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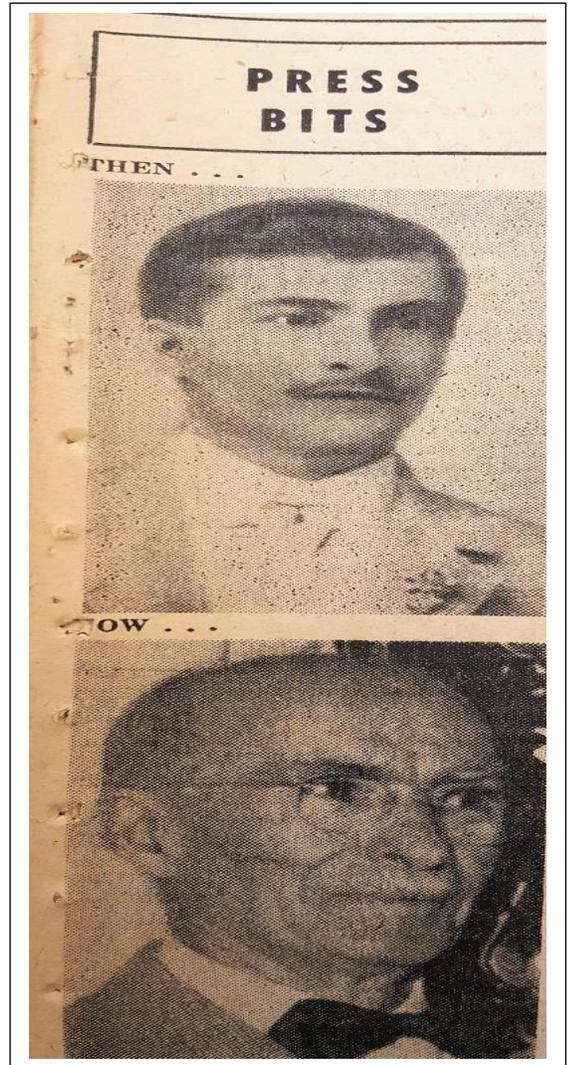
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Press Bits, Then and Now. Guess we didn't fool anyone last week except for Pete Logli. He didn't know his name was going to appear in the paper. Ankeny was just a mere shadow of its present self when Pete Logli started to settle here. It was in 1908 that Mr. Logli started a general store and bakery in the vicinity of what is now Ankeny Café. Business was good and in a short time moved to the building which now houses Paul's Plumbing and Heating.

As Ankeny grew the business grew and in 1952, he built the present site of the P.A. Logli Co. Seven children have been raised by Mr. and Mrs. Logli, among them Richard and Reco who are now associated with him in his business. Mr. and Mrs. Logli celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in 1955. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 21, 1957*



Be sure to check out the Ankeny Area Historical Society website www.ankenyhistorical.org for upcoming events and activities! New: birthday parties and Kids' Camp for children age 7 – 11 are available. See the website or call the office for information or reservations at 965-5795.

*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.



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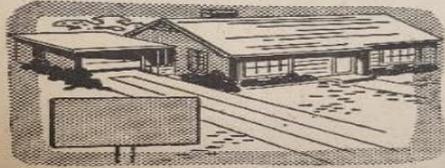


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Twelve Percent Raise for Local Teachers. At a meeting of the Ankeny Board of Education teachers' salary increases of about twelve percent were voted. Beginning minimum salaries for 2 year college graduates were established at \$3000 with a maximum of \$3625, after seven years in the system. Minimum salaries for teachers with three years were set at \$3250 with a maximum of \$4070, after eight years of experience. Minimums for college degree teachers were established at \$3900 with a maximum of \$5500, reached after fifteen years of teaching in the Ankeny Schools. For teachers with a master's degree, a minimum of \$4200 was adopted with a maximum of \$5950, obtained after fifteen years of service in the local schools. The new schedule should do much to attract career minded teachers to the Ankeny Community Schools. Applying the provisions of the schedule to the present staff provides for an approximate twelve percent increase to the payroll. This would mean an increase in the general fund levy of about two and one-fourth mills (2 ¼) or \$2.25 for each thousand dollars in valuation. Any increase in the total taxable valuation of the district for the next tax period would decrease that value somewhat. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 28, 1957*

