

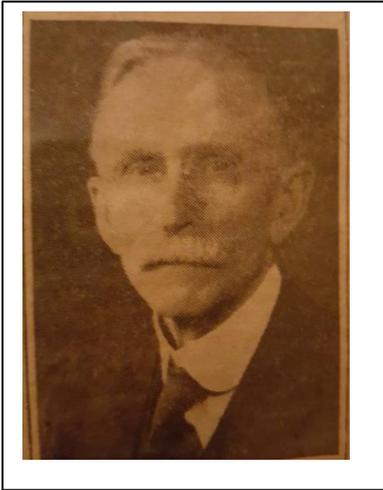
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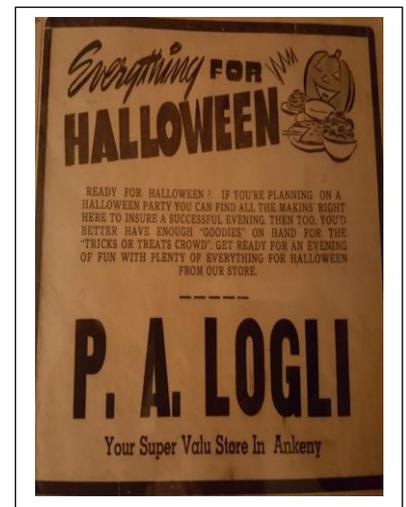
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Dr. H.L. Spalding Dies: Dr. Homer Lawrence Spalding, a physician for more than 50 years, died at his home in Ankeny, Iowa, Saturday, October 23, at 10:03 p.m. at the age of 84 years, 2 months, and 29 days. He had been in ill health for over the past two years and had retired from active practice. Funeral services were held at the Ankeny Methodist Church with Rev W.H. Meredith and Rev. P.E. Shult officiating. Organ music was rendered by Mrs. Marian Coppock. Pallbearers were Reco Logli, Lloyd Brewbaker, Marion Coppock, Art Hildreth, Chas. Howard and Russell Mowry. Dr. Spaulding had many friends in and around Ankeny and was willing to go to the “second mile” no matter what the weather conditions. Many of us feel we have lost one of our best friends. . (Ankeny Times, October 29, 1948)



Douglas Conway and Stephen, 3, are pictured looking over the jumbo peanuts grown in his garden here in Ankeny. The Conways planted about 200 plants “Just for Fun,” as farm experts here say there is no such thing as a peanut crop in Iowa. They expect the plants to yield about two bushels of peanuts. They are being uprooted so they can dry before a hard frost. *October 22, 1948. Found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook Collection*



Ankeny Times, October 29, 1948

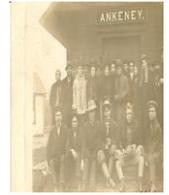
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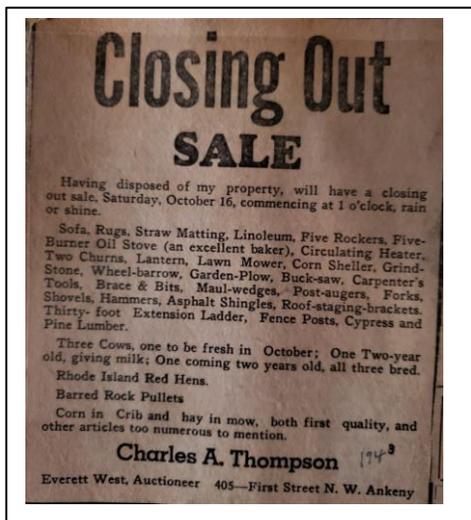
Arms Plant's Sale to Deere Is Completed:

Expect 1948 Payroll of 2,500 Workers. Sale of the Des Moines Ordnance Plant to Deere & Co., Moline, Ill., for \$4,150,000 was completed Tuesday in Kansas City, Mo. Zone officials of the war assets administration (WAA) and attorneys for the manufacturer of the John Deere line of farm machinery exchanged the governments quit claim deed for the company's certified check.

