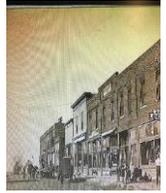


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### FROM SWAMP LAND TO SUCCESS: THAT'S "THE ANKENY STORY"

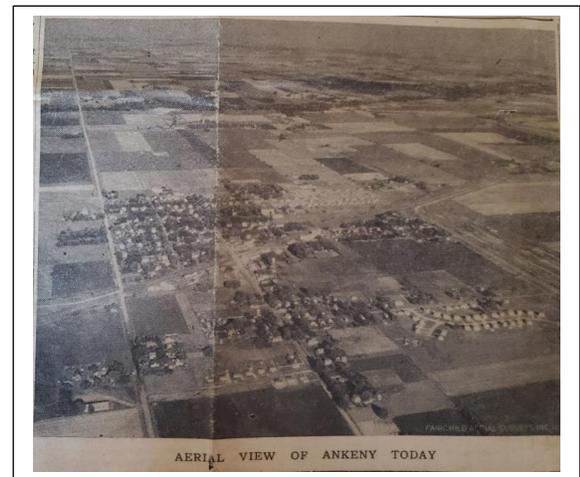
#### Pioneer Residents Recall Earlier Days in Ankeny

(First in a series of four excerpts from this article)



For those seeking new horizons, it would be well to "Stop Roaming-and Try Ankeny," a slogan adopted many years ago by the early settlers, and found to be tried and true. For just fifteen minutes, due north of the Iowa State Capital, lies one of Iowa's most progressive towns. "Little" you say? Well, hardly as Ankeny, Iowa, is a fast outgrowing its original boundaries, and might well be defined as an adolescent; Ankeny is growing up! and tree-lined streets. Up until 1941 the population stood at about 700. At that time on August 9, the government Arms plant under the management of the U.S. Rubber Company was located south west of town. Then Ankeny really began to hum and its growth and expansion has been on a continual increase. The location of the plant nearby, now the John Deere Works, has been like a shot in the arm and a big factor in the progress which is moving with rapidity year by year. New building plots at that time were laid out with houses practically "mushrooming" overnight. By 1950 the boom year for the town the population had reached an all time high.

Named for John F. Ankeny, its founder, the town lies on southern tip of fertile, plain of the great Wisconsin glacier that makes all north central Iowa the garden spot of the world. And with a population of 1500 it is located on the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, the Ft. Dodge, Des Moines, and Southern Railroad, and Highway No. 69. It is a progressive business center with many beautiful homes. *(continued on next page)*



\*Wording has been reduced to fit the space in some cases. Additional decades will be covered in future issues. Please become a member of the AAHS or send comments via email at: [history@ankenyhistorical.org](mailto:history@ankenyhistorical.org).



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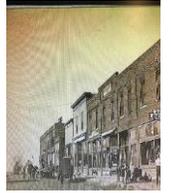
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Always on the lookout for self-improvement, Ankeny has to encourage its newcomers. A choice of friendly churches, and their many activities, modern school, lodges and social clubs, along with a self-sufficient business and professional center are further incentives for settling here.

The original townsite, consisting of 80 acres, was filed for record in Polk County, April 22, 1875, by John Fletcher Ankeny, owner of the tract of land, and for whom the town was named. He was the son of Joseph Ankeny, a general in the American Army during the war with Mexico. General Ankeny came from Millersburg, Ohio, in 1867 and lived in Iowa's capital until his death.

John Fletcher Ankeny built the first store in the town bearing his name on the site occupied now by the Ankeny State Bank. He built a kind of hotel and residence on the site where the P.A. Logli old store building stands. This latter building was moved to southwest Ankeny, where it was partially destroyed by fire. In recent years it has been repaired and is now occupied. The old store building burned in 1910. From this small beginning of a single store and hotel the present little town of Ankeny has grown.

*Due to the length of this article which is full of information about Ankeny's beginnings, further excerpts will be found in the following monthly editions of Ankeny Through the Decades.*

*Ankeny Times, April 18, 1952*

### FARM COUPLE IS FOUND DEAD:

An elderly farm couple was found dead of shotgun wounds Tuesday night in their home a mile east and a half mile south of Elkhart.