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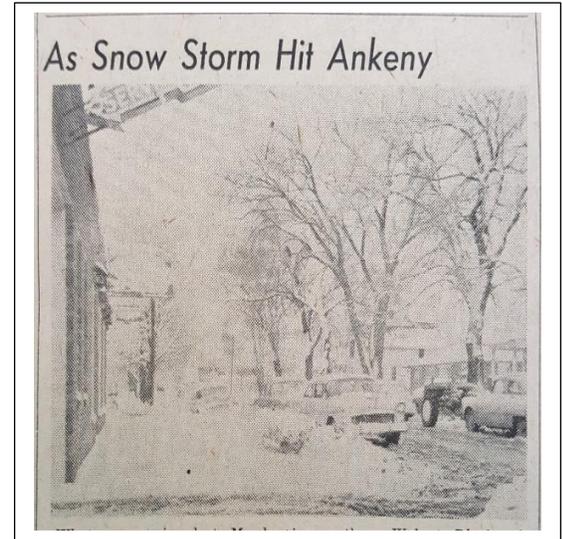
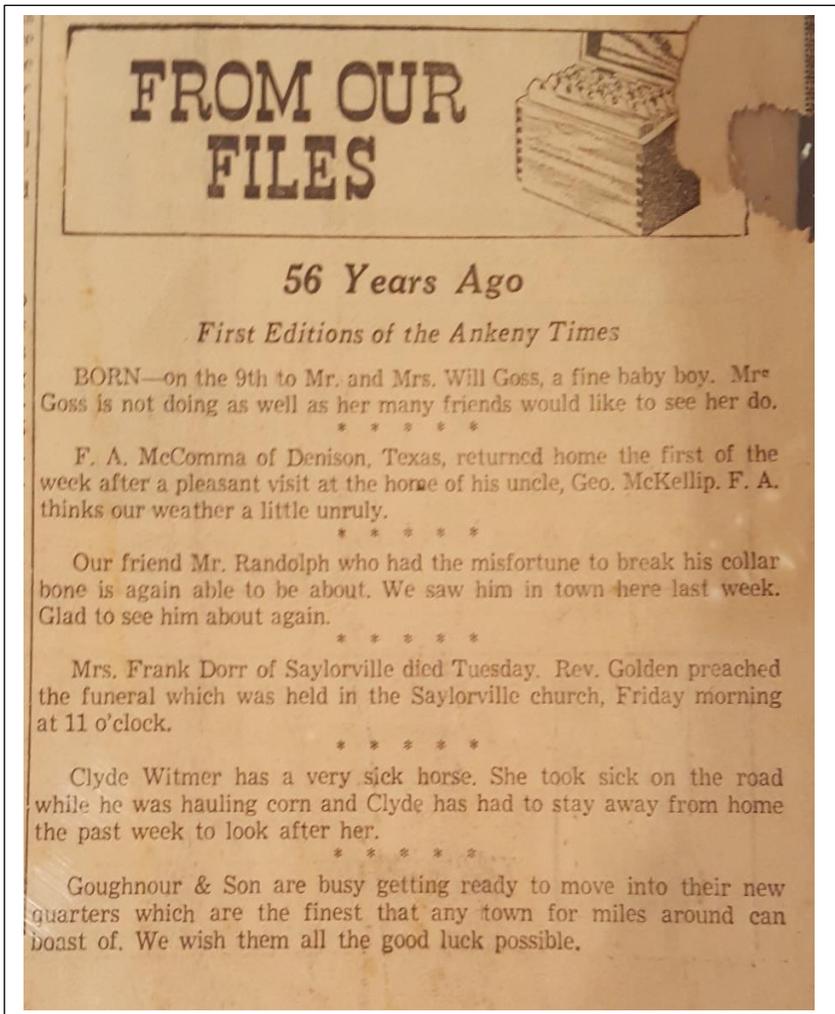
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What a surprise last Monday morning to find that spring, just four days old, had suddenly turned into the worst snow storm experienced here in years. More than one worker was late for work because of the drifts. This picture was taken on Third Street looking south on Walnut. Dispite the inconveniences of the storm, the moisture it brought was needed and welcomed. Street crews worked for 16 hours without relief in opening the streets. Approximately 80 loads of snow were removed from Third Street. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 21, 1957*

