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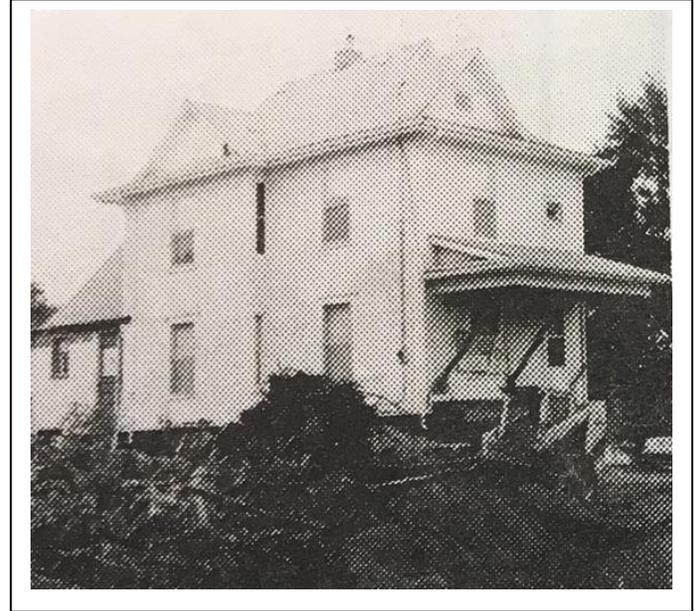


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The Ankeny Area Historical Society will soon have a permanent home near Neveln School. The home is being moved to the site at 301 SW Third Street – Bud Wiuff is giving the Society the 90-year-old house of John Marts / E.W. Neveln / A.T. McCleary of 410 S. Ankeny Blvd. Also, the Ankeny School Board recently agreed to allow the house to be placed at 301 SW 3rd St., just north of the school's administrative offices.

The Ankeny Area Historical Society was established in May 1988 to collect and secure artifacts and historical records representing Ankeny, Alleman, Bondurant, Carney, Elkhart, Enterprise, Polk City and Sheldahl.

For the past five years, the Society has met in the old industrial arts building behind Neveln School. Individuals have worked diligently and much has been accomplished during that time. The society has established a fund-raising goal of \$100,000, which will include the cost of moving the house, digging a



basement, bringing the house up to code, repairs and insurance, and eventually an addition to display an antique sleigh, a blacksmith shop, medical equipment from WWII, and other large items. Part of this commitment to this project is in honor of the Society's founders and past presidents. They are: Willard L. Nagle, Richard Hermann, and Wayne Begg. *Ankeny Press Citizen*, Aug. 22, 1995

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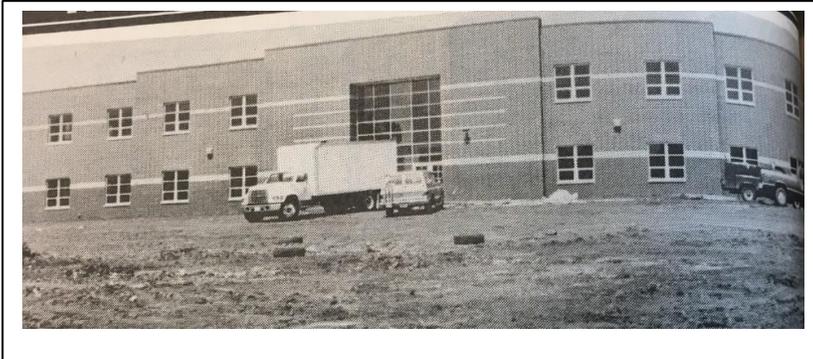
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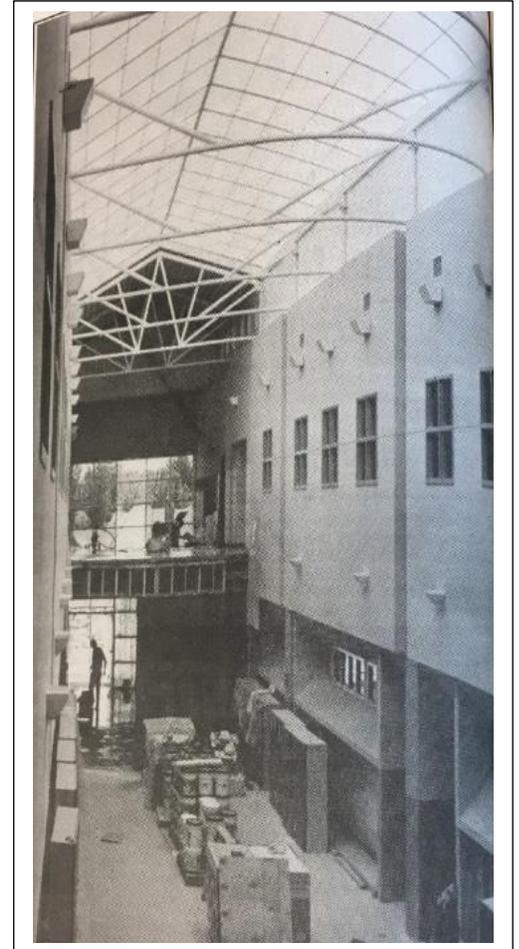