The bodies of Andrew Lemon (Lem) Garren, 76, and his wife Pearl, 64, were

found by neighbors. Sheriff Wilbur Hildreth said indications were that the deaths were murder and suicide. He said he knew of no motive for the shooting.

Clifford Seuferer, who lives across the road from the 3-room Garren farm house, said he went to their house Tuesday night to check after failing to see them around for two days. He looked in a window, he said, and saw the bodies on the floor. Dr. Paul Hart, acting coroner, said they had been dead at least 12 hours. Dr. Hart and Hildreth said apparently Garren shot his wife and then killed himself.

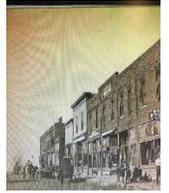
Euferer said the Garrens had been home Sunday night watching television. Garren was born on the 40-acre farm on which he died and both had lived in this area all their lives. Survivors include a son, George, now of Torrance, Cal., and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Sprague of Bondurant. *February 15, 1955, Article was found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook, 1950-1952, housed at the Ankeny Area Historical Museum*



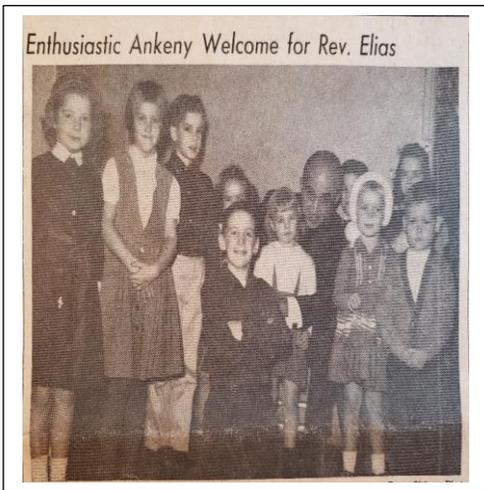
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Shown in the picture with the **Rev. Woodrow Elias** is a group of youngsters, a small number of the more than 300 who attended the reception and open house held Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 honoring the newly appointed priest of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart. Those who served as hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. John Flitcraft, Mr. and Mrs. John Harkin, and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Green. Among the many guests present were the Rev. Msgr. Ed Harkin of Leon and the Rev. Joe Ryan from St. Mary's Parish in Elkhart.

A beautifully appointed tea table was set with yellow and green colors predominating. In the center of the table was a beautiful arrangement of yellow and white snapdragons and chrysanthemums. Punch, coffee, green and yellow mints, nuts and cakes, which were baked and decorated by a member of the Altar and Rosary Society, Mrs. Mary Sheldon, were served. Pouring punch was Mrs. Pete Leonetti and Mrs. Morris Fraher poured coffee. Mrs. John DeZorzi was kitchen chairman and Mrs. Lena Ugulini dining room chairman. Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Pat Rogers, Mrs. Al Ugulini, Mrs. Roy Carzoli, Miss Rena Palandri, Mrs. Delma DeLapp, Mrs. Leno Carzoli, Mrs. Gilda Palandri and Mrs. Isabelle DeZorzi. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 4, 1960*

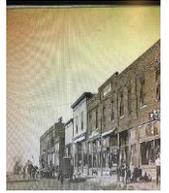


**Louie Fontanini, Fire Chief of the Ankeny Volunteer Fire Department**, is shown above demonstrating the respirator on Ralph Brazelton at the Ankeny Fire Station. This machine will breathe for the patient and will help those who are drowning or for those with serious heart attacks. This machine was purchased last June at a cost of \$638.50 and the money was raised through the Ankeny Lions on a fundraising campaign at Ankeny's Celebration last June. *Ankeny Times, January, 1952. Pictures were found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook, 1950-1952, housed at the Ankeny Area Historical Museum*

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**Ray Fontana, Ankeny High's all-state basketball player** dribbles around an unidentified Dowling defender in the Ankeny-Dowling game in Des Moines Tuesday night. Ankeny won the game 56-34, and their 22<sup>nd</sup> straight win of the season.

*Ankeny Times, February 24, 1950 Picture was found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook, 1950-1952, housed at the Ankeny Area Historical Museum*



**1,050-pound baby beef brought** more than \$1000 into the Ankeny Methodist church building fund Wednesday night. The calf, butchered and cooked, was served to more than 200 persons who crowded into the church basement for the dinner at \$5 a plate. On the hoof the calf would have brought about \$389.

