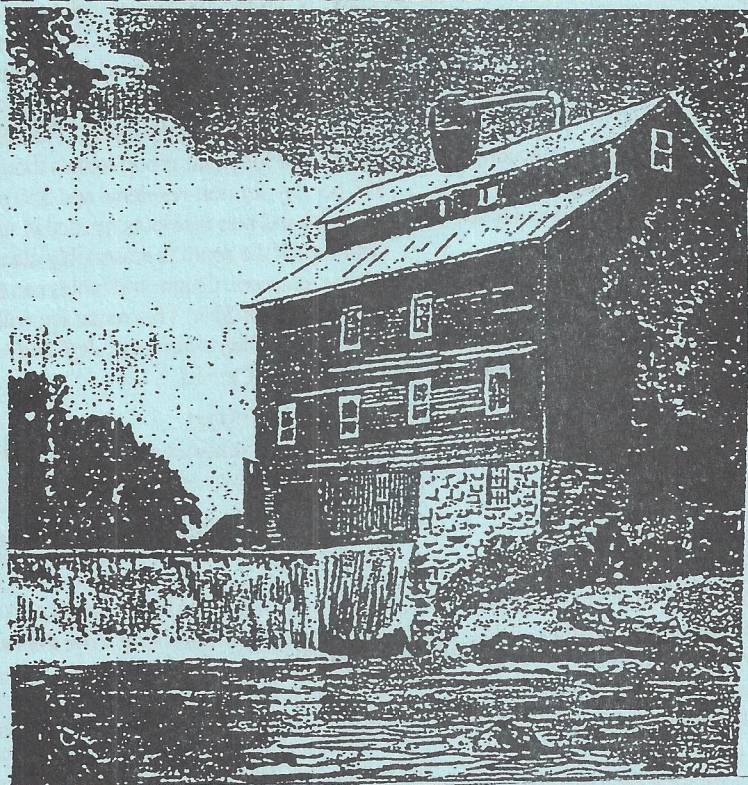


# APRIL 2011

## FERTILE REMINDER



### COMING EVENTS

- |          |   |                |
|----------|---|----------------|
| April 4  | Fire Dept. Meeting                            | 7 p.m.         |
| April 5  | Senior Dinner                                 | Noon           |
|          | Fertile Girls Night Out                       | 5:30           |
| April 7  | Recycle Day                                   |                |
| April 16 | Open House Bridal Shower<br>for Jessica Jones | 10 a.m. - noon |
| April 18 | Library Board Meeting                         | 7 p.m.         |
| April 19 | <b>DEADLINE FOR REMINDER ARTICLES</b>         |                |
|          | Senior Dinner                                 | Noon           |
|          | City Council Meeting                          | 7 p.m.         |
| April 21 | Recycle Day                                   |                |
| April 24 | Easter Sunday                                 |                |

# City of Fertile

## City Council Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2011 - 7:00 PM, City Hall

### Call to Order & Roll Call

- Present were: Mayor Joyce Russell; Council Members: Jeff Berg, Penny Miller, Cindy Peters and Pat Renchin; Maintenance Manager Buck Russell and City Clerk Eddie May. Absent was Council Member Tad Miller.
- *Cindy motioned, Penny 2nd to approve the Feb. Minutes.* Motion Carried.

### Fred Hare / Hare Electric

- Fred Hare purchased the old Fire Station and plans on connecting the building to his existing business building. Fred was wondering if the water and sewer were to be disconnected, would he need to pay two water/sewer bills.
- The Council agreed that precedence set by Larsen Plumbing, Sandifer Recycling, Fertile Lumber Company and Brcka Construction allows for only one water/sewer meter when buildings are combined into one connected location and utility connections are removed or combined into one system. Therefore, Hare Electric will only have one water/sewer connection and one minimum charge for each service (water and sewer).

