

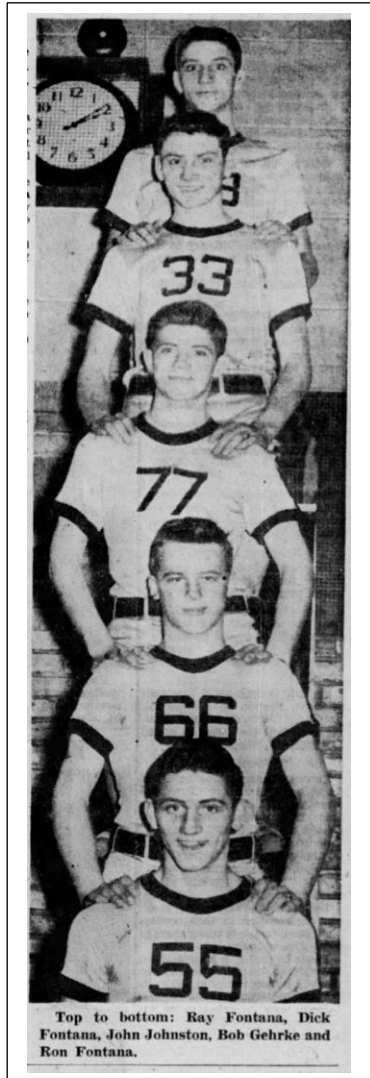
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Top to bottom: Ray Fontana, Dick Fontana, John Johnston, Bob Gehrke and Ron Fontana.

Ankeny High in Class B, Unbeaten Five Unhappy: Word was received here Monday that Ankeny High has been reclassified as a Class B school under the new five-year over-all enrollment ruling. Ordinarily the news would have called for a celebration as a Class B route is deemed an easier path to the state meet than the Class A road. But there was no rejoicing at all among the high school basketball players and officials.

Riding the crest of nine straight victories, the Ankeny cagers have adjusted their sights on a state tournament level, but at the same time they realize that the only way to reach their goal is to play tough competition. "We're good or we're not," said Supt. Ted Karpes. "We might as well find out in a hurry if we can hold our own with the bigger schools."

Beat Carroll: Right now the Ankeny supporters are of the opinion that their boys should hold their own with any prep team in the state. Justifying their faith, of course, is the team's present record. Ankeny sent out a warning the night it convincingly disposed of Carroll High, a state finalist last year. In compiling its string of early season triumphs, the Class B school has averaged 52 points per session, rolling up 471 tallies to the oppositions 271. Ankeny has restricted the enemy to 32 points a game, attesting to its defensive ability, too.

In Front Court: The Fontanas are in a majority in the starting Ankeny lineup. The three of them, Dick, Ron, and Ray, man the front court. In the back court are Bob Gehrke and John Johnston, two clever ball handlers. Listed among the reserves are Will Stittsworth, guard; Harold and Keith Hildreth guards; LuVerne Alleman, forward; and Vernon Herring, center. Dick is the key scorer, racking up 170 points in nine games for close to a 19 point per contest average. Ray is in close pursuit with 108 tallies. It is said, but not verified, that the Fontanas have baskets in their back-yard, kitchen, and bedroom. *Des Moines Tribune, January 7, 1948*

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Ordnance Plant Swells School Rolls: 130 New Grade Pupils at Ankeny:

Many employees of the Des Moines Ordnance Plant have moved their families here, causing a steady increase in enrollment in Des Moines and Polk County schools, a check Thursday showed. Greatest increase is at Ankeny, where 130 new grade students from all parts of the United States have been enrolled.

There is no change in the Ankeny high school enrollment for two reasons, Superintendent E.W. Neveln said. First, most of the plant workers have grade school-age children; second, the new pupils in the high school have replaced high school students who had moved to another vicinity when their farm homes on plant property were taken by the government.

“Nice Bunch:” They aren’t much moving handicapped from moving around to different schools, and they’re a nice bunch of children. Neveln, as well as principals of all Des Moines schools which were checked, said the new children were not behind in their work and were placed in the same grades as other children their own age.