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Music Department to Present Concert



Bobby Voshell 4, and sister Barbara 6, pat the soft silk-like coat of his highness, Mochnick's Tiffy II, a Pomeranian AKC Registered 5th ale, from a long line of 20 champions in four generations. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sykes, 919 3rd St., Ankeny are the owners. Mr. and Mrs. Daryl Voshell, 225 Des Moines Street, Ankeny, are parents of Bobby and Barbara, who is a kindergartner at Ankeny School. *Ankeny Times*, March 19, 1959

Set for March 29 At Parkview

The Ankeny School Music Department, under the direction of Mr. Marvin Rohm will present a musical concert on Friday, March 29, at Parkview School. The program will begin at 8 o'clock.

The following numbers will be included in the program:

Band

- "Serenade of the Bells"..... Al Goodhart
- "Pacific Moon"..... Clair Johnson
- "Strike Up the Band"..... George Gershwin
- "Storm King"..... Walter Finlayson
- "Washington & Lee Swing"..... Allen-Sheaefe
- "Etude in Boogie" Harold Waters
- Piano soloist, Janice Spahr
- "Huldigungsmarch" Edvard Grieg
- Clarinet quartet..... Marilyn Textrum, Elizabeth Pence, Sharon Gean, Lois Peltz
- Clarinet ensemble..... Barbara Sheldahl, Kim Wilson, Karen Soderstrum, Linda Scott
- Cornet solo..... Norman Haines, acc. Elizabeth Pence
- Dance routine..... Kathy Drake
- Sax quartet..... Janice Spahr, Marilyn Hefte, Carole Johnson, Russell Johnson.
- Girls sextet..... Julie Henderson, Sharon Gean, Cathy and Carolyn Higginbottom, Barbara Spooner, Suzanne Moore
- Boys quartet..... Bob Floto, Roger Spahr, Roger Scholes, Bob Wilhelm
- Acc. Karen McCabe
- Girls sextet..... Linda Travis, Vickie Johnson, Karen Stall, Elizabeth Pence, Marilyn Textrum, Pat Scholes
- Acc. Janice Spahr
- Twirling routine..... Shirley Conkle, Janis Howell; Carolyn Taylor, Suzanne Moore
- Girls Glee Club
- "The Green Cathedral"..... Carl Hahn
- "When I Have Sung My Songs"..... Ernest Charles
- Mixed Chorus
- "Soon Ah Will Be Done"..... William Dawson
- A Melodie Caravan..... arr. Harry Wilson
- Containing:
"I Feel a Song Coming On"

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Good Record for Hawkettes, by Roger Scholes

Now that the basketball season is over and the boys and girls state championships have been decided, we would like to show you how the Ankeny Hawkettes fared.

Record: The Hawkettes ended the season with a very respectable record of 13 wins and only 6 losses. The highlight of the season for the team was the victory over Johnston that entitled them to the Polk County Consolation championship. The Hawkettes also received a trophy for winning the runner-up spot in the sectional tournament.

Forwards Graduate: The three starting forwards, all graduating this year, Jennie Gioffredki, Pauline Badger, and Judy Rogers, did well for Coach Don Oxenreider. They shot for 826 points by hitting 31 percent from the field. The forwards made 52 percent of their shots from the charity line. Jennie Gioffredi was the teams top scorer with a total of 391 points. She averaged a high 20.6 points a game. Judy Rogers averaged 10.7 points per game as she collected a total of 203 points for the season. Pauline Badger shot 232 points. She ended her basketball career by averaging 12.2 points per game.

Guards: Often out of the limelight, but still important to the success of any team are the guards. The Hawkettes had an exceptional set of guards this year allowing the opposition an average of only 37.6 points per game. The four speedy defenders were Betty Carlson, Shirley Fontana, Bonnie Smith, and Beverly Justice. Betty Carlson, smallest of the four, gathered the most rebounds for the season, getting a total of 73. Shirley Fontana and Bonnie Smith had 63 and 62 respectively. Beverly Justice gathered in 52. Those are the statistics on another successful Ankeny team for the 1956-57 basketball season. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 21, 1957*

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Legion Celebrates 40th Birthday

Approximately seventy persons attended the Legion birthday dinner held at the Ankeny Legion Hall. Group singing and a prayer preceded the dinner. Music was furnished by a vocal trio, the Misses Carolyn Taylor, Carole Anne Johnson, and Sue Moore, accompanied by Miss Karen McCabe. Mr. Al Faber of Des Moines, editor of "Iowa Legionnaire" was the speaker for the evening. Recognition was given to Mrs. Mary Hutton, the only Gold Star Mother present. She is the mother of Asa Hutton. The American Legion is the oldest veteran's organization in the country. A note of interest is that the Albaugh-McGovern post 42 in Ankeny is the oldest Legion post in Polk County, having been organized in 1919.

