

Ankeny through the decades...

recalling Ankeny news from the 1940's, 1960's, 1990's*



1940's

School Board Refunds Bonds

The School Board this past week refunded \$34,000 of a \$35,000 bond issue which comes due shortly. The old issue, which came due and is now being refunded, carried an interest rate of 5 per cent. The new rate of 1.85 per cent is the lowest rate of any district, comparable in size to Ankeny, has received and the school board is to be commended for their work getting this rate for the Ankeny District. *Ankeny Times, Jan. 5, 1940*

Ankeny Motor Company Recent Car Sales

Art Skiele, Polk City, 1940 Ford truck; Melvin Sydnes, Huxley, 1940 tudor "85"; Dr. A.C. Reynolds, Ming, deluxe tudor; Dale Adamson traded in a '36 Chevrolet for a new Ford deluxe coupe; Author Carlson, '38 Ford sedan; Gary Purvis, '37 Ford tudor sedan. *Ankeny Times, Jan. 5, 1940*

The zero weather found quite a few who were really not ready for it. Several homes and business houses had frozen water pipes and were inconvenienced quite a bit. The youngsters are sure enjoying the ice and snow. *Ankeny Times, Jan. 5, 1940*

Buys Shell Station

Paul Kochheiser has purchased the Grigsby Shell Station (at First Street and Ankeny Blvd.) and he invites all his former as well as new customers to come on in and see him. *Ankeny Times, Jan. 5, 1940*



Make New Electric Basketball Scorer (From the Elkhart Department)

Sup't Anderson is making an electric score board for use in basketball games. This board will show in colored lights, the number of minutes of playing time remaining. There is also a large V and an H, also in colored lights, for use in girls games to show which team gets the toss from center. The playing minutes run from 8 to 0 and are in red lights. The H for home team is in green lights and the V for Visitors is in yellow lights. At present it does not show the score, but Mr. Anderson hopes to have that in the near future. This will be a great convenience to spectators. *Ankeny Times, Jan. 5, 1940*

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Home Town Thoughts

- When people postpone the improvements they should make to their home places, the money usually goes for something else, so often the improvement is never made.
- The people ask their home merchants to let them know when they have special bargains. If the home stores do not respond to this desire for advertising, a large amount of trade will leak out of town.
- A town cannot prosper unless its home merchants are prosperous. They can't prosper, if people form the habit of buying a good part of their supplies away from home.

Ankeny Times, Jan. 5, 1940

1960's

Johnston Bows to Ankeny in Conference Game 10-1

Ankeny boosted its first-place record in the Suburban Conference to 10-1 Friday night in a 74-31 romp at Johnston. The Ankeny boys jumped to a 23-5 lead in the first quarter and built the advantage to 41-14 at halftime. Bill Howe paced the rout with 21 points.

Ankeny Times, February 4, 1960



Get a new Chevy from Ahlberg's.

Ankeny Times, February 4, 1960

Foreign Students Visit in Ankeny

Two Ankeny families who contribute to better understanding between American and foreign countries were the John H. Lammerts, of 529 Kenworthy Drive, and Wm. Doughtens of 1197 Fehn Drive. In conjunction with the seventh Annual Foreign Students Weekend in Des Moines, they were hosts on Saturday night to three students who are studying in this country. One student from Spain and two from Thailand participated. *Ankeny Times, February 11, 1960*

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Schools Dismissed Again Wednesday; It Snowed!

We've had it again. Another snow storm blitzed into town Tuesday night, March 15, bringing with it an additional 3 inches of new snow, accompanied by high wind, causing more drifting. Schools were closed again on Wednesday and some highways blocked temporarily. A storm forecast for Monday night didn't materialize until 24 hours later. Due to the high wind, drifts were piled even higher and old, dirty-black snow had a nice clean coverlet of soft fresh fluff by Wednesday morning. Ankeny School was closed all day Wednesday.

