

Ankeny through the decades...

recalling Ankeny news from the 1940s, 1960s, 1980s*



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1920s, 30s & 40s

Took Full Force of Speeding Sled Bearing Down Upon Prostrate Form of Miss Volz. If it hadn't been for the "great accident" the school kids at Ankeny would still be calling him Willie. Some of the boys would be calling him Bill and before the great accident happened you should have singled out the little fellow and had asked who he was, the boys and girls would have replied, "Who? That kid over there? Oh, that's just Willie Wheeler." But the Great Accident changed all that.

It's William Wheeler-Hero! Now. And Willie lies in his clean white bed in his home in Ankeny, nursing a shattered ankle and a broken leg and accepts the new name with becoming modesty.

Idol of School Kids: He is the idol of every school kid in Ankeny today. His name is being lauded in the skies. The story is recounted at the dinner table in the homes and it entertains the folks when company comes. The story of the great accident is set down here just as it was told by Miss Veollette M. Volz, teacher, whose life was saved by William's sacrifice. The accident happened on Pack Creek Hill near Ankeny, Jan. 13. From far and near the boys and girls came with their sleds to slide down the big hill under the light of the January moon. It was a great event with the pupils when the teacher, Miss Volz, came out to slide. The boys often placed "teacher" on the back of their sleds and went sailing down the great white way. It was dark on the night of the accident when Miss Volz on the back of his sled Willie started down the hill. Halfway down the sleepy whiteness Miss Volz fell unconscious from the sled. She lay right across the sliding course. Willie stopped just as soon as possible and called to the boys on the top of the



hill: "Help, teacher's hurt." The boys came with incredible swiftness with their sleds.

He Knew the Danger: Willie heard the boys coming. He knew their heavy sleds would strike the unconscious teacher, lying in the middle of the track. He called for them to stop. They couldn't hear. The boy's one thought was how could he save the teacher? As the sleds neared the prostrate form of Miss Volz, Willie stepped in between. At least he could stop the heavy impact when the sleds struck. The first sled struck him heavily on the ankle breaking the bone. He saw an ugly wound, a splintered bone, blood-and the he fainted.

Her Life Was Saved: The second sled coming with the same onrush struck the first sled, breaking the force but running over the teacher. Ray Viers and Francis Bragdon, the two boys on the sled were knocked unconscious on the sliding track. They have recovered. Willie is still in bed nursing a broken leg. He says he was glad he had a chance to save his teacher from being hurt, perhaps her life. Folks at Ankeny are trying to get a Carnegie medal for Willie, but shh---. Don't tell Willie for it's going to be a surprise. *Des Moines Tribune, February 21, 1920*

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Harmon and Howard New School

Directors: The school election drew a good big vote this year again. The five candidates, Walter Harmon, Chas. Howard, Roy Newland, Harry Wagner and S.T. Wheeler. Walter Harmon received the highest vote, and Chas. Howard the next highest. They will be school directors for the ensuing three years. A total of 436 votes were cast. *The Ankeny Times, March 18, 1932*

Ankeny Public Schools Aiding in “No Waste Campaign”: For three weeks, Ankeny schools have been conducting a campaign to help Uncle Sam by participating in a nationwide movement under the title, “No Waste Campaign.” A committee of four members of the senior class took charge of the first week. This committee is composed of Paul Swartfager, Howard Wheeler, Beverly Breese, and Charlotte Wallace. The second week will be juniors- Jean Loveland, Marge Lash, Robert Lockner, and Dick _____ took charge. Norma Chitalli, Louise Altenberger, Howard Logli, and Darrell Gibson-sophomores take charge. Up to this time bales of paper have been collected. Now the high school students are planning an even more extensive campaign. They want to collect paper from homes and business establishments. If you, the public, as helping participants in this campaign, cannot deliver your waste paper to school, the students will try to collect your paper if you will make arrangements. All the proceeds go to the Red Cross so there is no personal profit. The students are willing to do their share. Will you do yours to help them? *Ankeny Times, March 27, 1942*

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A volleyball tournament will be held in Ankeny between Alleman, Ankeny, and Bondurant. The winner will be presented a suitable trophy. Admission will be five cents.

Edgar Marts and Robert Hendrickson were contestants in the county contest held in Altoona. Edgar won second place in the oratorical class and received a silver medal. In the dramatic class Robert won first, receiving a gold medal and a trophy for our school.