Guests of Honor pictured at the Legion Dinner are: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Donaghy, Mr. and Mrs. Faber, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Vanderah, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Anderson. Mr. Vanderah is the new Post Commander. *Ankeny Times, March 19, 1959*

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Advice from a Juvenile Officer. “Parents, it’s 10:00. Do you know where your children are?” A few years ago that reminder flashed across the TV screen every night before the news began. Joyce Lundstrom, Detective and Youth Section Coordinator for the Ankeny Police Department, feels this message was a good memory jogger, “Hey, that’s right. Where are they?” and should be reinstated. Joyce feels very strongly that parents shouldn’t just let their children run wild. She believes that children should be home at night unless they’re going somewhere specific. In her work as a police officer she has found that often the children who get into trouble are the ones who are running around aimlessly. She feels that if they were kept busier at home, “raking leaves, mowing the lawn, taking out the garbage” they wouldn’t have so much time for mischief and running afoul of the law. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 24, 1977*

Handicapped Awareness Week for Parkview Sixth Graders. The Sixth Grade at Parkview Elementary observed Handicapped Awareness Week with a field trip to Camp Sunnyside. Later, Mr. Scott Brockman, recreation director at the camp, brought four wheelchairs to school. Four students (Tom Mass, Jeff Jones, Bridget Ginger and Sandy Paasch) were confined to the chairs for the entire day to better experience the problems of the handicapped. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 31, 1977*



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Pack 182 Derby Winners. Cub Pack 182 met for its January meeting at the First United Methodist Church with Cubmaster Dale Isaacs presiding. The following boys received Cub Scout Awards: Robert Reid – Athlete; Joseph Toczek – Gold Arrow; Mike Steilen – Silver Arrow; Shawn Walderback – Silver Arrow; and Mike Hamilton – Bear. Mike Hamilton was also inducted in the Webelos den and received a Webelos shoulder ribbon. Brian Isaacs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Isaacs, received the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest honor. Brian has now graduated into Scouting. The special activity for the evening was the Pinewood Derby race. Den winners were Jeff Slump, Mike Steilen, Wade Thompson, Jon Clay, Rodney Laughman and Mike Backman. Rodney Laughman won the finals run-off and received the First Place trophy. Mike Steilen and Jon Clay received Second and Third Place trophies. Den winners were awarded Derby metals and all other participants received blue Derby ribbons. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 16, 1978*

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Chamber Honors Weigels; Hands Reign to Hermann.

Eldon Leonard lead the applause after presenting the Outstanding Citizen of the Year to Mayor Ollie Weigel and a special award to his wife, Mary Weigel. Also honored at the dinner, by the Ankeny Community Safety Council, was Barbara Johnson who has served ten years as a member and as secretary of the Safety Council. A traditional part of the meeting was the introduction of the new President of the Chamber of Commerce by the outgoing President. As shown left to right, the gavel was passed on April 1st from Dale Miller to Richard Hermann. *Ankeny Press Citizen, March 24, 1977*