Immediate Possession. Possession of the plant, which was built and equipped at cost of \$54,745,461.73 passed to Deere & Co. immediately. Deere's attorneys flew to Des Moines with the deed to record it at 5:18 p.m. The \$150,000 above the originally-announced four million dollar purchase price was paid for two more buildings and 130 additional acres of land. One building is the administration building; the other is warehouse No. 7 north of the power plant. Deere & Co. did not bid on the two buildings or the extra land when it negotiated in June to buy the industrial area including the five main manufacturing buildings and 460 acres of land.

Corn Pickers: Deere & Co., which will operate the new property under the name of John Deere Des Moines Works, expects to be turning out corn pickers by Mar. 1, E.M. Cook, Deere general counsel, announced. The company will employ from 1,500 to 2,000 persons when it gets into operation, Cook said, and the employment will go up will go up to 2,500 by 1948, it is anticipated. The payroll will run to between \$3,750,000 and \$5,000,000 a year.

Remodeling: Another four million dollars will be spent by Deere & Co., it was announced, to remodel the main buildings and install new equipment much of which has been ordered. Deere & Co. Tuesday acquired title to 590 acres of the 2,445 acres of land in the reservation. It also acquired the three .50 caliber and two .30 caliber ammunition factories with 1,609,436 square feet of floor space; the administration building; the big warehouse; two smaller buildings; power plant; sewage disposal plant; railroad and highway systems; and some smaller structures. *Des Moines Register, October 1, 1947.*



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The big meeting of the Klu Klux Klan held in the woods two miles west of town Monday night was well attended, judging from the number of cars that passed that way Monday evening. It is reported that the meeting was attended by over 2,000 Klansmen and that 600 were taken into the order. If they keep up at that rate the klan will not die out as soon as people predicted. *Ankeny Times, October 1922*

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The king and queen of Field Day and Plowing match, Joan Crawford, 16, of Bondurant, and Dean Stall, 20, of Ankeny, welcomed Gov. and Mrs. William S. Beardsley to the event.

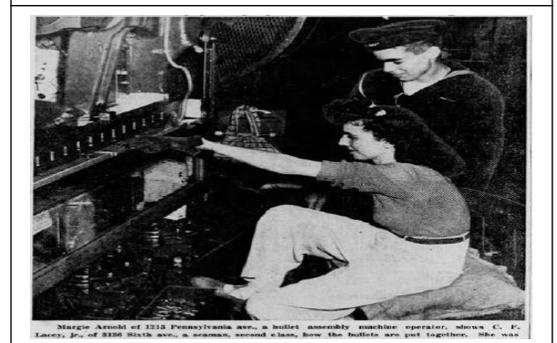
The number 13 was not unlucky for Joan Crawford, 16, of Bondurant, Wednesday night. That was her identification number in a contest to pick a plowmen's queen for the National Plowing match today, and she was the winner. Her companion is Dean Stall, 20, of Ankeny, who was named king of conservation to rule at the National Soil Conservation Field Day. Both events will be held on four adjoining farms near Runnells. *Des Moines Register, September 16, 1943. Found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook Collection*

10,000 Given Glimpse of Arms Plant: Ordnance Plant Tour Impresses Visitors

Ten thousand persons visited Des Moines' most secret factory Saturday when the Des Moines ordnance plant held a "Family Day" tour for relatives of employees. For the first time since the plant sprouted out of the cornfields two years ago, outsiders were permitted to view some of the machines which their relatives operate to send ammunition to fighting men. All visitors wore guest tags and a close check was made by both plant guards and employees to admit only those with tags. Guards took away all matches and cigarette lighters and the guests toured in small groups, with a guard to each group, to avoid any congestion in case of accident. One typical young enthusiast was Dale Gillespie, 13, who exclaimed, "I never saw any stuff like this before!" *Des Moines Register, October 17, 1943*



These large bullet-making machines which mostly press metal cups into ammunition were the first machines viewed Saturday by "Family Day" visitors at 20 caliber bullet building.



