orville, Norman, Roy and Duane Lovik; and two sisters, Edith Otis and Irene Peterson.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

MAE CAROLINE OSWALD

1911 - 2007

Mac Caroline (Tibbits) Oswald, 96, of Clear Lake, died September 9, 2007 at her daughter's home in Des Moines.

Memorial services were held Sept. 15, 2007 at the Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel in Clear Lake with Lay Pastor Dave Halverson officiating.



Mae was born July 9, 1911, at Round Lake, MN, the daughter of Carl and Carrie Slocum. Mae was united in marriage to Bill Tibbits. Together they farmed north of Clear Lake. After Bill's death, Mae married Bud Oswald and they continued to live in Clear Lake.

Mae enjoyed cooking, baking and playing cards, especially hand and foot. She was a member of Countryside Club and Fertile Lutheran Church.

Mae is survived by her children, Marlys Pederson, Des Moines; Marlene (Jerry) Jenkins, Longmont, CO; Larry (Fran) Tibbits, Clear Lake; Betty Lane, Manly; Phyllis Gericke, Cedar Falls; June (Kneeland) Fredrickson, Mason City; Clarice (Jerry) Skyles, Portland, OR; Norma Van Den Boush, Ames; 31 grandchildren; 111 great-grandchildren; and great-great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law Mary Oswald, Des Moines; along with several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Mae was preceded in death by her parents, children Ronnie, Donnie, Marvin "Snook" and Bob Tibbits; siblings, Charles Slocum, Hazel Minch, Lola McDough, Jennie Garms, Edward "Bud" Slocum, Alyce Jenkins and Edna "Tudy" Saunders; sons-in-law, Maurice Lane, Herb Pederson and Dutch Gericke; and daughter-in-law, Gladys Tibbits.

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MOWING HAY

By George Kisner

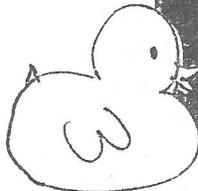
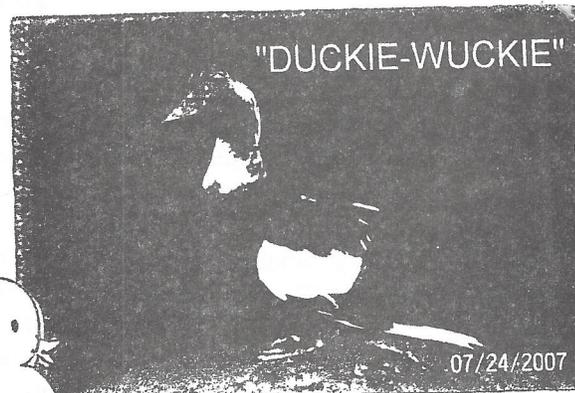
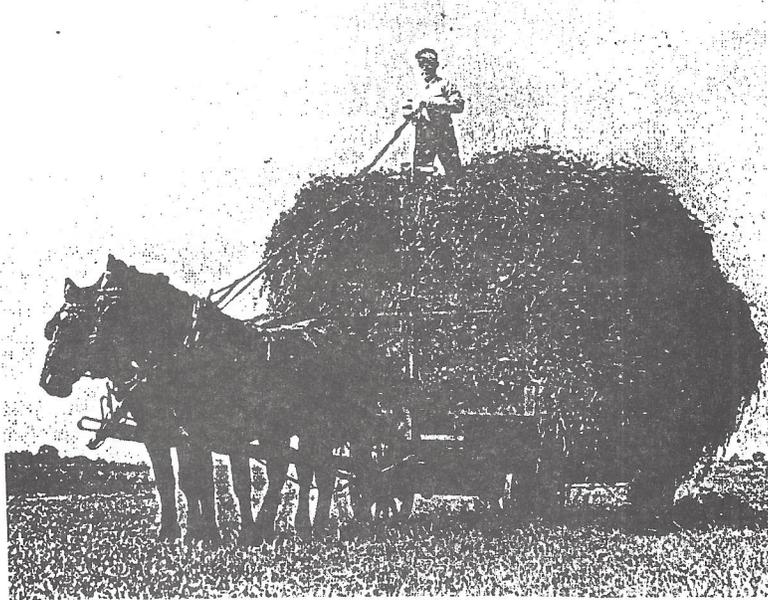
A very important part of our farming operation was making hay. One fourth of our fields were hay fields and three crops per year were usually harvested. It was essential to have plenty of feed for the cows and horses through the winter, so this was a very high priority.

One year my father bought a brand new McCormick Deering 5-foot horse-drawn sickle mower. When you consider that every other piece of machinery on the farm was kept going with baling wire and ingenuity, this was an earth-shattering event.

I was never allowed to drive the mower until I was 12, but my father and brothers took great pleasure in cutting hay. The click-chick of the sickle seemed conducive to song and many times you would hear "Rock of Ages" or "Swanee River" as you passed by the hay field.

The hay would be mowed, let to dry for a couple of days and then loaded onto the haywagon and hauled to the barn, where it was put into the hay-mow with a hay-fork and rope. A child could lead or drive the horse or horses on the rope, so that was my job.

My father had the important job of "sticking the fork" and one of my brothers had the hot, dusty job of mowing the hay in the haymow. It usually took about 4 forkloads of hay to empty the hayrack. As it was pulled along the over-head conveyor track, my brother would holler "trip". Then my father would jerk the trip rope and the hay would drop in the right spot. On hearing "trip", I would turn the team around and go back to the starting point where the hay-rope came out of the barn.



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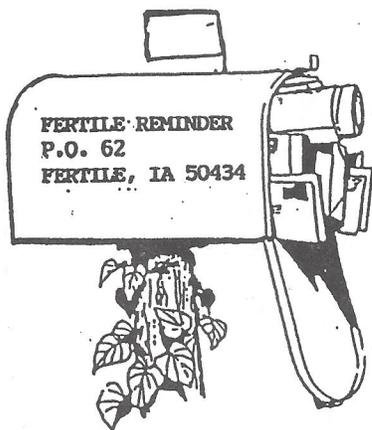
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Closing December 16, 2007.