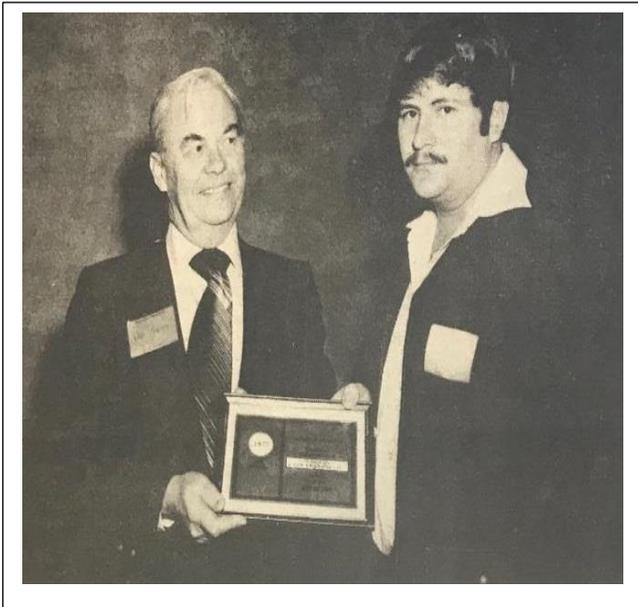
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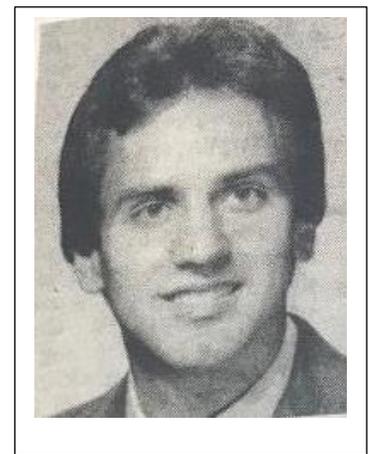


City Workers Honored. Recently, the city employees of Ankeny were honored at the Annual Awards Luncheon sponsored by the Community Blood Bank of Central Iowa. Groups that give blood collectively are the very backbone of Central Iowa's blood supply. Approximately 140 donor group chairmen heard Dr Stephen J. Phillips, a Des Moines cardiac surgeon, speak about the ongoing need for blood. People from the City of Ankeny were thanked during the ceremonies and asked to continue giving blood so that those who need blood will be able to receive it.

Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 2, 1978

Photograph is of Lynn Pitts from Ankeny being presented with a certificate of appreciation by Mr. Dale W. Nelson, President of the Board of Trustees of the Community Blood Bank of Central Iowa.

Hildreth is Cyclone Aide. Craig Hildreth of Ankeny is one of 25 Iowa State University students selected to be 1978 Cyclone Aides to serve during summer and fall orientation programs. They were selected from more than 100 applicants. The new Cyclone Aides will participate in an extensive training period this spring to prepare them to work with incoming students. The training will give the Aides a thorough background in university history, facts about the college, student services and general information. They will assist students and their parents when they come to campus during orientation periods for tests, to complete enrollment and familiarize themselves with the university. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 2, 1978*



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Council Gives Initial Approval for Recreation Plan. The Ankeny City Council has given initial approval to the direction being taken by the Recreational Task Force in planning use of the 165- acre Spooner farm, northeast of Ankeny. The components of the plan include: an 18-hole golf course, with clubhouse and maintenance facility; a 15-station, 300-yard driving range; a cultural arts facility; two parking areas; an area for open playing fields which might eventually be developed for a pool site; the probability of a softball field and open spaces for picnicking, passive park activities, jogging and winter sports. The members of the task force, appointed by Mayor Weigel, are Larry McDowell, Tom Trusty, Doug Downs, John Voigt, and Larry Albaugh. At Monday night's meeting, the council sought justification for the committee's elimination of most non-golfing activities from the site plan due to several reasons. The council has now directed the committee to develop a financial study, based on the plan, including investigation of funding sources and the cost to develop and cost to maintain versus the revenue-producing capability. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 30, 1978*



Old Soldiers (And Their Organizations) Never Die. Since its inception in 1919, the American Legion has been in charge of Memorial Day ceremonies across the country. The color guard for last May's service in Ankeny were (l-r) Marv Frisk, Commander Murray Williams, Ira Cory, Gerald Ballard and Asa Hutton. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 9, 1978*

