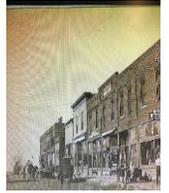


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Larsons Take Over Standard Station on Highway 69, North: The Standard Service Station on Highway 69, north of Ankeny, Elkhart corner is now open under the management of Paul Larson and assisted by his brothers, Dave and Harlan. The Larsons plan to keep their station open seven days a week, from 6 a.m. until 12 p.m., service a full line of Standard products, all brands of oil, Firestone tires, lubrication service, relining service. The Larsons formerly lived in Elkhart. *Ankeny Times, November 26, 1959*

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*

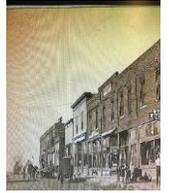
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Says Can't Donate Land: Iowa State College "cannot give away" land near Ankeny for a new national Agricultural Hall of Fame, College President James Hilton, said Saturday. The college owns about 1,200 acres of the old ordnance plant site near Ankeny. The property was given to I.S.C. by the federal government after World War II.

There have been reports that the Ankeny site was a possibility for location in the Hall of Fame. About 100 to 200 acres are needed. Asked about reports concerning the Ankeny land, Dr. Hilton commented, "That land is not in the deal. We cannot give away land like that, even though it was given to us. We cannot give away land under the law. As a matter of fact, we need more land here at Ames."

He said the Ankeny land is in use on research projects dealing with livestock, poultry, the corn borer and other agricultural subjects. Both Ames and Des Moines are among seven areas still in the running for location of the Hall of Fame. The executive committee on the project met Saturday at Kansas City, Mo. The final decision is expected soon. *Ankeny Times*, November 27, 1958

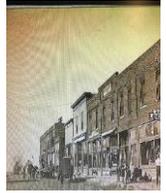
Alleman Jr. Farmers met at Alleman: The regular meeting of the Alleman Jr. Farmers was held November 16 at the Alleman School house. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Stanley Gfeller: Roll call was "Why You Like 4-H." The Secretary and Treasurer's report was read and approved. There was no old business, under new business we decided to have our meeting the first Monday of each month and at 7:30 p.m. Also we discussed our Christmas party. We are planning to go bowling Dec. 7 for our Christmas party. Our leader handed out our new record book inserts. Stanley Gfeller and Sharon Hale led the discussion for the evening. The topic was, "Advantages of Your Project." The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were served. Reporter, Joan Alleman. *Ankeny Times*, November 26, 1959



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Anybody You Know???

Hey, Hey, Look who we have here, front row: Mrs. W. G. Znerold, Mrs. Othie McMurray, Mrs. George Hart, Mrs. Max Akers, Mrs. George Friedmeyer, Mrs. Neal Bunz, Mrs. Earl Green.

Back row, left to right: Mrs. Bill Greiner, Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. Robert Gray, Mrs. Dave Swenson, Mrs. Frank Whitely, Mrs. Bob Wilhelm, Mrs. George Crow.

Second row: Mrs. G. V. Carlson, Mrs. C. E. Carlson, Mrs. Jim Olinger and Mrs. Oliver Eckles.

The twelve members of the La Gaité Club were hostesses to eight members of another Ankeny Bridge Club at a costume Halloween party Tuesday nite, Oct. 28. The party was held at the Hyperion Club in Des Moines and Mrs. Earl Green won first prize for her costume of the flapper age. Mrs. Dave Swenson and George Hart won the bridge prizes.

The tables were centered with witches, cauldrons and treats. The table clothes were of burlap bags with ash trays of fruit jar lids. Apple crisp, apple cider, coffee and pop corn balls were served.

A night of fun and fellowship was enjoyed by the two clubs at their joint meeting and Hard Time Party.

Ankeny Times, November 6, 1958

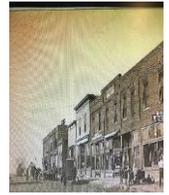
Legion Adds Equipment to Loan Closet: Asa Hutton, service officer to the American Legion Post 42, announces the addition of two more new wheel chairs for its "loan closet" for this community. The service is available to any person served by this Legion Post and does not have to be a member of the organization to use the service. Your support of the magazine subscription drive provided the funds to equip this loan closet and you are invited to use the equipment on hand if your need so required, free of charge.