Marge Arnold of 1212 Pennsylvania ave., a bullet assembly machine operator, shows C. F. Lopez, Jr., of 838 1/2 Sixth ave., a woman, second plane, how the bullets are put together. She was

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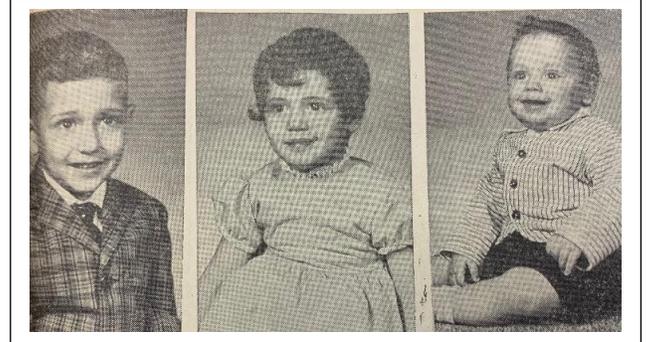
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Presenting the Younger Set of Ankeny - The children of Ron and Bev Fontana are bright eyed for this photo of each. They are Bob 3 ½, Roxanne 2 ½, and Joey 1. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 18, 1962



Annexation Issue Goes to Voters – The Ankeny City Council has made necessary arrangements to have the annexation of two parcels of land placed on a ballot in the coming November election. The areas involved are completely surrounded by land within the corporate limits of the city. One of the areas involved lies south of First Street and west of Kline. The other area is south of Third Street and West of Kline Street.

Airport – Mayor Bob Adams said that there is a possibility of the airport issue also being put before the voters at the November election. He said that the council would meet with the city bonding attorney tonight to discuss a \$20,000 bond issue, for the acquisition of the land and improvements. The airport study committee, which recommended the acquisition of a municipal airport, was formed some time ago when it was learned that several industries were interested in relocating their operations, and inquired about airport facilities. A petition was received by the council from Westside Development, Inc., which asked the annexing of an additional 200 feet of property just west of West Ordnance Road. The firm said that they planned to build nine additional houses in that area. The issue was turned over to the city attorney to check the legal description of the land involved. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 18, 1962

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City Hall To New Location – Completion of the moving of the city offices to their new location will be completed by Monday, according to Harold Bush, Director of Public Works. The new location is at 408 Third Street, in the building formerly occupied by the Cory Hardware.

Suitable remodeling is nearly completed, and moving of equipment will take place this weekend. The new quarters will house the council chambers, offices of the clerk and director of public works, the police department, and the office for paying water bills and obtaining building permits. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 22, 1964

Postal Employees Receive Safety Awards – Ankeny Postmaster “Doc” Cory congratulates Cor Hutton, rural mail carrier, on receiving an 8-year Safe Driving Award. Hutton has a record of over 170,000 miles of postal driving without an accident of any kind. Also receiving Safe Driving Awards were Gerald Lanham, parcel post city delivery driver, 3 years without an accident, and Leroy Bachman, rural carrier, 5 years without an accident. It is estimated that Lanham drove over 25,000 miles during his 3-year period and Bachman 55,000 miles during his 5-year period. According to Postmaster Cory, “We’re especially proud of these men because they’ve not only had a safe driving record while on duty, but also while off duty.” *Ankeny Press-Citizen* - October 29, 1964



Homecoming Queen Candidates – Left to right are Susy Carlson, Cathy Hull, Marcia McArthur, Noreen Anderson, and Jolene Fuqua; all contenders for the title of Homecoming Queen. Homecoming at Ankeny High School will be observed at the Ankeny versus Carlisle game, October 5. The queen, her attendants, and the Ankeny High School Band will be featured during the game’s half time activities. A dance, sponsored by the Ankeny Student Council, will be held after the game in the Ankeny High School Gym. Students and alumni are invited to attend. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 4, 1962



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Grand Opening at Ankeny Plaza – This coming Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, will mark the grand opening for nine stores at the new Ankeny Plaza shopping center, located on Highway 69. The shopping center started in 1962 when Don Steffensen opened the Ankeny Walgreen Drug. The Ben Franklin Store was added shortly thereafter. In the early part of 1964, Western Auto became part of the center.

