

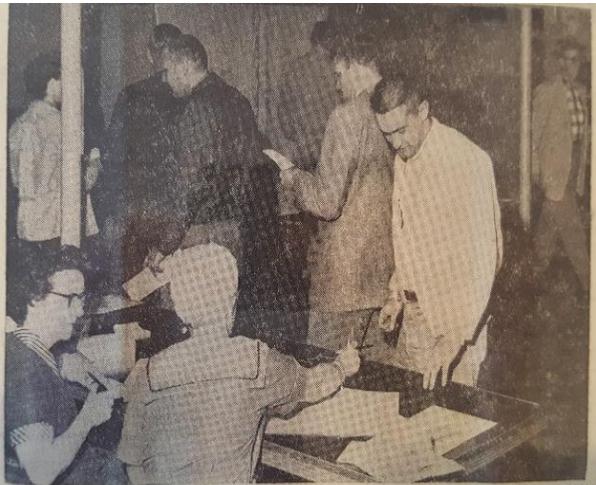
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ELECTION NIGHT: At Ankeny American Legion Hall— Mrs. J. E. Wilson (right) hands out ballots and Mrs. Beulah Vedder (left) records.

No School November 6 and 9

The Ankeny Community Schools will be dismissed on Friday, Nov. 6, in order that the teachers can attend one day of the State Teachers Convention in Des Moines. There will be no school on Monday, Nov. 9 as this day has been set aside for parent-teacher conferences. *Ankeny Times, November 5, 1959*

Chas. Feight Was Re-elected Mayor in Ankeny; Write-ins for Mayor and two council posts fail

There were 383 votes cast, slightly more than two years ago in Tuesday's Municipal election here in Ankeny. A last-minute write-in campaign for mayor and two council posts at Ankeny failed to upset the incumbent mayor or any of the announced council candidates. Mayor Charles Feight received 248 votes against 93 write-ins for Jerry Burke. For council, Eldon Leonard received 298 votes, Lyle Foust, 264, and Norris Adams, 252. They will serve four-year terms. Earl Lewis received 251 votes and Edward Howell 244. They will serve two-year terms. Write-in votes were for Frank Whiteley, 135 and Arthur DenAdel, 110. *Ankeny Times, November 5, 1959*

Ban on Noon Driving Helpful

Students at Ankeny High School can drive to and from school, but they can't use their car during the lunch hour without permission this year. The regulation made by school officials, is helping solve the traffic problem around the school. Before the school rule, students drove too fast in an effort to get back to school on time and sometimes got into accidents. Most parents and a high percentage of the student body welcomed this arrangement. Since the no-car regulation has been enforced there is less tardiness and truancy, authorities stated. *Ankeny Times, November 5, 1959*

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Kiwanis Club Auction Big Success The 6th annual community auction sponsored by the Ankeny Kiwanis Club was held at the Ankeny Sales Pavilion. This year's event supported by an overflowing crowd, proved to be one of the most exciting, successful, and profitable. Approximately \$1,000 was raised through this project. The proceeds will be used to further community projects, such as Boys and Girls work, unprivileged, agriculture and conservation and other activities which may be worthy of support.

Entertainment was provided by song leader Joe Moore. We can always be sure Joe will sing us his favorite song, "She will be coming around the mountain." It was wonderful to see everyone participate in the singing. Organ music was played by Dale Cunion of Critchett's Piano Co. *Ankeny Times, November 6, 1958*



Expect Big Turnout Here at Polls Nov. 4

With the November 4th general election just a few days away, voters are taking a good look at the candidates and their platforms and are expected to go to the polls in predicted heavy turnouts. To be eligible for voting a person must be a U.S. citizen and 21 years of age. He must have resided in the state six months and sixty days in the county and 10 days in the voting precinct. Many newcomers are reminded that one does not have to be registered prior to election day. You will register at the polls when you vote.