All the Legion asks is you take good care of the borrowed equipment. You are asked to call the service officer after the equipment has been out for 30 days. If no emergency need of the equipment has been received, you may continue to use for a reasonable period. Hutton lists the equipment on hand to include: two adult wheelchairs; 1 youth wheelchair, (5 yrs or small adult); 1 child's wheelchair; 6 adjustable wooden crutches; 1 pr. Small wood crutches; 2 small pair aluminum; 1 large walker with seat; 2 Wilco walkers. For use or inquiry of equipment phone WO 4-4589. *Ankeny Times, November 06, 1958*

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Soil Conservation Election will be held Dec. 3: The Polk Soil Conservation District's election will be held at the Ankeny American Legion Hall, Dec. 3, 1959. The poll will be open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Milford Johnson, Ankeny farmer, is a candidate for the commissioner's seat being vacated by Bruce Bennett of West Des Moines. Johnson has been a district cooperater since 1947. He has made extensive drainage improvements with the help of the district on the farm where he lives. He has also constructed a pond, established grassed waterways, built a diversion terrace, and planted multiflora rose for wildlife cover on a farm he owns near Polk City. Johnson has been active with many agricultural organizations in the county including the Polk Co. Farm Bureau, the Ankeny Rural Fire Department and the Polk Co. ASC Committee. He is now chairman of its agricultural committee.

At the same time the District will hold its annual meeting. The program planned for the day should be of interest to all farm owners and operators. After a short registration period and coffee hour, Sylvan Runkel, Soil Conservation Service Biologist, will discuss wildlife and woodland on Iowa farms. In addition to his observations over the state, Runkel has observed fish and game under several other conditions. He has worked with the U.S. Forest Service in the western United States, was stationed in England during World War II and maintains a vacation cabin in the primitive wilderness area in Northern Minnesota. Dr. Wayne Scholtes, who will talk in the afternoon on "Why Polk Co. needs a Soil Conservation Program" is Professor of Soils at Iowa State University. Dr. Scholtes is much in demand for humorous and educational talks. *Ankeny Times, November 26, 1959*

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Len's Grill Now Open For Business: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Zechman, formerly of Ames and Des Moines, are now operating the Len's Grill at the Elkhart corner and highway 69. Their restaurant will be open every day with the exception of Mondays, serving dinners, breakfast, and lunches from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Zechmans have been in the café business during the past six years and will feature home cooked meals and pies. *Ankeny Times, November 5, 1959*

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Lewis & Stebleton sold five fur coats last week.

Mrs. C. W. Gorm and daughter Minnie, of Des Moines, spent Sunday at the Frank Kile home.

Remember there will be preaching morning and evening in the Congl. church. Chas. Swartfager leads the C. E.

Mrs. Chas. Swartfager and sister Fanny, have gone to Oklahoma to visit friends. They expect to be gone about two weeks.

The many friends of Mrs. Richard Thornton will be grieved to learn of her death. She passed away Tuesday night and was buried Thursday.

Parties wishing to purchase some fine blooded stock will do well to attend the L. B. Jennings sale, 1 mile west of Polk City on Tuesday, Sept. 29. See bills for list of stock.

W. O. Sargent has started a new house for Sage Parmenter. He had Ed. Wilson's house almost ready to plaster. He has another one build in our growing town, yet to fall and winter.

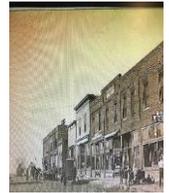
Grandpa Tiara was gathering hickory nuts not long ago and the ladder broke, and he fell, breaking his ribs loose from the backbone. He is slowly improving.

Saylorville Garden Club
The newly organized Saylorville Garden Club held its November meeting, Monday, Nov. 23, at the home of Mrs. Betty Hodgson. Mrs. Marie Andrews of Ankeny will furnish greens for Christmas wreaths. Officers of the club are: President, Mrs. Frank Cram; Vice President, Mrs. Betty Hodgson; 2nd vice President, Mrs. Norma Rice; Secretary, Miss Dena Carlson; and Treasurer, Mrs. Margaret Spraker. The December meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Ellen Ober. This will be an all day work shop with pot luncheon.

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Business Concerns

Thomas Barr our good harness maker is a true Ankeny man, he came here nearly 5 years ago. He is an old friend of the printer and his family.

Perry Verts, the popular little liveryman is running a first-class livery and feed barn and always meets his friends and customers with a pleasant smile.

J. H. Woods & Co., formerly conducted a general store here, but 4 years ago disposed of that business and opened an extensive lumber yard and have, from the first enjoyed a very large trade. F. E. Woods manages the Ankeny yard, while Joseph and Charles look after the Berwick branch.

E. W. Harris is proprietor of the Livery barn east of the depot. He has good rigs and will use you just right.

The extensive Agricultural implement house of Wagner Bros., constituting of Will and Ed., is no doubt, the largest and strongest implement house in the state outside of Des Moines. They began business in 1900 and the business has continued to grow, until an army of men is required during the busy season. The firm have ample capital and lots of push.

The large elevator, owned by the B. A. Lockwood Grain Company is well partitioned.

Perry Verts, met with quite an accident one day last week. His team became frightened at some box cars standing on the crossing, becoming unmanagable and finally succeeded in smashing his finest carriage into several small parts. Perry escaped unharmed.

