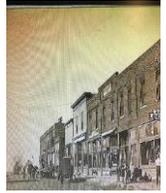


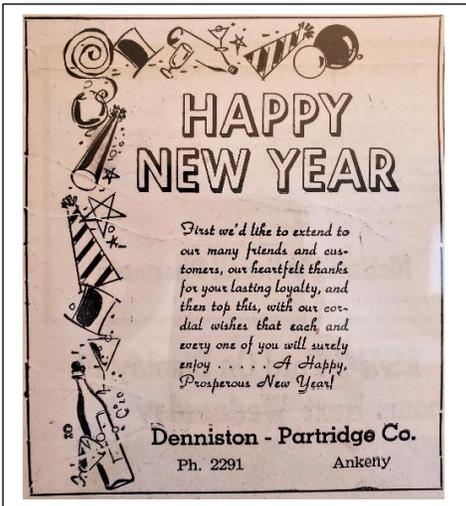
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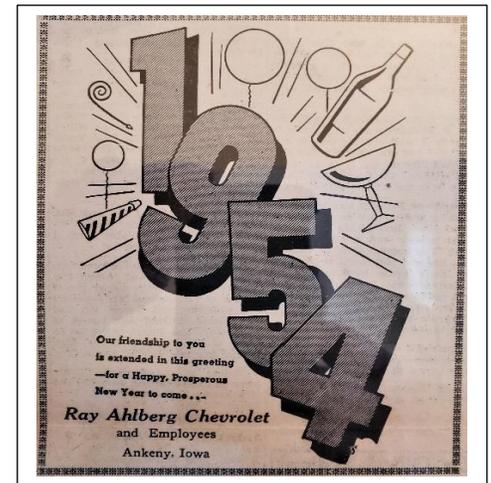
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New Year's Advertisements: Ankeny Times, January 1, 1954



### Hold Mother-Daughter Dinner January 20

The annual Mother Daughter Banquet will be held at 6 o'clock at the Ankeny Methodist Church on Monday, January 20. Mrs. Leon Linthacum is program chairman. Men of the church will serve the banquet which will be prepared by Harold Enquist of the Breese House.

You are asked to give attention to the following information concerning ticket sales. ALL reservations must be made by Saturday, January 18- tickets will not be sold at the door as in previous years. Please get your tickets from Mrs. Don Cornwell or your circle chairman. The dinner hour is set for 6 p.m. and will thusly make it possible for parents to also attend the P.T.A. program planned at Parkview for 8 p.m. that evening. (The topic for discussion is "Teen Age Behavior") *Ankeny Times, January 16, 1958*

\*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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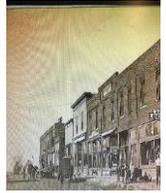
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Richard Goode, Ankeny  
Times, January 1, 1954 →

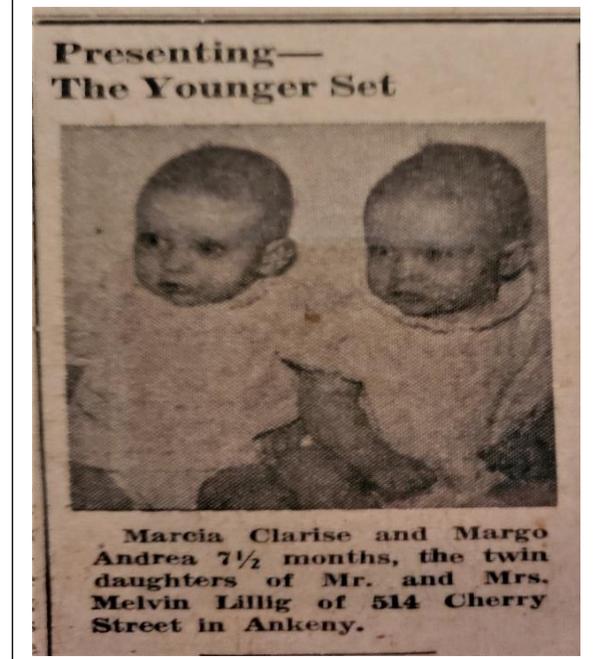
### Open House is Planned at Ankeny Town Hall