Summer saw the completion of seven other stores, namely, Cory Hardware, Paullin Jewelry, McCleary's Shoe Store, Ankeny Cleaners, Maxine's Sportswear, and Flatt's Clothing. These participating merchants offer a wide variety of shopping facilities for the Ankeny community and surrounding trade area, and they all extend a special welcome. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 15, 1964.



Camp Fire Candy Drive begins Wednesday - October 24, for all Bluebirds, Camp Fire Girls, Jr. Hi. and Horizon Club Girls. Help the girls to earn their way to Camp Hantesa for 1963. Every girl who sells 12 boxes of candy may attend the Candy Party and crowning of the 1962 candy queen at North High Gym on Saturday, January 26, 1963.. Every girl who sells 50 or more boxes of candy earns one-half period free at Camp Hantesa, and every girl who sells 100 or more boxes of candy earns one-week free at Camp Hantesa. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 18, 1962

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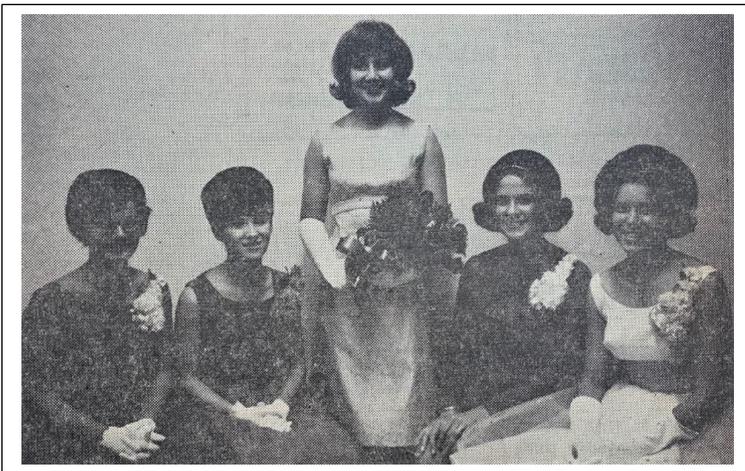


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The Homecoming Queen – Is Linda Mathis, daughter of Mr. Mrs. Floyd Mathis of Elkhart and homecoming king is Claude Ruffcorn of Carney. Miss Mathis was crowned during the half-time of the Ankeny-Saydel football game Friday evening. Her attendants were Twila Bechtel, Jeanne Dawson, Sandra Johnson, and Nancy Madole. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 3, 1963



Homecoming Queen and Her Court – shown above are: left to right: Sue Kiersey, Donna Bruce, Homecoming Queen Sherry DuBois, Sharon Cheely, and Kay Kahrs. Homecoming king was Bob Peckler. Miss DuBois was crowned during the half-time of the Ankeny-Southeast Polk football game. The queen and her attendants entered the field in convertibles, and as the Ankeny High School Band, standing in the form of a heart, played “Sweetheart of Sigma Chi”, the queen was escorted to the center of the heart. A dance was held following the game at the junior high gym. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 8, 1964



Shown are Judy Doubleday, Carole Davison, Kathy Lillig, and Karen Marvin, all Ankeny High School students, who competed with approximately 100 central and southeast Iowa students in the State Marching and Baton Contest held Saturday, October 12, at Ottumwa. Karen Marvin received a I rating in the baton solo class, and Judy Doubleday, Carole Davison, and Kathy Lillig received a I rating in the baton ensemble class. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 17, 1963