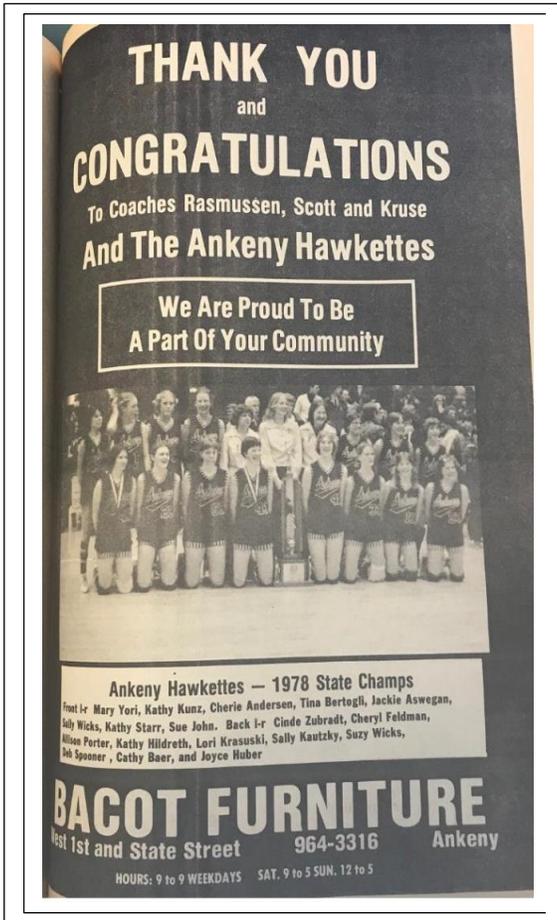
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The Big Match-Up Was No Match. Ankeny 78, Lake View Auburn 69. Ankeny Hawkettes captured the state basketball championship Saturday by denying Lake View Auburn (LV-A) of its third state championship, beating them 78 to 69. LV-A went into the game with a 30-0 mark and the state's number 1 ranking, but the worst was yet to come by the tourney's favorites. Ankeny entered the game championship roust with a 27-4 mark. They didn't have to worry about the slow-paced offensive front of the LV-A as the Hawkettes raced to a 18 point lead and shot 81.8% in the first eight minutes. Kathy Kunz connected on her first five attempts, and Mary Yori was three for three. Sophomore Cherie Andersen went one for two and added two free throws to give the Hawkettes a 20-13 lead at the quarter stop. Tina Bertogli grabbed two rebounds and blocked a shot in the first three minutes of the second period as Kunz ripped the net for two goals and Andersen made one as Ankeny led 26 to 15. Mary Yori totaled 26 points cashing in on two of three free throws and canned 12 of 18 of floor shots. Kathy Kunz made 14 of 18 shots and Cherie Andersen connected on 10 of 14. Ankeny mentor Dick Rasmussen told, "It was a great week. So much enthusiasm was shown by everybody, the fans, the students, the press. I thought we played real well." *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 16, 1978*

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State Farm Insurance Agent Ken Nelson has moved his office to 114 South Ankeny Blvd. Nelson has been an agent for State Farm for 18 years. His office manager, Marcia Flaugh, has been with the agency for 8 years. Ken and Marcia are shown in front of their new office. The office is open 9-5 Monday through Friday, Saturday by appointment. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 4, 1992*



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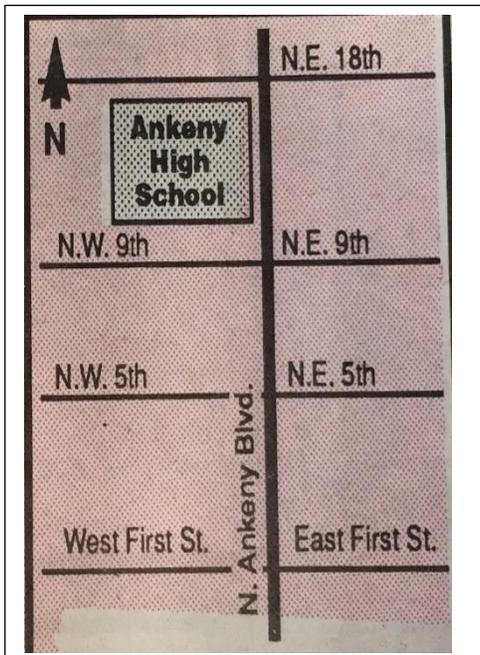
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Ankeny hosts national health care forum – While the eyes of America's health care professionals were focused on Ankeny, the ears of health care panelists were filled with horror stories on the ills of the nation's health system. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and a host of other dignitaries heard from a wide assortment of speakers on Monday at a forum hosted by Ankeny's Des Moines Area Community College. The forum brought many state and national dignitaries together, besides Ms. Clinton. Governor Robert Ray and U.S. Senator Tom Harkin were in attendance. Ankeny Mayor Ollie Weigel said he was impressed with Ms. Clinton at the forum and respects the tremendous task that lies ahead with health care reform. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 16, 1993*