### Fertile Fire Department

- The Fertile Fire Department has contracted with Steve Meyer Consulting to write a grant for a new Fire Truck. Fire Chief Josh Miller and Mayor Russell have been gathering all the information necessary to fill out the grant. The grant will be submitted in April and could take up to 3 years for approval.
- The Fertile Fire Department will be using the new City Hall to host a series of First Responder's courses on Monday evenings from March 22<sup>nd</sup> - May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The City has entered into a 28E Agreement with several cities in the North Iowa Area including Mason City. This agreement allows the sharing of resources between cities to help manage emergencies responses such as fires, natural disasters and hazardous material contaminations.

### Mayor's Report

- Warren Bruns & Mayor Russell completed a Tier 2 report for the DNR regarding our inventory of hazardous materials.
- Mayor Russell spoke with the City's Attorney and he stated that the liens against 110 West Main Street need to stay on the property and that the purchaser of the property will be required to pay them. Kathryn Olson's estate should not be responsible for them.
- ICAP, the City's insurance provider completed their annual loss control report and found three areas the City needed to fix: two new stop signs at the corner of 1<sup>st</sup> and Main, securing of loose items in the Fire Department's pickup, and obtaining certificates of insurance by contractors working for the City. All issues are in the process of being brought into compliance.
- A big Thank You to Hare Electric, Buck and Mayor Russell for the hard work done in taking down the Christmas decorations on Main.
- A big Thank You to Randy Harms, Josh Miller, and Jeff Berg for cleaning up the salt and sand unfortunately dumped at 503 West Washington, Craig Koch and Kara Swingen, when the snow plow got stuck during a blizzard. The City will rake and seed the area this spring.

- The City of Fertile is the only town in Worth County to have an increase in population from the 2000 Census to the 2010 Census. The City increase from 360 to 370. A big Thank You to everyone who filled out their Census papers. This will help with grant funding!
- Governor Branstad has proposed an increase in the Gaming Tax from 22% to 36% to help balance this year's state budget. For information regarding the increase, and how it may affect available grant funding, contact the Worth County Development Authority at 641-324-1618.
- The City has received several phone calls requesting information on renting the new Community Center, including a group who wanted to have a square dance and wedding reception. Unfortunately the building will not be available for large group rental for another year, if the grants go through as hoped. The City Hall portion of the building is available for small group rentals though. The rates for rental are: \$75 per day for non-residents and \$50 per day for residents. Both residents and non-residents must also submit a \$25 deposit for cleaning. If the room is reasonably clean after the event, the deposit will be returned. Chairs and tables can also be rented for use outside the building for \$25. This rental fee will go to purchasing new tables and chairs. *Cindy motioned, Jeff 2nd to approve the new rental rates.* Motion Carried.

### City Clerk's Report

- The following statistics report the % of budgeted revenue received year-to-date as well as the % of budgeted expenses spent year-to-date (67% of year).

	General	Roads	Water	Sewer	Landfill	Total (incl. non-budget items)
Income	71%	77%	68%	70%	73%	
Expense	65%	41%	66%	64%	60%	
Net Income	\$4,537.25	\$10,900.65	\$1,484.62	\$4,079.53	\$3,331.87	\$25,808.46

- *Penry motioned, Pat 2nd to approve February's bills.* Motion Carried.
- The following liens were presented for approval:  
207 E Main \$199.13 - 308 W Main \$159.57 - 605 W Washington \$353.91  
108 W Washington \$253.48 - 501 W Washington \$325.20 - 405 W Main \$238.00  
101 W Main \$229.80 - 403 N 1<sup>st</sup> \$384.82 - 302 E Main \$271.34 - 210 W Main \$202.94
- *Jeff motioned, Pat 2nd to approve Liens.* Roll Call Vote: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

### Maintenance Report

- Buck and Fred Hare contacted Kohler, the maker of the new backup generator at the water plant, to get a check list of troubleshooting tips to help with the automatic start-up feature of the generator. The tips have seemed to work as the generator is now working well.
- Denny Ganz has mentioned that he would be available as a backup for mowing this summer. The City is still looking for assistance with mowing and trimming for this year. Payment for services is available. Contact Buck if you are interested.

