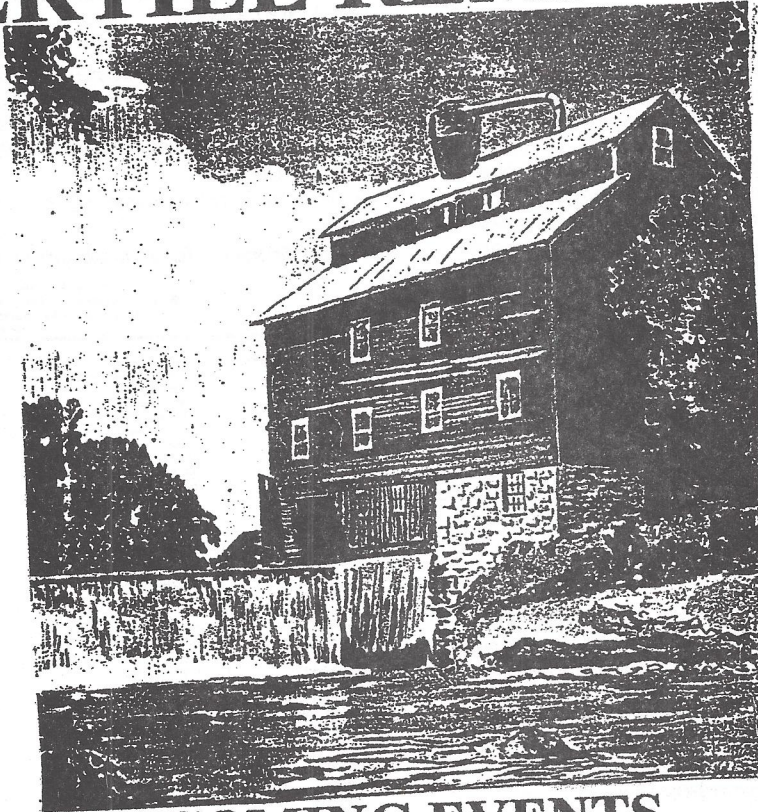


SEPTEMBER 2009

FERTILE REMINDER



COMING EVENTS

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| Sept. 1 | Senior Dinner
Fertile Girls Night Out | Noon
5:30 |
| Sept. 7 | LABOR DAY | |
| Sept. 8 | Garden Club | |
| Sept. 10 | Recycle Day | |
| Sept. 15 | DEADLINE FOR REMINDER
ARTICLES
Senior Dinner
City Council Meeting | Noon
7 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Library Board Meeting | |
| Sept. 24 | Recycle Day | |

City of Fertile

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 18, 2009, 7:00 PM, City Hall

Call to Order & Roll Call

Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Tad Miller, Cindy Peters, and Pat Renchin; and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Maintenance Manager Craig Koch.

Minutes Approval

- *Jeff motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve the July minutes.* Motion Carried.

Public Hearing – Mark Davis' Request for Transfer of Property

- Mark Davis of 210 West Main Street requested Council approval to transfer his restricted residential property to commercial zoning.
- A letter was mailed to each of his neighbors within a 200 foot radius from the said property informing them of his request giving them the opportunity to approve or disapprove of the zoning transfer.
- Of the nine properties that were notified, five submitted letters of rejection, three attended the meeting and voiced their rejection, and one left no comment.
- *Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to reject the request for transfer of property from restricted residential to commercial zoning.* Roll Call Vote was unanimous. Motion Carried. The property will not be transferred to commercial zoning.

Mike Dahn – Fertile Days Idea

- Mike presented the possibility of bringing in Impact Professional Wrestling for next year's Fertile Days celebration. The Council thanked Mike for showing interest in supporting Fertile Days. They requested more information regarding cost, minimum required attendance and proof of liability coverage. The Council gave Mike permission to begin conversations with IMW regarding the possibility contingent on this information.
- The Council would like to form a committee, with the leadership of the Council, to prepare for next year's Fertile Days celebration. Citizens interested in helping with the committee should contact City Hall before the next Council Meeting to voice their interest. *A committee will not be formed unless there are a sufficient number of citizens willing to help. Please notify us asap if you are interested in helping.*

