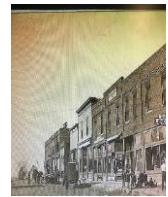


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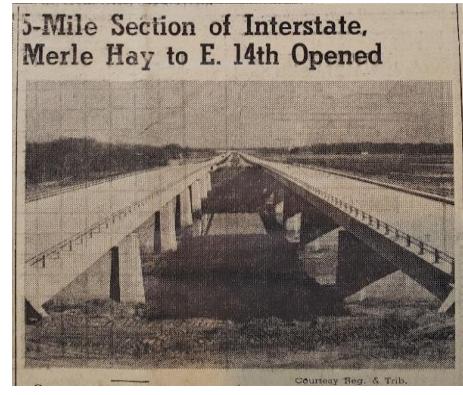
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5-Mile Section of Interstate, Merle Hay to E. 14th Opened:

Governor Herschel C. Loveless announced today that another 5-mile section of Interstate highway north of Des Moines from Iowa 401 (Merle Hay Road) to U.S. 69 (E. 14th St.) was opened to traffic Saturday, November 28. Included in Saturday's opening was a 13 mile section of Interstate 80 from U.S. 6 southwest of Adair, east to Iowa 25, and a 16 mile section of Interstate 29 in western Iowa from Sloan to the Industrial Interchange 4 miles south of Sioux City.

Motorists may now enter combined Interstate 35 and 80 at U.S. 69 north of Des Moines, and travel 50 miles south to Osceola on a continuous 4-lane divided expressway..... Fred Carlson Co., paving contractor on the project, began work on the 5-mile section north of Des Moines on July 13 at the contract cost of \$2,275,665.59. Its completion and opening on Saturday provides a continuous 50-mile section of Interstate from central to southern Iowa.

The portion of combined Interstate 35 and 80 opening Saturday provides three points of access. Diamond type interchanges are located at Merle Hay Road (Iowa 401), the present terminus of Interstate 35. Second Avenue (Iowa 415) and East 14th Street (U.S. 69). A 910-foot twin bridge over the Des Moines River is an outstanding feature of the new road. It spans what was once dry land. Later engineers diverted the waters to direct the river's main channel under the bridge. *This an excerpt from the article found in the Ankeny Times, December 3, 1959.*



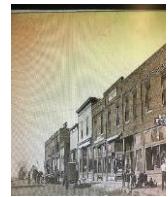
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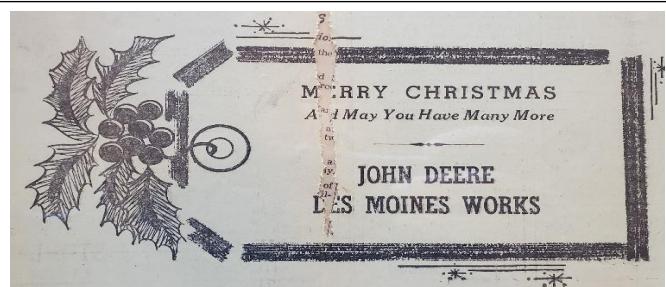
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TOY VILLA TO HAVE GRAND OPENING

DECEMBER 4 and 5: The Grand Opening of the new Toy Villa at 104 East 3rd street, will be held this Friday and Saturday, December 4 and 5. Coffee and donuts will be served during the two days and FREE prizes will be given away. The drawing will be at 8 o'clock Saturday evening. You will not need to be present to win. Robert Park and B. Nichols, the owners, will be glad for you to come in and get acquainted. *Ankeny Times, December 3, 1959*



Ankeny Times, December 24, 1959

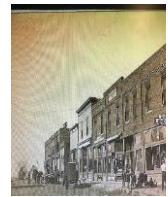
Wayne Spahr Injured in Corn Picking Accident:

Mr. Wayne Spahr of Ankeny, suffered a painful injury Wednesday morning, November 25, when he caught the back part of the snapping roller on the corn picker. He lost the tips of two fingers sewed to the palm of his hand for the purpose of skin grafting. Although it is giving him a lot of pain, Mr. Spahr says that he "feels very fortunate as far as corn picker accidents go." He stated he did have mittens on, and he thinks that fact saved him from a worse accident. *Ankeny Times, December 3, 1959*

Ankeny Times, December 17, 1959

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ANKENY, IOWA THURSDAY, DEC. 17, 1959
If you want to succeed, don't listen to the gripes of those who have failed.