Ankeny Times, November 27, 1958

<p>Used Farm Machinery TRACTORS</p> <p>1943 John Deere A 1953 John Deere 40 2—John Deere 44 Plows 1—Moline 216 Plow 2 used elevators, 30 & 40 ft.</p> <p>TRIPLETT IMPLEMNT</p>  <p>Sales & Service Ph WO 4-4531</p>	<p>Del Monte CORN</p> <p>6 for \$1.00</p> <p>Thursday, Friday, Saturday</p> <p>Logli Super Valu WO 4-4741 Ankeny, Iowa.</p>	<p>'58 CHEVROLET</p> <p>Bascayne 4-dr., 6 cylinder, standard shift, real- low mileage. Like new.</p> <p>We Trade Terms</p> <p>RAY AHLBERG CHEVROLET Phone WO 4-4255</p>
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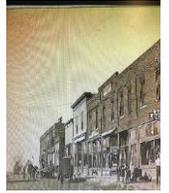
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4-H News: The Ankeny Junior 4-H Club met Saturday afternoon, November 21, at the Ed Moeckly home. The following girls were elected to office: President, Diane Lint; Vice President, Pamela Reynolds; Secretary, Rebecca Bair; Treasurer, Rosemary Moeckly; Reporter, Carol Harbert. Rose Mary Moeckly gave a demonstration on drawer dividers. Shirley Roush was a guest. Lunch was served by the leaders, Mrs. Ed Moeckly and Mrs. John Moeckly. The next meeting will be a Christmas party with the senior girls. *Ankeny Times, November 26, 1959*

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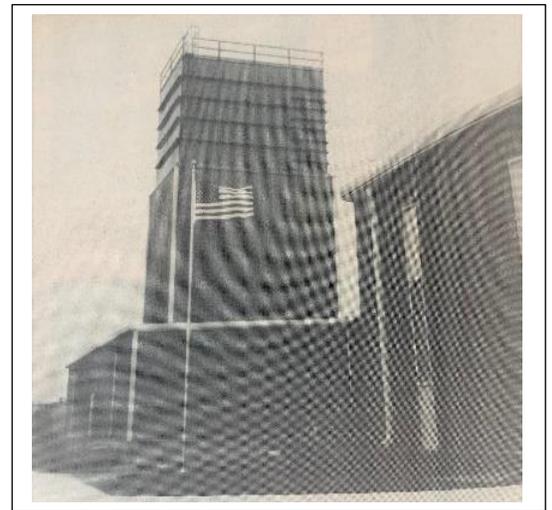
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Sterling Breaks Ground for New Shop -

Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors met with florist, Sterling Lundell to break ground for construction of his new shop at the northwest corner of NW 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*

Neese and Sons Open Pre-Mix Facility Here – This is the new facility of Neese and Sons, on Creekview Drive, which produces Five-Star feed pre-mixes for hogs, cattle and poultry. From their first small Ankeny plant in 1960 the company has reached annual sales of about \$3 million through distribution to several Midwestern states. *Ankeny Press Citizen – November 4, 1976*



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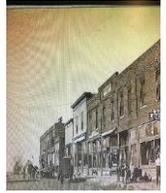
We have on hand: Everygreen Roping, Fresh Wreaths and Flocked Boughs & Trees. Come, Browse, Have Refreshments and Join the Fun.

Ankeny Press Citizen – November 24, 1977

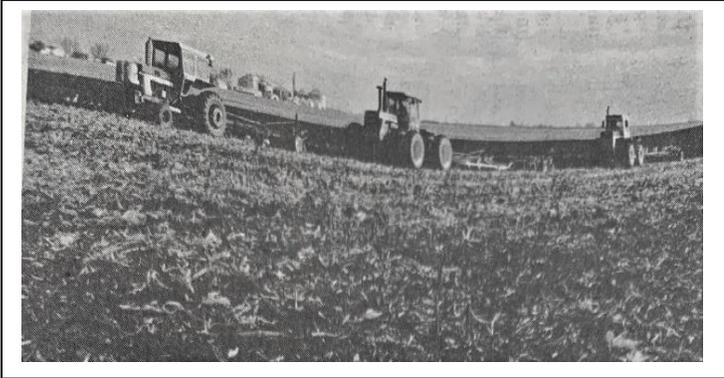
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Neighbors Lend a Hand – Neighboring farm friends of Leroy Seley chipped in to help last week when Leroy was hospitalized and couldn't work in the fields. Seven combines, twenty-two wagons, eight trucks, eight tractors and plows, two disks and a stock cutter came to his aid as 60 acres of corn were combined, which finished his corn harvest, and 75 acres were plowed. Enterprise Elevator made arrangements so that the corn could be brought in with little wait time for the helping hands. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – November 11, 1976