Mayor's Report

- The City has received the money from the WCDA for the new road and for the water plant upgrades. The new road has been installed, as well as the water plant upgrades. Between both projects, the City received \$126,348.38 from the Worth County Development Authority!
- Water Tower Paint & Repair will be completing maintenance on the water tower in September. They will be cleaning the inside and repairing a leg.
- We will be receiving an extra \$1,848 for road repairs from the Governor's IJobs program this year as well as additional funds over the next 2-3 years.
- A loose dog recently bit a pedestrian. The City encourages pedestrians to be careful of dogs who are not on a leash. The City and County is addressing this particular issue with the dog owner according to the City Ordinances.
- The City has finally received the last payment from FEMA for the 08 flood.
- The paperwork has been filed and the City is now waiting for a court date to address the Ordinance infractions of the property at 410 North 3rd Street.
- The resident at 210 West Main Street had 21 days to clean up the property before the City filed an infraction. Progress has been made, but has not been completed. The City is allowing another 30 days for compliance.
- A Sheriff's sale will be held at the Worth County Courthouse on Sept. 22 for the property at 406 West Washington.
- The City will be requesting three bids from engineers to determine the appropriate action to take regarding the ditches on the east end of West Washington Street. Property owners are requested to attend the next two Council meeting to solve the issues related to the City right-of-way.

City Clerk's Report

- Eddie presented the July financials.
- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (8.33% of year)

	General	Roads	Landfill	Sewer	Water
Income	2%	7%	11%	12%	12%
Expense	14%	58%	8%	7%	7%

(The Roads Fund is at 58% due to the City's portion of the new road surfacing done in July.)

- *Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve the July Expenses.* Motion Carried.
- Several resolutions relating to the receipt of CDBG funding for the Housing Grant were passed. The full resolutions are available to view at City Hall.
- *Pat motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve a temporary relocation policy.* Motion Carried.
- *Tad motioned, Cindy 2nd to approve a policy on the prohibition of the use of*

excessive force. Motion Carried.

- *Cindy motioned, Tad 2nd to approve the residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan.* Motion Carried.
- *Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to approve a resolution on equal opportunity policy.* Motion Carried.
- *Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve a resolution adopting a code of conduct for the City of Fertile Community Development Block Grant.* Motion Carried.
- *Pat motioned, Penny 2nd to approve a resolution adopting a procurement policy for the City of Fertile Community Development Block Grant.* Motion Carried.
- *Tad motioned, Pat 2nd to approve a resolution adopting the affirmative fair housing policy.* Motion Carried.

Other Business

- Anne Jones, owner of The Mill, presented written requests of the City to remove a tree that has been trapped against the dam, remove a dead tree on the bank to the west of her property, and move a speed limit sign west of her property. The Council stated that her requests were appropriate and that they will take action to meet her requests.

Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet at 7:00PM in regular session, September 15, 2009, at Fertile City Hall.

Adjourn – Pat moved, Jeff 2nd to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