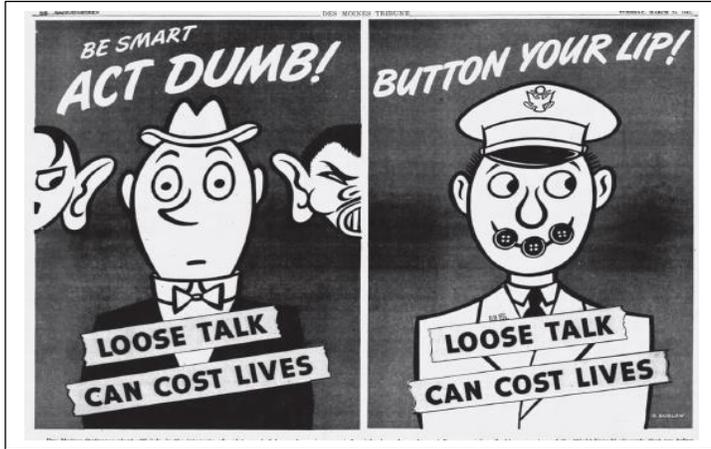
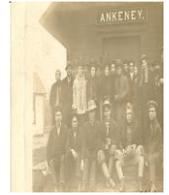
Declamatory team journeyed to Grimes to bring their honors home in the Declamatory Contest. This team composed of Arthur Goughnour, Ilene Kline, and John Manfredi. Arthur won second place in the oratorical class, Ilene was placed first in the dramatic class, and John won first place in the humorous class. All the students did very well and were very happy to bring home “the bacon” to Ankeny.

The Ankeny girls’ basketball squad went to Martinsdale and won their first game in the first round of the sectional tournament, by being victorious over Waukee. 15 to 20 was the final score. In the semi-final round playing Martinsdale, both teams started with a good fighting spirit and at the end of the first quarter the score was 7 to 5 in Martinsdale’s favor. At the end of the first half the score was 15 to 9. Although the girls started the second half with renewed vigor, they were unable to increase the score. At the end of the game the score was 35 to 9 in favor of Martinsdale. The girls played in the consolation game with Johnston Station and won 15 to 17. *The Ankeny Times, March 18, 1932*

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Des Moines Ordnance Plant Officials, in the interests of safety and defense, have inaugurated a campaign against “loose talk” among workers in and out of the plant. The Des Moines Railway Co., cooperating in the project, has posted placards in the street cars and busses warning “Let’s not talk business here; Loose talk can cost lives.” The two placards shown here are two of the “tight-lipped” placards that are being posted at the ordnance plant during the campaign. *Des Moines Tribune, March 24, 1942*

D.M. Ordnance on Iwo Beaches: Pvt. William B. Chambers, Des Moines Marine, in a South Pacific fleet hospital undergoing combat fatigue suffered in the Iwo Jima campaign, didn’t know Des Moines was conducting a drive to get workers into war plants. But what he has written home should encourage war worker here. “It surely did my heart good to see so much Des Moines Ordnance plant ammunition on the beaches when we landed on Iwo. It was like a personal greeting from home,” he wrote to his father, A.B. Chambers. *Des Moines Tribune, March 12, 1945*

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Ankeny Man Lost in Action: Earl Wilbur Gilbrech, 22, of Ankeny, Ia., has been reported missing in action by the navy department, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Gilbrech were notified Monday. Earl was a graduated from Ankeny High School in 1938 and joined the navy three years ago. The last letter from him was received Feb. 21, his mother said. Earl has not been home since he joined the navy. The Gilbrech’s have four other children, LeRoy Gilbrech of Des Moines and Perry (Pete) and Ethel Gilbrech and Mrs. John French all of Ankeny. *Article dated March 21, 1942. Found in the Doris Bunz Scrapbook Collection*

Editor’s note: The Gilbrech’s had all three of their sons serving in the Navy. Mr. Gilbrech was awarded the “E” pin by the United States Rubber Co., managing company of the Des Moines Ordnance Plant. Earl, a Second Class Petty Officer (E-5), was killed in action in the Java Sea on the USS Pillsbury.

Town Election Notice: The General Town Election of Ankeny, Iowa will be held at the Ankeny Motor Company, Monday, March 30, 1942. The polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The following nominations have been filed with the clerk:
For Mayor: Charles Hildreth, Pearly E. Shult
For Councilman: Charles C. Campbell, Frank C. Miller, Geo. M. West, Louis R. Fontanini, Fred C. Miller, W.W. McHone, and Geo. N. Breese
For Treasure: Lloyd L. Brewbaker
For Assessor: William Roberts
Ankeny Times, March 27, 1942

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Win Awards at F.F.A. Banquet – The Future Farmers of America held their annual parent and son banquet last Thursday night at the High School lunchroom. Several awards were presented. Shown here are Al Buenz (center) and Harley Griffieon (right) who received \$25 savings bonds from Noel Liechty of Ankeny State Bank. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* – March 2, 1967