Announcement was made at the regular council meeting Monday night that an open house would be held at city hall on January 8, 9, 10, all day on the eighth it will be open in the evening. A great many changes and improvements have been made and Ankeny residents will have this chance to visit the water works and fire station. Ray Padellford, city engineer said they are pumping 115,622 gallons of water a day now. The council was approached by Mr. Whitney on installation of a chlorinator, cost about \$875. It would save mixing by hand as is now being done.

The field back of the High School is being flooded for an ice skating rink and should be open soon. There were building permits issued last year to accommodate 134 families. This means houses, duplex, etc. There was quite a discussion on who is to maintain First Street. The county has been doing it till the recent snow. No snow fence has been put up this year and the city was not sure who was to keep the street open. Sidewalk for the street was also discussed. *Ankeny Times*, January 8, 1959.



Richard Allen Goode, 15-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Goode, who farm just south of Ankeny is pictured here holding his grand-



Presenting—  
The Younger Set

Marcia Clarise and Margo Andrea 7½ months, the twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lillig of 514 Cherry Street in Ankeny.

Lillig girls, Ankeny Times, January 1958

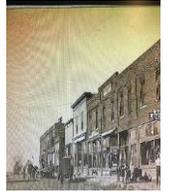
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**Ladies Learn to Roller Skate**  
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 On Tuesday afternoon between 2 to 4  
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**Again, Ankeny students presented** its audience with a delightful two-hour concert at Parkview auditorium Sunday afternoon. The annual 500 Club Winter Concert was a second in the series of four music entertainment programs to be held, and was a highly successful endeavor. Approximately 175 members of Senior Concert Band, Parkview School Band, Junior High Chorus, Boys' Glee Club, Girls' Glee Club and High School Mixed Chorus took part in the program.

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George Friedmeyer, the instrumental director, and Mrs. Ted Schwartz, vocal director, directed the musical groups in their excellent presentation of exceptionally fine music. A vote of thanks and appreciation is in order for the faculty, students and parents for their part in a successful afternoon. Many concert goers were heard to express the idea of it being so nice to have such a fine program on a Sunday afternoon when the whole family could be together. From the audience response it is easy to know Ankeny parents and residents will watch eagerly for the next in the series of 500 Club Programs. *Ankeny Times, January 16, 1958*

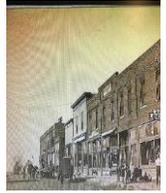


### **Barney Alleman Star Basketball Player at ISC**

Ames, Iowa – Barney Alleman, former 3-sport star at Ankeny, is a member of the 15 man Iowa State basketball which played in the Big Seven basketball tournament at Kansas City, Dec. 26-30. Alleman who won letters in football and basketball at Iowa State, has not yet hit his 1952-53 cage stride but is making steady progress. He reported a month late because of a football injury but Coach Clayton (Chick) Sutherland felt that by the opening conference game, which was January 4<sup>th</sup> he would be back at top efficiency. Barney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Alleman of Alleman, is a junior, majoring in engineering. He earned 8 letters in football, basketball and baseball in high school. He was a regular end on the football team last fall. *Ankeny Times, January 8, 1954*

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## Ankeny School District to Vote on Bond Proposal: Petition Proposes \$100,000 Bond Issue Completing School. Need of Additional Classrooms is Urgent

Petitions carrying 140 authorized signatures were presented to the local school board of education last week, requesting the board to submit a bond proposal to the voters of the district for decision. At a special session of the Board of Education held December 28, a resolution was unanimously passed, proposing that the issue be voted upon at the special election to be held at the high school building on Wednesday, January 27, from 12:00 noon until 7 p.m.