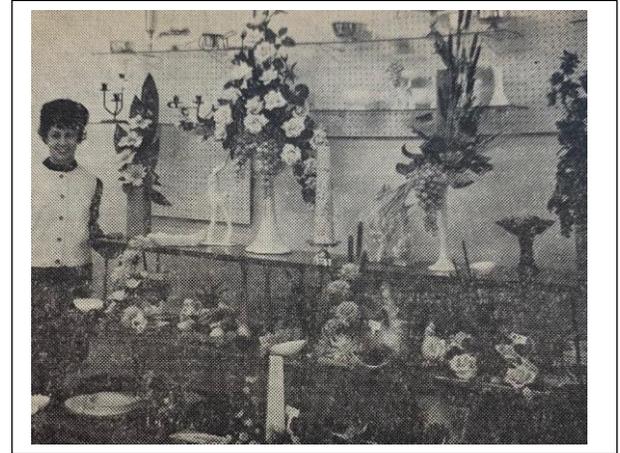
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Grand Opening of Carmen's – Shown above is Jill Vulcano, florist-designer and full-time operator of Carmen's Flowers, 504 Third Street in uptown Ankeny, which will celebrate the grand opening this coming Saturday and Sunday. Aply assisting Miss Vulcano in the business will be Mrs. Lavena Zimmer, who will serve as consultant and assisting designer. There will be free roses for the ladies in addition to numerous door prizes being awarded. Coffee and cookies will be served. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – October 1, 1964

Editorial – Time Will Pass – “The problem at hand is not whether time will pass, but will you?” This statement by Mr. Carl Troxel, English teacher, is familiar to many students at AHS who constantly watch the clock.

Most clock-watchers are interested in how many more minutes they have to endure class. Instead they should be concerned with the amount of time they have already spent and what they have accomplished with it. They have probably missed valuable class notes and discussion, or maybe they could have done some of their homework. This is certainly a waste of time and something that an employer would never allow.

Time is too precious to waste. Life is too short to be wasting time until it is too late. There are too many things required of every person in this world to allow us to waste time. Think of the scientist. If he constantly wasted time, we might still be living in the dark ages. This is true of all other vocations. The people who make discoveries and contribute to society are the people who utilize time. Think about it! What are you doing with your time? *Ankeny Press Citizen* - October 29, 1964

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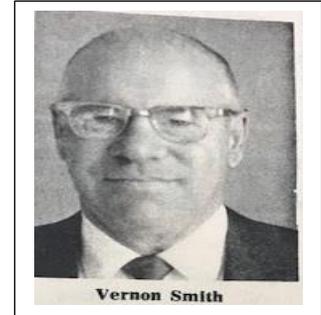
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Businessman repays Ankeny for its role in nurturing his success. Vernon “VW” Smith of Ankeny has his own version of the old Biblical quotation about casting one’s bread upon the waters. His version goes like this: “If you throw crumbs on the water, you may get back sandwiches.” And, in Smith’s case, life has turned out to be a triple decker, blue-plate special. Through hard work, good business sense and some luck, Smith, 76, began early in life to toss out his own personal “crumbs” and eventually was rewarded with a lifestyle typified by the great American dream. Moving back to Ankeny in 1925, Smith began his high school career and worked part-time sweeping out the Ford garage. A year later, his father, Jacob Smith, was able to lease a service station at Third Street and Ankeny Boulevard. **Business Before School.** By the time he was a junior, Smith recalls rising at 6 a.m. to drive a Ford Model T truck into Des Moines to get a load of gasoline for his dad’s service station and then driving back to Ankeny, just in time for school. “The principal was very understanding,” says Smith. In 1930, Smith and his father purchased the old canopy-type station on Third Street and Ankeny Boulevard that was to become the beginning of V.W. Smith Oil Inc. Under Smith’s direction, the company grew to include other stations and also bulk plants from which Smith’s trucks – emblazoned with the logo, “Start Living, Move to Ankeny” – would deliver gasoline and oil to service stations, farmers and residential customers. After World War II, Smith experienced his first successful venture into real estate. He bought four lots on Iowa Highway 69 across from the station. Later Smith was to develop the lots, building a supermarket that he rented to Reco Logli. After that, the real estate deals just kept mushrooming with the growing city. “I never had the slightest dream that Ankeny would grow like it did,” says Smith. “I just thought the properties were good investments and might work out some day, so I purchased the ground.” **Chartered a Bank.** In 1961, Smith spearheaded a move along with 10 other men to form a new bank in Ankeny; and, after negotiations that stretched to Washington, D.C., a charter was granted for the Ankeny National Bank. Smith was voted chairman of the board. Also that same year, Smith was instrumental in acquiring 80 acres of land and then sold memberships for the Ankeny Golf and Country Club. **Church Building.** Perhaps the most meaningful contribution Smith has made to Ankeny, certainly the one closest to his heart, occurred when he headed a group that was successful in finding and developing 15 acres of land on which to build a new Church of the Brethren. Always an Ankeny booster, Smith is a past president of the Chamber of Commerce and is a charter member and former president of the Lions Club. In 1973, he was named Ankeny’s Outstanding Citizen. *Des Moines Register, October 22, 1986*



