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Ankeny School News By Marilyn Griesert,
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Well, how many News Year's resolutions have you broken? Of course, it is easier not to make any resolutions; therefore, there wouldn't be any to break. However, this wouldn't be a very sensible attitude for one desiring to improve himself.

This is the time of the year that students need to make resolutions before it is too late, for semester reports and semester tests have arrived on the scene, and final semester grades will soon be averaged. It is quite important that every student puts forth every effort possible and does his best on the semester tests, for some it may be the difference in passing or failing the semester.

The extra effort should also be displayed in starting the new semester and should be maintained throughout the remainder of the year. Well, in case you haven't guessed it, this week has been rather uneventful concerning school activities; Therefore, I took the opportunity to climb on my soapbox and preach to my fellow students, but mainly myself. Quote of the week: "Here hath been dawning another day; Think! Wilt thou let it sleep useless away." *Ankeny Times*, January 9, 1958

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Ankeny Times, January 8, 1959

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Teenagers enjoying a New Years Eve party at Ankeny Skate Land are: Jill Volcano, Carl Rowland, Laure Brugioni, Rita Reeves, and Chuck Hanawalt.

Ankeny Times, January 9, 1958



One way to celebrate New Year's Eve and have a "whee" of a time is to attend a roller skating party. And that is just what these folks pictured have been doing. From left: Ellen Rowland, Carl Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Alcorn, Joe Deland, and Louis Bergonnie. *Ankeny Times, January 8, 1959*

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Open House is Planned at Ankeny Town Hall

Announcement was made at the regular council meeting Monday night that an open house would be held at the city hall on January 8, 9, and 10, all day on the eighth it will be open in the evening. A great many changes and improvements have been made and Ankeny residents will have this chance to visit the water works and fire station.

The field back of the High School is being flooded for an ice skating rink and should be open soon. There were building permits issued last year to accommodate 134 families. This means house, duplexes, etc. There was quite a discussion on who is to maintain first street. The county has been doing it till the recent snow. No snow fence has been put up this year and the city was not sure who was to keep the street open. Sidewalk for the street was also discussed. *Ankeny Times, January 8, 1959*

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Paving Assessments Now Ready

Ankeny property owners who had paving laid in front of their properties or are within 300 feet of it, have received their notices of assessment and the amount due may be obtained at the city clerk's office. Property owners had twenty days to protest the assessments and that time is about up.

The cost to owners varies according to the type of paving and whether you had a curb and gutter as well as paving. Some had six inch reinforced concrete, some had six inch non-reinforced, some streets were 31 feet wide and others were twenty-five.

On Des Moines Street, average is about \$8.40 a front foot and is a little under the estimated figure. No one will have to worry anymore about slipping into ditches along the road as they did before the paving was put in. *Ankeny Times, January 8, 1959*



150 Employees Were Honored at the John Deere D.M. Works

Several men and women of the Ankeny community were among the 150 employees honored at the John Deere Des Moines Works annual service award recognition party at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

Norman F. Andrews, project engineer, received a 30-year service award; Twenty years of service awards were received by Thad L. Taylor, Leslie H. Travis and Elbert J. Vedder. Fifteen year awards were received by Edward J. LaBond and Roger M. Dillon.

Those receiving ten year service awards from the area include Vernon Pederson, Arlie DeHoet, Lyle Foust, Ralph Greene, Helen Justice (Bondurant), Lena Ugolini, Robert Wilhelm, Wilbur Davison, Ricardo Fontana, Lawrence Giofreddi, Richard Hornberg, Duane Taylor, Paul Swartfager, Richard Schultz, Basillo Sassetti and Nora Barnes (Alleman).

Presentation of service awards were by A.B. Lundahl, general manager, and E.G. Lynn, general superintendent of the Des Moines Works. Those attending, including their wives and husbands, attended the Holiday Show on Ice of 1958 at the auditorium. *Ankeny Times, January 9, 1958*

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FROM OUR FILES



56 Years Ago
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LOCAL ITEMS

L. D. Weinhart has been laid up for the past three weeks with rheumatism. We hope that this attack will soon leave "Dad" and that he will feel like a "young one."

