

Once again "THE FERTILE REMINDER" gets out to more than 200 homes in Fertile and the surrounding area. News items or advertising may be left at Jordan's Midland Service. Cost of an advertisement is \$1.00 for the first 15 words and 5¢ for each additional word. Suggestions for improvements are welcome.

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The new date for the FERTILE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM is Monday, December 19 at 5:30 P.M.

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SANTA CLAUS DAY, organized by the Fertile Lions Club, and sponsored by Fertile Merchants will be Saturday, December 17, 1:00 p.m. Children may register as usual by age groups at Jordan's Midland Service, Fertile Lumber and Hardware or Fertile Meats and Groceries.

The drawing for the LIONS SHOPPING SPREE will also be on December 17th. First prize will be a 3 minute shopping spree at the grocery store.

Second prize is \$40.00 in groceries.. Adults do not have to be present for this drawing. Tickets are on sale from any LIONS CLUB MEMBER until the time of the drawing.

The Lions Club is still picking up newspapers the first Saturday of each month. Pick-up for newspapers will be made in the rural area: if you have a quantity on hand, call 797-2714.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SCHEDULE

CHURCH OF CHRIST: Sunday evening, December 18, 6:30 P.M., the children of the Sunday School will present their Christmas Program. Those wishing to will go carolling following the program. On Saturday evening, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. the Christmas Eve Service will be held at the church. The service will be about 30 minutes in length.

FERTILE LUTHERAN: Sunday evening, December 18, 7:30 p.m. is the program by the Children of the Sunday School.

Christmas Day Service on Sunday, December 25 will be at 9:30 A.M.

PILOT KNOB LUTHERAN: Thursday evening December 22nd, 7:30 p.m., Children of the

Sunday School will present their Christmas Program. Christmas Eve Service will be at 4:30 P.M. on Saturday, December 24.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The regular meeting of the Fertile Town Council was held on December 6, 1977 at the Fertile Library with Mayor Worsley presiding. Councilmen present: Humphrey, Miller, Berg, Tuttle and Morse.

Citizens present: Larry Shropshire, Leonard Bailey, and Pat Tuttle.

Jerry Weiland and Richard Minette were also present.

Discussion on Sewer System.

Motion by Tuttle to authorize Mayor Worsley and JoAnn Bailey, Clerk, to borrow \$11,000 for Lagoon site from Citizens Savings Bank. Seconded by Miller. All ayes.

Discussion on Water System.

Morse motion to pay Insurance on new Fire Truck. Seconded by Humphrey. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Jean VanDenBosch's resignation from the Fertile Library Board. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Tuttle to pay bills. Seconded by Berg. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by Tuttle. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Jo Ann Bailey Clerk.

Special meeting of the Fertile Town Council was held at the Fertile Library on Nov. 21, 1977, with Mayor Worsley presiding. Councilmen present were Berg, Morse, Miller, Humphrey. Absent: Tuttle.

New Councilpersons present: Dennis Faber, Jean VanDenBosch, Kenneth Olson and Larry Shropshire.

Gary Vennerman from FHA was present.

Discussion on radio for the Fire Department.

Motion by Morse to buy radio. Seconded by Humphrey. Motion carried.

Motion by Morse to pay off Fire Truck debt. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Discussion on Sewer and Water Systems with Gary Vennerman answering questions.

Motion to adjourn by Berg. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried. Jo Ann Bailey Clerk. Balance sheet not available.

LOOK TO THESE FERTILE MERCHANTS FOR
QUALITY AND SERVICE

Worsley Electric	797-2494
North Iowa Tractor	797-2430
Ray Sandifer - Tom's Sales	797-2681
Gail's Beauty Shop	797-2475
Fertile Lumber and Hardware	797-2437
Jordan's Midland Service	797-2677
Feeder's Supply	797-2660
Larsen Heating and Plumbing.	797-2219
Ouverson Oil Company	797-2267
Burtness Plumbing and Heating.	797-2680
Robert Suby Trucking	797-2726
Chet's Radio and TV	797-2256
Fertile Tile Company	797-2291
Fertile Meats and Groceries.	797-2647
Hewett Construction	797-2714
Martin Marietta Aggregates	797-2211

4-H CLUB NEWS

The Grant Livewire Lassies held their regular monthly meeting November 21, at the Fertile Library. Roll call was "What I want for Christmas." 25 members, 2 leaders and 2 visitors were present.

A Christmas Party was planned for December 19, 1977. The members will be exchanging Christmas gifts between themselves.