City of Fertile Expenditures and Revenues As of July 31, 2009			Paid Amount
Type	Name		
General Fund Accounts			
General Fund Checking			
Bill Pmt -Check	Advantage Business Solutions		-60.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy		-1,172.12
Bill Pmt -Check	Crescent Moon		-391.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Five Star CO-OP		-154.90
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair		-60.70
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR		-43.40
Bill Pmt -Check	LGI		-64.75
Bill Pmt -Check	NIACOG		-230.40
Bill Pmt -Check	Pronio		-115.18
Bill Pmt -Check	Waste Management		-1,834.30
Bill Pmt -Check	WCTA		-146.31
Bill Pmt -Check	Altel		-60.33
Bill Pmt -Check	Black Hills Energy		-47.78
Bill Pmt -Check	Frank's Repair		-355.26
Bill Pmt -Check	Hawkins, Inc.		-12.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Iowa One Call		-10.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware		-133.05
Bill Pmt -Check	Hare Electric		-27,800.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Brian Nettleton Excavating, Inc.		-11,000.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Heartland Asphalt		-83,088.80
Bill Pmt -Check	Larsen Plumbing & Heating		-24,480.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Alliant Energy		-1,276.77
Bill Pmt -Check	IDNR		-210.00
Bill Pmt -Check	Kramer Ace Hardware		-96.19
Bill Pmt -Check	UPS		-11.58
Check	US Post Office		-112.00
Check	Theilen, Paul		-150.00
Check	Theilen, Dean & Betty		-150.00
Check	Rechut, Ron & Becky		-74.95
Check	Swanson, Rich		-79.00
Check	Fertile Fire Department V		-2,752.00
Check	Fertile Public Library V		-4,520.25
Check	First State Bank		-2,455.15
Check	First State Bank		-1.24
Deposit			2,176.07
Deposit			4,659.90
Deposit			2,606.87
Deposit			132,603.33
Deposit			167.66
Deposit	Diamond Joe Casino		2,676.00
Deposit			2,642.28
Paycheck			14.16
Paycheck	Bruns, Warren		-308.17
Paycheck	Koch, Craig A.		-1,802.66
Paycheck	May III, Edgar F.		-810.47
Paycheck	Russell, Joyce		-648.68
Sales Tax Payment	Iowa Department of Revenue and Finance		-924.00
Total General Fund Checking			-20,116.23
Total General Fund Accounts			-20,116.23
Reads Revenue Fund Savings			
Deposit			9.81
Total Reads Revenue Fund Savings			9.81
Water Fund Accounts			
Water Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit			1.64
Total Water Revenue Fund Checking			1.64
Total Water Fund Accounts			1.64
Sewage Revenue Fund Accounts			
Sewage Revenue Fund Checking			
Deposit			4.10
Total Sewage Revenue Fund Checking			4.10
Sewage Revenue Fund CD			
Deposit			1,147.98
Total Sewage Revenue Fund CD			1,147.98
Total Sewage Fund Accounts			1,152.08
TOTAL			-19,962.65

2009 City Elections:

This fall, three Council positions, as well as the Mayor's seat, are up for re-election. Papers are available at City Hall for anyone who is interested in running to fill those seats. You can also find all of the paperwork and information online at:

www.sos.state.ia.us/elections/electioninfo/CityElections.html



Ole was visiting the folks back in Norway, driving along a high mountain road where you can look down three thousand feet. All of a sudden, while going around a sharp curve, the left rear wheel started coming off. Ole tried to keep from panicking and began singing under his breath, "You picked a fine time to leave me loose wheel!"

NORVEEJUN HUMOR

A Swede in Minnesota decided to have himself cloned and the result was a perfect likeness of himself in every detail except one. And that was the Clone had a filthy mouth... making obscene remarks wherever he went, much to the extreme embarrassment of the Swede. Finally it had such a damaging effect on the Swede's life with the rotten-talking Clone ruining his reputation that the Swede invited the Clone to go on an outing to the countryside.

The Swede enticed the clone to view the magnificent scenery from the edge of a cliff, or bluff as they are called in Minnesota. As the Clone leaned forward to glimpse the panorama below, the Swede quickly bumped him from behind and the Clone fell over the 120 foot precipice to the rocks below. When the Swede surmised that death had occurred, he got in his car and went back to town. Several days went by and he figured that when the body was found, it would be presumed an accident with no blame toward him. But one day two policemen walked in and arrested the Swede.

Why?

For making an obscene Clone fall

FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club held their August meeting at the home of Paula Appel with Penny Miller as co-hostess. It was a perfect summer evening and our meeting was held in her back yard gazebo.

Penny Miller read the Garden Club Creed. We then had the privilege of pledging allegiance to our flag.

Roll call was to tell what your most embarrassing moment was, and there were many.

Tony Mikes came and presented information for applying for the "Beautify Iowa Grant". There was discussion on taking pictures before and also the areas around town to work on.

Fern had a lesson on Preserving and Storing your Harvest. Everyone took part and that added much to the lesson.

The business meeting was discussion on the grant and the coming guest day.

A delicious and pretty lunch was served by the hostesses.