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Final preparations under way for Northview Middle School - The exterior of the academic portion of Northview Middle School show a completed building, but no landscaping. At the other end of the building, construction workers busily tend to the gym and music area. The academic portion will be ready for students on Monday. The rest of the school should be done by October.

Northview was planned around the needs of teachers and students said Scott Osborn, principal, everything from room placement to locker size was considered. "We had a plan and vision for what we should provide for eighth and ninth graders." Another thing he likes about the school is that it is functional, but not extravagant. The tax dollars were used well. Northview will house about 45 teachers and approximately 780 students this year. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 22, 1995*



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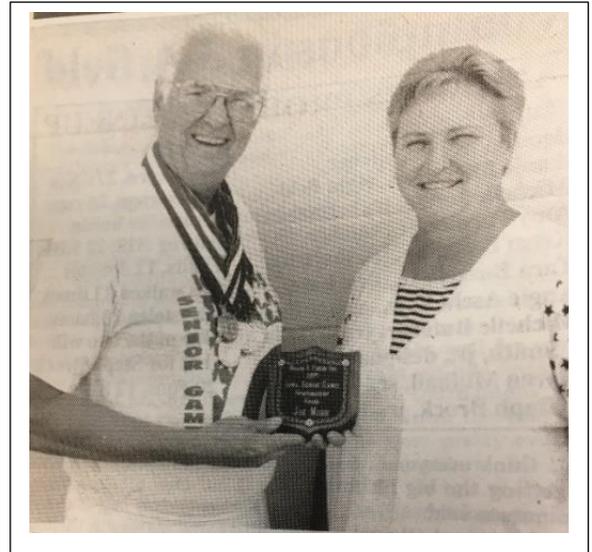
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Morr Awards and Medals – Joe Morr of Ankeny won a total of 12 gold and silver medals earlier this summer at the Iowa Senior Games, which were held in June at West Des Moines. He is pictured with his wife Edie, and the sportsmanship award that he received. Morr, who competed in the men's 55-59-year-old division, won his medals in a variety of sports. He participated in three-on-three basketball, volleyball, badminton, ping pong, softball, horseshoes and the 1,500-meter race walk. "I just love all the seniors and all of the games," Morr said. "The West Des Moines facilities are just outstanding," he said. "And the volunteers are just great. They treat us older people like kings and queens." Joe and Edie will celebrate their 40th anniversary in August. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 1, 1995*



Farm Tour – Bruce Johnson of rural Ankeny pulls out a soybean plant to give a group of Ankeny residents a close-up view. Johnson's soybean farm was part of a farm tour sponsored by Iowa Farm Bureau Federation. The tour also included the Craig and Lavone Griffieon farm. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 29, 1995*

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A Class Act – Ankeny's Senior Female Athletes, Class of 1996 - L to R: Jenny Voss- softball; Michelle Junod- basketball; Christi Hogan-track; Kristi Breeding - tennis; Angie Aschoff - volleyball; and Amy Farmer - softball. As the Class of 1996 begin classes, these young senior athletes are looking forward to their final year of competition in their favorite sport. All are outstanding in each of their chosen sport. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 29, 1995.*

