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## 1950s

### National FFA Week Being Observed by Local Members.

Local members of the Ankeny FFA will observe FFA Week, Feb. 21-28 with a full schedule of activities to be climaxed Saturday evening, Feb. 28, by a parent-son banquet. Watch the **ANKENY TIMES** next week for a full spread with pictures of all FFA boys and their projects, sponsored by local Ankeny Merchants. (See page 3 of this issue.) *Ankeny Times*, February 19, 1959



### Services Held Tuesday for E.W. Neveln, Retired Superintendent of Schools.

Services were held for E.W. Neveln at Dahlstrom Funeral Homes in Des Moines with burial at Oralabor (Cemetery). Mr. Neveln had been superintendent on the Ankeny Schools for 23 years when he retired in 1944. He was born in Victor and moved to Ankeny in 1919. He graduated from Iowa State Teachers College, attended the State University of Iowa, and received his bachelor and master of arts degree from Drake University.

He was a veteran of World War I. Mr. Neveln was president of the Polk County Taxpayer's Association and a member of the Greater Des Moines Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Neveln was a past master of the Masonic Lodge in Ankeny, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, a past commander of Albaugh-McGovern Post of the American Legion, and was a member of the Polk County draft board during both wars. After his retirement, Mr. Neveln operated a farm near Ankeny. He was a member of the Methodist Church. *Ankeny Times*, February 19, 1959

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



## Ankeny Area Historical Society

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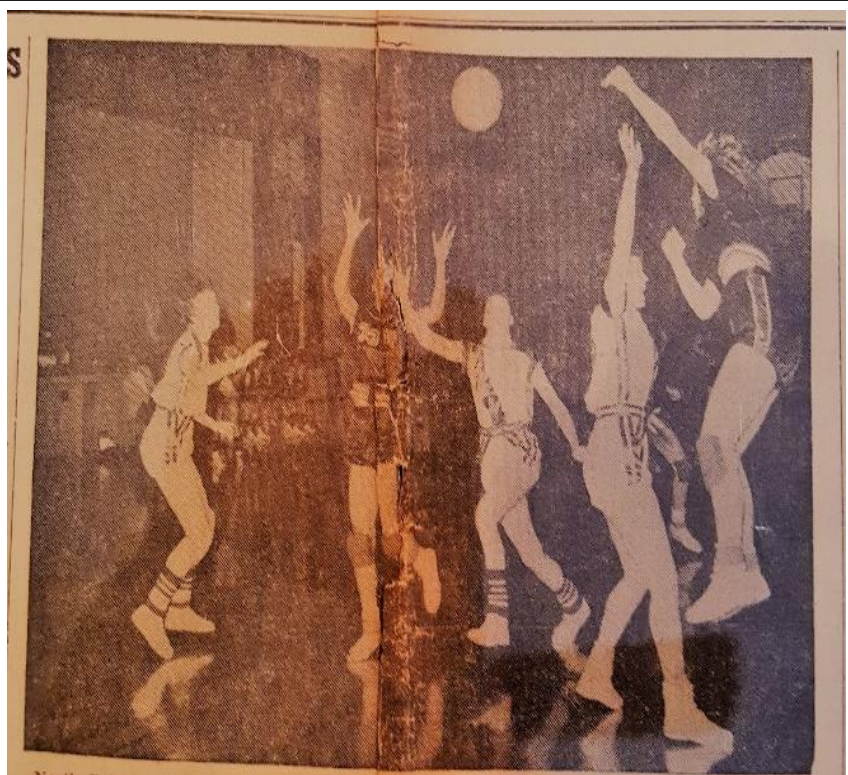
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**Ankeny Takes First Round Game 42-28.** Ankeny's basketball team had no trouble stopping Bridgewater-Fontanelle, 42-28, in the first round Class A district tournament game at East Monday. It was defense more than anything that helped late-blooming Ankeny to its twelfth victory in 18 starts. The Hawks, not expected to get past the sectionals, play Carroll Thursday. Ankeny moved to a 14-3 lead and John Moore, high scorer with 16 points pushed through the last three baskets as Ankeny made it 24-14. Bridgewater cut the Ankeny advantage to 30-24 in the third period but Ankeny bore down and held its opponent scoreless for the next 6 minutes. *Ankeny Times, February 26, 1959*