Fern Midtgaard, Reporter

Dave Haugen, Owner



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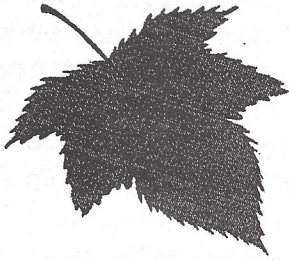
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NEW BOOKS

Black Hills – Nora Roberts
Storm Cycle – Iris Johansen
Yes, My Darling Daughter – Margaret Leroy
Boneman's Daughters – Ted Dekker
The Secret She Left Behind – Diane Chamberlin
Before the Storm – Diane Chamberlin
Dust to Dust – Heather Graham
The Neighbor – Lisa Gardner
Cry in the Night – Colleen Coble
Appaloosa – Robert B. Parker
Resolution - Robert B Parker
Brimstone – Robert B. Parker
Fire & Ice – J.A. Jance
Outlaw Marshal – Al Lacy
The Soloist – Steve Lopez
Rachel's Secret – B.J. Hoff
Chosen to Die – Lisa Jackson
Hungry Girl: 200 Under 200 – Lisa Lillien
Best Church Supper Recipes – Taste of Home
Dark Fever – Karen Marie Moning
Lucky Break – Carly Phillips
Seducing an Angel – Mary Balogh
The Time Travelers' Wife – Audrey Niffenegger
Bloodshed of Eagles – William W. Johnstone
Last Light Over Carolina – Mary Alice Monroe
The Bridegroom – Linda Lael Miller
Smashcut – Sandra Brown
Intervention – Robin Cook
Blindman's Bluff – Faye Kellerman
Paul Newman – Shawn Levy

Large Print

Three Times Blessed – Lori Copeland
Accidental Lawman – Jill Marie Landis
Surrender Bay – Denise Hunter
A Merry Heart – Wanda E. Brunstetter
Wild Rose – Ruth Axtel Morren
Winter Wonder – Melody Carlson
Potluck Catering Club – Linda Evans Shepherd
Maidenstone Lighthouse – Sally Smith O'Rourke
The Deep Blue Seas for Beginners – Luanne Rice

Books on CD

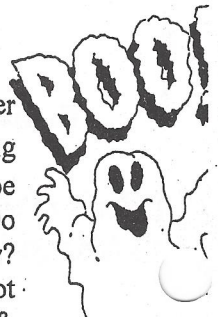
Boneman's Daughters – Ted Dekker

DVDs

Gran Torino – Clint Eastwood
Race to Witch Mountain – Duane Johnson
Defiance – Daniel Craig
The International – Clive Owen
Seven Pounds – Will Smith
Superhero Movie – Leslie Nielsen
Inkheart – Brendan Fraser
he's just *not* that into you – Jennifer Anniston
Bonneville - Kathy Bates

LIBRARY NEWS

Fall is coming!! That means pumpkins, falling leaves & **HALLOWEEN!** We are planning another **HAUNT IN THE PARK.** If you would be interested in joining in the fun there will be a meeting at the library **Tuesday September 8 @ 6:30.** Maybe you have something you think would be fun to use in the park (we will return it if you like). Do you like to dress in fun costumes? Do you have a fun theme idea? Or would you just like to help at headquarters or be park security? We appreciate any help or input we receive. We had a great time doing it last year and got a lot of positive feedback so we will do our best to **ENTERTAIN** you again this year. Please come & be part of this spooktacular evening!



WITH SYMPATHY

RUTH "IVENE" NELSON 1930 - 2009

Ruth Ivene Nelson, 78, of 467 North Shore Drive, Clear Lake, died August 2, 2009 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City.



Funeral services were held August 7, 2009 at the Evangelical Free Church, Clear Lake with Rev. Kent Wagner officiating. Burial was in Brush Point Cemetery rural Fertile.

Ivене was born Aug., 27, 1930 in Forest City, the daughter of Leo H. and Sophie (Hjelmeland) Elthon.

She graduated from Fertile High School in 1948 and continued her education at Hamilton College. Following school she went to Des Moines to be her father's secretary in the Iowa Legislature in the Senate.

Ivене married Les Nelson on May 8, 1949 at the Fertile Gospel Mission Church. They lived in Northwood, later moved to her father's farm in rural Fertile, into Fertile and then to Mason City and then to Clear Lake.

She enjoyed sewing, interior decorating, knitting, crocheting, cooking, traveling, shopping, Christian Women's Club and having coffee with her friends. She was very active in the Republican party. She was a member of Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church.