### Committee Reports

- Fertile Days: Skreta is scheduled to return for an evening concert! The parade, a peddle pull, community meals and other activities are already in the planning, as well as a few food vendors. Fertile Days will be August 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> this year.
- The Community Center Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at City Hall. We will know if we have received the WCDA grant by then. If all goes well, we will start finalizing the plans for the fall grant, and gathering information for the Library portion of the project. The public is welcome to attend and offer input.

### Upcoming Meetings

- The Fertile City Council will meet in regular session at 7:00PM, Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Fertile City Hall.
- *Pat moved and J 2nd to adjourn the meeting.* Motion Carried.

**City of Fertile**  
**Bills Paid - February 2011**

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Amount
<b>001 - General Fund Accounts</b>					
Check	02/01/2011	5532	Berg, Jeffrey	Snow Removal	-121.71
Deposit	02/02/2011			Deposit	1,746.53
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5510	Bruns, Warren		-314.47
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5513	May III, Edgar F.		-858.02
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5511	Russell, Grant		-736.35
Paycheck	02/02/2011	5512	Russell, Joyce		-540.08
Deposit	02/02/2011			Deposit	1,914.61
Deposit	02/03/2011		Diamond Joe Casino	Casino Funds	2,179.28
Deposit	02/07/2011			Deposit	919.22
Deposit	02/08/2011			Deposit	245.74
Deposit	02/09/2011			Deposit	3,545.73
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5514	Alliant Energy	Electricity	-1,469.44
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5515	Carrot-Top Industries, Inc.	Garden Club	-160.20
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5516	Hare Electric	light fixtures in new city hall	-191.65
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5517	Hawkins, Inc.	Chlorine	-10.00
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5518	Kramer Ace Hardware	picture hangers, keyblanks	-16.94
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5519	Larsen Plumbing & Heating	winterize upstairs	-116.25
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5520	North Iowa Media Group	maintenance position ad	-26.00
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5521	Northwood Anchor, Inc.	notice of public hearing for sale o	-13.80
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5522	Pronto	Gas - snow removal	-56.58
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5523	Staples	Office Supplies	-76.03
Bill Pmt - Check	02/09/2011	5524	WCTA	Telephone and Internet	-236.19
Deposit	02/15/2011			Deposit	1,669.18
Paycheck	02/15/2011	5525	Miller, Josh	Snow Removal	-133.98
Check	02/18/2011	5495	First Security Bank & Trust	Comm Ctr Loan Pmt	-2,500.00
Deposit	02/23/2011			Deposit	5,445.56
Bill Pmt - Check	02/23/2011	5526	Black Hills Energy	Natural Gas	-796.59
Bill Pmt - Check	02/23/2011	5527	Fertile Reminder	Advertisement Costs	-20.00
Bill Pmt - Check	02/23/2011	5528	Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone	-42.92
Bill Pmt - Check	02/23/2011	5529	Waste Management	Garbage & Recycling	-1,845.74
Bill Pmt - Check	02/23/2011	5530	Worth County Sheriff's Office	Law Enforcement Agreement	-2,250.00
Deposit	02/28/2011			Deposit	399.59
Check	02/28/2011		Coraville Marriott	Continuing Ed - Warren	-235.20
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	77.42
Total 001b - General Fund Accounts					5,374.72
<b>110b - Roads Revenue Accounts</b>					
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	9.00
Total 110b - Roads Revenue Accounts					9.00
<b>600b - Water Revenue Accounts</b>					
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	13.03
Total 600b - Water Revenue Accounts					13.03
<b>610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts</b>					
Deposit	02/28/2011			Interest	9.71
Total 610b - Sewer Revenue Accounts					9.71
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>5,406.46</b>

# ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Junior fell down hard just as he was entering the classroom. Even his little head resounded with a sharp crack. The teacher rushed to his side, helped him to his feet and reminded him sweetly, "Please remember that only little boys cry. Big boys can take it." "You said it," agreed Junior. "I'm taking this case of my attorney and I'm going to sue you for damages."

\* \* \*

Wife to husband rummaging through the freezer. "If you are looking for the fish you caught, I froze it in an ice cube!"

\* \* \*

Husband to wife as they start out to dinner leaving their son with a sitter: "I still say, when they begin to ask for a blond instead of a brunette, they are old enough to stay alone!"