Most of the labor of preparing the dinner was donated by the church women as was the butchering of the animal by a member of the church board, Lawrence Lein. The board originally had authorized the purchase of the Hereford calf last May for \$175. At the time of the purchase it weighed 475 pounds. A member of the board, Wayne Spahr, fed the calf along with his own cattle, at no cost to the church.

The Rev. Warren Meredith, pastor of the church, said the board is hoping to raise enough money to enable the church to build a new addition. The new addition, to cost about \$65,000, will have a hall capable of seating 325 persons, contain Sunday school rooms and other facilities. Four years ago, the Rev. Mr. Meredith said, the church also held a dinner which brought in enough funds to enable the church to purchase a new organ. *January, 30 1952. Article was found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook, 1950-1952, housed at the Ankeny Area Historical Museum*

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Advertisements all found in the *Ankeny Times*, February 12, 1959

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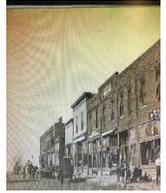
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**Council warns garbage hauler-**The Ankeny city council decided Monday night to allow Earl Hamilton of Earl's Disposal Agency to continue hauling from the Ankeny area but issued him a warning to improve his service or to forfeit his bond and license. The decision came after Dick Bianchi, councilman and chairman of the sanitation committee, told the council that Earl made very few pick-ups during January and that he had received 'over 40 calls' about Earl. Bianchi went on to say that Rovner and Borgstrand, Ankeny's other hauler had picked some 275 new customers since the rumble began. Bianchi stated that he felt that Hamilton should be made to post a \$300 certified check to assure that he would perform his pick-ups. The money Bianchi requested would be in addition to a \$1,000 bond which all haulers are required to post before they are permitted to haul in Ankeny. Hamilton then protested the new cost stating that requires nobody to pay in advance and so if he doesn't pick-up he doesn't 'hurt anybody'. Hamilton felt that Bianchi's new charge was like paying everybody a dollar not to call him' (Bianchi). Hamilton explained to the council that he had truck problems and that he couldn't always get through to dump his garbage at the landfill which is around trip of 75 miles. *Ankeny Press Citizen – February 10, 1972*

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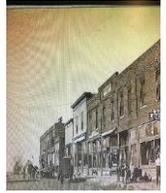
### Invitation to the 1972 National Cherry Blossom Festival

Dear Mr. Friedmeyer, It is my pleasure on behalf of the 1972 National Cherry Blossom Festival Parade Committee, to invite you to participate in the 1972 Parade of Princesses, Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 1972 in Washington, D.C. Sincerely, Peter Dove Parade Chairman  
*Ankeny Press Citizen – February 17, 1972*

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**China Place Setting for 49 cents with Every \$3.00 Purchase** – Just couldn't help but remember the days when we could stock our cupboards with inexpensive china. It was hard to pass up a good deal!

*Ankeny Press Citizen – February 5, 1970*

**Graduates from U.S. Army Aviation School** – David G. Hoover graduated from the U.S. Army Aviation School at Ft. Rucker, Alabama as a Warrant Officer 1<sup>st</sup> class and helicopter pilot on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1970. Attending the graduation exercises were his wife Cindi, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover and his brother Don of 526 Southlawn. *Ankeny Press Citizen – February 12, 1970*



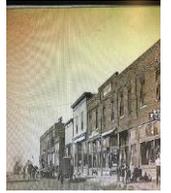
David G. Hoover

**Four-state regional offices at new dairy building** – The new Iowa Dairy building officially opened last Monday and on hand to cut the ribbon at the new office complex was Iowa Governor Robert Ray. Ray was one of many visitors at the site for the ceremony for the building which was named regional office for a four-state committee. The new offices will be the headquarters for Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa with 'doors open' to any new members wishing to join. The new association is expected to make the dairy program stronger, more efficient and more coordinated. Midland UDIA, which is the name of the new committee, will represent some 30-35,000 dairymen in the four-state region. The program will include large and small co-ops, independents, and state legal programs. From Iowa, there are six men on the 21-man board of directors. *Ankeny Press Citizen – February 17, 1972*

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Celebrating FFA (Future Farmers of America) Week - *Ankeny Press Citizen* – February 12, 1970

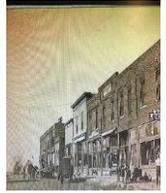


Seniors Craig Griffieon, Bob Spooner, Baughman, Darrell Geisler, and Junior Dave Schlenker, Dwight Moeckly, Dan Dave Lancaster.