New Teachers: The Ankeny grade school is crowded, and two classes have been moved into the high school building, but no new building will be constructed. There are children from South Carolina, Kentucky, Texas, Oklahoma, and other parts of the United States principals said. Many of them have deep southern or eastern accents, others have moved about so much with their parents that they have no distinguishing accents. *The Des Moines Register, January 16, 1942*

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Order Fourth ‘E’ Award to Ankeny Arms Plant:

The Des Moines Ordnance Plant of the United States Rubber Company has been awarded a third star to its Army-Navy “E” flag for sustained excellence in performance, Lieut. Col. F.O. Rising, commanding officer at the plant, announced Monday. When the formal awarding of the star is made at ceremonies Thursday, the Des Moines Plant will have the distinction of being the only small arms ammunition plant in the country to be thus honored. The Des Moines plant received its Army-Navy “E” flag on Dec. 15, 1942. The first star was added on Aug. 29, 1943 and the second star for continued excellence was awarded on July 20, 1944.

Ground for the plant was broken in July, 1941 and in six months time the plant was in operation. Several innovations have resulted in the saving of millions of dollars for the government since the plants establishment. Dr. E.J. Joss, factory manager, said there will be no work stoppage or time out from production for the ceremony, since every man hour of production is needed to supply the armed forces with small arms ammunition manufactured at the plant.

Dr. Joss commended the people of Des Moines and the surrounding are for their “outstanding job” and their demonstration to show themselves “solidly behind the war effort” by taking ordnance plant jobs even though they were previously inexperienced in such work. *Des Moines Register, January 22, 1945*

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Prepare to Serve Hot Lunches to School Children:

The serving of hot lunches at noon to the children of Elkhart School will begin Monday, January 8 and will continue through the winter months. The cost of the lunches will be four cents per pupil, per dish. Meal tickets will be issued to those desiring them and the menu will be varied. The dishes for the first Monday will be vegetable soup, Tuesday cocoa, Wednesday macaroni, hamburger and tomato and Thursday, tomato soup and Friday escalloped potatoes. Each month there will be a committee of three in charge and for the month of January the committee is Mrs. Claude Hall, Mrs. Margaret Fredricks and Mrs. A.H. Rouse. Mrs. Ralph Clark will be in charge of the preparation and cooking of the food. It will be delivered to the school by the high school students and served by the high school girls. The plan has met the approval of the school board and is sponsored by the P.T.A. The cooperation of Supt. Anderson and the parents of the community is very much appreciated. Elkhart Department, *Ankeny Times*, January 5, 1940

Pictures: Ankeny Times, January 5, 1940



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Complete Well on J.A. Peters' Farm: The new well at the J.A. Peters farm has been completed, at a depth of 419 feet. The water, which is soft, stands 180 feet from the top of the well, and was secured in sand rock. At a depth of 225 feet, a nine foot room, containing the gas which caused so much excitement while the well was being drilled. This well is cased with 250 feet of five inch casing and the balance four inch. There seems to be plenty of water, as while pumping for eight hours, they pumped eight gallons per minute which proves there is plenty of water.

Ankeny Times, January 5, 1940

(Other news:)

- The zero degree weather found quite a few who were really not ready for it. Several homes and business houses had frozen water pipes, and were inconvenienced quite a bit. The youngsters are sure enjoying the snow and ice.
- Buys Shell Station: Paul Kochheiser has purchased the Grigsby Shell Station and he invites all his former as well as new customers to come in and see him. Your patronage will be appreciated. Elwin Grigsby who has been running the Shell Station has sold out to Paul Kochheiser, who took charge Tuesday noon.
- Mr. and Mrs. Norman Madison and family, who have been living in the Levi Sutton property, have moved into the Mary Young property, which was vacated by Mrs. Wm. Boyer last week.
- Miss Thelma Brewbaker entertained Beverly Breese, Patsy Tischer, Mildred Beck, Dorothy Hild, Phyllis Keil, Norma Grace Coppock, and Olive Cornwell at a slumber party at her home Thursday night.
- Elmyra Houske, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. H.M. Fredericks, entertained Dorothy Swartfager, Marie Howard, Joy Mae Grigsby, Bonnie Holly, and Dorothy Foster, at a slumber party at her home Thursday night.
- Mrs. Alice Randolph and children are enjoying a box of fresh fruit sent to them from Mr. and Mrs. Alton Amundson of Prineville, Oregon, as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Amundson will be remembered as Dora Randolph. *Ankeny Times, January 5, 1940*