\* \* \*

A fellow got in a taxi and told the driver to take him to an address in the toughest section of town.

"I wouldn't drive through there for all the money in the world." "Have it your way," said the man. "I'll rob you here!"

\* \* \*

The retiring prexy of a pretigious New Englande University reminded his successor, "Of course you'll pay attention to your A & B students. Some of them may return to the campus later on as first rate professors. But don't ignore the C students either. Some day one of them may build you a five-million-dollar science laboratory."

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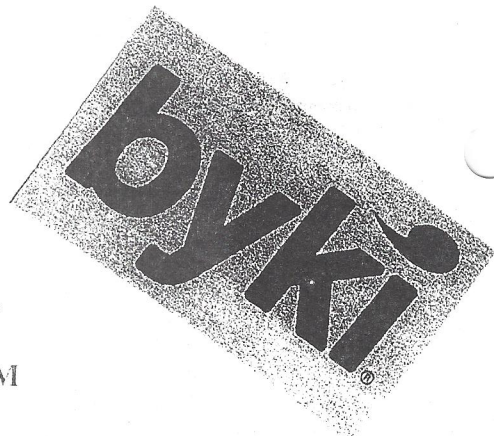
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- A Heart for Home – Lauraine Snelling
- A Heartbeat Away – Michael Palmer
- One Thousand White Women – Jim Fergus
- Angel Harp – Michael Phillips
- These Things Hidden – Heather Gudenkauf
- Marrying Daisy Bellamy – Susan Wiggs
- Heart of Lies – Jill Marie Landis
- Toys – James Patterson
- Sing You Home – Jodi Picoult
- Ride to Valor – David Robbins
- Raider's Heart – Marcia Gruver
- Fire in Ember – Diann Mills

**BOOKS on CD**

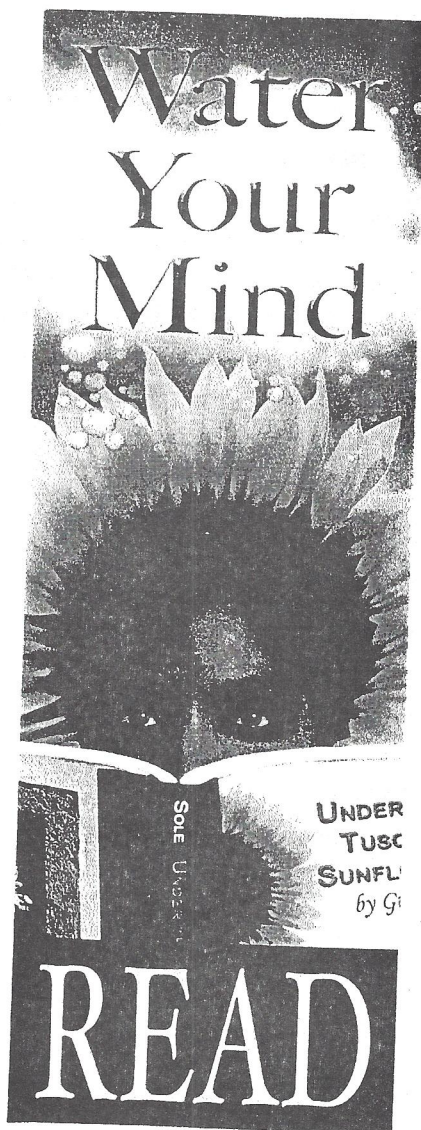
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- Sworn to Silence – Linda Castillo

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- Heartwood – Belva Plain
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## WITH SYMPATHY

### L. DALE PURCELL

1925 - 2011

L. Dale Purcell, 85, died on Feb. 5, 2011 at Regional Medical center in Lakeland, Florida from heart failure.



He was born on June 1, 1925 in Fertile, IA. He graduated from Iowa State University and is a Navy veteran of WWII. A former vocational agriculture teacher, Dale retired as a national marketing director for Ralston Purina, and was a past director at large for the National Dairy Council. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, an avid golfer, and a proud Irishman.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Rosella Purcell; his two daughters, Stephanie Schmidt (Paul), and Sara Stocker (Eric), his grandchildren, Lindsey, Anne, and Dan, and his great-grandsons, Jipp and Jacob.