Ivене is survived by her husband, Les Nelson, of Clear Lake; three children, J. D. Nelson and his wife Debbie, of Clear Lake, Robert Nelson of Clear Lake, and Ann Weitzel and her husband, Tom, of Estes Park, CO; eight grandchildren: Sara Briggs and her husband, Andy, Andrew Nelson and his wife, Jill, Aaron Nelson, Erika Weitzel, Lindsey Weitzel, Breanna Weitzel, Jason Weitzel and Chelsea Weitzel; and six great-grandchildren; two sisters, Dorothy Davis of San Clemente, CA, and Amy Mahoney and her husband Wendell, of Clear Lake; two sisters-in-law, Evelyn Elthon and Evelyn Juvet and a brother-in-law, Jim Lemon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, David and Alan Elthon; and one sister, Sylvia Lemon. Our deepest sympathy to the family.

DOWNTOWN CAFE

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY - 5:30 - 2:00

SATURDAY - 5:30 - 1:30

TUES. TACO NITE - 5:00 - 8:00

FRIDAY NIGHT - FISH & RIBS 5:00-8:00

MERRIDY MAE HILL 1926 - 2009

Merridy Mae Hill, 83, 837 Sixth St SW, Mason City died August 15, 2009 at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit, Mason City.



A funeral service was held Aug. 19, 2009 at the Evangelical Free Church in Clear Lake with Pastor Randy Vaage officiating. Interment was at Grant Township Cemetery, rural Fertile.

Merridy was born May 13, 1926 in Fertile, the daughter of George and Petrea (Back) Zirbel. She graduated from Fertile High School in 1943 and studied further at Waldorf College and Hamilton Business College.

She married George Arthur Hill on May 23, 1945 in Clear Lake. They lived most of their married life in Mason City. She worked for Sears and Roebuck in Mason City for 30 years.

In 2005 she moved to Grant Village in Mason City, where she enjoyed playing Bingo on Monday nights and socializing with friends. She was a volunteer for the Republican party; she enjoyed quilting and bowled for many years. She was a lifelong member of the Clear Lake Evangelical Free Church.

She is survived by three children, Linda Clausen and her husband Mike of Mason City, Gloria Hill of Waterloo and Randy Hill of Fort Mill, SC; three grandchildren, Michaelle (Brian) Bahnsen of Des Moines, Brent (Anna) Clausen of Sheffield and Joshua (Nicole) Clausen of Mason City; and seven great-grandchildren.

Merridy was preceded in death by her parents, husband George in 1995; son Scott, in 1997 sister, Reva Nelson; and brother, Stanley Zirbel.

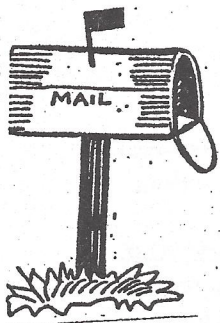
Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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Fertile Park Services - Bandstand - 9:00 a.m.

Bring your lawn chairs

In case of rain - meet at the City Hall
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Dear Ladies,
We enjoy the paper. You all do a great job.

Virgil & Ruth Ouverson

Dear Ladies,
Thank you to the Fertile Reminder staff for a great job on your monthly paper.

I received my "Fertile School" book a couple of weeks ago and have read it cover to cover. It's a real treasure! Kudos to Betty Waddington for her labor of love.

LaVonne (Pederson) Kraft

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for another beautiful year of reading about my old home town. I appreciate all the news I can get about Fertile.

Thank you so much.

Evanelle (Faulken) Perkins

Dear Reminder Ladies,

I really appreciate all of the work that you do each month. It is fun to stay current with the activities that go on in my old home town.

Gary E. Ouverson

Dear Reminder Crew,

Enclosed is my payment for another year. Thanks for the great job you gals do.

Betty & Dean Theilen

Dear Reminder Gals,

Thank you for a wonderful job. We really do enjoy the Fertile Reminder.

Janice Asche

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A liturgical church used to begin every worship service the same way. The pastor would address the congregation: "The Lord be with you." The congregation would respond, saying, "And with thy spirit." But when the service became more casual, the pastor would say, "The Lord be with you," and the congregation would respond, "And also with you."

One Sunday, a guest pastor approached the pulpit's unreliable microphone. He tapped it several times and finally said, "There's something wrong with this!" Without hesitation the whole congregation answered faithfully, "And also with you."