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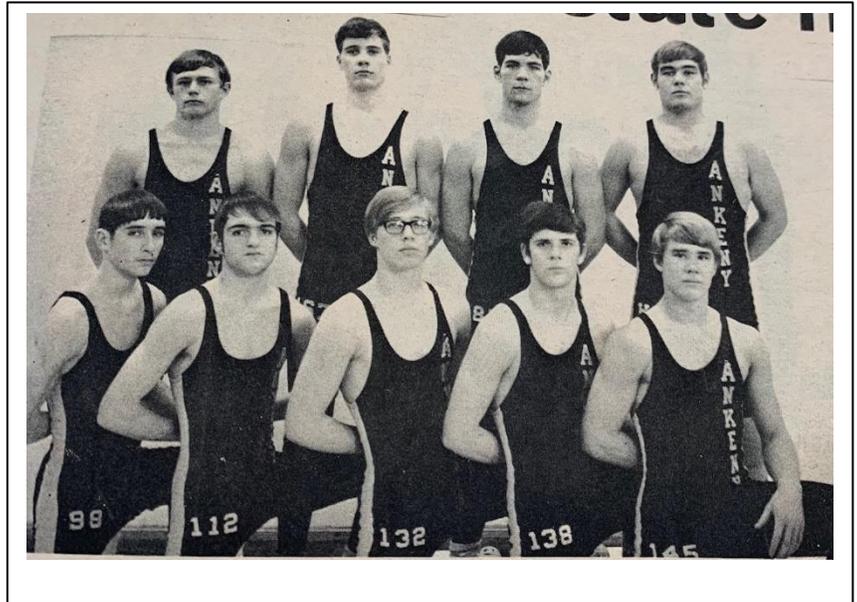


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### Nine Hawks to State Meet –

Ankeny sports nine wrestlers at the State AA Tourney this weekend at Ames. Front row left to right: Asa Hutton, Charlie Wheatly, Mike Norris, Randy Sanger, and Brad Johnson. Back Row: Eric Norris, Scott Justice, Perry Cooper, and Kory Krebs. Ankeny, undefeated in dual meets this year and sectional champs, travel to the Armory today to begin the eliminations for the finals to be held Saturday night. *Ankeny Press Citizen – February 25, 1971 (Editor's Note: Ankeny took state in 1971)*



**Name Committee to Study School Needs** – A 23 member central committee has been named by the Ankeny Board of Education to study building needs for the future of Ankeny. The group was named following the defeat of a major bond issue in January. Members met February 10 to organize. Dick Herman was elected temporary chairman and Norris “Bob” Adams was named co-chairman with Jan Eicher as secretary. The group voted to study six aspects of the school’s needs. They are school finance, curriculum, school enrollment predictions, building program, school reorganization and a research questionnaire. *Ankeny Press Citizen – February 18, 1971*

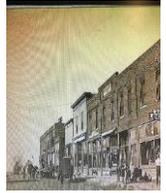


**Copies of the Ankeny Press Citizen** – Mrs. Lenore Carr, Office Manager of the Press Citizen, presents bound volumes of the Ankeny Press - Citizen to Jerry L. Crosser, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Kirkendall Public Library. The bound Volumes are donated regularly to the library by the P-C and are available for reading at the library. *Ankeny Press Citizen – February 5, 1970*

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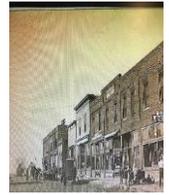
**After 10 years, Ankeny airport finally takes flight. Planners say that the site near three interstates is ideal for corporate aircraft and hobbyists.** The Ankeny Regional Airport – which took more than a decade to plan and caused voter outrage – is finally open. And while there are no services available yet for users, planes began landing and taking off last week. “You can say we’re open for business,” said Jerald Searle, director of aviation services for McClure Engineering Co., which designed the \$80 million airport just east of Interstate Highway 35. In about five weeks the firm hired to provide services to the airport will also be operating. The company, called Executive One Services Inc., will provide fuel; maintenance and mechanical services; flight instructions; and a charter service, said Jeff Segin, president of the Ankeny Industrial Development Corp. **County’s Role:** Administrative and maintenance services will be provided by Polk County, said Segin. The Polk County Aviation Authority recently entered into an agreement with the county that calls for the county to remove snow at a cost of \$5,000 annually, and to provide administrative and legal services for up to \$12,000 a year, Segin said. *DM Register, February 23, 1994*