A Memorial service was held February 12, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church with interment following at the church columbarium.

Our deepest sympathy to the family.

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- Influenza vaccine is available at Worth County Public Health Office for those unable to get to our clinics. We have both the influenza mist and the shots available. Cost is \$20.00. Persons with Medicare Part B will be at no charge. Please call ahead for an appointment.

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# Ruins at Fertile Are Reminscent of Rome

Brickyard Started 25 Years Ago by Promoters; Little Left.

This looks like an old Roman ruin along the Appian way but it is the remains of a one time brick plant at Fertile.

About 25 years ago, when Mason City was going strong in the brick and tile business, some promoters hot they had discovered some clay on the bank of the Winnebago river, east of Fertile; and as the Northwestern railroad line had lately come thru Hanlontown the time seemed oportune to start a brickyard.

### Peat For Fuel.

It was said that the clay was suitable for making pressed brick and some that there was plenty of peat in the neighborhood that could be used for fuel, tho it is not recorded that any was ever actually used in that way.

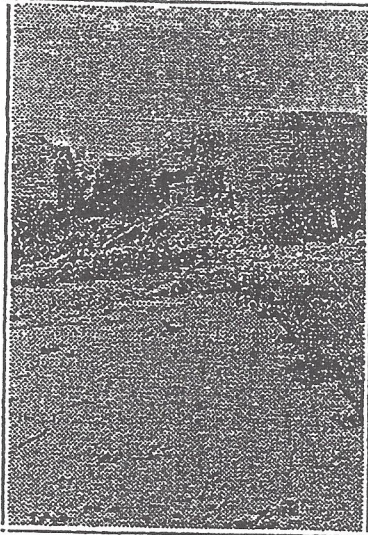
A company was organized and stock sold. Some brick was burned with coal as fuel and there are varying accounts as to its quality.

Some say that the product would not stand being soaked with water, but others point to the creamery building in Fertile, still standing and showing that good brick was possible out of that claybank.

### Is Picturesque Ruin.

Others assert that the plant was started as a speculation only, to be unloaded on to the buyers of stocks as soon as possible.

Anyway it is now a picturesque ruin, crumbling to dust with the smokestack and the bridge abutments where the clay was brought across the river, still standing, as monuments to someone's poor judgment, sharp practice or the luck of an infant industry.

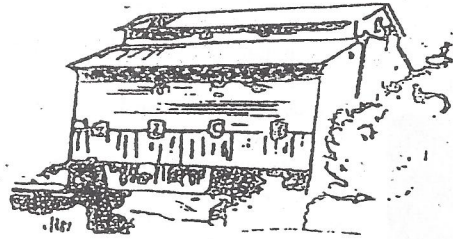


RUINS AT FERTILE

APR. 8-1909

The Fertile Clay and Peat plant is about ready to begin operations again. It has seen some setbacks and discouragements, as most of those behind the enterprise had to depend on what was recommended as expert labor, or to learn everything for themselves from the ground up. But when those in charge got themselves adjusted to new lines of business and new conditions, the improvement was continuous and marked.

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April 16, 2011

10 am - Noon

They are registered at Kohls & Target.



Students of the Purcell School in Fertile township

The big boys in the rural schools often appeared older than the teacher, but they attended school only intermittently, when farm work permitted. They were usually in earnest about obtaining an education, however. Schoolmates and teacher at the Purcell school in Fertile township around 1903 were: back row, left to right, Olaf

Finsaas, Ed Purcell, Katie Gaskill, William Johnson, Ruth Beeber [teacher], Martin Oswald, Stacia Purcell, Center row, Lidie Gaskill, Amy McEnelly, Anna Anderson, Winnie Gaskill, Clara Finsaas, Rognna Finsaas, Caroline Anderson. Front row, Leslie Boomhower, Perry Johnson, Mervil Boomhower, George McEnelly, Louis Severson.