Christmas Programs, Pageant, Planned At Ankeny

Parkview Christmas Program, Dec. 18

The Parkview School children will present their Christmas program on Friday evening, Dec. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the Parkview Auditorium. Pupils from Kindergarten through sixth grade will participate under the direction of Mrs. Mary Ann McBride. Please note that this special Christmas program is not on the regular PTA meeting date.

Primary Department, Upper Classes at Holy Trinity

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sunday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.

Directresses:

Primary Department —

Mrs. Loren Sampson
Mrs. Leo Wilson

Upper Classes —

Mrs. Leslie Peterson
Mrs. Warren Batema

Mrs. Wayne Beggs

Organist — Mrs. H. C. Schiffler

S. S. Superintendent —

Mr. Warren Batema

Junior High Pageant On December 21

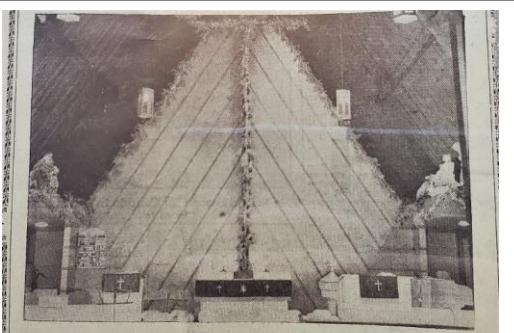
On Monday evening, Dec. 21, the seventh and eighth grade music classes will present a Christmas Pageant at Parkview Auditorium at 8 p.m. Every student in the Junior High School will take part in the program, which will feature a chorus of 150 voices plus special selections by groups of angels, shepherds and kings. Soloists will include Carol Timmesch, John DeMoss, Max Bechtol and Muriel Bechtol, with Diane Varnum as accompanist. A choral speaking group will recite the Prophecy and the Christmas Story; narrator will be Mary Warner. The program to be

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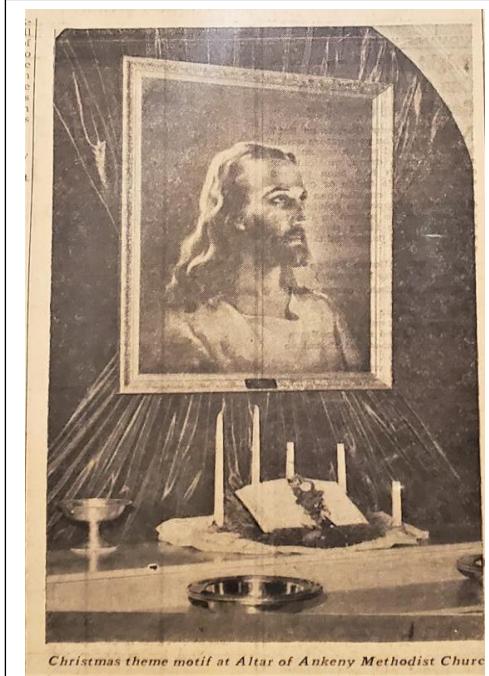
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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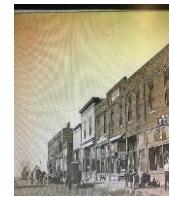
CHRISTMAS BEAUTY IS EVERYWHERE IN ANKENY: With local churches stressing the beauty of the Christmas story, Lutheran, Methodist and Congregational Churches depict the holy season with pictures, candles, angles and stars.



Christmas theme motif at Altar of Ankeny Methodist Church

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**Grand Opening
LEN'S GRILL**
Friday, Saturday, Sunday
Dec. 18, 19 & 20
Highway 69, Elkhart Corner
(Formerly Tom & Marge)

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zechman
Come in Saturday for a cup of coffee and
homemade rolls 9 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Gifts for All	BREAKFAST
Suckers for the kiddies	LUNCH
	DINNER
	Homemade Soups & Pies
	OPEN 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. (closed every Monday)

**Larson's Service,
Len's Grill Grand
Opening Friday,
Sat. & Sun.**

The Grand Opening of the Larson's Standard Service and the Len's Grill will be held this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18, 19, and 20. These two businesses are located on highway 69 at the Elkhart corner (formerly Tom & Marge).