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From archives: Marion Heggen, Vernon Smith, Harold Howard, Noel Albaugh, Ross Morr, Norman Hall, and Paul Kochheiser at the 25th anniversary of V. W. Smith's Oil Company (1951)



Ankeny schools seek OK to fight dropouts.

The Ankeny Community School District will apply for state permission to institute a program to prevent students from dropping out of school, said Lloyd Nelson, director of curriculum. The program would be paid for by local property taxes, but the state must first approve the district's request to increase the allowable growth rate in its budget, Nelson said. The average dropout rate for Polk County is 5.6 percent. In the last school year, 2.3% of the Ankeny student body in grades 10 through 12 dropped out. *Des Moines Register, October 29, 1986*

New Ankeny manager open, almost 'blunt.' Newly hired Ankeny City Manager Reid Charles promises an open, sometimes "blunt" administration that promotes industrial growth. He also expects a smooth relationship with councilmen. Charles, 43, a Shreveport, La.-based consultant to local governments, landed the \$39,000-a-year job Monday by unanimous council vote. He replaces David Dirks, who resigned in June after unhappy councilmen threatened to fire him. Ankeny Mayor Ollie Weigel said he hopes "rapport" is "good" between council members and Charles "right away." Weigel and councilmen said Charles was chosen from among five finalists because of his extensive city-management experience and pleasant personality. *DM Register, October 12, 1983*

Ankeny previews slide show. About 150 Ankeny business people, educators and city officials on Sept. 27 got their first look at the city's new video-slide presentation, which they hope will attract new industry and residents to the northern Polk County community. Dennis Elwell, owner of Dee Zee Manufacturing, hosted the event at the firm's new facility at 1572 NE. Fifty-eighth St. Called "Ankeny, Something for Everyone," the presentation's cost of about \$8,000 was split evenly by the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce, the city and the Ankeny Industrial Development Corp. The slide show and a new brochure to be released in about a week will replace 10-year-old material. *DM Register, October 3, 1984*

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Council approves \$3 million bond issue to finance Younkers warehouse construction. Ankeny City Council approved a \$3 million industrial revenue bond issue Monday night to finance the construction of a new warehouse and distribution center for Younkers Inc in the Ankeny Industrial Park. The proposed 100,000-square-foot building will be located on 14.65 acres of land at 802, 902 and 919 S. E. Shurfine Drive. The bond issue also covers the cost of acquiring the land. The City Council already has approved a five-year graduated tax abatement for the project that gives Younkers a 75 percent tax break on the center's assessed value the first year, 60 percent the second, 45 percent the third, 30 percent the fourth and 15 percent the fifth year. *DM Register, October 23, 1985*