These young men received chapter awards. In front row, left to right are Steve Moeckly, Star Greenhand award; Don Hoskins, livestock and leadership; Bob Bachman, farm mechanics. Back row, left to right: Al Buenz; Harley Griffieon, crop farming; Mike Albaugh, Chapter Star Farmer; Ron Heston, farm safety; and Richard Halstead, Voc Ag instructor, Terry McCampbell received the forestry award but was unable to be at the banquet. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* – March 2, 1967

Hull Twins Honored at Girls' Basketball Tournament – Cathy and Carol Hull, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hull have been chosen as the Cover Girls for the 1963 Girls' state basketball tournament, and their pictures appear on the front cover of the programs. Both are seniors, and it is reported that they will graduate as valedictorian and salutatorian in their class of 80. Their grade point average at this time is 3.86 and 3.79 out of a perfect 4.0. Both of the twins have been awarded the Sertoma Club highest honor, a three year all expense paid nursing school education, which they will start using this coming summer at Iowa Methodist Hospital. Both are strong in their determination to finish the three year course for becoming a registered nurse. Both have been outstanding basketball players, with Cathy playing as a forward with a 20 point average and Carol playing as a guard. Carol was named to the all Des Moines Suburban first team. They helped their team with the Suburban Conference Championship this year. Both are accomplished piano players, both play the French horn in concert band, and both play cornet in marching band. Cathy served as Homecoming Queen attendant, while Carol was a delegate to Hawkeye Girls' State. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* – March 7, 1963



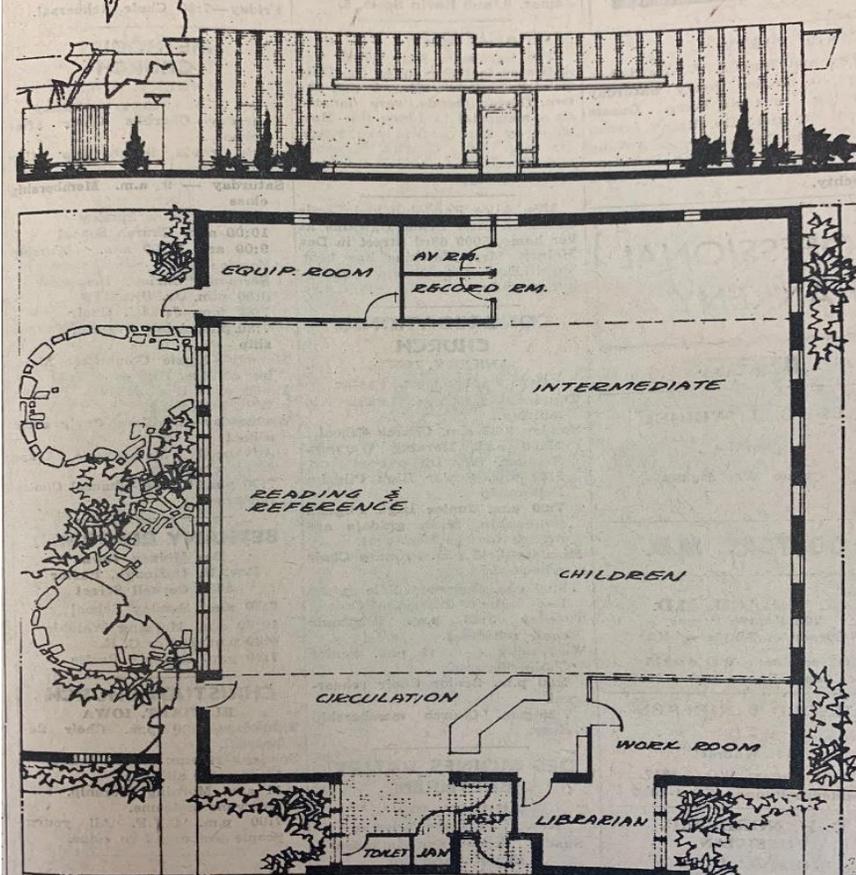
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Board Approves Preliminary Plans for Library



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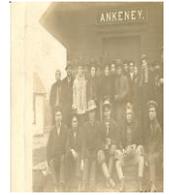
Board Approves Preliminary Plans for Library – Shown pictured at the top is the front view of the new Kirkendall Memorial Library and below the floor plan. The building will be constructed of brick and oriental stucco. Preliminary plans have been made and work will begin as soon as working plans are available. The building will be located north of Dr. Nielsen's office. The lot is 68 x 70 and the building will be 60 x 50. Architects are Brooks and Borg. The ground was purchased from Guy Kline. The library is being made possible by the late Kirkendall brothers, long time Ankeny residents, with stipulations in the will to provide funds for a public library in Ankeny.