The Larson brothers, Dave, Harlan and manager Paul Larson will be on hand to greet you with a FREE pack of Coca Cola or Bubble Up. They will also give you men cigars, balloons and suckers for the kiddies.

An electric skillet will be given to the winner of a door prize Sunday at 3 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zechman will also have a Free gift for every one and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. they will give you a home made roll and a cup of delicious coffee.

Ladies will receive a rain hat covering, key ring for the men and suckers for the kiddies.

Drop in and get acquainted and meet these fine people during their three day openings.

**GRAND OPENING
LARSON'S STANDARD SERVICE**
Highway 69 North of Ankeny at Elkhart corner
Friday, Saturday & Sunday
December 18, 19 & 20

Left to right: Harvey Larson, Ronnie Larson, Paul Larson, and Gary Mullenger.

FREE pak of Coca-Cola
or Bubble Up
with every fill of gas.

CIGARS for the MEN

BALLOONS and SUCKERS for the KIDDIES

Door Prize—Electric Skillet
drawing 3 o'clock Sunday

Open 7 days a week 6 A.M. until 12 P.M.

All Standard Products—Firestone Tires
—Lubrication—Brake Reining—Wash
Jobs—All brands of oil—Diesel Fuel—
Kerosene
Dave, Harlan and Paul Larson
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JOY TO ALL!
TOY VILLA
104 East 3rd Street, Ankeny
Pre-Christmas Sale Now On

Robert Park — B. Nichols, owners

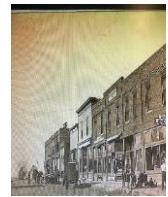
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Mrs. Arlie DeHoet prepares a Christmas arrangement for Ankeny Garden Club Flower Show, set for Friday, December 4.

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we're aglow with that intangible thing called
Christmas spirit — and wish all our friends
A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
Town-Country Grill & Service
Jet Highway 69 — South of Ankeny

FROM OUR FILES

56 Years Ago

First Editions of the Ankeny Times

Kate Zelle has been on the sick list the past two weeks.

Rev. Steele and wife, and Mrs. Abe Stebleton visited in Crocker Tuesday.

Mrs. W. A. Kauffman of Kansas City, has been the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Erb, the past two weeks.

Mrs. Hugh Thompson visited at the John Wartburg home Tuesday.

Mesdames Day and Bowen of Highland Park, visited at the Tilton home.

Fights are becoming nightly occurrences and it is almost dangerous to be safe.

The Will Everdeen public sale was a success in every respect and S. K. Noland, the young auctioneer covered himself with glory, as Mr. Everdeen says the sale amounted to about \$700 more than he expected. This in itself should convince the most skeptic, that Sammie is the boy to secure when you need an auctioneer.

Grandma Burgess and son, A. R., leave to-night for a visit to the old home in Indiana.

Several people from Ankeny and vicinity went to Missouri last Saturday night to look at farms.

Last Thursday evening the young people of Prairie Green and Greenwood were interestingly entertained at the Chas. Dood's home in Prairie Green.

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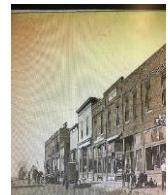
Merry Christmas
Evans Service
On Highway, Ankeny
Closed Christmas Day

We'd like to gaily bedeck
your Christmas tree with
ornaments of Health, Wealth,
and Laughter!
Alleman Cooperative Co.
Directors and Employees
Alleman and Cambridge, Iowa

O Holy Night
Tis time to rejoice and honor
the Nativity of our Saviour and to
reflect and remember His teachings
Ankeny By-Lo Food Market
Frank Ghitalli, Leno Carzoli, Paul, Rosie, Muri,
Mae Deane and Norma.
Ankeny, Iowa