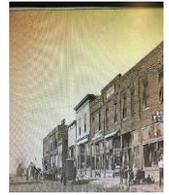
A Winning Smile – Lady jockey Tamara Brown smiles through a faceful of mud after she booted Bill Caesar to victory in the sixth race at the Meadowlands race track in East Rutherford, New Jersey. The winner paid \$14.40 after splashing the muddy mile and one sixteenth distance in 1:46 1/5. Tammy is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Boetcher of Ankeny and a 1970 graduate of Ankeny High School. *Ankeny Press Citizen* – November 3, 1977



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Four Letter Winners Return – Unlike last year’s squad which lacked varsity experience, this year’s team boasts four returning regulars. Lettermen from last year include l-r, Brian Burns, Bob Fontana, Tom VanderLinden, and Scott Hartman. Despite the absence of a tall postman, Ankeny will be strong offensively with solid 6’3” and 6’4” across the front line. The Hawks open on the road against North tomorrow night. *Ankeny Press Citizen – November 18, 1976*

Hawkette Letterwinners Are Back - From last year’s squad are l-r Betty Johnson, Terri Alleman, Karen Yori, Cathy Conway, Karen Wiese, Mary Yori, and Ranae Pederson.

Ankeny Press Citizen – November 18, 1976



Ankeny Press Citizen – November 17, 1977

Chuck Roast	99¢	Rib Steak	\$1.79
Ground Chuck	99¢	Boneless Rib Roast	\$1.99
Boneless Chuck Steak	99¢	Rib Eye Steak	\$2.99
Boneless Beef Stew	\$1.19	Family Steak	\$1.59
Boneless Beef Brisket	\$1.09	Boneless Sirloin Tip Roast	\$1.69
Boneless Butter Steak	\$1.39	Boneless Eye of Round Roast	\$1.89
Boneless Cross Rib Steak	\$1.39		

Thanksgiving Values

- POTATO CHIPS: 59¢
- SUGAR: 49¢
- HEAVY DUTY FOIL: 49¢
- CASCADE: \$1.99
- COMET: \$1.79
- DOWNY: \$2.39
- DERMASSAGE: 75¢
- CUPS: 59¢
- SOFTENER: 99¢
- DETSOL: 89¢
- DETSOL: 99¢
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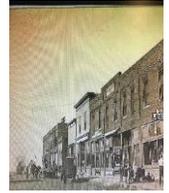
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Mary Ann Cory : GAMBLER – And you think you’ve got parking problems! Mary Ann Cory leaves her tractor after a morning of disking the corn fields. Because the cab of her tractor gets so hot even on these cold fall mornings, Mary Ann usually wears sleeveless tops. She has even needed to turn on the air conditioner to cool off. Mary Ann does not find it difficult to maneuver her large tractor. As for parking it like this when she goes in to serve the dinner roast, that’s no problem either – when there’s a whole corn field for a space. “Farming is the biggest gamble in life,” according to Mary Ann Cory. She and her husband Ira farm 500 acres in the Ankeny area. They own 270 of them and rent the rest. As farmers they are completely dependent on the weather. Hail, storms, wind and drought can all damage crops in the summer.

In the winter the freezing weather is the farmer’s worst foe. It can kill animals – especially the smaller ones. Lambing time comes in January. That means they must constantly check the pasture and bring the newborn lambs into the shelter of the barn. One year a lamb was somehow overlooked. Weighing around 14 pounds, it was the largest one the Corys ever had. By the time it was found, its legs were literally frozen stiff. Mary Ann felt sorry for it and thought it was worth saving, so she got out a big tub and filled it with lukewarm water. The lamb’s toes fell off, but its legs thawed out and it lived. It clumped around the farm on huffs which were only nubs until they sold it.



Another winter-weather problem didn’t end so happily. During the terrible winter storm, one of the Cory’s cows was trying to give birth by their creek. The vet came out and spent hours in a freezing downpour helping the cow deliver. When the calf was born, it was brought into the house. Mary Ann gave it a shower to thaw it out, but it died anyway. Mary Ann has saved a couple of other calves by giving them showers downstairs. She takes all this very calmly, “Oh, we’ve had sheep and calves and all sorts of things in the house. It seems like something is always happening.” And some women get upset if someone tracks a little mud into their houses!

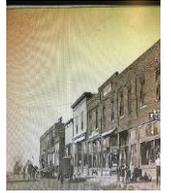
Maybe, though, it takes a special breed of woman to live on a farm. Mary Ann’s husband was in the service when they got married, but she knew he was a farmer at heart. Knowing the rest of her life would probably be spent on a farm didn’t bother Mary Ann at all since she had grown up on one. She was well aware of the rigors of farming, but it was a life she knew she could lead – happily and contentedly.