North Polk met the Ankeny girls at Ankeny in the first conference game Saturday night. North Polk won the title over Ankeny 53 to 37. In this action-packed study Judy Sydness, North Polk player, jumps and passes high for the ball. Nancy Hildreth, No. 33 on North Polk team, also goes into action. Ankeny players shown are Minhon Keister, Susan Hildreth, and Joann Hildreth. *Ankeny Times, February 12, 1959*





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Pictured from lower left rotating clockwise: Norman Haines, Allen Johnson, James Smith, Marvin Moeckly, Art Drake, Gary Slye, Joe Harper, Tom Nervig. *Ankeny Times*, February 26, 1959

**Ankeny School Board Election Set for Monday, March 9; Two Terms will Expire this Year.** Deadline for filing nomination papers for the Ankeny School Board election has been set for noon Friday, Feb. 27, 1959. The election will be held from 12 noon to 7 p.m. on Monday, March 9, in the high school building. Terms of two members of the school board will expire this March. Charles Albaugh and Ray Peltz. Albaugh is not a candidate for re-election having served on the board for nine years. Peltz will seek re-election. Milford Johnson is reported to have nomination papers out. Victor Johnson is a member of the school board. *Ankeny Times*, February 19, 1959

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### National FFA Week is Being Observed Feb. 21-28

<p><b>Earl Green</b> Realty - Insurance Member of Farm Multiple WO 4-4193</p> <p><b>F. L. BALLARD &amp; SONS</b> Wayne Feeds WO 4-4171</p> <p><b>Myrna's Beauty Salon</b> Fashions, Beauty, Cuts Cosm. Waves 214 Walnut St., Ankeny</p> <p><b>EVERETT SMITH</b> Paint Contractor WO 4-4138</p> <p><b>Best Wishes</b> <b>Wines T.V. Service</b> 217 Ankeny Blvd. WO 4-4172 Ankeny</p> <p><b>ANKENY RED-E-MIX</b> WO 4-4173 Ankeny</p> <p><b>Dr. Geo. C. Keays</b> Osteopathic Physician Ankeny, Iowa WO 4-4196 TO 5-2282</p> <p><b>Evans DX SERVICE</b> Free pickup and delivery 878 W. 1st St., Ankeny WO 4-4127 Ankeny</p> <p><b>DENNISTON &amp; PARTRIDGE CO.</b> Ankeny WO 4-4211</p> <p><b>Lein Locker Service</b> Custom Tailoring and Pressing Hickory, Maple, Curly and Plywood Dressing WO 4-4181 Lowell, Lafe, Prop.</p> <p><b>Compliments of Ankeny Cleaners</b> WO 4-4361 Ankeny Miss Reed</p>	<p><b>V. W. SMITH OILS</b> Texaco Products WO 4-4223</p> <p><b>FARMERS SUPPLY</b> Dutch Maid Products Ph. WO 4-4712</p> <p><b>R. L. Winegardner</b> CONTRACTOR WO 4-4827</p> <p><b>ANKENY PHARMACY</b> Drugs, Sundries, Gifts 215 Walnut St., Ankeny Ph. WO 4-4271</p> <p><b>Compliments of A. T. Nielsen Md.</b></p> <p><b>Compliments of Charles Feight</b> Attorney at Law WO 4-4183</p> <p><b>FRANK LINT</b> Contractor &amp; Builder WO 4-4244</p> <p><b>Dave Essick</b> Plumbing &amp; Heating Phone WO 4-4418</p> <p><b>DOUGHTEN AUTO SUPPLY</b> House of Sudden Service WO 4-4825</p> <p><b>SMITTY'S CAFE &amp; Drive In</b> Hwy 69 WO 4-4289</p> <p><b>Visitors Welcome</b> <b>Bow-Key Test Farm</b> Highway 69 North of Ankeny AT 8-4831</p>	<p><b>Compliments of LOGLI SUPERVALU</b> WO 4-4741</p> <p><b>Compliments of Dr. O. J. Weigel D. D. S.</b></p> <p><b>Ben Miller Service</b> Station &amp; Cafe Highway Ankeny Hwy 69 WO 4-4200</p> <p><b>Compliments of Dr. Glenn V. Higgins</b> Ophthalmologist 218 Walnut St., Ankeny</p> <p><b>Ankeny Cafe</b> Complete meals and short orders Ankeny</p> <p><b>Compliments of Dr. P. K. DOUGAN</b> Veterinarian WO 4-4361 Ankeny</p> <p><b>Best of Wishes from</b> <b>Valley's in Ankeny</b> Furniture and floor covering WO 4-4277</p> <p><b>Lewis &amp; Zagar</b> Excavating, Grading &amp; Dirt Hauling WO 4-4648</p> <p><b>PAULLIN JEWELRY</b> Diamonds, Watches, Jewelry WO 4-4343</p> <p><b>CORY HARDWARE</b> Appliances with Services WO 4-4256</p> <p><b>Compliments of Francis V. Hall</b> Attorney at Law WO 4-4375</p>	<p><b>Ankeny Motor.</b> Ankeny Tractor Ford Cars, Tractor Tractors and Implements Ph. WO 4-4224</p> <p><b>Compliments of TRIPLETT Implement Co.</b> WO 4-4310 Ankeny</p> <p><b>IOWA POWER &amp; LIGHT CO.</b> Ankeny WO 4-4313</p> <p><b>Carmen's Beauty Shop</b> and Harold's Barber Shop</p>
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### **Name Board Chairman at National Bank.**