There has been a total of 50.5 inches of snow for the winter. Latest snow has reached 13 inches this week. Snow shovelers around town resumed their shoveling again philosophically, because no matter what anyone says about the weather – nobody does anything about it. *Ankeny Times, March 17, 1960*

1960's

Powdered SUGAR 5c Thursday, Friday & Saturday Logli Super Valu 901 4th St. Ankeny, Iowa	Complete Floor Covering Service  CERAMIC, PLANT Julio's in Ankeny Furniture and Floor Covering P.O. Box 4-0775 Ankeny	1957 Chevrolet Power Glide, Power Deluxe, 4 door, V8 Drake Very Nice We Trade Terms RAY AHLBERG CHEVROLET Phone WO 4-4285
TIME To Get Your New Spring Hair Style  Our great brand only one you really want. It's the "Time" brand. It's the only one that keeps in the way of the wind. Virginia's Beauty Salon 151 Maple Street Ankeny, Iowa Phone WO 4-4835	a family treat at DINE OUT! in our cool comfortable Dining Room Open from 4:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Smitty's Cafe 1011 W. Ankeny WO 4-5259 A Good Place To Eat	Your Town Mutual Agent For the New Low-Cost Homeowners Package Insurance Headquarters J U H L Insurance Agency Ankeny 111 School St. Ph. WO 4-488
Gilberts Saw Service  LAWN MOWERS Sharpener Lawn Mowers, Saws, Klippers and Seasonal machine sharpened. EARL W. GILBERT 130 Cherry Street WO 4-5508 Ankeny	Ankeny Garbage Route Routes operated by Gretka Kinnemeyer will be serviced 5 days a week by Ben Miller WO 4-5260	Mother's Day GREETING CARDS Complete Line See Our Hobby Show, ends April 20 FREE Gift Wrapping We give Gold Bond Stamps TOY VILLA 184 East 3rd Street

1990's

\$9.35 Million Bond Vote is Dec 18th

A 60 percent vote will result in:

- 8 new classrooms at Westwood Elementary (1,022,000)
- 10 new classrooms at Parkview Jr High, a larger lunchroom, common areas and locker and shower facilities for the gymnasium. (\$3,763,000)
- Construction of Northeast Elementary, which will include 14 classrooms (\$4,565,000)

Ankeny Today, Dec. 13, 1990

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School Recycling Underway

Jim Oakes was a guest speaker at South Elementary last month visiting with students and staff about recycling and protecting the environment. The Ankeny Community School District is now recycling paper used in the classrooms and offices; evidenced by the green tubs dispersed around the school building. It is hoped that this effort will enforce with the students the importance of preserving the earth's resources. *Ankeny Today, Jan. 10, 1991*

Delaware Paving – Council “No” to NE 18th; “Yes” to SE Delaware: 15 Year Plan Will Now Be Completed

Mayor Ollie Weigel said “I am pleased that the paving of Delaware will be completed. It has been a priority for 15 years.” Council member John Voigt said the issue of paving NE 18 th is not dead forever, if the need can be shown. “We just need more reasons.”

These were the concluding remarks at the City Council’s February 4th meeting: *not to proceed with a proposal to pave NE 18th between Ankeny Boulevard and NE Delaware; *to proceed with paving this past gravel portion of SE Delaware; the portion between SE Uehlamar and SE Magazine Road. *Ankeny Today, Feb 7, 1991*

Ankeny: A Crossroads for Horse Sales

Sitting at the crossroads of I-35 and I-80 making Ankeny just the right location for A & A Horse Sales; which operates auctions every other Saturday and 8 Sundays a year at the Ankeny Sale Barn at 221 SE Magazine Road. Both A’s are for Anderson; father and son Bob & Gordon, who have sold as many as 9000 horses a year in Ankeny for about 8 years. They still live in Story City where A & A Horse Sales began. “Word of mouth is our best advertising”, said Bob Anderson, which attracts consignors, buyers, and spectators from New Jersey to California and most states between.

Ankeny Today, Jan 31, 1991