Naylor, Tracy named to Hall of Fame – Gary Naylor and George Tracy, both of Ankeny were recently inducted into the Iowa Athletic Coaches Association Umpires Hall of Fame. Both Naylor and Tracy have been longtime umpires on the Iowa high school sports scene. They were honored at the IACA 11th Annual Softball Banquet earlier this month. There are now 20 members in the Umpires Hall of Fame. The first three members were inducted in 1985, and two members have usually been added each year. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 22, 1995*

New Quarters – Ankeny dispatcher Char Worswick fields a call in the new communications center at Ankeny Police headquarters. Police officers and dispatchers recently moved into 7,000 square feet of the former Ankeny City Hall. Work continues to about 45,000 square feet of the original police building. That is expected to be ready in November. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 29, 1995.*



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A sibling rivalry?? – Ankeny man is a devoted Hawkeye fan, but his brother now coaches for the Cyclones. Tony Rhoads of Ankeny knows that he'll be attending the Iowa-Iowa State football game in Ames next month.

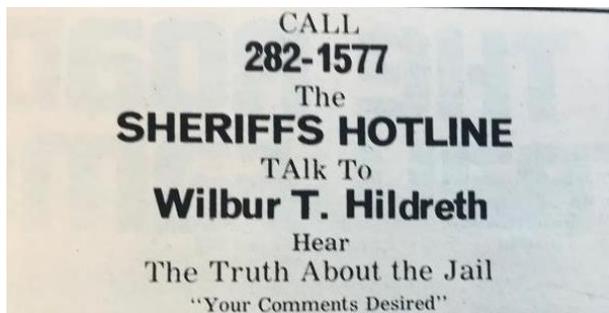


He just doesn't know which team he'll be rooting for. Rhoads has been a longtime fan of the Hawkeyes, but now a fan of the Cyclones, too. He recently purchased an Iowa State season tickets after his brother, Paul Rhoads, was hired to become an assistant under Coach Dan McCarney. I'm still wondering how I'm going to react. I don't know if I'll be able to root against Iowa since I've been going to their games for so long. You kind of get committed to it after a while.

Rhoads graduated from Ankeny High School in 1981 and then went to the University of Iowa, where he became a devoted Hawkeye's fan. He was a season-ticket holder from 1982 to 1993.

Rhoads has also traveled to see some of Paul's games. Paul, a 1985 grad of AHS started his coaching career in 1989 as a grad assistant at Utah State. He held a similar position at Ohio State in 1991, and then became a member of Chuck Shelton's staff at the University of Pacific—where he coached the defensive backs for three seasons. Paul was then hired last winter to join McCarney's staff, much to his brother's delight. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 15, 1995*

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Sheriff Hildreth's hotline ad, *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 31, 1972*

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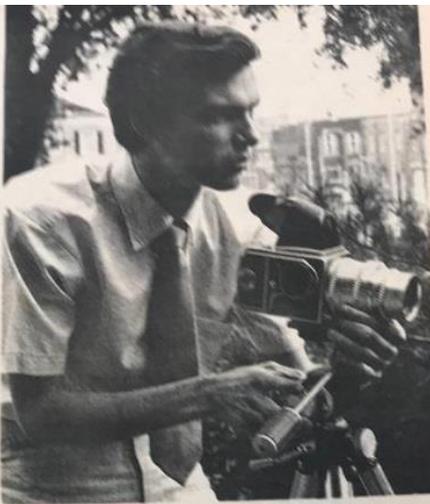
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Dave Longnecker appointed to vacant council seat. Dave Longnecker was sworn in by Mayor Eldon Leonard at the regular meeting of the Ankeny city council last Monday night, replacing the vacancy made by the resignation of Dick Bianchi. Bianchi resigned after accepting a position with an architecture company in Arizona. Employed by John Deere, Longnecker resides with his wife and two children at 121 Logan Street. A member of the United Methodist Church, Longnecker is also a member of the Jaycees, chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission for three years, served on the board of directors of the Des Moines Area Community College, secretary of the Logic Lodge 636 and member of the Des Moines Consistory. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 10, 1972*



Photography is exhibited. The creative photographic work of Wayne Johnson, an Ankeny resident, was included in the Brookings, South Dakota, Summer Arts Festival. Advertised in "Time" Magazine as "...one of the cultural highlights of the Northern Plains," the festival is designed each to promote and encourage the arts, crafts, and hobbies of South Dakota and the surrounding area. Johnson's prints were included by special invitation from the sponsors. Featured in his display were photos that have been in competition at the Professional Photographers of Iowa Convention, including his award-winning print entitled "Rustic Fence." *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 20, 1972*