Those who are serving on the Library Board are: president, George Hart; vice-president, Russell Knoop; secretary Mrs. Noel Liechty, and board members Mrs. J. A. Henderson, Al Chestnut, Frank Lint, and Mrs. Francis Hall. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* – March 31, 1960

Council Approves Citizens' Committee for Swimming Pool – The Ankeny City Council Monday night approved the appointment of a citizens' committee for a swimming pool for Ankeny. The committee, picked by Mayor Eldon Leonard from lists submitted by Ankeny civic groups, is composed of: Chamber of Commerce, Ted Brinkman; Lions, Merrill Seehorn; Kiwanis, Robert Baumann; Jaycees, David Longnecker; Jaycee Ettes, Marj Reese; American Legion, George Hanrahan. The chairman of the committee will be Warren Thornton, a member of the Park Board. Mayor Leonard outlined a few of the points the committee should look into, including Ankeny's need of a swimming pool, the size of the pool, whether it should be enclosed or covered, etc. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* – March 30, 1967

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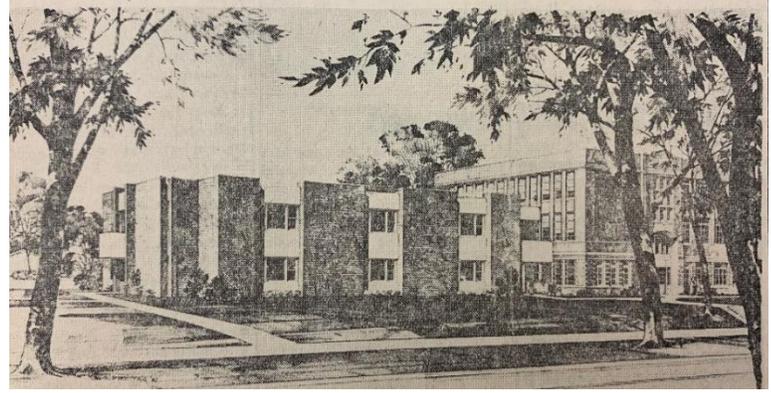
Pay Increase For Ankeny Teachers – At a special meeting of the Ankeny School Board held last Friday night, the board voted 4-0 in favor of a new pay schedule for teachers in the school system. Member Vic Johnson was not present at the meeting. The schedule was recommended by the teacher salary committee.

Class I-teachers with 60 to 89 hours of college education will begin at a \$3,300, plus \$110 for each year of experience.

Class II-teachers with 90 hours, or more of college education will begin at \$3,500, plus \$110 for each year of experience.

Class III-teachers with a BA degree will begin at \$4,250, plus \$120 for each year of experience. Class IV-teachers with MA degree of 150 hours of college education will begin at \$4,650, plus \$130 for each year of experience. Increases over last year's schedule are: Class I, \$100; Class II, \$150; Class III, \$250; and Class IV, \$450. The board pointed out that the large increase in Class I was due to the fact that there have been no raises in this category in the past two years. This schedule applies only to teachers and not administrative positions. The increase will average approximately \$300 per year for teaching personnel. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* –March 3, 1960

Proposed School Addition



This drawing above shows how the proposed addition would be added on to the south of Neveln Junior High if the bond issue election set for March 28, is successful. The additional would be ready for the 1968-69 school year. The tremendous growth necessitates the addition if Ankeny is to continue in its excellent school system. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* –March 7, 1967

Bond Issue Wins by Vote of 591 – 128 – Voters in the Ankeny Community School District Tuesday approved a \$210,000 bond issue by a majority of 83.3 percent. The issue for the purpose of building and finishing a 12 room addition to Neveln Junior High, passed by a vote of 591 yes to 128 no. A 60 per cent majority was required for passage. Superintendent of Schools Keith Hopkins said after the vote that he wished to thank the elementary and junior and senior high PTA groups for their work in getting out the vote. He said that the vote showed again that the people of Ankeny “realize the importance of good facilities for their school system.” The 12-room, two-story addition will be built on the south end of the present building and will be ready for the 1968-69 school year. The last school bond issue in Ankeny, for the building of a 12-room addition to East Elementary, passed in February, 1966, by a vote of 664 to 49, or a favorable majority of 93.1 percent. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* –March 30, 1967

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Making Way for a New Post Office –

About 9 o'clock last Sunday morning this is what the house at the corner of Third and Pleasant looked like. The photo, below, taken from the same spot, shows the house five hours later. The Ankeny Fire Department set it afire and used the blaze to practice fire-fighting techniques. The house dating from before the turn of the century, had to be razed to make way for Ankeny's new post office. *Ankeny Press-Citizen – March 17, 1966*