GOOD MEDICINE

Chinese eye doctor: It looks like you have a cataract.
Patient: No, it is Rioncoln Continental.

Young doctor: What is the secret of your success?
Old doctor: Always write your prescriptions illegibly and your bills very plainly.

Doctors tell us there are over 7 million people who are overweight. These, of course, are only round figures.

"Did you say the man was shot in the woods, doctor?"
"No, I said he was shot in the lumbar region."

Wife: My husband thinks he's a refrigerator.
Psychiatrist: I wouldn't worry as long as he is not violent.
Wife: Oh, the delusion doesn't bother me. But when he sleeps with his mouth open, the little light keeps me awake.

Wife: My husband frightens me the way he blows smoke rings through his nose.
Psychiatrist: That isn't unusual.
Wife: But my husband doesn't smoke.

Patient: I've got butterflies in my stomach.
Doctor: Did you try an aspirin?
Patient: Yes and they are playin ping pong with it.

Neurotics build air castles. Psychotics live in them.
Psychiatrists collect the rent.

She: What kind of doctor are you?
He: A naval surgeon.
She: My, how you doctors specialize.

"The other doctor and I disagree on your case. But I am sure that the autopsy will prove that I'm right."

"I just found out your uncle's an undertaker. I thought you told me he was a doctor."
"Nope, I just said he followed the medical profession."

Patient: Doctor, what I need is something to stir me up. Something to put in fighting trim. Did you put anything like that in this prescription?
Doctor: No. You will find that in the bill.

Joe: I'm afraid I can't afford that operation now.
Moe: It looks like you'll have to talk about your old one for another year.

"I have a cold or something in my head."
"I bet it's a cold."

The best way to cure your wife of nerves is to tell her it's caused by advancing age.



Eight of the girls from the graduating class of 1951 enjoyed a noon luncheon at the home of Dolores Sandifer. DeEtta Thovson Twedt had returned for the All School Reunion and it was a chance for us all to get together. From left to right are DeEtta Thovson Twedt, Mary Tweeten Myers, Elsie Suby Chisholm, Janice Burtness Abrams, Iva-Dell Oakland Wright, Mary Elthon Midtgaard, Dolores Jordan Sandifer and Bonnie Bjelland Kuns.

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The **FERTILE ALL SCHOOL REUNION** was held at the Banquet Room at the Hanford Inn in Mason City. There were 119 who attended. The classes of 1951 and 1955 had the largest number of attendees with thirteen grads & spouses from each class.

Harlan Rodberg, our fearless leader, entertained us with a few jokes, then read off the statistics of how many were here from each class and the names and class year of those who have passed away. Harlan reported that 27 have passed away since our last reunion.. This number represent grads from 1933 - 1971, a period of five decades

The class of 1959 was celebrating their 50th year, so they presented the program. Neil Luker kept us in stitches with his many jokes and funny stories. Donna Vaage Nelson read a list of things that were popular in the 1950's and Jane Luker read a long, long list of all the things that we are enjoying now that were never heard of in 1959 - such as heart transplants, microwave ovens etc.