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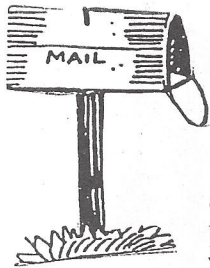
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Dear Fertile Reminder Ladies,  
Another year sooo soon. You are doing such a swell job that time passes so quickly by. Keep up the good work. Here is my donation for another year.

Pat Tuttle

Dear Reminder ladies,

I just realized we weren't getting our Reminder. I must have forgotten to renew, so please start. Thank you all for doing a great job.

Janice Asche  
100 N. 12th St.  
Clear Lake, IA 50428

Dear Reminder staff:

We so appreciate the great job you are doing and the most recent issue is especially good. Thank you for your skill at searching out the history of my home town.

Amos & Irene Miller

Dear Fertile Reminder Staff:

We always enjoy receiving the Fertile Reminder. Do keep us on the list.

"Iowa's First Settler" as recorded by Mrs. George Hall was very interesting about William Rhodes. We enjoyed reading the portion in the Reminder. Any historical information is appreciated and the older we get the more we enjoy reading and remembering those good old days at Fertile High School. Since we lived in the country, the history about the town is fun to read.

The jokes are also fun reading and hope you have some more in the future. In fact, repeating some of the old ones may seem like new ones to us who are over 75. Those about Lena, Ole, Lars etc. are always enjoyed.

SCHOOL OF FERTILE was so good to heard and it would be nice to hear more.

I remember as a child riding into Fertile with a load of corn to be ground at the mill as feed for the chickens and other farm animals.

You are doing a fine job of keeping the Fertile Reminder in the mail each month and we thank you ladies.

Sever and Vonnie Pederson  
\* \* \*

Dear Ladies,

Keep up the good work. Thanks for another year of Fertile news.

Donna Fuller  
\* \* \*

Hi Gals,

Keep the news coming, and HAPPY SPRING!

Elsie Chisholm

## OPEN HOUSE

70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House  
James and Alvera Lovick  
Sunday, May 15, 2011  
2:00 to 4:00pm  
Fertile Lutheran Church  
No gifts, please

## FERTILE GARDEN CLUB

The Fertile Garden Club met on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the new Fertile City Hall.

Pat Lohman gave the table prayer and a tasty potluck meal was enjoyed by all.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said and 12 members answered to roll call by introducing themselves and telling how many years they have been in the Fertile Garden Club.

Many beginning of the year activities for the club were reviewed. We discussed the officers, responsibilities of the club and all members, overall schedule, watering and weeding schedule, paid our annual dues and drew names for secret pals. We also read the club's constitution.

This year's fund-raiser will be a cookbook. We're requesting past and present garden club members to provide at least 3-4 recipes by April 10th. Former members (or relatives) will be contacted by telephone or letter for recipe requests. We want to include recipes for first-time and beginner cooks as well.

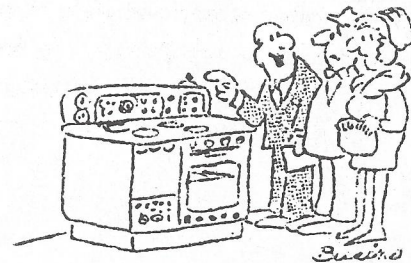
The postcard fund-raiser is continuing year round. Postcards can be purchased from the post office and Pronto. If you see the supply is low, contact Penny to replenish.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Ruth Topp, Reporter

**THE FERTILE GARDEN CLUB** is putting together a cookbook for our Fund Raiser this year. The money we make on this book will go toward beautifying Fertile. We would like all of our past members to be a part of this project, so please send us your recipes. If you have a family member that is no longer living, would you send us some of that members recipes so they may be included. We have a deadline of **April 10th** for receiving recipes. Be sure you proof read them so there are no mistakes. We thank you ahead of time for your interest and contribution. Please send recipes to:

Betty Waddington  
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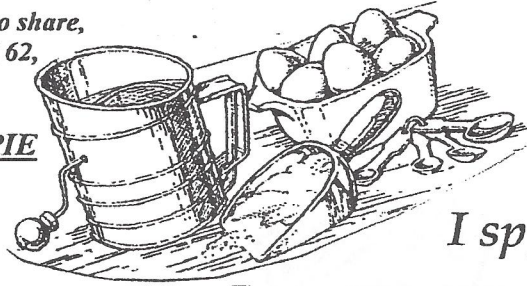


"... and this button automatically calls the repairman."