High School Operetta To Be Presented –

The Ankeny High School music department will present "Belle of The West", tonight at the Parkview Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m. Shown above is a scene from the musical comedy, and the main characters, standing, are left to right, Arnie Fischer, Mary Rigby, Tom Tyler, Robin Hopkins, Doug Thorson, and Mary Dutcher. The setting for the operetta is a small town in Idaho, Roarin' Creek, during the 1890s, which is 'upset' by the arrival of a lady barber. These events lead up to a very interesting and amazing climax. The operetta, which has a cast of 75, is directed by Mrs. Carolyn Zuck, and the accompanist is George Friedmeyer. Admission for adults will be 75 cents and 50 cents for students. *Ankeny Press-Citizen – March 29, 1962*

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700 Attend Little League Benefit Game Here

Saturday Night – Approximately 700 fans turned out last Saturday night to see the doubleheader basketball game which was held for the benefit of the Ankeny Little League teams. Final tabulation of proceed is not as yet complete but will be published as soon as possible. The Kiwanis Squakettes came from behind to tie the Ankeny High Hawkettes. It was a great game for the teams and amused the crowd to no end. The Squakettes got off to a fast start with some fancy shooting from ‘Dead-Eye’ Howard and developed a fast break with ‘Flash Gordon’ Gookin doing some fancy maneuvering. ‘Side-Shot’ Kahrs had a little trouble because he couldn’t find the ‘side’. ‘Blanket’ Hoff did a good job of ‘covering’ Miss Hoff, but was pressing too hard and fouled repeatedly. ‘The Kid Gardner covered Marilyn Bianchi so she couldn’t move around’. ‘Speedy’ Johnson was all over the court, bench, bleachers and locker rooms. Other ‘outstanding’ performances were turned in by Ralph Dobson, Othie McMurry and Norm Hall. The Kiwanis Club was coached by Jerry ‘Little Gary’ Fulton who often became so wrapped up in his job that he gave the players a hand. The Kiwanis would like to give their thanks to the members of the Hawkettes and their coach, Mr. Lantz. *Ankeny Press-Citizen –March 17, 1960*

Ankeny Press-Citizen –March 7, 1967



Will Lead Kiwanis Stars(?) Against Hawkettes in Saturday Night Little League Benefit Game –

Shown above are some of the Kiwanis ‘stars’ that will appear Saturday night when the Ankeny Kiwanis Club meets the Hawkettes. From left to right are: Jerry Fulton, Don Gardner, Gene Muehlenthaler, Lee Gookin, and Ralph Dobson in front. The second game of the evening will find the Ankeny Indies meeting the KSO Dirty Dribblers. All proceeds will go to the Ankeny Little League teams. *Ankeny Press-Citizen –March 10, 1960*

LOGLI'S SUPER VALUE OF ANKENY

USDA CHOICE BEEF HIND QUARTERS 59¢	USDA CHOICE BEEF FRONT QUARTERS 49¢	
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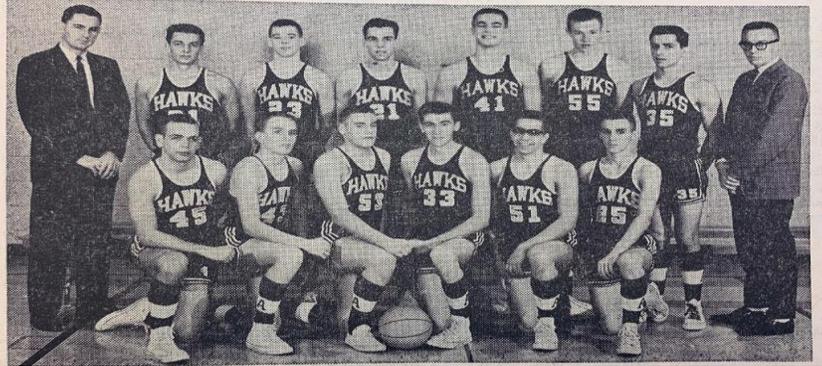


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The Ankeny Hawks won the Suburban Conference championship last Friday night as they downed Saydel, 59-39. The Hawks are now 13-0 for the season and had a 6-0 conference record. Left to right, back row, are: Maurice Kramer, asst. coach, Steve Harkin, John Davis, Don Madole, Mike Justice, Mike Martin, Claude Ruffcorn, and Coach Gary Williams. Front row, Jim Gorham, Bryce Hanke, Terry Pierce, Jim Cerfogli, Max Bechtol, and Steve Tscherter. *Ankeny Press-Citizen* - March 7, 1963