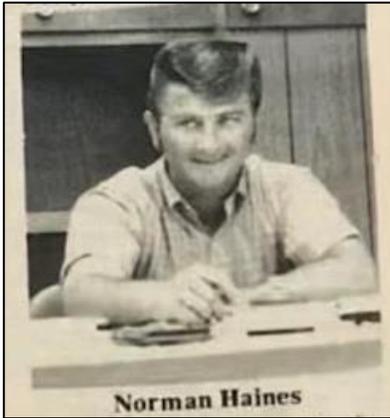
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Appointed as conversation technician. Norman Haines, 29, 321 East 7th Street, Ankeny, has been appointed to the position of Conservation Technician for the US Soil Conservation Service, assigned to Polk County. His tour of duty begins effective August 6, 1972. Norm graduated from Ankeny High School in 1961 and attended Iowa State University from 1961 to 1963 in Animal Science and Farm Operations. He farmed with his father from 1963 to 1967, growing grain, beef cattle and sheep, in the Ankeny area. He completed six years in the Army Reserve, 103rd Support Brigade. He started with what is now the Iowa State

Department of Soil Conservation in March 1967 as a State Conservation Aid. While in Ankeny High School, Norm served as Polk County 4-H Vice-President and as President. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 10, 1972*

Good Food for You. Kim Lamberti, who does most of the baking of sweet things around the Donald Lamberti household, looks through one of her mother's recipe books in anticipation of the next baking session. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 10, 1972*



Gary Frick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Frick, 317 E. 12th, shows off his collection of 425 beer cans. The collection was started with a 16 oz. Lite beer can. No two are alike, as some with the same designs have different color labels. The cans are from breweries all over the United States, Scotland, Germany, Spain, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Mexico. Gary, who will be a 6th grader at Southeast, moved here with his

family a year ago from Davenport. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 31, 1972*

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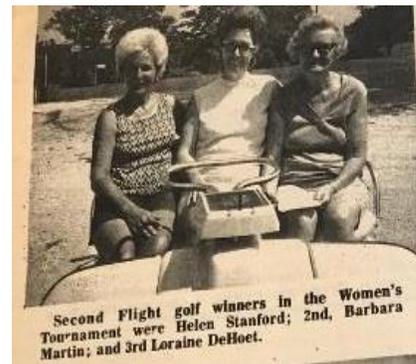
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Frontier IGA Now Open. Ankeny's newest grocery store, Frontier IGA, opened its doors yesterday to the public, bringing with it several innovations and new class to the city's shopping scene. IGA, which stands for International Grocers Alliance, is owned by Frank Lint of Ankeny. Managed by George McIntosh, he is assisted by assistant manager Ralph Fetters, and lead meat man Jim Sage. One of the new additions is the fully carpeted store including an astro-turf entrance. The clerks and store help will be dressed in school colors, maroon and gold, also is the store décor. In addition, the store features

foldout grocery carts so that the customer need not unpack his own groceries. Another idea of Lint's was discovered on a trip to Honolulu. Fruit and vegetable drawings on the parking lot add to the lively spirit around the store. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 17, 1972*



Ladies Club Tournament. The Women's Golf Association of the Ankeny Golf and Country Club held their annual ladies' tournament. The ladies played 18 holes of golf during the week of August 7 to 11th to qualify. The final rounds were played August 15th. The championship flight played 18 holes on the 15th. The winners of the Championship Flight were Erma Burt in first place and champion of the 1972 Tournament. Lucille Susic won second place, and Irene Bellville won third place. The winners of the First Flight were Charlotte Udrovich in first place, Ruby Beard in second place, and Tina Battani. The winners of the Second Flight were Helen Stanford in first place, Barbara Martin in second place and Loraine DeHoet in third place. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 24, 1972*