**Ankeny Tax Rate.** The tax rate in Ankeny will take a big jump next year, but the overall bill for homeowners will drop, thanks primarily to a big increase in population. Tim Shanahan, the assistant city manager, said the tax rate will be in the neighborhood of \$10.29 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation, an increase of 40 cents per \$1,000 over the current fiscal year. However, because the city can tax just 68.04 percent of the assessed valuation in the 1994-1995 fiscal year, the tax will be lower. For the owner of a \$70,000 home who has taken the homestead exemption, the total tax bill for city services would be about \$440, a drop of about \$15 from the current bill for the current fiscal year. Shanahan said the increase in the rate is for debt service to pay for street projects that were previously authorized. He said the \$7.5 million bond issue that voters approved late last year did not add to that rate increase. The city is able to raise more money through property taxes, even though individual tax bills may be lower, because there is more property to tax, Shanahan said. *DM Register, February 16, 1994*

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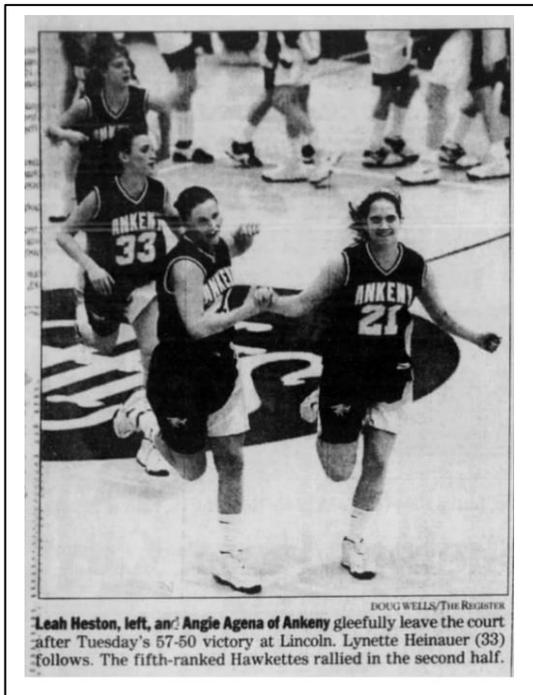
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**Ankeny Girls Rally, 57-50. No. 5 Hawkettes erase No. 7 Lincoln's nine-point lead.** The Ankeny girls' basketball team needed only 12 minutes to undo all of hard work Lincoln did during the first 20 minutes Tuesday night. Fifth-ranked Ankeny outscored No. 7 Lincoln by 16 points during the final 1 ½ quarters and rallied for a 57-50 Central Iowa Metropolitan League non-conference victory. "We didn't play like we were nine points down," said center Leah Heston, who led Ankeny with 14 points. "We played Ankeny basketball. We knew we could come back. Once we started scoring, the whole team was up." Ankeny, which improved its record to 17-1, trailed Lincoln, 42-33 midway through the third quarter. The Hawkettes went on a 10-2 spurt to pull within 44-43. "I just

don't think we played our game," Ankeny guard Erica Junod said. "We had to pick up our intensity and play our game." Angie Agena had a jumper at the start of the fourth quarter that gave Ankeny a 45-44 lead. Junod followed with a basket that made it 47-44. Junod was fouled with 38 seconds left and made a free throw to give Ankeny a 52-50 lead. She missed her second attempt, but Agena rebounded. Agena secured the victory with a steal and two free throws. (Editor's note: This team went on to win the State Championship that year.) *DM Register, February 12, 1997*



DOUG WELLS/THE REGISTER  
Leah Heston, left, and Angie Agena of Ankeny gleefully leave the court after Tuesday's 57-50 victory at Lincoln. Lynette Heinauer (33) follows. The fifth-ranked Hawkettes rallied in the second half.