Mary Ann’s life has not been lived totally on a farm. She got her teaching certificate and taught 3 ½ years before settling down to motherhood. *(continued next page)*

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Like so many other ex-teachers, she has kept her finger in the school pie by subbing. At one time she subbed in Ankeny, North Polk, and Bondurant, but now she just works for the Saydel School System. Subbing is Mary Ann's winter time activity. She is too busy on the farm in the spring and fall and can't see hiring someone else to do her farm work while she goes off to school. Financially it wouldn't be worthwhile. Besides, Mary Ann actually enjoys helping prepare the soil for their crops.

While the Corys have farmed for 28 years, Mary Ann waited until the youngest of their 4 children entered school before she started working full time in the fields. Farm equipment is so dangerous that she didn't want her children anywhere near it when they were young. She felt her main job was to take care of her children when they needed her. Now they're older, she can devote herself to taking care of the farm.

Both Mary Ann and Ira have their own tractors. They got a new one recently that has an air conditioner and heater for the cab. Mary Ann has been using that one this fall. Mary Ann doesn't do the actual planting or harvesting. Her job is to prepare the soil so these vital functions can occur. In the spring she goes over each field 4 times before it is planted. This fall she has been chiseling beans and currently disking the corn. Some of the fields are lightly fertilized in the fall. Mary Ann has been working this fertilizer into the fields so that it has the whole winter to act on the soil

The Corys hope to be done harvesting by this weekend. It has been a long, grueling process, but there is always a feeling of satisfaction in reaping what you sowed months before and have labored and worried over in intervening months. Ira Cory has been getting up at 5 a.m. during the harvest season. Mary Ann gets up with him to get his breakfast. There have been long lines at the elevator, so it is important for his to get his truck there as early as possible. Waiting in line wastes many of Ira's precious hours, but he can do little until his truck is emptied so it can be refilled. Mary Ann has occasionally taken over his chore for husband, but she prefers to be out in the field rather than stuck waiting in line.

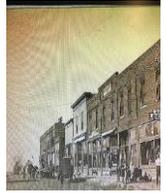
Farms are big business now. With modern equipment and methods, it doesn't take many people to work a large area of land. Mary Ann and Ira Cory work their 500 acres with only the help of their neighbor Alfred Sandquist. He has 160 acres of his own, so he and Ira help each other in the spring and fall. Expenses to operate a farm are phenomenal. Obviously, a tractor is a must. \$25,000 is not a high price to pay for one that is only expected to last 8 to 10 years. A combine costs around \$40,000-\$50,000, a plow - \$3,500, a disc - \$7,000. Besides these pieces of equipment, the Corys also have a planter, a field cultivator, a rotary hoe, a chisel plow, and a sprayer. All of these are necessary for the routine operation of the farm. If one breaks down, it has to be fixed or replaced without delay. There is no "Getting by until we can afford a new one" for the farmer. With most pieces expected to last only from 6 to 10 years, this expense must be planned for continually.

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As family bookkeeper, Mary Ann is well aware of the expense of running a farm. Yearly outlays are tremendous and a farmer has a fortune wrapped up his machinery. Mary Ann feels that too many people are not aware of the high operating costs of farming. According to Mary Ann, "I think that all of us in this area are good farmers, but none of us is spending our winters in the Bahamas – and we don't all drive Cadillac's either!"

Another escalating cost for the farmer is the fuel essential for running their equipment. Farmers have their own tanks, but the price of filling these can vary from month to month. Gas was 42.5c a gallon in July and had risen to 44c by October. Diesel fuel went from 38c a gallon to 39c. Multiplied by the amounts needed to plant and harvest a crop, that is a large increase in operating expenses.

The Corys enjoy being their own bosses. "It would be hard always having someone tell you what to do especially if you didn't agree with him. Ira and I talked it over the other day and agreed we wouldn't want to live like that." Regulating their own hours can mean some very long days but they have a certain amount of freedom. Because they work together as a team, Mary Ann feels that she and Ira are closer than many other couples. "We can always discuss what has to be done, what we are going to do next and what we did. There's always something to talk about."

Both Mary Ann and Ira Cory strongly believe "farming is the biggest gamble in life." There is no weekly or monthly pay check coming in, no guarantee that weather conditions will help your crop instead of wiping it out in a few months. Asked though, if she feels it is worth the gamble Mary Ann quickly exclaims, "Oh, yes!" *Ankeny Press Citizen – November 4, 1976*

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENU!