Specifically, the petition which was circulated by interested taxpayers and parents proposes a bond issue of \$100,000 to complete Parkview elementary school and equip the nine additional rooms that would be made available and to finance some grading necessary on the new athletic field west of the city park. The need for additional classrooms is both obvious and urgent. As of this date there are seventy-nine children in the kindergarten grade. This group, now housed in two rooms, must be divided into three sections when they enter the first grade next September to make for the most effective reading program and to assure normal progress in reading.

With the above group in three sections another classroom would be needed. It would seem then, that steps should be taken to provide such classroom, inasmuch as the building is already there. The other possible solutions would be – 1) to leave the 1954 first grade in two sections, with about 40 pupils in two sections or 2) to bring a second grade group back to the old building and convert the old lunch room in the basement to a classroom. In the final analysis it is a problem that must be solved by parents and taxpayers of the Ankeny Consolidated School District who are interested in providing the best they can afford in the way of educational opportunity for their children. *Ankeny Times, January 8, 1954*

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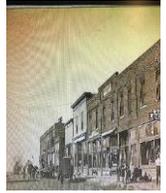
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: *Ankeny Times, January 8, 1954*

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Ankeny Times, January 8, 1954 →

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Free Lunch and Tour of the John Deere Plant if Desired  
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Ankeny Times, January 8, 1954

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**LODGE INSTALLATION HELD**  
Ankeny Star Lodge No. 427 And Ideal Rebekah Lodge No. 493 held a joint public installation ceremony at the Rebekah Hall, Monday evening, January 13.

The 1958 elected officers installed are pictured here. They are:

**ODD FELLOWS**  
Ed Howard  
Earl W. Gilbert  
Danny Dalasta—Noble Grand  
Har y Parmenter  
Louis Fontanini

Darryl Voshell  
Jack Sykes  
Bernard Cross—Vice Grand  
Raymond Gilbrech  
Wylie Thornton  
Carlton Purdy, treasurer

**REBEKAH'S**

Seated  
Edna Herring—Noble Grand.  
Myrtle Thornton—Vice Grand.  
Ora Parmenter  
Gertrude Tompkins  
Ruth Cross  
Rachael Gilbreth  
Grace McAmis  
Hattie O'Keen

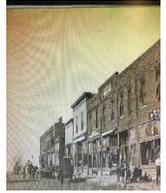
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Mildred Sexauer  
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Beulah Lawson  
Margaret Gilbert  
Florence Dalasta  
Anna Campbell

Ankeny Times, January 16, 1958

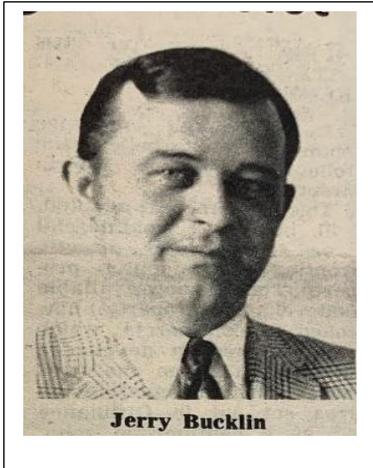
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### Jerry Bucklin Buys Ray Ahlberg

**Chevrolet** – Jerry Bucklin has purchased Ray Ahlberg Chevrolet on Highway 69 in Ankeny. Bucklin is formerly of Newton where he was Sales Manager of Hawkeye Chevrolet. He was with the Newton firm for the past eight years. A native of Baxter, Bucklin is married and has two sons, Eric, four months; and Brad, five years. He is 27 years old and has been in Jaycees, Elks, and Isaac Walton.