We will go Christmas caroling to the elderly people in town. It was decided to hand out fruit to the people. A presentation was given by: Julie Pederson on the "Detergent Delema". Our special guest, Carolyn Nedved showed us how to make yard stick holders. Each member made and decorated one.

Hostesses were Dana Hanson and Eileen Zirbel.

Theresa Lee - Reporter.

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The Fertile Valley Farmers met in Fertile School lunch room with 33 present. Each member brought a completed project which was judged by a committee. New members were Lonnie Wilson, Marty Wilson, Joe Elthon, Paul Burtness, and Jody Kleveland. Lowell Washburn, a guest speaker, spoke to the group on guns and trapping.

Spencer Williams, Cerro Gordo County Extension Director, Mason City, spoke of the work of the Extension office at the 4-H family potluck supper on November 19 at the Fertile School lunch room. About

120 were present from the Fertile Valley Farmers, Grant Blue Ribbon Feeders, and Livewire Lassies 4-H Clubs. Ribbons were presented to the members for attendance, completed projects, and participation in club work and activities. LaVerne Lee was re-elected to the County Extension Council.

CLUBS ELECT OFFICERS

Just-A-Club officers for 1978 are:
President - Mrs. Gene Tannahill, Vice President - Mrs. Thomas Brodahl, Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. Violet Hall.

Meetings of the club are held the third Friday of each month.

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Mrs. Glennis Evans and Mrs. Mike Purcell were hostesses for the December meeting of the Fertile Garden Club on Tuesday, December 6, at the Library. Mrs. Evelyn Haugen had the "Thought for the Day". Mrs. Kennes Kingland had the lesson "Symbols of Christmas". Mrs. Alan Elthon took charge in the absence of Mrs. Virgil Ouverson. Names of prospective new members for 1978 were submitted for approval by the club. Following the business meeting, the 1977 Mystery Friends were revealed in a Christmas Gift Exchange. Christmas remembrances from the club were delivered to more than 20 Senior Citizens after the meeting. New Officers for 1978, beginning March, were elected in November. They are President - Mrs. Sherwood Pitkin, Vice-President - Mrs. Arlyn Midtgaard, Secretary - Mrs. Cletus Nedved, Treasurer - Mrs. Harold Ouverson, Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Leverne Nelson

LIBRARY NOTES

New Christmas books at the library are: "Illustrated Book of Christmas Folk Lore," "The Meaning of Christmas" - Hobe, Christmas Book Books, "Making Chocolate" - Leaver, "Mini Deep-fry Cookery" - a paper back. "Calorie Counter" - Kraus. Also "Handicraft Books."

New Christmas Magazines: "Christmas Helps" - Family Circle, "Needlework" - McCalls; "Christmas Ideas and Answers", a Sunset publication.

Other new books: NONFICTION: "The Greatest Battle" - Ronald J. Glasser, M.D., "Super Skin" - Jonathon Ziamor, M.D.,

and John Foreman. "100 Greatest Sport Feats" - Davis, "Foxfire No. #4" - Wiggington, "Puppets and Puppeteers" - Hanford, "Women's Almanac" - Good House Keeping, "Minerals and Rocks" - Lucas. "My Father, the Coach", a Paperback Book.

Adult Fiction: "Red Sky at Night - Lover's Delight" - Hodge, "Bequeath Them, No Tumbled House" - Yvonne MacManus.

JUNIOR FICTION: "The Diamond in the Window" - Langton, "Call Me Charley" - Jackson, "Watson's Christmas Eve Adventure".

EASY READERS: "Rabbits Search for a Little House", "Bah Humbug", "The Bravest Babysitter."

A Zane Grey Book written in the 1930's and recently published is "The Reef Girl" now at the Library.

Three of the most asked for books in all Iowa libraries are "The Camera Never Blinks" - Dan Rather, "The Thorn Birds" - Colleen McCollough, and "All Things Wise and Wonderful" - James Herriot. All of these are at the Fertile Library.

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Thank You to the Fertile Fire Department. I really appreciated the speedy answer to my fire call and the courteous consideration given by the firemen.

- Ethel Tuttle

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Ethel Tuttle and Viola Buckley showed slides and spoke of their trip to Nicaragua at the evening meeting of the W.M.F. (Women's Missionary Federation) at the Bethel Lutheran Church, southwest of Poice. They visited Mabel Elthon in her mission work at the school and church in April. This was a special family meeting and a free-will offering was taken for the work in Nicaragua. There has been another delay in the delivery of the school bus because of a revolution within the small country.

C H R I S T M A S

May Christmastime live in your heart,
As through each day you go,
That others, walking where you walk,
May know that love, also.

- Contributed

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