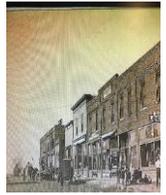
NEVELN JH., HIGH SCHOOL & ELEMENTARY
Mon. Nov. 8
Cheeseburger
Catsup, mustard & dills
Buttered corn
Pumpkin custard & whipped cream
Extra peanut butter sand.
Milk
Tues. Nov. 9
Beans and ham
Carrot sticks
Pineapple & mandarin orange wedges
Schoolmade cinnamon rolls
Peanut butter & butter sand.
Milk
Wed. Nov. 10
Macaroni & meat sauce
Green beans
Pear cubes
Fudge nut brownie
Peanut butter & butter sand.
Milk
JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL ONLY NO SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY
Thurs. Nov. 11
Hamette on bun
Catsup, mustard & dills
Buttered peas
Chocolate reval pudding
Extra peanut butter sand.
Chocolate milk
Fri. Nov. 12
NO SCHOOL

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Group sees development to north, east. Strategy would benefit downtown interests. A northeast Polk County group is projecting that the bulk of the metro area's growth will be north and east of Des Moines, not west into Dallas County as many urban planners now envision. The population of Ankeny, Altoona, Pleasant Hill and surrounding areas will triple during the next 30 years to 100,000, predicts the Northeast Polk County Economic Development Group in a new study. That would be twice as fast as current projections. If they are correct, the increased growth will have a number of significant effects, ranging from reducing the need to widen Interstate 235 to helping to keep downtown Des Moines at the core of the greater metropolitan area. Business Giants. Mickle said Des Moines businessman John Ruan and a handful of other downtown leaders have been briefed on the plan and support it, as do three other business giants of northeast Polk County – Donald Lamberti, founder of Casey's General Stores, developer Denny Elwell and Adventureland's Jack Krantz. The proposal is not an attempt to steal thunder from the western suburbs, said John Peterson, Ankeny's director of community development. Rather, He said, "It's an effort to create our own thunder." The projects are based on a lot more than just wishful thinking, said Ankeny businessman Jeff Segin. He is chairman of the three-year-old Northwest Development Group that has served as an incubator for the new effort. Segin said the infrastructure needed to support growth is already in place, or soon will be, in the northeast suburbs and in much of northeast Des Moines itself. The necessary sewer and water lines have been laid and key arterial street, including a proposed northeast loop bypass are either under construction or on the drawing boards, Segin said. *Des Moines Register, November 4, 1991*

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POPULATION

NEW ESTIMATES SHOW the population of northeastern Polk County growing significantly by 2020.

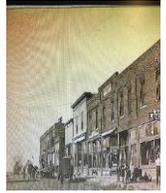
	1960	1990	2020 (old)	2020 (new)
Ankeny.....	2,964	18,482	30,000	44,000
Altoona.....	1,458	7,191	12,500	21,000
Pleasant Hill.....	397	3,671	9,000	12,500
Bondurant.....	389	1,584	3,250	8,000
Polk City.....	567	1,908	3,750	6,500
Unincorporated.....	N/A	N/A	N/A	8,000
TOTAL.....	5,775	32,836	58,500	100,000

SOURCE: Northeast Polk County Economic Development Group

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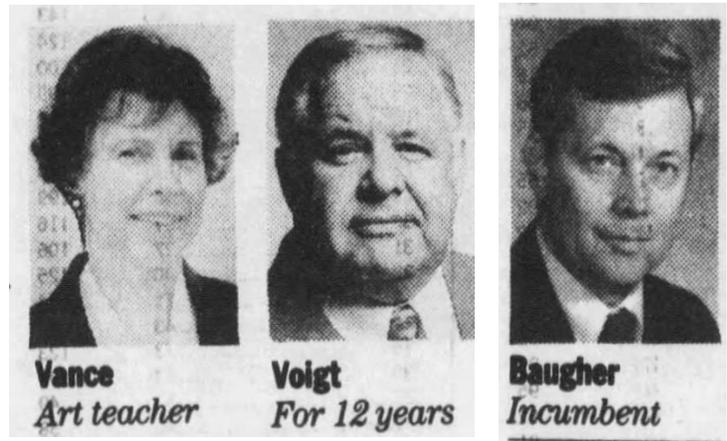
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Ankeny group unveils blueprint for change. Task force of volunteers presents a cautious City Council with ambitious building beautification plans. An eclectic collation of volunteers put their hopes on hold Monday after they lobbied Ankeny's City Council for approval of a beautification plan and two long-range, multi-million-dollar projects. Leaders of the Community Improvement Task Force and city officials will again meet Monday to scrutinize plans for building a 48,000-square-foot community center and a 200-acre sports complex. Also up for debate is a tree-planting and landscaping plan for about eight city streets and intersections. Some council members responded coolly to the task force's plans because the city already has conducted a study on the top needs in Ankeny. They were wary of tinkering with the city's master plan for growth. But most council members were amazed at the detail of the volunteers' plans and all praised the diligence of the task force – which is comprised of homemakers, college professors, school district administrators and Little League soccer coaches. "One of the strengths this city has had for years and years is its sense of volunteerism," said Councilman Dwight Mollison. "I don't want to discourage, you, but I also don't want to mislead you... We paid a lot of dollars for consultants to come here and give the city advice." City Manager Carl Metzger said Ankeny's top priorities are expanding its police station and public library and building a new fire station. The task force recommendations "mushroomed" so large and in so much detail that the City Council needed more time to analyze the plans, Metzger said. *Des Moines Register, November 20, 1991*