Ray Ahlberg announces plans to retire after coming to Ankeny 21 years ago at the Highway 69 location. He has been a Chevrolet dealer for 42 years. Advertisements announcing the business change appear in this issue of the Press-Citizen. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 8, 1970

**Letter to the Editor and Mr. McCleary:** I want to thank you and all persons responsible for supplying copies of the Ankeny Press Citizen to all branches of the service overseas. It helps a great deal to those here in Viet Nam that knows there are persons who still care for us in Viet Nam. It also lets us know that there is still a world to return to when our tour is over, here. I sincerely hope that soon the war will be over so all servicemen will be able to return home to their families in good health.

Again thank you Mr. McCleary for your concern for us all.

Citizen of Ankeny,  
Thomas M. Pedretti  
U.S.M.C.

*Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 1, 1970

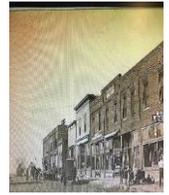


**The Ankenyettes 4-H Club** presented Paul Fletcher of the Polk County Farm Men's Hospital with a fruit basket during the Holiday Season. The girls also sang Christmas Carols to the patients in the Men's Hospital during their visit to the Polk County Home. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 15, 1970

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**Allen Johnson Named Outstanding Young Farmer** – Allen Johnson, age 26, Ankeny was named the 1969-70 Outstanding Young Farmer (OYF) of the Des Moines area at the annual Des Moines Jaycee awards program held Thursday, January 22, at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. Johnson and his wife have two daughters. Their farming program consists of operating 600 acres, planted primarily to soybeans and corn, along with the raising of hogs and beef cows. Recent soil and water conservations practices include the use of a chisel plow and a rolling cultivator. In addition to serving as Crocker Township ASCS committeeman, he is also active in the Izaak Walton League, Farm Bureau, Des Moines Jaycees and the Farmers Grain Dealers Association of Iowa. *Ankeny Press Citizen – January 29, 1970*

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Brooks Robinson will be here Monday from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Stop By and See Him

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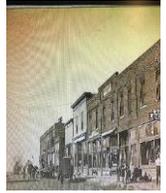
*Ankeny Press Citizen – January 14, 1971*

Do you remember the days of these regular savings rates?? Not a CD, but savings! *Ankeny Press Citizen – January 29, 1970*

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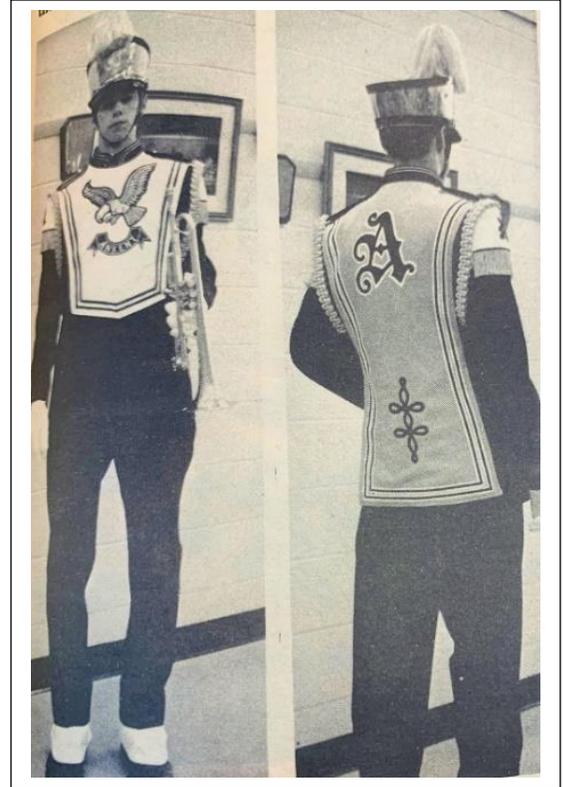
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**New Band Uniforms and Trip** – The new Ankeny Band uniform is pictured above. They include an over-lap which is used for arching and when removed makes a concert uniform. Both a front and back view are shown. The band is slated to march in Canada next June. George Friedmeyer, Director of the Ankeny and, has accepted the invitation from the Manisphere exhibition Band Committee of Winnipeg, Canada, to participate in the international band contest to be held in Winnipeg June 26-29.