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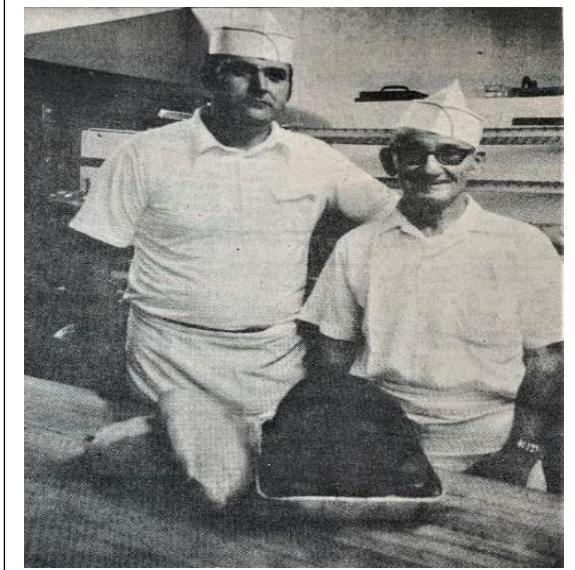
This Is The Season To Confide in Santa Claus
...an Santa, I would like a train, and a sled, and a doll for Christmas, if you please.



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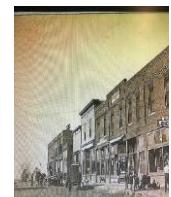
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Holiday Ham at Its Best - Bill Duncan, left, and Leno Carzoli prepare for a holiday feast with loaves of bread hot from the oven and a ham baked in bread dough. Ankeny families have enjoyed this special ham for years. The bread wrapping seals in the ham's juices making it especially succulent. Leno taught Bill how to make it. *Ankeny Press Citizen – December 8, 1977*



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Donate Proceeds – Donna Williams, president of Ankeny Firemen's Auxiliary, presented a check for \$250.00 to Ankeny Fire Chief Marv Frisk. A dance was held Nov. 6 at Victorian Lodge to raise enough money to purchase a blood pressure cuff and meter as well as an oxygen flow meter for the new Rescue Unit. *Ankeny Press Citizen – December 2, 1976*



Bus Drivers Complete Safety Course Ankeny School's school-bus drivers recently completed a bus-safety course. They are: (l-r) Trudy Conley, Russ Wisecup, Dean Pierce, Sue Edwards, Judy Enga, LaVonne Hanson, Gloria Phifer, Ruth Angle, Lana Kruse, Shirley Woodsmall, Jan Patterson, and Ellen Cherry.

Ankeny's school's bus drivers recently completed the Iowa School Bus Driver Training course developed by the State Department of Public Instruction and offered through Des Moines Area Community College. This course is highly recommended by state school and safety officials and federal funds pay the tuition.

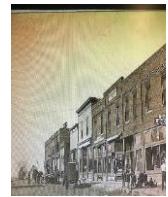
Ankeny Press Citizen – December 2, 1976

Xmas Trees Needed – Both East Elementary and Terrace Elementary are seeking the use of your dismantled Christmas trees. Their plan is to have the trees ground up to use for pathways and around bushes and trees in both school's Outdoor Environmental Classroom Projects.

Those donating trees should remove as much of the tinsel as possible. Flocked trees cannot be used. Trees taken to East Elementary should be left at the southeast former of the playground by January 6th. At Terrace Elementary there will be a snow-fenced area at the west end of the school parking lot where trees should be left. . *Ankeny Press Citizen – December 30, 1976*

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**ANKENY JAYCEE
CHRISTMAS TREE SALE**

Scotch Pine • Norway Pine • Spruce

Sale Begins November 26

South of The
Drug Town Parking Lot
Highway 69

\$5 – \$11 Come and Check
Our Quality Trees

Hey, Ankeny.
Do you like the old fashion Xmas tree? Well, if you do the Ankeny Jaycees have a tree for you. Come on out to Drug Town starting Fri. Nov. 26, and pick out your own special tree, the one to make the Xmas Holidays something special. We'll be selling trees from noon until 9 p.m. Make it a special Xmas & buy an old fashion Xmas tree.

Make This The Best
Christmas Ever—Buy A
Jaycee Christmas Tree!

Ankeny Press Citizen – December 2, 1976

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY...
MERRY CHRISTMAS

Jewelry
Purses
For That Last
Minute Stocking Stuffers
Stuffed
Animals
Tinkerbell
Cosmetics

Young Villager
Frontier Shopping Center.
964-3440

Hours:
Mon. - Fri. 10-9
Sat. 9:30 - 5

Shopper Charge

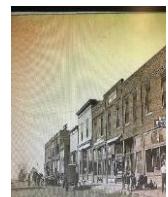
Ankeny Press Citizen – December 23, 1976



Madrigal Dinner Presentation – Ankeny High School's PRO MUSICA CHORALE will present their annual Christmas Madrigal dinner this Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday night at 8:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Our Ladies Immaculate Catholic Church. Under the direction of Mr. Richard Palmer, the dinner will include many old English Madrigal songs. *Ankeny Press Citizen – December 16, 1976*

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One Hundred Pounds of Delicious – Lily Smith and Edith Bruce, at 6:30 p.m., pose with the last batches of penuche and fudge. The divinity and penuche recipes are from Edith's AHS Home Economics class, the fudge recipe from the Hershey's cocoa box. The candy will be stored and later placed in tin containers for distribution.