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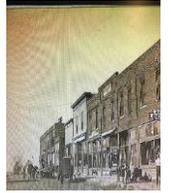


Ankeny's City Council elections drew the most voters in a general election and second most ever in a municipal vote as all three supporters of a controversial airport won in a six-person race. Newcomer Annette Vance and incumbents John Voigt and Gary Baugher received the most votes in the elections, putting them on an embattled council that has wrestled with the controversy over the proposed Northeast Polk County Airport. In Tuesday's election, 1,827 voters went to the polls – a 18 percent turnout. Before Tuesday's vote, the highest turnout in a general election was in 1985, when 27 percent of registered voters turned out. *Des Moines Register, November 6, 1991*

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School play. The Ankeny High School drama department will present the drama, "The Girl in the Mirror" at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at Ankeny High School at 1302 N. Ankeny Blvd. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children. *DM Register, November 3, 1993*

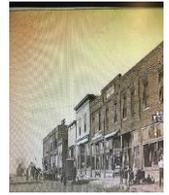
Ankeny 77, Hoover 60. Jason Loutsch scored 21 points and Todd Sears added 16 to lead Ankeny in a come-from-behind victory over Hoover in a tournament game at Ankeny. Loutsch, a junior, started his first game at point guard. Ankeny will play Davenport West in the championship game tonight at Ankeny. A smaller Hoover team led, 22-20, at the end of the first quarter. After Ankeny switched to a zone defense and stepped up its transition offense, it outscored Hoover during the next two quarters to take a 62-48 lead. Ankeny shot 80 percent at the free-throw line, making 20 of 25 attempts. Kevin Carr collected 13 rebounds for Ankeny, Loutsch had eight and Sears had seven. *Des Moines Register, November 30, 1991*

Ankeny Arts Council offers art, craft festival. The Ankeny Arts Council will sponsor its annual arts and crafts festival from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Parkview School at Northwest School and First Streets, Ankeny High School at 1302 N. Ankeny Blvd. and the Lakeside Center at 400 N.W. Lakeshore Drive. Shuttle buses will pick up and drop off shoppers from the three-festival site and Hawkeye Park swimming pool. (Editor's note: 2021 is the 40th year for this festival in Ankeny!) *DM Register, November 3, 1993*

Ankeny tot taken from hospital. A 25-month-old Ankeny girl was taken from a Des Moines hospital Friday by her parents, who were wanted for child endangerment. Sidney Adler, who was in the hospital with teeth marks on her cheeks and buttocks, was taken from Blank Children's Hospital at Iowa Methodist Medical Center, police said. According to police, the parents apparently walked in and took the baby against medical advice. There were "no verbal arguments, no scuffle. The child was not taken by force," Lt. Dennis Rich said. Medical personnel instead called hospital security, who notified Des Moines police, he said. It wasn't until later that police learned there were warrants out for arrest of the parents. The case originated with the Ankeny Police Department and since the warrants were issued late Friday, there wasn't time for Ankeny police to notify Des Moines. According to Des Moines police, the girl had bite marks on her cheeks and buttocks, and those on her buttocks "are verifiable adult teeth marks." The child "was an apparent victim of child abuse," Rich said. The original case was reported within the last week to police in Ankeny, Ankeny Police Lt. Sid Conkel said. Polk County Attorney John Sarcone said additional charges would "depend on the circumstances." *Des Moines Register, November 24, 1991*

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Wonderful cooperation in Ankeny

And taxpayers should support it.

In Ankeny, the police station is so crowded that prisoners sometimes are handcuffed to chairs. There's not enough space in the building for file drawers to open. A fire station is inadequate to house a new fire truck, which sits outside. The city library is inadequate to serve a community Ankeny's size.

Meanwhile, children in new families moving to town are crowding the schools.

It would be easy for those kinds of city and school needs to compete with each other, and risky, too. The danger is that in fighting each other for community support, neither the schools nor city government wins.

But that may not be the result in Ankeny, where in an unusual approach city and the schools are working together in behalf of bond proposals that will be before voters a week from today. It's a refreshingly cooperative venture, one that

ultimately will make sense for taxpayers.