This will be the second appearance of the Ankeny High School Band in Winnipeg. The band previously appeared in Winnipeg in 1964. The Uniform Committee of the Ankeny Band Parents was formed at the annual meeting last fall. Committee members include Gene Leedom, as chairman, Mrs. Okel McAllister, Mrs. Ted Ellefson, Mrs. Herb Brown, Mr. Bill Moss, and Mr. Milton Aunan. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 8, 1970



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62nd YEAR IN  
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MANY  
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Cut the Way YOU Want It.

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*Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 14, 1971

### Snowmobile rally this week-end...WE NEED SNOW!!

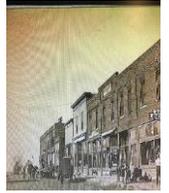
– The chant, let it snow, let it snow, let it snow, has been a popular sound this week as the Chamber of Commerce sponsored national snowmobile rally date nears. With hundreds of racers, several booths, programs, two tracks, many helpers race a director and MC, all the Chamber needs is snow....and plenty of it.

Race dates are Saturday and Sunday, January 15 and 16, 1972. Saturday's events will include a LeMan's type course over varied terrain for a distance of approximately three miles. Start and finish lined will be on the grounds of the Ankeny Industrial Park. Sunday will feature the oval races on the ½ mile track east of the Ankeny Sales Pavilion. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 13, 1972

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### **Brooks Robinson signs autographs that may be worth \$100,000.**

The reigning king of modern baseball, Brooks Robinson greeted more than a thousand well-wishers and autograph seekers during his appearance at Sportsman of Ankeny's Grand Opening on Monday. Robinson, the star third baseman for the Baltimore Orioles, spoke freely with the small children who passed by in a never ending line, asking their name and answering their questions about baseball. *Ankeny Press Citizen – January 21, 1971*



### **Set January 30 to open new Best Western Inn in Ankeny –**

Ankeny's new Best Western Inn motel – restaurant complex has announced their open house scheduled for this weekend. Cecil Flack, owner and manager of the Inn is now at his fourth location with the Best



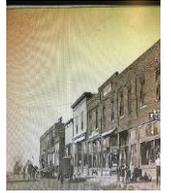
Western certification. Previous to the Ankeny site, he had built and operated motels in Jefferson, Newton, and Boone. Keeping in mind the interest of Ankeny and benefits to the community El View Construction spent 2 ½ years searching for the appropriate business for the site. In designing the Best Western Inn El View Construction now proudly presents Best Western Inn to the citizens of Ankeny.

During the open house, visitors will see many of the most modern and convenient motel and restaurant combinations in the area. The 42 – room motel is adjacent to a lounge – smorgastable restaurant complimented by an indoor-outdoor pool and concrete deck for lounging. *Ankeny Press Citizen – January 27, 1972*

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**Vote Monday on bond issue** – Two questions will be presented on a single ballot. The first asks voters to approve a plan to authorize the school board to levy up to 15 mills for the payment of the bonds for the new construction. The school board is presently authorized to levy up to ten mills, but must ask the voters for approval for the five mill increase. School officials and proponents of the proposal point out that the school board is not expected the entire 15 mills to retire the bonds, but will need more than the ten presently authorized by law.

The second question asks the voters whether the school board should issue school bonds not in excess of three million dollars to build and furnish a new elementary school building, remodel the present high school building, and build and furnish an addition to the high school which will include a field house, an auditorium, band room, fine arts facilities, a swimming pool and other related facilities. *Ankeny Press Citizen – January 7, 1971*

**Planning follows defeat of bond issue** – Ankeny’s Board of Education will meet Monday night to canvas the results of Monday’s defeat of the three million dollar school bond issue and discuss possibilities for providing needed space to house the expected increase in the high school. The bond issue would have built an addition to the high school and remodeled the present gymnasium into a media center and classrooms. The issue also called for a “community center” and field house complex.