The Bruce's living room floor is carpeted in a pattern of candy, the dishes are about done and someone has sent out for pizza. Lily and Edith will get to sit down. They are still laughing and joking. Maybe that's from the joy of giving of their own time and talents in the true spirit of Christmas giving.

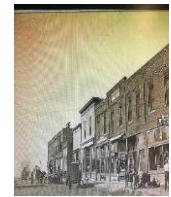
This annual activity begins about 9:00 a.m. and by noon two card tables are filled with holiday bounty and the postman on the Bruce's route has been by to approve the 1977 output.

When Edith calls out, "Drop divinity!" her daughters, Donna Nowels and Corinne Mitchell move, spoons in hand to portion out the divine white fluff – plain or with chopped nuts. Edith tops some with pecan halves while Corinne does the dropping.

Ankeny Press Citizen – December 22, 1977

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City Leases Ground For 65 Acre Park Development – A lease was signed Monday by the Ankeny City Council which will allow the city access to a 65 acre site with the idea developing public of recreational facilities that might eventually run the gamut from softball diamonds and a golf course to a community theatre and exhibition area for works of art and historical displays.

The site is the Robert Spooner farm, located northeast of Ankeny; bounded on the south by N.110th, on the west by Delaware and on the east by Interstate 35. It was originally the Lee Kirkendall farm, which along with a cash bequest was given to the city of Ankeny for the establishment of a public library. The farm, however, was to remain the property of Spooner during his lifetime.

According to the lease arrangement, the city will rent the property from Spooner for \$12,000 a year, plus pay the premiums on a \$100,000 life insurance policy for him. At his death the city would recoup from the policy, whatever amount it had paid in premiums. It was stated that to purchase a comparable piece of property the cost would be about \$375,000, the yearly cost of which would be about \$40,000. Interest rates would bring the total outlay to nearly \$600,000.

In an afternoon interview, May Ollie Weigel stressed that, "At this point we do not intend to use property funds for this project." Other funding sources will be researched and the intention is, as with other parks and recreation projects, to make it pay for itself. The development of some aspects of the project are even intended to show a profit. Weigel credited former council member Larry McDowell, with the origination of this particular development idea which has been in the works since last Spring. Working with McDowell were park board member Doug Downs, library board president Tom Trusty, Sr., John Voight, and Larry Albaugh.

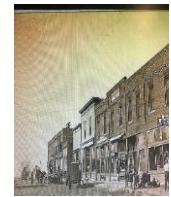
Monday night, Weigel charged this committee with the responsibility of studying the next steps to be taken and directed them to involve the public in deciding what types of facilities would be developed. The committee will be reporting to the council by Spring of 1978 as to the best procedures for development with the intent of starting development by Summer.

Parks and Recreation Director Bill Boswell stated that he could see "nothing but good coming from this project as outlined." He added that it was within his department's projected program for development of multi-use and high-use facilities. *Ankeny Press Citizen – December 15, 1977*



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Frosh Career Study Aided By Computer - With the help of teacher Earl Leonard, 9th graders Marty Thomas and Virginia Hess are trading information with CISI. Would you want your son or daughter to be a farrier? Would you want either of them to marry a farrier? How many of us know what a farrier is?

Would it help you to know that it's Occupation No 5489, DOT No. 356. 381 Cluster No. 1? Those mysterious numbers are of help to Ninth Grade American Problems students at Parkview Jr. High during their study of careers. This system is out of the Iowa Department of Public Instruction's Guidance Services Section. Students first feed the computer answers to 25 questions regarding their aptitudes, preferences. Based on these answers, CISI will then provide a list occupations.