By planning together and locating a new library adjacent to a new middle school, both school and library benefit because of efficiencies of shared space. By planning together and putting a new family aquatic center near the new school, locker rooms can be shared, again saving money.

By working together, as school and city supporters are doing in behalf of the bond campaign, a cooperative community spirit is created, a sense that Ankeny really does have its act together in tackling the problems related to growth.

Actually, there's precedent for such an approach, and again, it's in Ankeny. Sharing of facilities by the YMCA and the Ankeny High School has been of great benefit to both.

The Polk-Des Moines Taxpayers Association has endorsed the bond proposals — \$10.5 million for the schools; \$7.5 million for the city.

Voters should, too.

ELECTIONS '93

Ankeny school and city bond issues

DM Register, November 9, 1993

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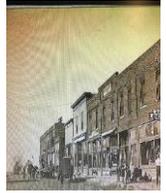
Bus tour. The Ankeny Community Vision Campaign will sponsor a presentation and bus tour of municipal sites beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday. The purpose of the tour is to inform residents about community projects scheduled to be funded by the bond issue on the Nov. 16 ballot. For more information or to make reservations for the tour, call by Friday. *DM Register, November 3, 1993*

Voters in Ankeny go to polls. Enough "yes" votes would mean a new school building, library and family aquatic center in Ankeny. Voters in Ankeny, the Ankeny school district will decide the face of three bond proposals today. The city has asked permission to issue \$7.5 million in bonds, and the school district wants to issue \$10.5 million. Both are for new facilities and improvements to existing facilities. If the bond issues are approved, the city would buy up to 160 acres of land that would be used for a new school building, library and family aquatic center. The current library would be converted into a municipal office building, and the current City Hall would be expanded and turned over to the police department. There would also be money for an expanded fire station for the city, and for improvements to some buildings for the school district. *DM Register, November 16, 1993*

\$18 Million in Ankeny. Margins in bond vote a surprise. School and city supporters expected a hard fight, but both bond issues passed by overwhelming numbers. When officials of the city and the school district in Ankeny first proposed joint bond issues totaling \$18 million in June, a study indicated it would take a lot of explaining before voters would give their approval. A lot of explaining was done. Backers of the proposals said they make more than 100 presentations to various civic and community groups, tours of facilities were conducted, and brochures and maps were printed and distributed. Last week, voters approved both plans by overwhelming margins. Each bond issue required 60 percent of the total vote to pass. The school district's proposal for \$10.5 million got 72 percent, and the city's request for \$7.5 million got 71 percent. Ben Norman, the superintendent of schools, said it is always hard to get 60 percent of the vote, but he was confident it would pass. "More than 70 percent was a bit of a surprised," he said. *DM Register, November 24, 1993*

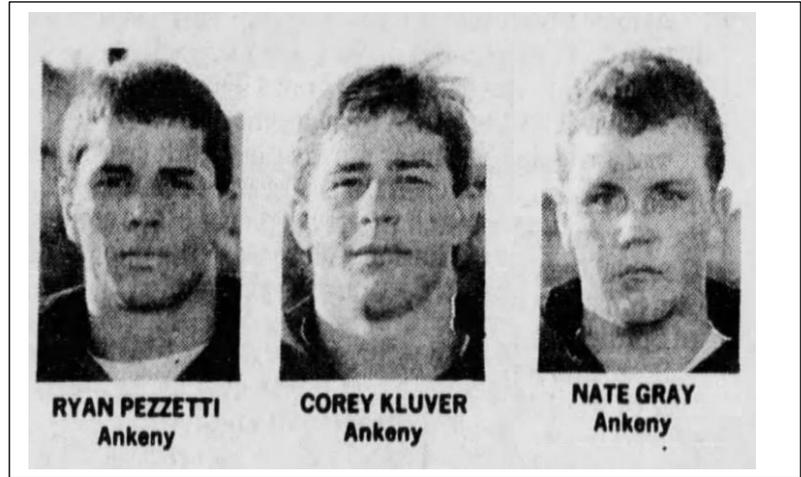
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Players who made an impact. All-CIML football offensive, defensive teams named. From weight room to locker room, they made an impact on their teams. The Des Moines Register's all-Central Iowa Metropolitan League football reports Ankeny had three players to receive first-team honors – offensive lineman Nate Gray, linebacker Corey Kluver and defensive back Ryan Pezzetti. *DM Register, November 26, 1993*

LUNCH!

Lunch menus at area schools and the Polk County Congregate Meal Program for next week:

ANKENY

Monday: Corn dog, baked beans, pineapple, chocolate milk.

Tuesday: Pizza, green beans, orange wedges.

Wednesday: Chicken sandwich, fries, fruit cocktail, chocolate milk.

Thursday: Turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, vegetables with dip, peanut butter bar.

Friday: No school.

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