Hawks Win Conference Title - Fourth Year Straight



Vance Sentenced to 55 Years. “But for a few inches, the defendant would be standing before me convicted of murder,” Judge Ray Fenton said before imposing the maximum sentence on Phillip Charles Vance as a result of Vance’s conviction in the June 13th, 1981, Drug Town robbery shootings. Though Vance was given the maximum sentence, the Iowa Code allows 55 years and a mandatory minimum of 20 years, the possibility exists that he could be out of prison in 10 or 11 years. The “few inches” to which Judge Fenton referred spared the lives of Drug Town employees Steve Hidder, Tracey Timmerman, and Mike Wurster. All three sustained bullet wounds in the head or neck. Vance’s conviction on armed robbery and three counts of attempted murder earned him one 25-year and three 10-year sentences. Because a firearm was used, Judge Fenton also imposed the mandatory minimum of five years on each of the four sentences. *Ankeny Press-Citizen*, March 4, 1982

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Fewer Pupils, Slashed Budget Spells Teacher Lay-offs Here. Seven of the 12 Ankeny teachers who received layoff notices last week have requested formal hearings before the Board of Education, Superintendent Keith Hopkins said Monday. Receiving termination notices were three elementary teachers, two special education teachers and three senior high teachers. An additional three teachers – including an elementary art teacher, an elementary music teacher and a senior high business education teacher – will have their positions reduced to half-time. The teachers had until Monday evening to file requests for formal hearings. Because of cuts in state aid, declining enrollment and increases in salary costs, \$365,000 must be cut from the 1982-83 school budget. The 12 teacher layoffs add up to a budget reduction of \$246,027. *Ankeny Press-Citizen*, March 4, 1982

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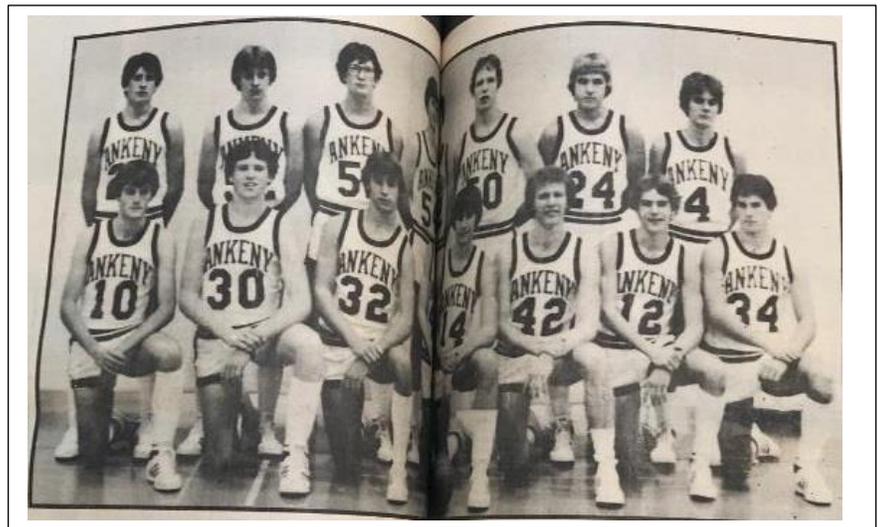


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On to State! The third-ranked Ankeny Hawks will get a shot at the number two team in the state, Davenport Assumption, on Wednesday, March 17th at 6:35 p.m. in first round action of the class 3-A state tournament at Vets Auditorium in Des Moines. Ankeny advanced to the state meet beating Ames in the district final and stopping West Des Moines Dowling in the substate contest 68 to 58. Coach Ireland is pleased with the way the Hawks have been playing defense and rebounding. He is also pleased with the way they have been able to defense teams without fouling and praised his free throw shooters. Ankeny has put in 70 of 80 free throws in the three tournament games against Boone, Ames and Dowling and has committed only 33 fouls. The Hawks won a very physical battle against Dowling making 32 of 35 free throws in the contest. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 11, 19*



Happy Birthday Campfire. The Northwest Elementary first grade Blue Birds celebrated Camp Fire's 72nd birthday with a cake and party. They also made posters to place at their school with the slogan, "I Love Camp Fire!" L-R: Beth Campbell, Becky Fuqua, Tyra Pennington, Jenny Doughen, Missy Peterson, Sheryl Brinkman, and Diana Means. (Absent when picture was taken, Tami Ocker.) *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 18, 1982*