Should an occupation the student was interested in not show up on the list, they may then ask CISI why it didn't. CISI might reply such a job was not available in the area they preferred to live in or not available for the starting salary they listed. Students are then able to get print-outs about various occupations. The information headings include: To get the job, you should be able to----; On the job, you will ----; Earnings and benefits ----; Things to think about (advantages and disadvantages) ----; Employment and Advancement opportunities ----; Preparation and training and a list of additional sources of Information.

The computer works to give students a true picture of what to expect from each occupation, both the good news and the bad.

A farrier must have good co-ordination of eyes, hands and feed and must be able to use calipers, nail snipers, pincers, knives and other hand tools. The farrier might earn up to \$60 to \$75 per job but also runs the risk of getting bitten, cut scratched or kicked.

On January 17th, Ankeny's ninth graders will be registering for their high school classes. Using CISI and other vocation investigation procedures helps them in planning the direction of their high school schedules as to emphasis on college preparatory or vocational courses or a combination of the two. Occupations related to that of farrier are veterinarian's assistant and contract wool shearer. Now do you know? Give up? A farrier is someone who shoes horses.

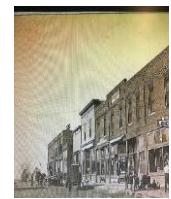
Ankeny Press Citizen – December 30, 1976



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Ankeny council approves sewer project. Ankeny's City Council Monday resolved a long-standing problem on Southwest Elm Street and approved a \$217,635 project to keep backed-up sewer water from flooding basements. The resolution, however, was opposed by some residents who said either the city should pay more or get more property owners to pay for the project. The resolution passed 4-0. Mayor Ollie Weigel and Councilman Gary Baugher were absent. "Most of us are not against the improvement project," said Cornelius Hutton. "But we do not think we should have to pay for one section (of the improvement) and for other residents not to have to pay anything." Nine other Elm Street residents wrote letters opposing the city's assessment schedule. The project will affect 28 properties and 24 separate property owners – each having to pay between about \$500 and \$4,000. City Manager Carl Metzger explained that the assessments are for the cost of tearing up part of Elm Street so a 12-inch sanitary sewer pipe can be put in. The city will bear the cost of the sewer improvements, Metzger said. Ankeny will pay \$173,885 of the project's cost – while the remaining \$43,750 will be paid by the property owners. Russell J. Pickett, said that neighbors to the north of him also should pay for the project. "It appears to me that you are not treating all property owners equally," Pickett wrote the council in a letter. "Do you want it done or not?" asked Councilman Gerald Fehn in response to the residents' opposition. "Previous councils said they didn't have the money for the project. This council came to the forefront and said 'We'd do it.' *DM Register, December 5, 1990*

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Make the Holidays
Very Special
this Year

ENJOY UP TO \$1200.00 FOR 12 FULL MONTHS
AT 10% ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE

No Refinancing and cannot be combined with any other loans.

Russell J. Pickett

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DM Register, December 5, 1990

Carmen's still has
lots of last minute

CHRISTMAS IDEAS!

Merry Christmas
to all our customers.

Don't forget open
Thursday until 7 p.m.

**CARMEN'S
FLOWERS**

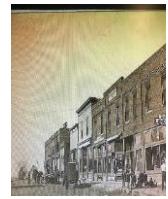
516 S.W. 3rd Street
Ankeny
964-4104

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Big new Hy-Vee store planned for Ankeny in '92.

Hy-Vee Food Stores Inc. plans to begin construction on a \$4.5 million store in Ankeny next summer. The 62,000-square-foot store will replace the Chariton-based food chain's store at 801 S. Ankeny Blvd. The new store, more than twice the size of the present store, will be located at N.W. Fifth Street and North Ankeny Boulevard. The expanded facility will include a full-service pharmacy and cosmetics, gift, camera/video, and floral departments. Also, there will be a lunch meat and cheese island, salad bar, seafood and service meat department and fresh pizza department. A bakery and delicatessen will be included. Nearly 100 full-time and part-time positions will be added to the store. Construction will begin next summer with completion slated for mid-1992. A construction firm has not been selected, said Ruth Mitchell, information director for the food chain. *DM Register, December 24, 1990*