J. L. Swartfager and family and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Swartfager and son Harry partook of a sumptuous Christmas dinner at the D. S. McLean home.

Chas. Hildreth will leave in a short time for Canada and Geo. Justice expects to go about the first of March, we are sorry to have them go, but wish these young men the greatest success possible in their new venture.

Ed Butterfield spent a few days in Minburn and Adel last week. What's the attraction Ed.

Bertha Weinhart had the misfortune to fall one day last week and fracture her elbow.

Our sister, Carrie May, was married to Mr. Ole Simpson, on Christmas Eve., Rev. Lynn officiating. The bride wore a white silk gown and carried a lovely bridal boquet. The groom, with his bride by his side looked fine and dandy, the house was decorated with evergreen and holly, after the ceremony, which was short but impressive, the guests repaired to the dining room where a bountiful repast awaited them. The young couple received many valuable as well as useful presents and start out upon the sea of matrimony with the best wishes of their many friends. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Christian; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Miller; Mr. and Mrs. Lohman and children; Mr. and Mrs. Simpson and children; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lindsey; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stader and children; Mr. and Mrs. Al. Stader and children of Ankeny. The TIMES wishes them all that is good in this world.

BARGAINS

NOTICE:—Do you want a good fresh milk cow with calf by side. If so, I have a good one and the price is right. Bob Smith, Ankeny, Iowa. See those over coats for \$2.98 at G. E. Goughnour & Son.

O Say! You want to know how to save money, well we don't mind telling. Just buy an up-to-date Janney feed mill of Wagner Bros., for \$25!! Then set down and figure it this way: The best mill on the market is the Janney, regular price \$32. The mill I just bought of Wagner Bros., is a Janney, the price \$25!! Amount saved \$7. They can't last long at this price, so hurry.

Big Sioux Laundry Soap, While it Lasts, 10 Bars for 25¢.

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2nd Annual First Baby Contest. John Timothy Hummel (son of Tim and Jane Hummel) is the winner of the second annual first baby contest co-sponsored by several Ankeny merchants and the Press-Citizen. Baby John has the distinction of being first baby born to Ankeny residents in the New Year 1970. He was born at Mercy Hospital on Saturday, January 2. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 8, 1970*

Resident Honored. Gerald Ballard, President of Ballard Feed and Agricultural Services, Inc., of Ankeny was selected as a 1969-70 Dealer Advisory Council Member for Northrup King. Receiving the award from Northrup King Sales Manager Floyd K. Nielsen, center, at Howard Johnson's, Cedar Falls, Iowa, are Gerald and Mrs. Ballard of 301 Pleasant, Ankeny. Ballard was honored for his outstanding sales and service achievements that earned him the honor for the second consecutive year. *Ankeny Press Citizen, January 15, 1970*



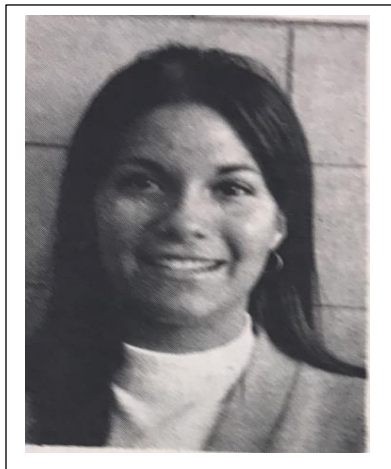
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Student Goes to Hawaii. Denise Logli, junior at Ankeny High School, spent two weeks in Hawaii during Christmas vacation. Denise and her mother, Mrs. Enes Logli, won the trip through the Del Monte Sweepstakes. They toured four different islands by bus and limousines. When asked what she remembered most about the trip, she remarked, "It was the most interesting when a volcano erupted, and we also got to watch them film Hawaii 5-0."

Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 15, 1970

Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 4, 1973



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The "Cactus Flower" cast is ready to entertain January 3rd & 4th Plan an evening with the stars of "Cactus Flower". The cast is ready to entertain its audience on Friday, January 3 and Saturday, January 4th at 8 p.m. in the Ankeny High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3; for students. Cast members pictured above are: Front row: (l to r) Anne Kinzler, Nancy Eichman and Jeanne Ginger. Back row: Chad Hoch, John Claes, Dale Hunter, Troy DeStigter and Scott Faulkner. Not pictured Debbie Hidder. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 1, 1992*

Iowa's minimum wage moves from \$4.25 to \$4.65 - Iowa's minimum wage will increase from \$4.25 to \$4.65 an hour effective Jan. 1, 1992. The increase will make the state's minimum hourly wage 40 cents greater than the federal minimum wage. Since April 1, 1991, the Iowa and federal minimum wage have been in the same - \$4.25. In general, most companies in Iowa will be required to pay the higher minimum wage. However, some retail and service companies are exempted from paying either the state or federal minimum wage. This list includes firms with gross annual sales of \$300,000 or less, such as grocery stores and restaurants. Also, newspapers with a circulation of 4,000 or less, are not covered by minimum wage statutes.

Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 1, 1992

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Temperatures rise – records fall –

Home builders in Ankeny area are busy taking advantage of the unseasonably warm winter we have had this year. Three different crews worked Saturday in record-high 55 degree weather within a block of each other on NW Countrywood Lane in Ankeny. Building permits for the City of Ankeny showed an increase over last year for the month of December. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 15, 1992*

Vance sworn in on City Council.

Annette Vance, newly elected council member of the Ankeny City Council, was presented with a Certificate of Election by Mayor Ollie Weigel, and took the Oath of Office at Monday night's meeting on January 6. I'm pleased to be here," she said, and Mayor Weigel added, "We're proud to have you here, I hope you enjoy it." *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 8, 1992*

Ankeny...Always Advancing – Continued planned growth has been the result of a lot of hard work and cooperation between the City of Ankeny, Ankeny Community School District, Ankeny Industrial Development Corporation, Ankeny Area Chamber of Commerce, and Des Moines Area Community College. These groups along with you, the people of Ankeny, have made this a very desirable environment to raise a family in. Ankeny has become more than a wide spot in the road just north of Des Moines. Ankeny now competes with Des Moines' western suburbs for businesses and homes and many believe the quality of life offered in Ankeny is not offered anywhere else.

About 1200 people had discovered living in Ankeny by 1950. The small city continued to grow to over 10,000 citizens by 1970 and now boasts over 18,400. City prognosticators think that Ankeny's population will top 22,000 by the turn of the century and look for 30,000 to be here in the not so distance future.

Des Moines Area Community College came to Ankeny in 1968 and now is one of the selling points for attracting businesses. The proposed Northeast Polk County Airport to be located at Ankeny's southeast border, has already begun attracting businesses to Ankeny and it hasn't even received its federal funding as of yet.

While the east and west coast have experienced over a year of recession, Ankeny continues to grow at a record pace along with Des Moines and its suburbs. Real estate sales were reported last week for 1991 to be the strongest ever in this area. Low interest rates have aided in the growth and are expected to help well into 1992.

Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 22, 1992

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Ankeny's Andrew Kruzich clears the bar during the high jump competition at the boys' state track meet. Kruzich tied for eighth place in Class 3-A with a leap of 6 feet 2 inches. Kruzich was one of the most versatile performers on the Ankeny squad. He also competed in the long jump, the 400-meter run and the 4 x 400 relay. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 8, 1992*



Highlights of 1991 Sports at AHS Ankeny Junior

Travis Wilson, shown here after winning the 112-pound title at the district tournament, was one of five Hawk wrestlers who qualified for the 1991 state tournament. The others were Aaron Baugher, Eric Kluver, Bob Suarez, and Bryce Odson. Baugher was the runner-up in Class 3A at 160 pounds