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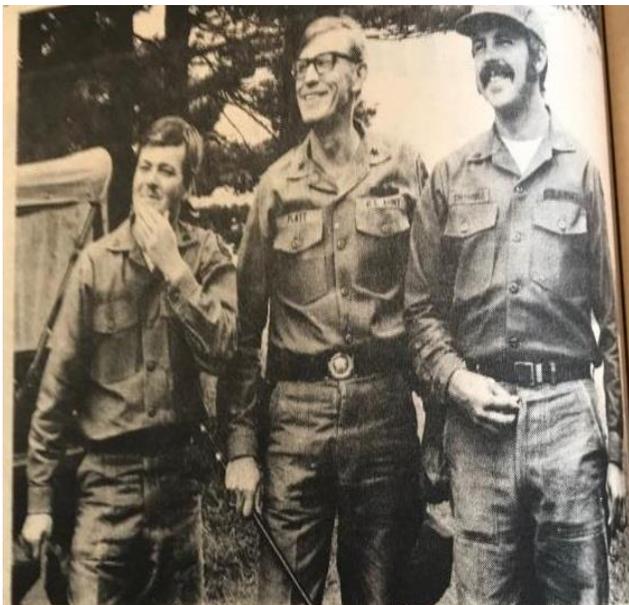
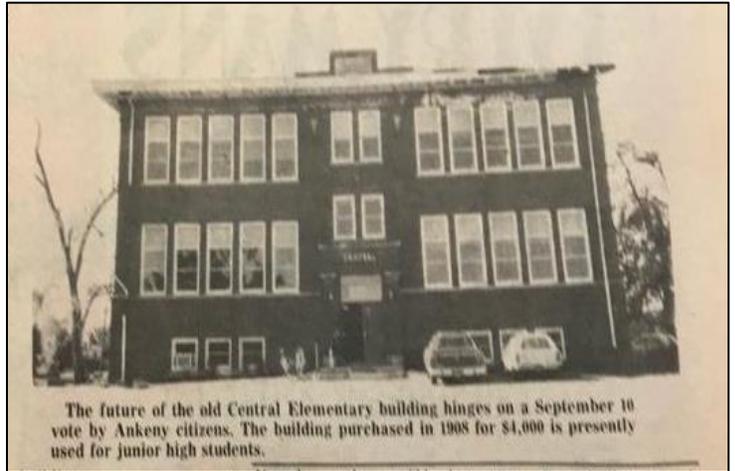
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Will vote on razing of old Central Building. In addition to selecting school board candidates at the September 10 school election, Ankeny residents will be asked to approve the demolition of the old Central elementary building. Superintendent Keith Hopkins said, "It was determined by our committee that the building did not warrant fixing up. The city would replace the building which has stood since 1908 would be replaced with 12 portable classrooms. The federal government will install them at no cost. After the use of the classrooms for two years, they must be dismantled and sold. An attorney general's 1923

opinion is responsible for the voting procedure. The opinion has yet to be contested by lawmakers. It will take a majority vote of the Ankeny residents to raze the building. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 1, 1974*



Ankeny National Guardsmen. Three Ankeny guardsmen L-R Spec. 5 Rick Hornberg, Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Flatt and Spec. 4 Larry Crowell. Flatt is the Iowa Guard's Commander of Troops, and Hornberg and Crowell are enlisted personnel with the Headquarters Company of the 234th Transportation Battalion. The three posed for this photo during a tour of units by Gen. Flatt. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 1, 1974*