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NEWCOMERS TO ANKENY:

We welcome you all and trust we will be friends and neighbors for many years to come. To be good neighbors and friends we must learn to know each other. What are our habits? Likes and dislikes? What are the rules that we must live by to have unison?

One of the rules we now have in force is in the form of City Ordinance No. 78 for off street parking, during and after each snow storm, which will give the City Employees adequate time for snow removal. If you will kindly file this information in your mental filing cabinet, it will help us keep you and your neighbors rolling without the additional cost to both you and us.

For your information, we are going to make a special effort this year to keep the driveways open for all of the Volunteer Firemen.

A few precious minutes may very well save the life of you or I or our children, much less material losses.

We have a new roto-rooter with our City equipment now, and can report that we have cleaned well over 4,000 feet of our main sewer lines within the last month. From now on this will be an annual program which should eliminate much of what would otherwise have been trouble.

Again, Mr. and Mrs. Newcomer, Welcome,

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P.S. For your information and the children's pleasure, the local firemen have filled both ice skating rinks. One located at First & Walnut, the other, north of Third Street between Scott and Des Moines Streets.

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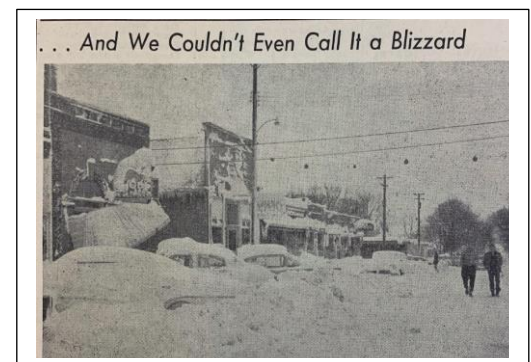
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It was a white Christmas, indeed! In fact, the whitest and one of the deepest, on record. Old man winter didn't show any respect for the holiday season as he hurled another storm at the area on Friday, December 22. Strong winds, accompanied by seven to nine inches of new snow, on top of the old, making a total of approximately 14 inches of the white stuff, caused many not so pleasant developments in Ankeny. The storm started Friday morning and by noon visibility was bad and roads were treacherous. Supt. Keith Hopkins ordered the busses out at 2:10, but it was 3 o'clock before they were loaded at the Parkview School. One bus, driven by Hilbert Roberts, made all but two stops when it became stuck. Five students, and Roberts, stayed at the John Moeckly home on Friday night. *Ankeny Press-Citizen - January 4, 1962*



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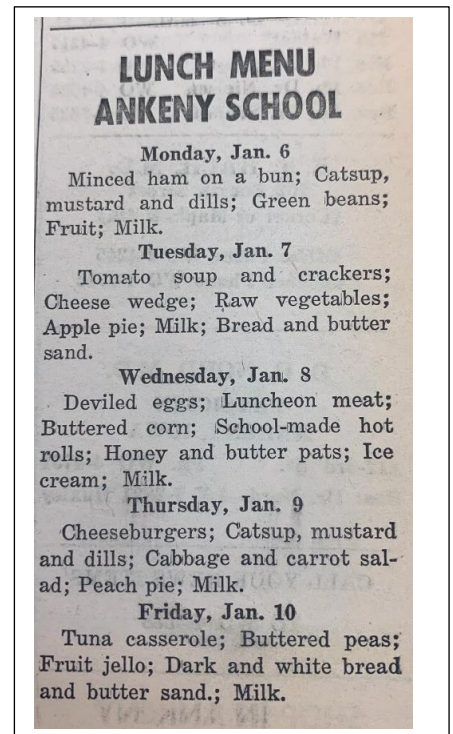
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42 Years of Public Service – Shown above is Lloyd Brewbaker, left, as he received a plaque from Mayor Norris Adams, right, in behalf of the citizens, mayor, and the city council of Ankeny. The award was presented to Mr. Brewbaker for his service to the city, as he has deserved as city treasurer for the past 42 years. The presentation was made at the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce meeting held on Tuesday of last week at the Breese House. Mr. Brewbaker has recently retired from the Ankeny State Bank after many years of service, and is presently vacationing with Mrs. Brewbaker in California. *Ankeny Press-Citizen –January 23, 1964*