Perhaps more important than whether you cast a Republican or a Democrat ballot, is the fact that you care enough to avail yourself to the privilege of voting in our democratic system of government. Only in America can you assert yourself at the ballot box. There is a contention that scratching the ballot at elections tend to weaken solidarity, but the American voter pays little attention to the expert. His vote is his own and he casts it as his own and he casts it as he chooses and in this independence of thought and vote lies on of the great sources of American strength. *Ankeny Times, October 30, 1958*

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Ankeny Times, November 26, 1959

ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL Basketball Schedule 1959-60

All games at Ankeny start at 7:15 p.m.

Admission — 35¢ for students; 75¢ for adults.

High school students must have identification.

- Nov. 27 — Thanksgiving
- Dec. 1 — Bondurant, there
- Dec. 4 — Altoona, here
- Dec. 11 — Johnston, here
- Dec. 18 — Urbandale, there
- Jan. 5 — Saydel boys 1 & 2, here
- Jan. 8 — North Polk, there
- Jan. 12 — West Des Moines girls 1 & 2, here
- Jan. 15 — Bondurant, here
- Jan. 22 — Altoona, there
- Jan. 29 — Johnston, there
- Feb. 5 — Urbandale, here
- Feb. 9 — Open date
- Feb. 19 — Madrid boys 1 & 2 there

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Sterling Breaks Ground for New Shop.

Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors met with florist Sterling Lundell to break ground for construction of his new shop at the northwest corner of NE Ninth and Highway 69. The brick and frame, rustic-style building at 3680 square feet, will be four times larger than his present site, allowing for a more complete line of gifts and plants. Lundell expects to be in his new location by early Spring. *Ankeny Press-Citizen*, November 4, 1976

Quilt to be Awarded at Nov. 10

Bazaar. Members of the Ankeny United Methodist Women's group have been working since last February to complete their Bi-Centennial quilt which will be given away, by drawing, at their November 10th Bazaar. Each church circle was given ten patches to embroider with a state medallion showing each state flower. The patches were then assembled in the order that the states were admitted to the Union and accented with borders of bright blue and red.

Ankeny Press-Citizen, October 28, 1976



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Ankeny High School in Finishing

Stages The Ankeny High School "Hawk" welcomes students at the main entrance. It was painted on the book store wall by AHS student, Herb Young. According to Supt. Keith Hopkins and High School Principal Larry Parr, the new sections are 90-99% completed and they expect all to be ready for the November 21st dedication and open house. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, October 21, 1976*

Jaycees 12th Annual Christmas Tree Sale. For the 12th year, Ankeny Jaycees have set up their Christmas tree lot and will start selling trees at Noon on Sunday, November 30th. They are located south of the Drug Town parking lot on Highway 69. According to the sale chairman, Gary Voggesser, three varieties of trees will be available: Scotch Pine, White Pine, and Norway Pine. They will range in price from \$5 to \$11, the price according to height. Trees may be purchased between: 10 a.m. and 9 p.m., Mondays through Fridays; 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. on Saturdays; Noon and 9 p.m. on Sundays. L-R: Jaycees Gary Voggesser, John Nathlich and Joe Dollison set up the sign and tree-ruler for their annual Christmas tree sale. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 27, 1975*



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Study Session for New Councilmen. The Ankeny City Council held a study session last Monday to familiarize the councilmen-elect with their duties and to swear in the ones who will be immediately seated on the Council. Larry McDowell and Tom Dart were the two to be sworn in by Mayor Ollie Weigel. McDowell, elected to a 2-year term, will be replacing James Bradshaw who had been appointed to fill in an un-expired 2-yr term. Dart, elected to a 4-year term, will fill the unexpired term of Jack Leinen. He assumes Leinen's seat because he received the most votes for a 4-year term in the November 4th elections. Both Dart and McDowell will then begin the terms to which they were elected on January 1st, 1976. Richard Schafroth and Bradshaw will begin their 4-year terms on January 1st, replacing Ed Augustine and Ed Shepherd, and be sworn in at that time along with Dr. Weigel, who was re-elected to the office of Mayor. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 13, 1975*



Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 11, 1976

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Guard Charged in Younker Warehouse Fire

– On October 19, at about 1:52 a.m., Ankeny Police and Fire units responded to a reported fire at Younkers Warehouse, 802 SE Shurfine Drive, Ankeny. During the investigation of the fire, conducted by the Ankeny Police and Fire Departments and the State Fire Marshall's Office, evidence was developed in arson charges. Dean Nathaniel Bradley, age 20, 1161 Fourteenth Street Place, Des Moines, was arrested at the Ankeny Police Department. Bradley was the security guard on duty at the Younkers Warehouse at the time of the fire. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 3, 1987*

A Sea of Leaves – Jerry Nowels was doing what so many Ankeny residents were doing last week, only he was doing it for his mother-in-law Edith Bruce. Leaf-raking is especially tough in the older uptown area of Ankeny where the larger more mature trees can bury a yard in an afternoon of wind. *Ankeny Press- Citizen, November 3, 1987*



Your Room Should Be Ready In April - Ankeny Chamber Ambassadors and Investors gathered last week for a post-foundation groundbreaking for Richard Kintner's EconoLodge motel, being constructed east of his Mr. K's Restaurant, at the northeast corner of East First Street and Delaware. The 54-room facility will provide lodging in the \$25-27-single occupancy rate and will include a seminar-workshop-conference room for guests and their associates. Kintner announced last week that if the utilities and cement slab are in before winter weather sets in, he expects the EconoLodge to be open for business in April of next year. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 11, 1986*

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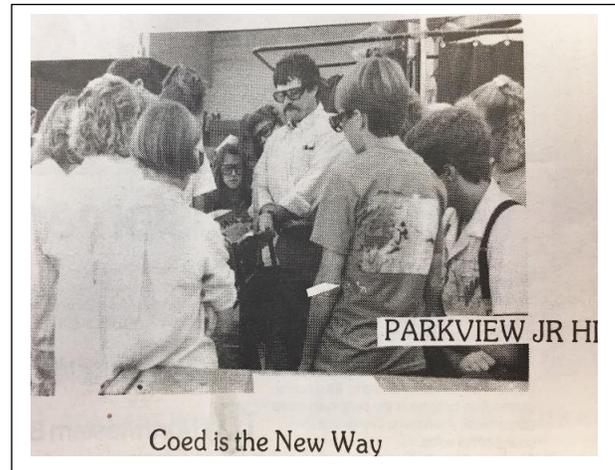
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Gibson Honorable Mention All-BIG 8 –

Ankeny's Dennis Gibson was an honorable mention United Press International All-Big Eight Conference selection in 1985 and was picked to the honorable mention all-Big Eight Associated Press last week for the 1986 season for his super play for the Iowa State University team.

Gibson, a senior linebacker for the Cyclones and four-year letter winner, earned his third honor 'Red Helmet'. Dennis had 94 tackles, despite missing two games with a sprained ankle and he caused a team-high three fumbles this season. Gibson ended his college career with 304 tackles. He had 96 tackles as a junior at ISU, 98 as a sophomore and 16 in his freshman season.

Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 24, 1986



Tradition was that the girls took home economics and the boys took shop and industrial arts. That changed a few years ago in Ankeny as students were encouraged to pick, by talent and interest, rather than by sex. The biggest move during the first two years was of boys to the home economics classes, but now there are more girls making the switch, as shows in this picture of Kent Penning's Industrial Arts class of Neveln Junior High 7th Graders. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, November 17, 1987.*

Autumn 2018 is a special time at the Ankeny Area Historical Society! In November, **"We Love Our Veterans"** is the theme of the Open House on Nov. 11 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Then, running certain days from November 12 through December 15, **"A Vintage Christmas at the House"** will be on display, and the house will be decorated by local shop owners. This will be a special treat. And, don't forget to sign up for the **Annual Cookie Sale** and participate in the **UpTown Ankeny's Santa's Treasure Hunt** on December 1. Please join the fun at the Museum! Check the website ankenylhistorical.org for details.