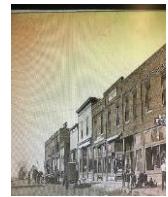
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\$9.3 million school issue wins Ankeny voters' OK. Ankeny voters approved a \$9.35 million bond issue Tuesday so that the growing district can build a new elementary school and add classrooms to an elementary and junior high school. Two similar building issues narrowly failed last year – but the third time around proved to be a charm as 2,797 people voted in favor of the bond issue and 1,039 against – a 73 percent margin. Bond issues need 60 percent approval to pass. Voters "recognized that we are in a crowded school district and needed the space," said Superintendent Ben Norman. "When you get 70 percent, that pretty well proves the point. *DM Register, December 19 1990*

Ankeny OKs contract for new aquatic center. The City Council has approved a contract with Pollock Holzrichter Nicholas LTD of Wheaton, Illinois, for architectural and engineering services for a new aquatic center near Northview Middle School in northwest Ankeny. The contract calls for the city to pay the company \$160,000 for basic services and up to \$42,000 in reimbursable expenses. Water Technology Inc of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, will be the aquatic engineer for the project; RDG Crose Gardner Sukert of Des Moines will be the landscape architect and planner; and Snyder & Associates of Ankeny will be the civil engineer. In other action, the council approved paying \$120,000 for the V.W. Smith Oils Inc. property at 206 S.W. Maple St. (editor's note: currently, where the new AMP is located) to expand and improve Fire Station No. 1. *DM Register, December 5, 1995*

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Thanks
to the merchants in the uptown district
for your spirit & support this past
year. Our accomplishments were:
• Farmers Market • Tubs of
Flowers • Monthly Merchants
Meetings • Holiday
Lighting • Santas Holiday House
Pat Breubaker, chairperson

WALNUT STREET Walnut Street Gallery
301 Walnut Street
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Lawrence R. Gray, M.D. Retires

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Dr. Gray has been established in the Ankeny community for many years and has enjoyed serving as your family physician.

Dr. Gray's partners, Matthew C. Petersen, M.D. and Fred C. Marsh, M.D. at the Ankeny Clinic will be happy to follow you as your family doctor.

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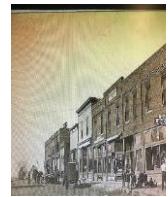
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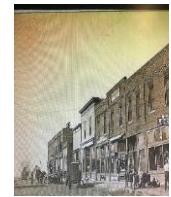
125 years in the making. Ankeny continues to grow after more than a century as a community. Ankeny's growth exploded when an ordnance plant was built southwest of town during World War II. Open from 1942 to 1945, the plant made ammunition cartridges and, at peak production, employed more than 19,000 people. John Deere Co. bought the plant in 1947 and continue to operate it today. Actually, Ankeny had been going strong for nearly three-quarters of century before the war effort hit town. It will celebrate its 125th anniversary in 2000. "It has just boomed," said JoAnn Adamson, president of the Ankeny Area Historical Society. "People who haven't lived here for even 20 years come back, and they must marvel at the change." A number of things have combined to help Ankeny blossom, said Adamson. Most important is its proximity to Interstate Highway 35 to the east and Interstate Highway 80 to the south, both built in the 1960s. Also key is a strong industrial development commission, city officials and community leaders who persuaded the likes of Tone's Spices and Casey's General Stores to locate their headquarters in Ankeny.

The city got its start in 1874 when John Fletcher Ankeny and his wife, Sarah Wolgamot, bought 80 acres. Although John laid out the plan for the city and filed the original plot in 1875, the town wasn't legally incorporate until 1903. John Ankeny built the first commercial building, a combination general store/post office, on the northeast corner of Third and Cherry Streets. Henry Hutton was the first storekeeper, and B.A. Lamason was the first postmaster. In 1874, a narrow-gauge railroad was laid from Des Moines to Ames, passing through Ankeny, and in 1879, the tracks were changed to wide gauge. Passenger service was established in 1880. The first newspaper, the Ankeny Times, was published on May 17, 1902. The first banks – Farmer's Savings Bank and the Bank of Ankeny – also were established that year. Telephone service arrived the following year, and electricity and fire service both came in 1907. However, the fire department's hand buckets weren't enough to quench the fires that destroyed several establishments in the 1930s, including the north and south sides of Third Street, Congregational Church, grain elevator, hotel, and Great Western Fireworks Co. An orphanage called The Children's Home was located in Ankeny for decades. Mining was a major industry in the Ankeny area from the early 1900s to the 1930s in the now-defunct towns of Carney, Oralabor, Saylorville and Enterprise.