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Chamber Asks Fire Code Changes. Mayor Ollie Weigel, at Monday's meeting of the Ankeny City Council, concluded that the narrow field of complaints about the difficulties of complying with the Uniform Fire Code do not warrant the broad sweep of change in the appeal system suggested by a Chamber of Commerce study committee. As explained at the council meeting, the present Board of Appeals for the Fire Code is only empowered to interpret the Code in a difference of opinion between the city's staff and a property owner or developer. It is not empowered to waive Code requirements. Richard Hermann, of the Chamber committee, presented the council with a proposal that it establish a Fire Board of Adjustment that would be empowered, within limits, to make changes in the Fire Code requirements on a case-by-case basis. "Such a board would give us a vehicle to come up with recommendations. There are areas where the massive Uniform Fire Code (UFC) does not meet Ankeny's needs." The subject of sprinkler systems for fire prevention and what the conditions should be for requiring them is the UFC area which been most under attack since this Code was first considered for adoption a few years ago. Many business people have argued that the damage from a vandalized or mistakenly set-off sprinkler system far outweighs its value. The council, in fact, waived by ordinance the requirement of a sprinkler system in the equipment control room at the Ankeny Northwestern Bell office since water, as quickly as fire, "would reduce the equipment to chaos." Alternate on-site fire suppression materials were substituted. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 25, 1982*

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Easter Egg Hunt in Ankeny April 3. Carmen Zimmer, Chairman of this year's Easter Promotion, invites you to attend Ankeny's Annual East egg Hunt. The Hunt, for children ages one to eight, will be held on Saturday, April 3, at 10 a.m. at Hawkeye Park. The event is sponsored and directed by the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce, Beta Sigma Phi, Ankeny Federated Women's Club and Ankeny Jaycees. The East Egg Hunt originated when three chapters of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority contacted Ankeny Parks and Recreation in January 1972. They divided the cost of \$60.00 for 8,000 pieces of candy for Ankeny children ages three to eight. The first Hunt was held Friday, March 31, 1972, at Sunrise Park. Attendance grew rapidly the next few years, and in 1975 the Chamber of Commerce and Ankeny Jaycees joined with the Beta Sigma Phi and the Hunts were moved to Hawkeye Park. In 1977, the Ankeny Federated Women's Club joined these existing organizations to sponsor the annual East Egg Hunt. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 25, 1982*

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Yori into Hall of Fame. Ankeny's Connie Yori will be honored once again by sports fans as she will be inducted into the IGHSAU Hall of Fame for basketball. Yori, a superstar in basketball, softball and track at Ankeny High School, will be inducted this Saturday night at Vet's Auditorium at the Iowa Girls State Basketball Tournament. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 8, 1988*



The first building of what will be a four-building senior citizens' apartment complex has been completed in Ankeny and will be open for viewing this weekend. The complex, located at 1115 W. 1st, is called Oakwood Terrace. It was designed and developed by Ankeny resident Rod Lein. Photos by Chris Clark.

Senior Citizen Apartment Complex Nears Completion. In a town where the last reported average age was 22, a senior citizens' apartment complex might be a gamble; but Rod Lein thinks it's a good one. Lein, owner of his own development company in Ankeny, came up with the idea for Oakwood Terrace – the first and only senior citizen complex here – in January of 1981. One building containing 18 apartments has been completed and will be shown at an open house this weekend. Construction of a second building is scheduled to begin in late April. Eventually, the complex, located at 1115 W. 1st, will have four buildings and a total of 72 apartments. The whole project will cost \$2 million. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 25, 1982*

Dorms at DMACC By This Fall. For students entering the Des Moines Area Community College curriculum in the fall of 1989, a reality will be theirs to enjoy. The ongoing process of setting up dormitories for prospective students has been going on for the past 10 years. The project is being designed by Voorhees Design Group and will be constructed by a private firm according to Don Zuck, the Vice President of Business Services. The development will have 50 units, compatible living space for 200 occupants. The co-ed dorms will hold four persons to a room and will include a small living room area. Cost is estimated to run at approximately \$150 a month, including the utility cost. Students will have to pay for their own food, however. The dorms are to be co-ed and it is expected that the size will double in a short time to capacity of allowing 400 students to live near DMACC. An important factor concerning funds was touched on by Zuck. The land is being leased to the private firm and he stated, "We will lease the land, and the developer will build the dorms and operate them, and no college money or tax money will be going to that." *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 8, 1988*