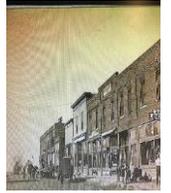
Robert Hollett, chairman of the Interested Citizens for Good Education, said Tuesday that his group is planning to appoint a committee to begin working with the school board to provide “reasonable and needed facilities.” Hollett repeated his group’s pledge to “cooperate for the needed classrooms.” He said his group hoped that a workable plan which could gain the support of the needed majority of the voters could be presented again in six months.

School board president John Lundstrom said that the “problem would be discussed at Monday night’s meeting and that interested citizens were urged to meet with the board to present possible solutions.” Lundstrom noted, “We still have the problem of a large student increase and we must provide adequate facilities.” The proposal presented Monday received only 28 percent approval from the voters. A 60 percent majority was needed. Only 888 residents approved the plans while 2244 voted against the proposal. The defeat was the first for the school district in 10 years, a period of rapid growth for the city when eight issues were approved with 62 to 92 percent majorities. *Ankeny Press Citizen – January 14, 1971*

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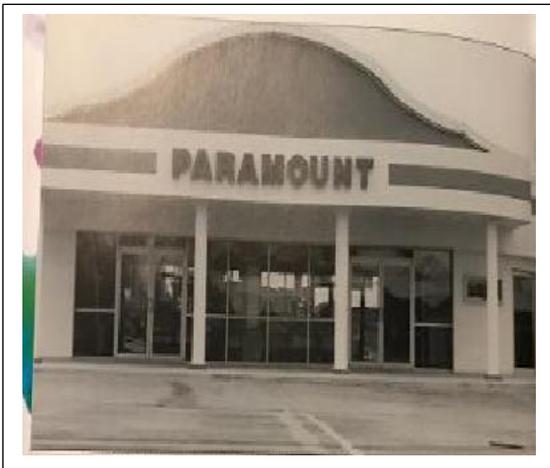


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**Youth Center Project** – Painting the site for the proposed youth center are, from l-r; Neal Reeves, Mike Valcano, and Brian Wheeler. The center known as “Subway, Sector R’, is located in the basement of Dick Hermann’s law office at 317 Walnut Street. The project is being financed by profits received by the county liquor board. It is funded through the Ankeny Parks and Recreation Board, and the coordinator of funds is city councilman Jack Leinen. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – January 20, 1972



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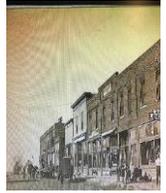


**When Bob Fridley** opened the Paramount Theatre in 1990, residents were eager to take in big-screen movies again without having to drive to Des Moines. The small theater at Frontier Village Shopping Center had closed, and the older Gem Theatre, which operated uptown from the mid-1940s to the early 1950s, was long gone. *DM Register*. *Images of America, Ankeny*, by Terri A. Deems with the Ankeny Area historical Society, 2013

**Valentines for Vets.** The Ankeny Camp Fire Boys and Girls will hold their annual Valentines for Vets on Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Westwood Elementary school at 2920 N.W. Ninth St. All kindergarten through fifth-grade students in the Ankeny, Saydel and North Polk school districts are invited to attend. The youths will learn what a veteran is and make valentines for hospitalized veterans. *DM Register*, January 4, 1995