Still, the town seemed more like a collection of farms than a municipality in the new century. Each household grew a garden and raised chickens, said native Richard Logli, whose father delivered bread to area coal miners before starting Logli Store in Ankeny. Farmers often drove their cattle down the city streets to stockyards next to the railroad tracks near Third and Southwest Maple Streets. Across that intersection today you will find Bears Restaurant and Lounge, which started out as a general merchandise store, then became a Ford dealership, then Goodner's Café. The Yankee Clipper, a bar on the south side of Bears, was a blacksmith shop at one time.
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More recent developments include the establishment of Faith Baptist Bible College in 1967, Des Moines Area Community College in 1970, the creation of a YMCA center in 1989, an aquatic center, a new library and Northwest Ankeny Recreation Area. "Ankeny has always been a good place to live, being so close to the capital and its cultural and entertainment opportunities," said life-time resident Myrtle Sexauer, great-granddaughter of Jacob Sexauer, an early Ankeny livestock and grain producer and broker. To peek into the past, visit the Ankeny Area Historical Society's museum at 301 S.W. Third St (once the home of former school superintendent E.W. Neveln). It is open the first Sunday of each month May through December and by appointment. For more information, call 964-4681 (editor's note: old number, currently 965-5795). *DM Register, December 29 1999*

Lighted parade part of Ankeny festivities. At least a dozen holiday lighting displays will have a new twist in Uptown Ankeny on Saturday. They will be moving. The holiday lights parade, featuring illuminated floats, will debut in Ankeny at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The parade starts at the former fire station near Third and Maple Streets, then proceeds east on Third to Pleasant Street, then north to Wagner Park near City Hall. All entries in the parade must be illuminated, either by battery or a generator. Street lights along the parade route will be turned off during the event. The parade is part of a day of festivities in Ankeny. Activities include:

*A visit by Mrs. Claus in Uptown Ankeny from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near Hykes Gallery, 218 S.W. Maple St.

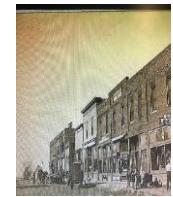
*Free horse-drawn wagon rides along Southwest Third Street from 3 to 4 p.m.

*Holiday Lights Parade at 5:30 p.m.

*A tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. at Wagner Park. Activities there include caroling, wagon rides, live reindeer and refreshments. Ankeny Uptown Christmas, *DM Register, 12.1.99* Rick Hermann, a member of the Ankeny City Council, started the idea for a holiday parade after seeing Perry's lighted parade last year. "It was unbelievable right up there on Main Street. There were 20 or 30 entries. It was extremely wholesome. It was a nice grass-roots deal," Hermann said. "I thought that we could do this in Ankeny." He contacted several Ankeny groups to get the parade started, and eventually the Ankeny Jaycees agreed to organize it. Hermann said his goal is to enhance the other holiday activities in Ankeny. "It's a nice opportunity to bring a greater sense of community. It can help promote our greater Ankeny businesses," Hermann said. *DM Register, December 1, 1999*

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Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Wagner Park
(W 1st St. Between City Hall & Parkview Middle School)

Festivities Include: Caroling, Lighting of the Trees, Wagon Rides, Hot Chocolate & Cider, and Live Reindeer.

Santa will arrive in his horse drawn wagon with treats for all the children attending

These events are organized by the Ankeny Building Association in cooperation with the Uptown Ankeny Association, Ankeny Jaycees, Ankeny Police, Benevolent Association, City of Ankeny Parks Department, Ankeny Volunteer Fire Department, and Ankeny Community Schools.

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Christmas In UPTOWN THE HEART OF ANKENY
Saturday, December 4 10am - 4pm
Look For The Uptown Holiday House!
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SANTA'S TREASURE HUNT
Saturday, December 4th 10am - 4:00pm

Pick up your ticket from Mrs. Claus at the Holiday House on Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Uptown Holiday House is located at Hykes Gallery on the corner of SW Third and Maple.

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Thank you to all supporters of the Ankeny Area Historical Society. If you are not already a member, you can join online at www.ankenyhistorical.org. If you are a member ... "thanks" and be sure to visit the website and the museum house and barn! There's so much history ... and we are all part of it!