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Press Citizen Recalls Its First Twelve Months – 25 Years Ago

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- Ankeny Hawks set for Homecoming game against Nevada Cubs.
- 130 young people attend Legion-sponsored post-game dance.
- 85 attend Kiwanis family night feast.
- V.W. Smith completes 30th year at Third and Highway 69.
- Mrs. P.E. Shult harvests 21-inch parsnip.
- Bonnie Smith, Pat Scholes, Julie Henderson, Alice Higginbottom, Marilyn Textrum, Marilyn Hefts, Susan Thimmesch, Bob Harrison, Merle Johnson, George Plager, Scott Baird, Tom LeJune, Jerry Dutcher, Lois Peltz, Sharon Triplett, Caroline Higginbottom, Cathy Higginbottom, Marilyn Griesert, Barbara Spooner, Kay LaBond, Linda Travis, Martha Lewis ... charter members Hawkeye Chapter of National Honor Society.
- Fire destroys six buildings on David Schlenker farm.
- Rosie Fontanini hosts Ideal 25 Year Club.
- Pasteur treatment for Billy Liechty and David Harkin, scratched by cat.
- Newly formed Plan and Zoning Commission has educational meeting. Members are Dale Hawn, Othie McMurry, Ollie Weigel, Reco Logli, Alfie Fletcher and Harold Swartfager.
- Jimmy Warrington, Janice Spahr and Karen Stall are top three winners of local, PTA-sponsored Bill Riley Teen Time Show.
- Kay Bjaastad is Homecoming Queen.
- Dr. Arnold T. Nielsen relocated as new building at 215 Walnut, as will Dr. Ollie Weigel.
- Frank Ballard lands 14-pound northern in Minnesota.
- Shirley Conkel and Janis Howell win district ratings at state twirling contest.
- Reverend Hoeger seeks release from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church pastorate to complete PhD work. Newly-elected church officers are Milford Johnson, William Stubbe, Roger Brumble, Leslie Peterson, Lewis Eide, John Sams, Edward Ryan and Mrs. Charles Warner.
- Orville (Bud) Hokel purchases Harold Zimmer's radar equipment. The Radar serves Iowa cities and towns.

Ankeny Press-Citizen, September 25, 1980, Virginia Linthicum collection, donated to AAHS museum



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1983...As Years Go, It was Pretty Good! (October portion)

- Ankeny Marching Hawks earned the top “McTrophy” in McDonald’s High School Marching Bank Bonanza at Urbandale.
- Three 4-year Ankeny City Council terms draw eight candidates and the need for a primary.
- Shari Skinner named new Ankeny Diet Center manager.
- Annie Glenn visits Ankeny Democrats.
- Extra-curricular eligibility committee re-formed by school board.
- Ankeny Leprechaun Juniors 4-H Club chartered.
- Ankeny teachers ask 11.5% pay hike.
- October primary eliminated Roger Cathoir and Bob Munger from council race and brings face-off between incumbents John Voigt, John Lundstrom and Richard Chamberlin and Dwight Mollison, Larry McDowell and Roger Pitts.
- Reid Charles chosen new Ankeny City Manager.
- Five Ankeny elementary students with 200-signature petition appeal for and win from the city council a change in Beggar’s Night date.
- Fire Chief, council members and volunteer representatives begin meetings to air volunteer complaints about policies and procedures.
- School district proposes teacher wage freeze.
- School board agrees to pursue APD-school liaison officer idea.
- Michael Maggert joins Ankeny State Bank.
- John Dancy and NBC TODAY crew hosted by Phyllis and Bob Madison.

Ankeny Press Citizen, January 1984, Virginia Linthicum collection donated to the AAHS Museum

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!