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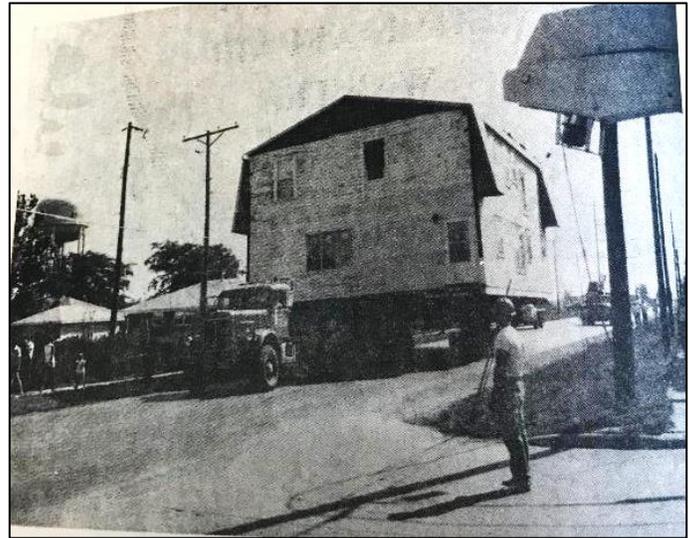
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Who says you can't take it with you? The city of Ankeny had a rather short parade last Monday. The only participant in it was an 11-room 70-ton house belonging to Doyle Elwell. "We've been thinking of moving the house for about three years now," said Doyle, owner-operator of Doyle's Standard. "Since that time the price has increased \$1,000.00." Elwell guessed that moving of the old home will run about \$6,500.00, including cutting the wires along the way. The house, which accompanied a farm built by Arnold Hitz 55 years ago, was moved three blocks from just east of the present high school to the old Sexauer property in Northlawn. Plans of a shopping center on Elwell's old lot have been in circulation for about two years. Taking on the mammoth job of moving the hulk was The Bob Knosby Movers of Perry, Iowa. One of the observers, Ted Johnson of 112 Des Moines Street, recognized the truck and crew for it was the same bunch that moved his home to its present location in 1959. Prior to that time it was on the lot where Philips 66 Station is on Highway 69. Cost then for the same journey was about \$1,500.00. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 15, 1974*



Nichols produces Grand Champion. This year's Iowa State Fair Grand Champion Female Charolais belongs to Jenny Nichols, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Nichols of Ankeny. To her left is Judge Miles McKee of Cherokee and Queen RaeJean Chochran. Photo – Iowa State Fair Publicity Office. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 29, 1972*

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Jack Benny made an impromptu visit to Ankeny on July 21st coming from Des Moines with a group of 9 others to eat at King's Food Host. Benny thrilled the customers by calling over the loudspeaker in his familiar deadpan manner, "Are you sure an egg salad sandwich is only 39 cents?" Several of the employees



of King's Food Host enjoyed getting autograph from him. Benny was in Des Moines for an insurance promotion and the party of 10 decided to come to Ankeny for lunch. In the background is Jerry Fulton of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 31, 1972*

CONGRATULATIONS HENRY'S DRIVE-IN!

Congratulations to other League members
Big Bear Lounge
Irish
Fina
Bucklin Chev.
Ankeny State
Lake Bros.
O.L.L.H.
Lutheran
City

City Softball Tourney Champs!
The City Softball Tourney Champs are; back row l-r, Mel Murken, Gene Riley, Larry Donaghy, George Tracy, Larry Albaugh, and Mick Albaugh. Front row l-r, Ron Sampson, Ed Whitaker, Norm Lust, Rick Porter, Jim Hopper, and Dave Longnecker. Not pictured Bud Craig.

Long road to the title
Henry's 3
Fina 1
Henry's 4
ASB 3
17 innings
Henry's 6
City 0
Henry's 0
Big Bear 1
Henry's 9
City 4
Henry's 5
ASB 3
10 innings
Henry's 6
Big Bear 5

That's what I like about
Henry's
Final
Henry's 18-Big Bear 14!

Henry's Drive-In (softball champs) ad, *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 31, 1972*

Ford

Buy Now-Save Now- During Our 1972 Model Close-out

It's like having a friend at the factory
DALE MILLER FORD
301 WALNUT, ANKENY 964-4223

We Service What We Sell

Dale Miller Ford ad *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 17, 1972*