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**Neveln seen as one-stop resource. All of Ankeny's service groups could be housed in the old junior high.** A one-stop center for Ankeny service organizations took another step toward reality last month when the City Council approved a \$50,000 appropriation for the project. The money will be used for improvements to the old Neveln Junior High School, which is being converted into a resource center for various non-profit organizations. The idea of having most of those organizations under one roof was developed in 1993 when the city and the school district were putting together a comprehensive plan to build and share some facilities. The school district originally offered the building to the city in exchange for land in Hawkeye Park, where it proposed to build a new school. After the city rejected that idea, the Ankeny Family Life Council appealed to both the city and the school board to convert the building into a resource center. Kevin Koester, the community education director and president of that board, said members are talking with various organizations about moving into the facility. He said there are no commitments, but the Ankeny Arts Council, the Ankeny Area Historical Society, Creative Community Options and the Ankeny branch of United Way of Central Iowa are some prospective tenants. Some service organizations already use the building: Boys and Girls Club of Central Iowa, the Ankeny Clothing Exchange, The Ankeny Genealogical Society, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children, and others. *DM Register, January 4, 1995*

**Family Fun Time.** The Ankeny Family YMCA at 1102 N. Ankeny Blvd. is offering Family Fun Time from 5 to 7 p.m. every Saturday. All the YMCA facilities will be available, and special activities will be featured each week. A \$5 per family fee is charged for non-members of the YMCA. Every Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. through March 12 Family Fun Time will be available to the entire community free. There will be activities in the high school at 1302 N. Ankeny Blvd. And in the YMCA. Each week a community group will offer a special event. *DM Register, January 25, 1995*

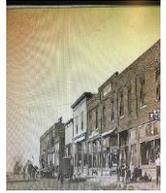
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Urbandale's Ryan Davis gets **Ankeny's Nate Bagby** on his head during their 103-pound match at Urbandale. Bagby won 4-3. Ankeny won the final four matches for a 28-24 dual victory. *DM Register, January 6, 1995*

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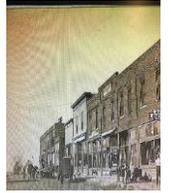
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**Chamber president wants meeting hall. Should Ankeny give more money to the convention bureau or invest in a local facility?** A group of Ankeny's business and civic leaders are working to build support for construction of a new meeting facility in the community. The building would have much more benefit to local businesses, they argue, than sending city tax dollars to the tourism bureau in Des Moines. Jeff Segin, president of the Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, met individually last week with city council members, members of the board that oversees Ankeny's Aviation Expo site and several of the city's hotel and motel operators to discuss plans for some sort of community-wide partnership to build ... something. Envisioned as a bare-bones structure that could be used to house everything from a car show to a large wedding, the meeting facility could be built on the Aviation Expo site off Interstate 35, Segin said. Segin suggested a possible price tag of \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million for the building. "What we're talking about is just a big metal building that you could use to hold various types of events indoors," said Everett Sather, chairman of the board that oversees the Aviation Expo site. "They're nice, but they're not Taj Mahal-type structures." Ankeny governmental and civic leaders have long lamented that the town doesn't have any place to house gatherings of about 1,000 people. "We do need something in the community," Ankeny Major John Voigt said. "We just don't have any place to accommodate a group over 200. It just can't be done." *Des Moines Register, January 22, 1997*

# Ankeny through the decades...

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## 1990s



**Building on his early successes, Don Lamberti** purchased other stations, and, by the late 1970s, the Casey's chain had 118 stores. Around 1983, Casey's began to sell donuts in its stores, and in December 1984, one of its signature items was introduced: Casey's pizza. In 1990, the Casey's headquarters, seen here, moved to Ankeny. *Images of America, Ankeny, by Terri A. Deems*



*Don Lamberti*

The Lamberti family has a long business history in central Iowa, and Donald Lamberti has kept that tradition alive. In 1959, he leased a Des Moines service station from his father and turned it into a convenience store. Nine years later, his friend, a gasoline supplier named K.C. Fish, suggested he purchase a service station in Boone. Lamberti took his advice, created a convenience store, and named it Casey's. The Boone store logo is still used today by the Casey's chain. (Editor's note: the logo changed in 2020 to a new look.) *Images of America, Ankeny, by Terri A. Deems with the Ankeny Area Historical Society, 2013*

**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!**