DOUG WELLS/THE REGISTER  
Ankeny's Angie Agena, left, takes the ball from Lincoln's Hattie Bagby. Fifth-ranked Ankeny rallied Tuesday to win, 57-50.

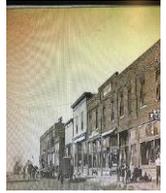
### Clover Kids Group organizing in Ankeny.

Children ages kindergarten through third grade are invited to attend the Clover Kids Group's organizational meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ankeny Presbyterian Church, 317 S.E. Trilien Drive. Clover Kids is a new 4-H program. Curriculum topics include science and technology, healthy lifestyles, environmental/earth science, citizenship, consumerism, and plants and animals. *DM Register, February 12, 1997*

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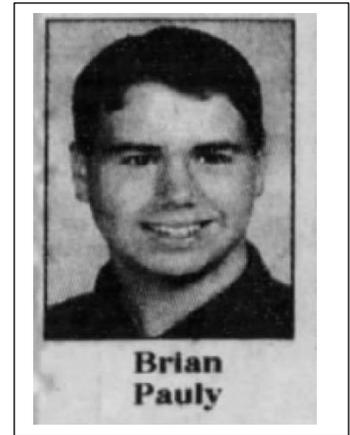
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**Ankeny swimmers win title.** The Ankeny boys' swimming team was able to live up to recent history after a slow start. Ankeny, No. 6 in the latest power ratings, won its third consecutive district title with 282 points on Saturday. No. 18 Roosevelt, the host, was second with 243 points. The Roughriders led through the first four events, but Ankeny shook off early jitters and gained the lead after the 100-yard butterfly. "That's sometimes a lot of pressure on these guys ... having to compete with the past," Ankeny Coach Mark Nordby said. "We came out a little tight and reserved. I thought in the second half, I was more into it and the guys were more into it. Instead of trying to imitate the spirit of the past, we established our own spirit." Ankeny's Chris George won the 200-yard freestyle and the 500 free-style. He also swam the second leg of the winning 400 freestyle relay. "My 200 didn't feel as good as I wanted it to, but I dropped 3 seconds in the 500," George said. *DM Register, February 16, 1997*



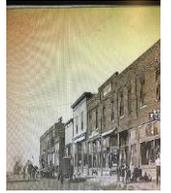
**Eagle Scout award.** Brian Pauly of Ankeny has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He is a member of Troop 182, which is sponsored by Ankeny United Methodist Church. Pauly's service project involved planning and supervising the construction of elevated gardens for wheel-chair patients at On With Life. Pauly is the son of Nick and Elaine Pauly. *DM Register, February 5, 1997*

**Ankeny expects to expand services, lower taxes. Continuing growth will let the city increase its budget without tapping taxpayers for more money.** Taxes will fall, services will expand and a pair of new municipal administrators will be hired to help manage Ankeny's steady growth – all under a \$6.28 million city operating budget proposed for the fiscal year that begins July 1. Scheduled to be officially presented to the Ankeny City Council next Monday, the 1997-98 budget represents a 5.5 percent growth in the city's expenditures compared to this year. Ankeny officials plan to use some of that money to add two administrators to the payroll – a director of leisure services to oversee the city's expanding recreational offerings and a community development administrator to take over some of the duties of community development director John Peterson. The budget also will include funds for two additional police officers, a manager of information services and two communications officers – jobs that had been budgeted to begin in the current year, but have yet to be filled. Still, city officials say Ankeny's tax rate will drop 25 cents in July, down to \$9.65126 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. On a \$100,000 home in Ankeny, that will translate into a 1997-98 city tax bill that's \$18.62 less than the one for 1996-97. Ankeny can afford to both expand and cut taxes for a simple reason, officials say: The city is expanding. *DM Register, February 1, 1997*

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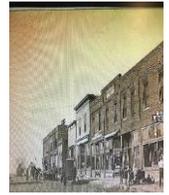


This aerial view shows the sprawling **Prairie Ridge Sports Complex** on Northwest Ash Drive. The early 1990s brought a need for new Little League facilities, and a vision for a youth sports complex was formed. Funding was a challenge but citizens stepped up to the plate and the project was completed in October 2000. The complex provides fields for local competitive league play and attracts sports tourism to Ankeny. *Images of America, Ankeny; Terri A. Deems with the Ankeny Area Historical Society, 2013.*