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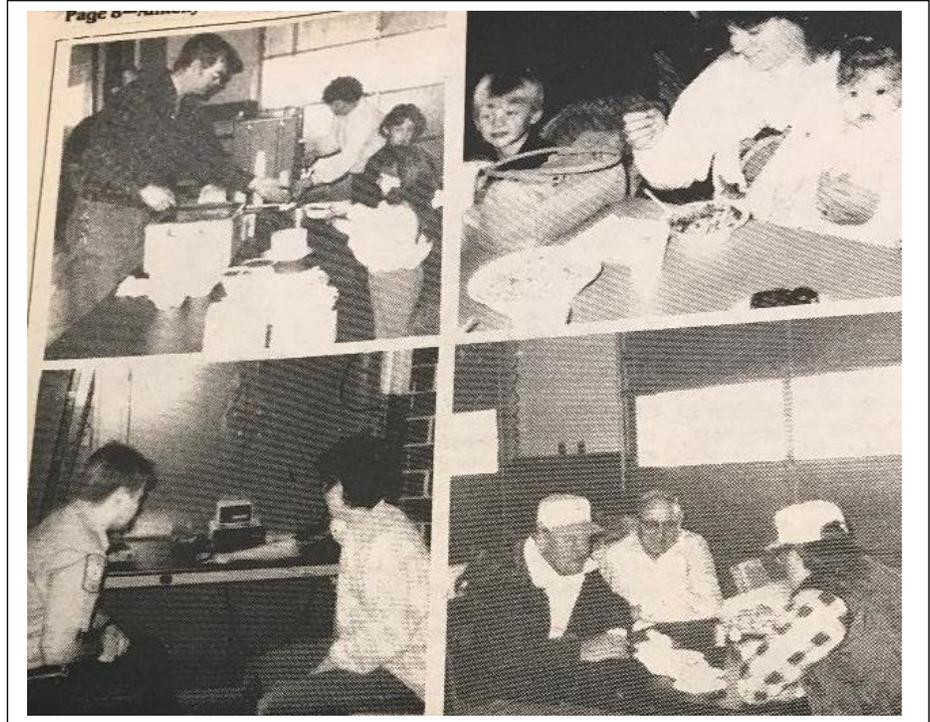
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Annual Chili Feed. The Ankeny Volunteer Fire Department had its annual Chili Feed on Saturday at Fire Station #1. In addition to the chili, free blood pressure testing was available. Proceeds from the day's events will go to financing Ankeny Youth Projects and sponsorships. In the past years, funds have gone towards sponsoring Little League and Jr. Football teams. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 1988*



Lottery Winners. Groupwork...paid off for Vicki Bachman, left, and for Steve Surgeon, right. They are pictured together, as the representative winners from Ankeny in a recent lottery workplace pool. The other five winners were from outside the Ankeny area. (editor's comment: No dollar amounts were given in the article.) *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 22, 1988*

Enrollment Guidelines Explained. Due to the near-capacity enrollment in the Ankeny Elementary Schools, the Board of education has revised enrollment guidelines for the 1988-89 school year. The revisions were adopted to serve those children presently enrolled first rather than reserving space for possible new children. No new open enrollment options will be offered to families during the 1988-89 school year. Students will be asked to remain in their neighborhood schools unless they have been attending a non-neighborhood school under the previous open enrollment policy. Families with students currently enrolled in a non-neighborhood school through the previous open enrollment policy may elect to remain in that attendance center or return to their neighborhood attendance center. Students living in rural areas will be able to attend the elementary school in which they are currently enrolled and will not need to apply for open enrollment placement as has been required previous years. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 15, 1988*

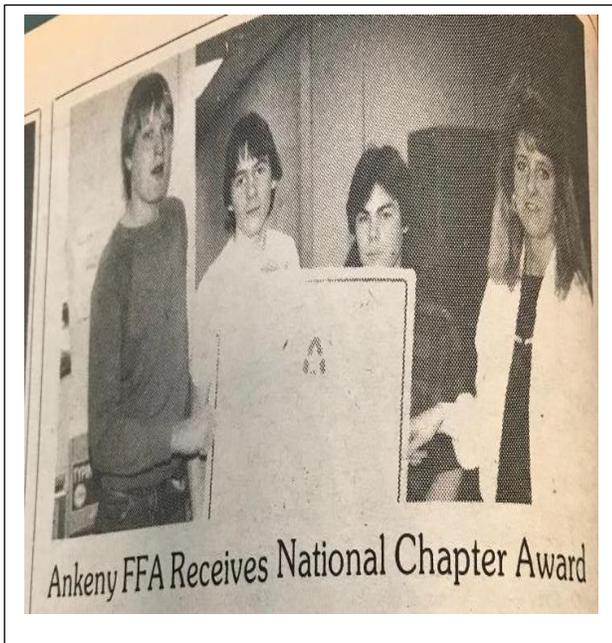
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Ankeny FFA Receives National Chapter Award. During National FFA Week, the Ankeny FFA Chapter was honored with a national award for outstanding BOAC (Building Our American Communities) participation. The award was sponsored by the R.J. Reynolds Nabisco Corporation. The chapter has received recognition for their BOAC projects the past six years. Some of the project have been Landplot; Corn on Corn No-Till, Grandfather's Farm, Dollars for Scholars Scholarship, and the Ankeny Agri-Business Bureau in collaboration with the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, March 22, 1988*

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