NE 18th Street. Ankeny's City Council authorized the project as the plans and specifications had been completed, and the bidding process is ready to begin. The City of Ankeny will publish notice of letting and hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 12th with the actual bit letting date set as date set at Thursday, Feb. 27, 1992. March 2nd is the date set for a public hearing, review bids and designate low bidder. Notice to proceed will be issued March 25th and the completion date is expected November 15th, 1992. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, February 26, 1992*

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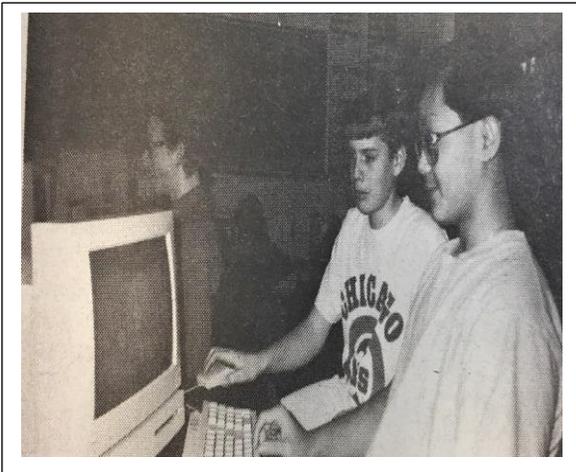


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Zach receives honors from U.S. Art magazine – Larry Zach of Ankeny was recently selected as one of the top 20 artists of the year according to an annual survey published in U.S. Artmagazine. Also, gallery owners chose its print, *Broken Solitude-Whitetail*, as the top 20 limited-edition prints for 1992. These honors are especially amazing when one considers that Zach has been painting full time for less than three years. Due to the tremendous amount of field research he does and his attention to accuracy and detail, his output is very limited. With the increasing popularity of Zach's work most of his other limited-edition prints have sold out.

Zach first attracted the attention of collectors when he won the 1984 Iowa Duck Stamp competition. Since then, he has been selected Artist of the Year for various Iowa conservation groups five times. After teaching science for 18 years in Ankeny, Zach left the teaching field in 1990 on a two-year sabbatical leave to devote his full time to painting. He resigned from teaching in 1992. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 30, 1993*



Parkview and Ames Research Lab Partnership:

This week marks the beginning of a partnership relationship between Parkview Junior High and the Ames Research Lab. The first step will be a computer link between the two sites. Shown here in the computer lab at Parkview are Luong Banh and Jerrod Routh. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 18, 1992*

Prom Plans Begin: Prom plans for 1993 are in full swing. The theme for this year is In the Still of the Night. Colors are royal blue, silver and black. TKO Productions will provide the music. Prom will be held May 1, 1993 at the Des Moines Convention Center from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. Ticket prices are \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. The Junior Executive Council is in charge of this year's prom. Members include: Lisa Allen, Sheri Balk, Amanda Bates, Heidi Gruhn, Susan Kohler, Sheri Sapp, Brad White, Geoff White, and Molly Zaver. Sponsors are Mr. Becker and Mrs. Klaus. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 23, 1993.*

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Ankeny Hawks Pursue a Winning Season:

Ankeny guards Steve Olson (left) and Benj Sampson apply some defensive pressure on Mason City's Cory Lockwood, while Todd Sears (right) looks on. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 23, 1993*

AHS wins another CIML title, but falls just shy of state crown – Only a storybook ending would have made the 1992-1993 season more memorable for the Ankeny boys' basketball team. The Hawks suffered a disappointing loss to West Des Moines Valley, 53-51, in the Class 4-A state championship game on March 20. Ankeny had beaten the Tigers in two previous meetings this season. Ankeny, the runner-up finish was the highest for the Hawks since the 1950 AHS squad that also placed second. "We were a fun team to watch," Ankeny Coach Larry Ireland said.

Ankeny Coach Larry Ireland speaks to the crowd at a ceremony held Saturday night at the AHS gym following the championship game. "We're going to be back". *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 30, 1993*

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