**Highland Park Family Physicians, Ankeny Family Care Center.** When illness occurs, you need an understanding and competent doctor who is readily available, can diagnose your problems and prescribe proper treatment. Highland Park family Physicians and Ankeny Family Care Center are dedicated to providing comprehensive family health care for all ages. Dr. Catherine Roth, Dr. Edward Steinmann and Andra Kennedy, PA-C of Highland Park Family Physicians and Dr. George Kappos and Carol Smith, PA-C of Ankeny Family Care Center have been fully trained in all aspects of family medicine. Through their knowledge, experience and the use of specialized testing and diagnostic procedures, they are able to determine the nature of your problem and prescribe appropriate medication or treatment. With your overall well-being in mind, the doctors will refer you to another specialist, if necessary. They treat colds, infections, high blood pressure and many other health problems. Obstetrics, annual physicals and routine medical check-ups are performed. Convenient hours are available by appointment and many health insurance plans are welcomed. Highland Park Family Physicians and Ankeny Family Care Center, part of Partners in Health, strive to maintain that combination of old-fashioned skill and care with up-to-date knowledge and technology. For an appointment or more information, contact Highland Park Family Physicians, located in Des Moines at 100 East Euclid Ave, Suite 11 in the Park Fair Mall, phone 243-4312 or Ankeny Family Care Center, located in Ankeny at 315 North Ankeny Boulevard, phone 964-4290. *DM Register, February 5, 1997*

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### Weekly Calendar

Community and club meetings, support groups and special events in the northern suburbs of Lake Country.

#### ANKENY

**Christian Women's Club**, 9:30 a.m. today, Champion's Restaurant, Best Western Inn, Interstate Highway 35 and East First Street.

**Ankeny Visual Image Committee**, 7 a.m. Thursday, Champion's Restaurant.

**American Legion Post No. 42**, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, American Legion Hall, 521 S.W. Third St.

**American Legion Auxillary**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, American Legion Hall.

**Elks Lodge No. 2722**, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Elks Club, 2202 W. First St.

**Little League**, 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Ankeny City Hall, council chambers, Southwest Second and Walnut streets.

**Ankeny Arts Council**, 7 p.m. Sunday, Lakeside Center, 400 N.W. Lakeshore Drive.

**Grief Support Group**, 7 p.m. Monday, Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Church, 510 E. First St. 964-3125.

**Boy Scout Troop 88**, 7 p.m. Monday, Legion Hall, 521 S.W. Third St.

**Federated Women's Club**, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Camp Sunnyside Chalet, 1380 N.E. 66th Ave.

**Jaycees**, 8 p.m. Monday, The Boulevard Restaurant, 309 N. Ankeny Blvd. Call 964-1246.

**Vanguard**, 7 a.m. Tuesday, Champion's Restaurant.

**Suburban Des Moines Junior Federat-**

**ed Women's Club**, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Resurrection Lutheran Church, 914 N.W. Ash Drive.

**Library Board meeting**, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Kirkendall Public Library, 410 W. First St.

**City Planning and Zoning meeting**, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Municipal Building.

**Fund-raiser**. Parents of Ankeny High School Choir members are selling raffle tickets for a Caribbean cruise to raise money for the choir's trip to New York City. While there, the choir will perform at Carnegie Hall. Purchase tickets at Ken Nelson State Farm Insurance, 114 S. Ankeny Blvd. or call 964-4052.

*DM Register, February 9, 1994*

**Fashion and Bridal Show.** The Ankeny Lady Elks will sponsor a spring fashion and bridal show at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Best Western Inn at Interstate Highway 35 and East First Street in Ankeny. A pool-side reception will begin at 6 p.m., and a buffet dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, available at the motel, are \$10. Proceeds will benefit Easter Seals of Iowa and Camp Sunnyside. *DM Register, February 2, 1994*

Thanks to all of you – our Ankeny Area Historical Society members who have supported the museum and its activities over the years. The museum has been closed during the pandemic, but we continue to create Ankeny Through the Decades each month, publish the quarterly newsletter, post on Facebook, and keep the website up to date, so we can stay in contact with you. We hope, after all this passes, you will come visit the museum again! We plan to have new displays – including the Ankeny Championships display – ready for you! Until then, stay safe ... and keep in touch!