Vernon W. Smith was named Chairman of the Board of Ankeny National Bank (now U.S. Bank) at the Annual Directors' Meeting. Rex C. Jordan was named to the position of Cashier at the same meeting. Other officers of the bank are Charles R. Triplett, President; Andrew H. Agena, Executive Vice President; and Kenneth G. Proctor, Assistant Cashier.  
*Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 12, 1970*



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*

**First meeting set for city chorus.** The first meeting of the Ankeny Community Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Rosemary Cavanaugh will be February 28. The chorus is composed of voices from the Ankeny churches. Music personnel of the various churches will be contacted. It is planned to present the first Cantata Palm Sunday. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 11, 1971*

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### Hawk Wrestlers Roll to Conference Title.

The Ankeny Hawks took five of the six final matches as they won the Central Iowa Conference tournament title compiling 96 points compared to second place Urbandale's 85. Asa Hutton and Joe Smith started things going by placing second. Eric Norris was Ankeny's first individual champion of the day as he pinned Phil Neville of South Tama. Steve Eggars, Craig Griffieon, Perry Cooper, and Greg Leavengood also defeated their opponents. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 19, 1970*



**Seven industries locate in Ankeny during 1970.** Elect officers, directors at annual meeting. Ankeny's industrial park attracted seven new industries in 1970, the industrial corporation was told at its annual meeting Monday. Jerry Fulton, Executive director of the corporation, told of the impact that the industrial park on the city's economy in his annual report. Fulton explained that the year's growth brought the total number of industries in the park to 15. He said that the estimate taxable value of the ground and building already developed exceed 16 million dollars. Fulton said that the industrial park, located at the southeast city limits, has created 284 new jobs in the community and has created a need for 75 new residents. New businesses or industries located in Ankeny during the years were: Quality Machine Co., Warren-Nelson Constructions Co., Arndt Keyboard Entertainment Products Manufacturing Company, Thorpe Well Co., and Lowy Carpet. Two other local firms also located in the park. They were BCD Corporation and Crees Enterprises. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 11, 1971*





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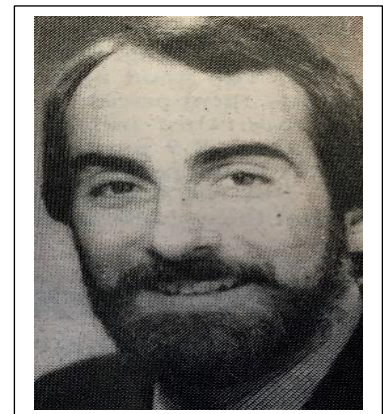
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**The Grand Opening for Warner's Hardware** was held last Saturday and was attended by eight ambassadors of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. Prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony, the representatives greeted Jack Warner and his employees. From left to right are: Jerry Fulton, Bob Faust, Reno Bertogli, Jerry Fulton, Keith Hopkins, Senator Reinhold Carlson, Ed Shephard, Mayor Eldon Leonard, Jack Warner, Gary Warner, Ronnie Warner, and Terry Van Gorp. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 18, 1971*