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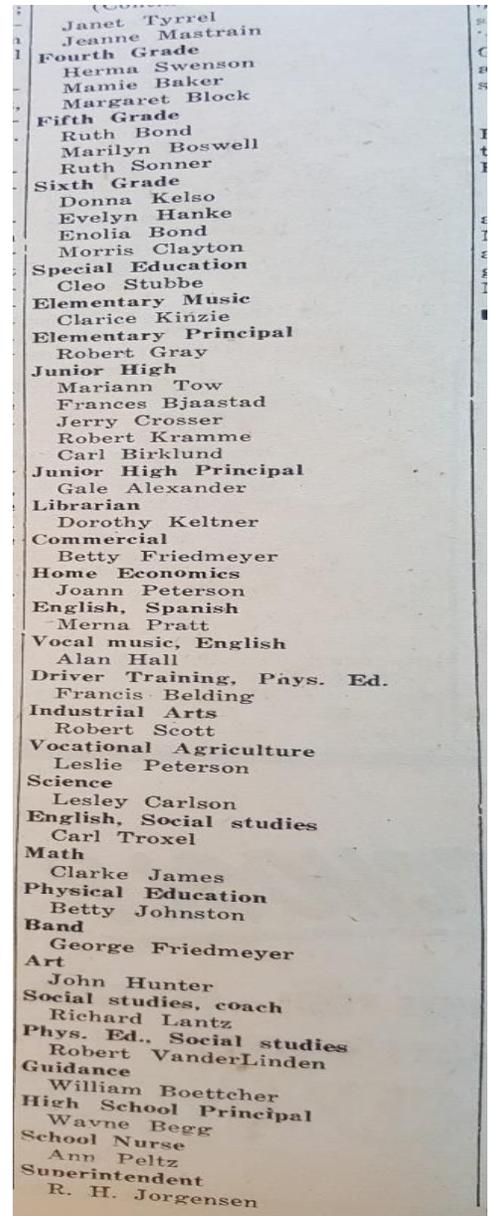
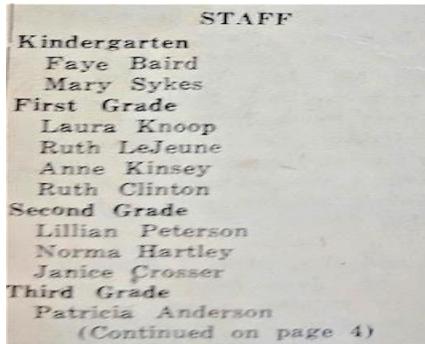
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Paving Contract to Gilloti: Expect to Begin in Near Future. The Gilloti Construction Company of Des Moines submitted the low bid for the proposed paving improvements in Ankeny. The opening of the bids was held Monday night at the town hall. The Gilloti bid for the paving was \$141,765.85. This was approximately \$21,000 lower than the other bidders. The Ankeny council will meet tonight for the formal signing of the contracts.

Streets to be paved will include all those in Kenworthy-Fehn addition, Des Moines Street from ordnance Road to Third Street and from First Street south approximately 344 feet; Scott Street from First Street south approximately 344 feet; Second Street Place from Des Moines to Scott Street; Logan Street and all of Southlawn area. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 14, 1958*

Ankeny Schools Open Sept. 2: Eight New Teachers Among 51 Now in System There will be eight new teachers on the staff of the Ankeny Community Schools this year out of a faculty of 51 members. They are: Jeanne Mastrain-Third Grade; Margaret Block-Fourth Grade; Cleo Stubbe-Special Education; Marian Tow- Junior High; Jerry Crosser-Junior High; Gale Alexander- Junior High Principal; Alan Hall-Vocal Music, English; and Francis Belding- Driver Training, Phys Ed. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 14, 1958*



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Football Practice Begins August 25: Coach Bob VanderLinden has announced that football practice for the Ankeny Hawks will begin Monday, August 25. About 60 prospects are expected to report for the opening drills. With the nucleus of last year's conference champs lost by graduation, a big job is in store for Coach VanderLinden and the Hawks in preparation for the 1958 season. Lettermen: Seven lettermen from last year's unbeaten team are returning to the squad this year. Fullback Roger Blair and tackle Elvin Reynolds will be reporting for their final year of competition. Equipment Issue: The first meeting of the squad will be held at 7 o'clock on Friday, August 22, when equipment will be issued. Coach VanderLinden invites all boys interested in playing football to this chalk talk whether they have been contacted or not.

Huge Parade Will Begin Labor Day Celebration Here: Will begin at New Football Field. Plans are nearing completion for the Ankeny Lions Club Labor Day Celebration here. As in the past, the proceeds will again be earmarked for community betterment. During the past several years over \$2500 have been used for this purpose. Some of which include:

Ankeny Rec. Program	\$642	Boy Scouts	\$100
Little League	\$676	Camp Fire Girls	\$70
Band Uniforms	\$500	High School Score Board	\$1236

Parade: Frank Whitely, parade chairman, has announced that there will be seven categories in the parade this year. They are:

Decorated Bicycles	Novelty and Humerous	Youth Groups	Religious
Commercial	Fraternal and Service	Pets and Animals	