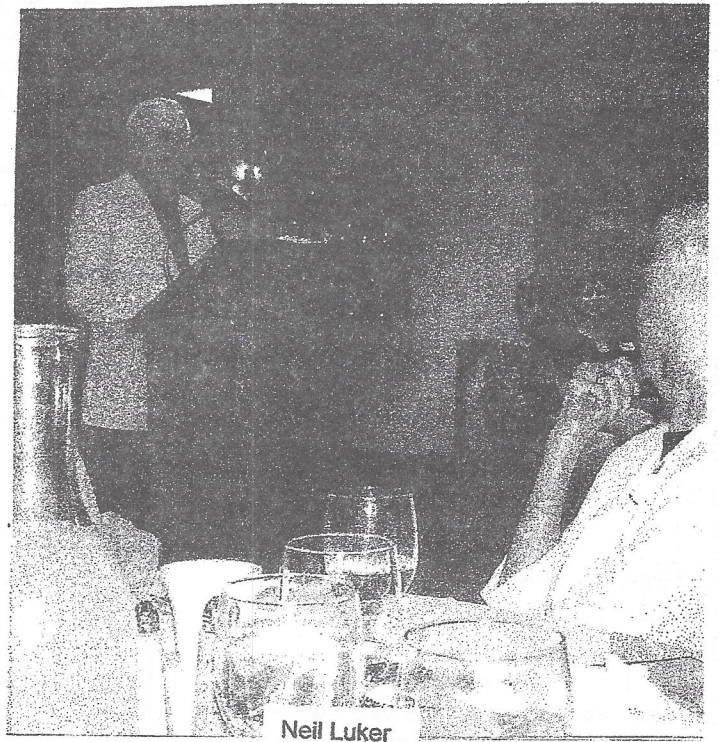
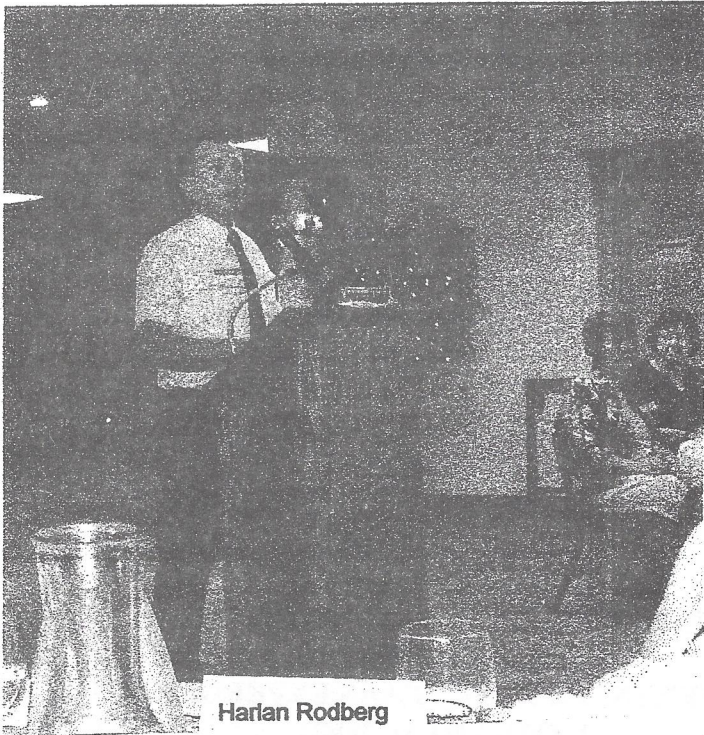
Betty Waddington spoke briefly about the Fertile School Book and made a few laast minute sales. We thanked Betty for her fine job on the book.


During our last banquet it was discussed about what to do with the class pictures that used to be in our old school. Mary Ann Nye Stram volunteered to clean up these pictures and get them ready to be mounted in an album. She had the album there and it is very nicely done. It will probably be on display in our library eventually.

Viola Roberts received a gift for being a graduate of the oldest class 1933 and Charlie Nye got a gift for being from the next oldest class, 1939.

There were many good comments about the banquet - the food was good, it was a nice place to have it. We are looking forward to having another reunion in three years.

FERTILE ALUMNI COMMITTEE: Harlan Rodberg, Chairman, Mary Rodberg, Darlene Rodberg, Joan Norem & Dolores Sandifer





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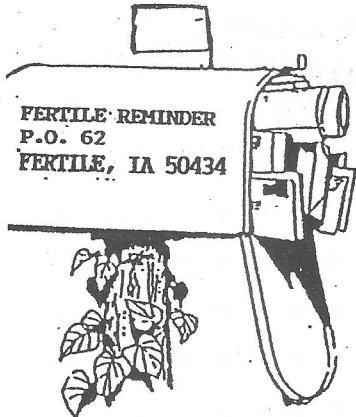
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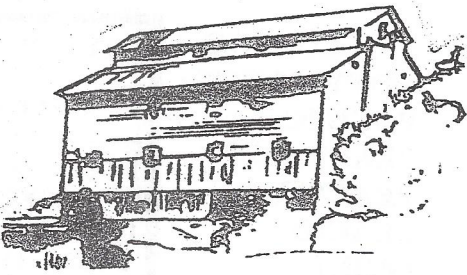
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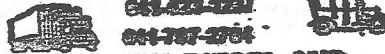
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