**COOKS CORNER**

Any time you have a recipe you would like to share,  
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TEXAS LEMON MERINGUE PIE

- 4 EGGS separated
- 1/2 cup Lemon Juice
- 1 1/3 cup Sugar (1 cup if using Splenda)
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoons Butter (oleo)
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 6 tablespoons corn starch
- Heat water in a pan.
- Beat egg yolks, sugar, corn starch and lemon juice in a bowl.
- When water boils, add slowly to the above ingredients.
- Stir until thick. Add butter and pour into Baked Crust.

MERINGUE

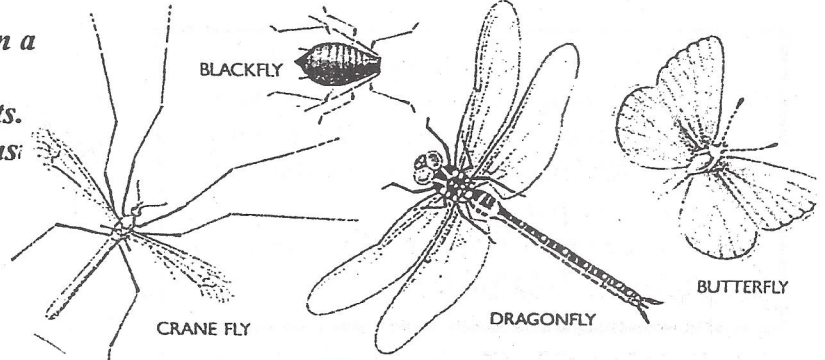
- 4 egg whites
- 1/4 teaspoon Cream of Tartar
- Pinch of salt
- 2 tablespoon sugar.
- Beat until stiff. Top pie with Meringue and put in 350 ° oven for 10 minutes to brown the peaks.

**A LICK AND A PROMISE!**

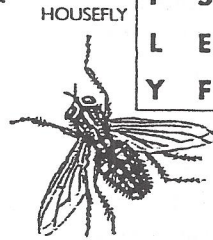
- Some of you will understand this (for the rest of you it will be a learning situation!)
- > "I'll just give this a lick and a promise, my mother said as she quickly mopped up a spill on the floor without moving any of the furniture." "What is that supposed to mean", I asked as in my young mind I envisioned someone licking the floor with his or her tongue. "It means that I'm in a hurry and I'm busy and I will do a better job later."
- > A Bone to Pick (someone who wants to discuss a disagreement). It is said that Benjamin Franklin originated this one.
- > One bad apple spoils the whole barrel (one corrupt person cause all the others to go bad.
- > Bee in your bonnet (to have an idea that won't let loose.
- > No spring chicken - Not young anymore.
- > Parsnickety - Overly particular or snobbish.
- > Scarce as hen's teeth - something difficult to obtain.
- > Too many irons int the fire—to be involved in too many things.
- > Skedaddle—Get out of here quickly!

*I spy flies ...*

There are 13 insects hidden in this puzzle - and all their names end in "fly". Can you find them? Also hidden in this puzzle are the names for the two stages a butterfly goes through before it becomes an adult. Do you know what they are? (Mixed up, they are : CRILLAPERAT and UPPA.)



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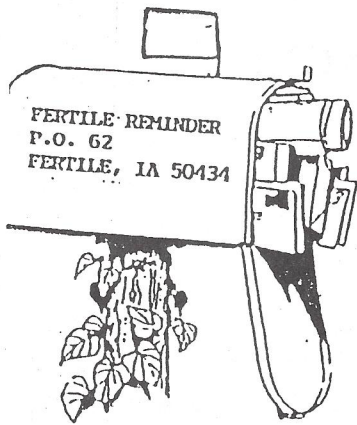


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