The parade will start from the new football field west of Parkview School, at 1 P.M. All participants are asked to be at the starting point at 12:30 where the parade marshal will direct entries to proper order and attach numbers for judging. The parade route will be west on First Street to Scott, south on Scott to Third, east on Third to Logan, north on Logan to First, and west to the starting point. The ministers of Ankeny will again act as judges for the parade. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 27, 1959*

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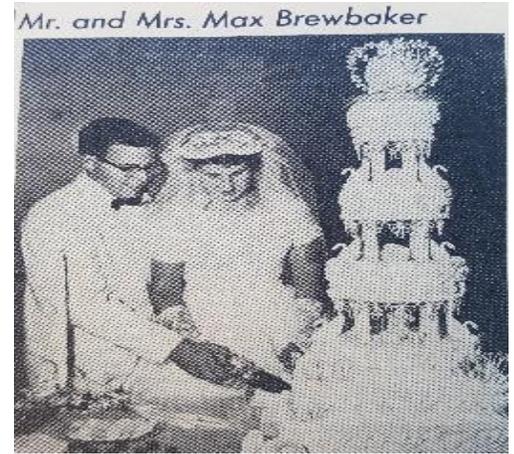
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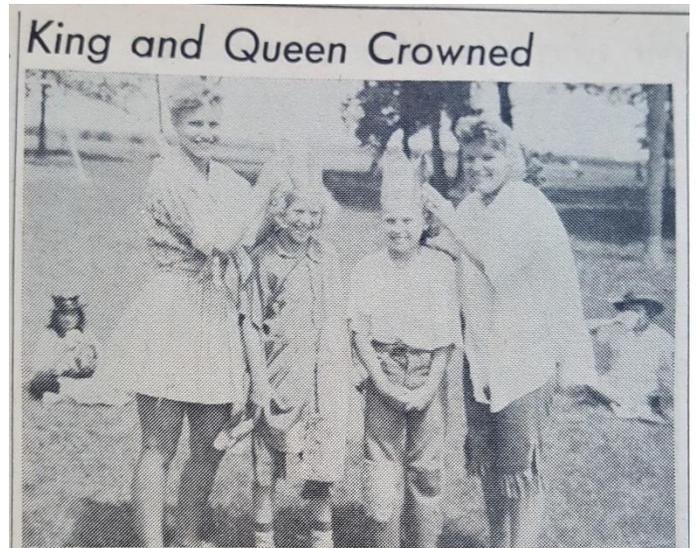
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Mr. and Mrs. Max Brewbaker: On Saturday evening, August 15, Patricia Kae Scholes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Scholes, and Max Alan Brewbaker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brewbaker, were united in marriage at the Congregational Church in Ankeny. The Rev. Paul Syster and the Rev. Harold Scholes officiated at the double ring candlelight service. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 27, 1959*



3 Year Contract For Supt. Anderson: The Board of Education met in special session, Monday, August 17, and extended to Superintendent Melvin Anderson a three year contract which is retroactive to July 1, 1959. The motion on the minutes of the meeting is stated as follows: "It is moved that Melvin D. Anderson be granted a three year contract as Superintendent of the Ankeny Community Schools, said contract to start from July 1, 1959, with a salary and stipulations as follows: The salary for 1959-1960 shall be \$9,700, the salary for 1960-1961 shall be \$10,000, and the salary for the third year shall remain open and be subject to increase or decrease on a percentage basis as accorded to the balance of the faculty." *Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 27, 1959*

The **Ankeny Summer Recreation** program came to a close on Friday, August 7, with the crowning of the "King and Queen". Shown in the picture is Diane Varnum, student assistant, crowning Cindy Lammert "queen" and on the right is Fran Rowland, student assistant, crowning Scott Clark "king". The program came to a close on the day with all the participants coming dressed as hobos. Over 80 attended the picnic which was followed with a movie. Judging was based on participation in the entire program, cooperation during the summer, as well as costume. *Press-Citizen Photo. Ankeny Press-Citizen, August 27, 1959*



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Be sure to watch the AAHS website for upcoming events. In September 2019, a display of beautiful quilts over the past 100 years (or more) will be shown. In October, some old-fashioned autumn fun will happen. Be part of the fun! Click on www.ankenyhistorical.org to see what's coming up.