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Process Continues In Setting New Displays of Old Ankeny

After an Ice Cream Social, Barn Dance, Model Train Display and speakers with record breaking attendance the barn is now ready to become the home to many artifacts and displays.

In the months of September, October and November movers and volunteers cleaned and moved artifacts from the house and old museum (behind Neveln) to the barn.

The schoolroom, country kitchen and medical equipment from the Ordnance Plant (John Deere) have been moved to the top floor of the barn. The two rooms in the house that they previously occupied is now a room with ladies' wedding dresses and a children's room.

If you would like to help with the setting up of displays in the museums please call the society at 965-5795.



Marilyn Shay, Collection Chair, checks out "what's cooking" in the country kitchen. Three Ankeny Questers groups purchased the stove, Hoosier cupboard, Ice Box and table for the kitchen.

Model Railroad Event Brings Rave Reviews!



The society celebrated "Lights On! For Iowa Museums October 26 with a model railroad display in the barn by Ankeny resident Larry Rinehart and his son Ashley. Many children, of all ages, were delighted to come and try their hand at operating the trains.

Visitors also got a history lesson on how Ankeny was founded because of the railroad.

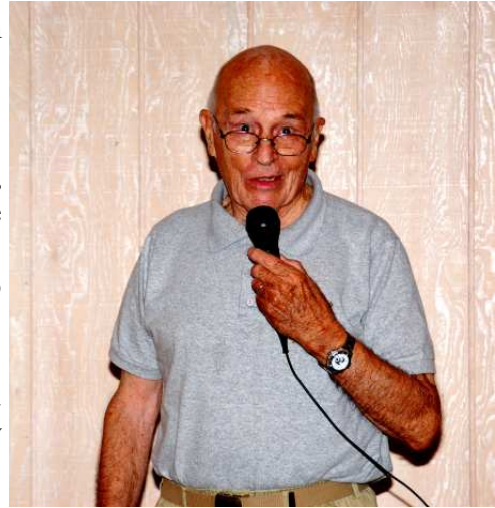
Larry Rinehart shows Christopher Glitch how to use the remote for the trains.

Over Flow Crowd Hears McDole Story

In much the same way as the old television campaign touted about a certain brokerage firm, Glen Mc Dole's publicist could easily say: "When Mac speaks, people listen!"

And listen they did. On a steamy, hot night in August, Ankeny resident Glen Mc Dole took center stage on the first floor of the new barn and in his raspy voice he eloquently told his story of being a WWII prisoner of war to a mesmerized crowd of over 150 people ranging in age from 5 to 85.

Mac's presence and history lesson gave thrills and chills to the listeners and many stayed after the talk to buy his book, *Last Man Out*. It can still be purchased by calling his home in Ankeny.



Encourage Your Friends To Join

If you live in the Ankeny area you may have seen an ad in the Ankeny Press Citizen and the Ankeny Register for a special one year family membership to join the Ankeny Area Historical Society. The special costs \$35 and includes: two history books (Ankeny—The First 100 years & Ankeny—25 years since the Centennial), four newsletters, Ankeny Area Historical T-shirt and lots of new friends.

Also, you get with being a member perks such as: attending our monthly meetings, volunteering at our SummerFest BBQ, Santa's North Pole Concessions, helping with landscaping, painting, dust-

ing and cleaning. Or you can join and not do anything . . . except know you are doing a good deed.

We asking you as members to encourage your family and friends to be a part of an organization dedicated to preserving treasures from the Ankeny area past, displaying them for guests' enjoyment and educating others about Ankeny area's roots.

If you know someone who would like to be a member have them clip and send the form and money to the address below. **OR** give them a Christmas gift they will enjoy for generations.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Send \$35 and membership form to:

Ankeny Area Historical Society
P.O. Box 1111
Ankeny, IA 50021

Barn Dance Fills Barn with People, Food, Music and Fun!

There was plenty to eat, lots of people to meet and a band of pickers, strummers and singers to keep the beat at the first-ever barn dance in October. Ankeny resident and local mechanic Vince Sanders and his nearly world-famous bluegrass musicians made the night special as did the square dance demonstrators.



Above: President Ron Sampson with Sue & Dennis Albaugh. Upper Right: Top floor of the barn with lots of food and people. Bottom right: Sanders Auto Lab Jammers.



Twedt Gives Norwegian Version

Arlen Twedt was the featured speaker at the September meeting of the Historical Society as his alter-ego Nils Bauge told his version of how Norwegians and other Scandinavians came to settle in central Iowa. Twedt, an Ankeny resident, gives his rendition of the Bauge family experiences to groups throughout the year and is writing a book to chronicle the stories.



Nils Bauge a.k.a. Arlen Twedt of Ankeny tells how Norwegians settled in central Iowa.

Ankeny Area Historical Society

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January 23—Monthly Meeting—7p.m.

February 27—Monthly Meeting—7 p.m.

March 27—Monthly Meeting—7 p.m.

April 16—Board Meeting—9 a.m.

April 24—Monthly Meeting—7 p.m.

Watch the paper for the
Grand Opening of the Barn!

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