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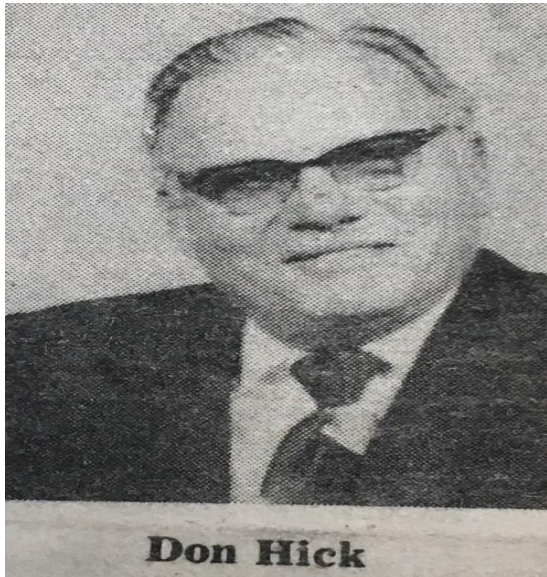
**Logli is New KCCI Sales Mgr.** Peter Logli, has been named General Sales Manager of KCCI Television here. He succeeds Nolan Quam who became KCCI-TV General Manager on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Logli joined the station in 1975 as an account executive. He has been Assistant Sales Manager since 1979. A native of Ankeny, Iowa, Logli graduated from Drake University and attended the Drake Law School. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 5, 1981*



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## **Don Hick Honored for 50 years at D & P.**

Bryant Denniston, president of Denniston and Partridge Lumber Company presented Don Hick with a service award for fifty years of employment with the company. The award was given at the company's Christmas party held December 22<sup>nd</sup> at Elwell's Restaurant. Hick started working for D & P in 1929 at Altoona. In 1939 he was sent to Liscomb where he managed the lumber yard there until January of 1941 when he went into the Army. Upon discharge in the latter part of 1945, he worked in the general office at Newton. He then managed the Mingo yard until 1946. Hick managed the Ankeny yard from 1946 until 1969 when he was promoted to General Supervisor for all the D & P yards. When he came to Ankeny the population was 785. He started the first housing subdivision in Ankeny in 1947 and has seen the town grow to 16,500. In 1970 Hick received the "Outstanding Citizen" award from the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce for general community service  
*Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 5, 1981*

## 1980s



**Open house At Southeast.** Second graders at Southeast Elementary entertained their parents and classmates at Monday night's open house with rhythm band arrangements in a variety of tunes. They used an assortment of wood – stick instruments, triangles, bells, maracas, tambourines and drums. For their presentation, the youngsters were under the direction of music teacher Joanne Carlson.  
*Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 12, 1981*



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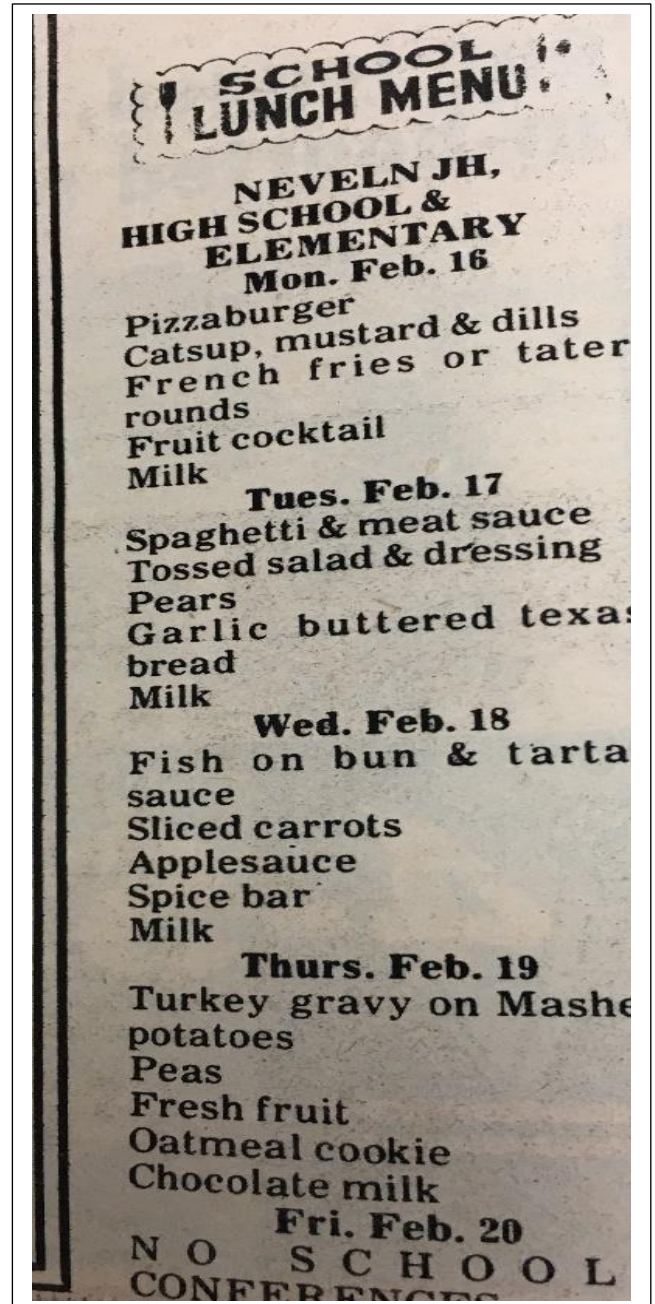
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**Chamber Home Taking Shape.** The permanent home for the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce and the Ankeny Industrial Development Corporation has taken shape at the southeast corner of SW Third and Elm Streets.

Chamber members are supposed to be “all over town” but that is also where their office has been in the last ten years. When the city acquired the Delmar Kobi property in the fall of 1979 they moved from the white house next to City Hall to make way for the Municipal Building addition. Chamber executive director Jean Jones made special note of the savings to the project by the use of Des Moines Area Community College students in the work – study program of the college’s Building Trades department. The student work on the Chamber / IDC building includes trim carpentry, the building of a reception area desk and kitchen cabinets and storage closet shelves. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 12, 1981*





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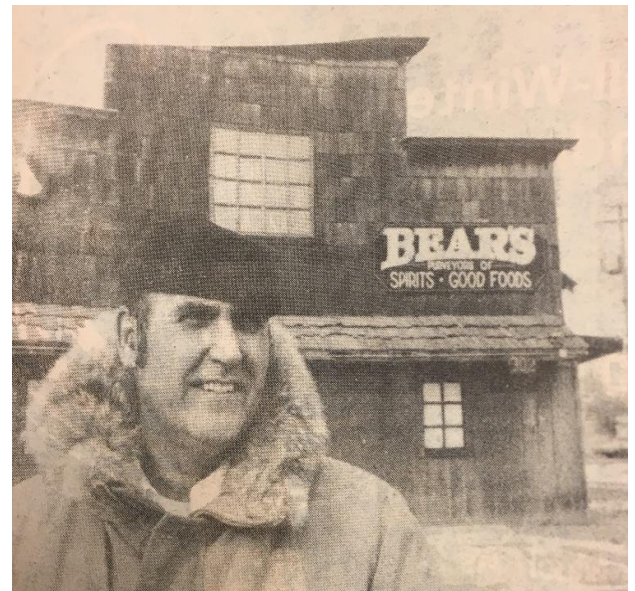
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**Chairs Redevelopment Committee.** Bill Duncan is chairman for the Ankeny Uptown Redevelopment Committee. His faith in the present and future of the area is expressed in the development and expansion of Bear's, House of Good Food and Spirits. The building located at 302 SW Maple Street, is the fourth oldest, still standing business structure in Ankeny. It was built in 1912. Duncan and Jody Wilson opened the doors of Big Bear's in September of 1967 as a neighborhood tavern, seating 42 people, serving 80% spirits and 20% food, with the service of 500 sandwiches a week considered tops. Bear's now seats 84 people (with plans for seating 20 more), services 30% spirits and 70% food, with a sandwich business of 2500 a week. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 19, 1981*