New Councilmen Are Sworn In - In a short meeting, held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, the mayor and new members of the Ankeny City Council were sworn into office. Anne Varnum, city clerk administered the oath of office to Mayor Norris Adams. Adams then administered the oath of office to new councilmen, Max Akers, Jack Ellenberger, and Willard Nagle. Also present at the meeting were Lyle Foust and Eldon Leonard, carry-over councilmen, who have two years to serve on the council. The new councilmen were elected to officer at the regular city election held last November, Akers and Nagle are beginning four year terms and Ellenberger was elected to a two year term. A resolution was adopted accepting the budget for 1962 as allowed by the County Auditor in the total amount of \$110,877 to be allocated. *Ankeny Press-Citizen –January 11, 1962*

Ankeny Press-Citizen –January 2, 1964



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Fire Destroys Barn at Hollett Farm – The Ankeny Volunteer Fire Department answered a call on Saturday evening at the R E. Hollett residence, two miles north of Ankeny. Shown above is the blaze as firemen poured water on the burning barn. Firemen were also to save the surrounding buildings; but the barn was a complete loss. A horse, colts, and a mare were taken from the blazing building by Bill Holden, an employee of the Hollett's, who also discovered the fire. Destroyed in the fire was some hay, straw, and equipment, which was stored there. Mrs. Hollett said that the cause of the blaze was unknown, and the loss was partially covered by insurance. Charles Mynatt, Ankeny fire chief, said that this was a wonderful example of what can be done by mutual aid. Saylorville Township and Polk City fire departments were called and responded rapidly. Roads to the fire were kept open buy the Ankeny Police Department, Sheriff's deputies, and the Highway Patrol. *Ankeny Press-Citizen –January 23, 1964*



Fire Candy Queen – Miss Barbara Voshell, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Voshell, 225 Des Moines Street, was the “Candy Queen” attendant from Ankeny at the Camp Fire Girls’ Candy Party held at North High last Saturday. Barbara was crowned princess by nine year old Connie Lee Clark of Indianola who is “Candy Queen”, and champion candy seller, with 578 boxes. Barbara Voshell sold 100 boxes of candy and has earned a free week at Camp Hantesa next summer.

Girls from Ankeny who sold 50 boxes were Janet Dunbar, Shirley Evans, Sue Kochheiser, Debbie Walton, Debbie Wisecup, and Brenda Smith. These girls have earned a half week at camp. Mrs. Hick, candy chairman for the Camp Fire Girls, wishes to say “Thanks” to all of the candy buyers in Ankeny.

Ankeny Press-Citizen –January 30, 1964

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Snowmen Roll into Ankeny! *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 7, 1982*

Go Hawkeyes! Go Hawks! A Hawkeye fan is a Hawkeye fan forever, or at least until the spring thaw. This hearty fellow proclaimed his loyalty even after the Rose Bowl defeat.

Dino or Puff? The kids in the neighborhood are divided. Some say it's a dragon while others insist it is a dinosaur. This engaging fellow with the pale green pallor and the coal black eyes is the creation of Tim and Becky Baumann, crafted outside their parents' home on SE Seventh Street. They say it's a dinosaur and they are still trying to decide on a name.

Going first in NBA Draft. High there! If you want to wipe the smile off this fellow's face, bring a stepladder. He's the newest resident of the Copley home on NW Third Street...and the tallest one at 11 feet.

Sticky Arms. "Oh, Alice, that Christmas candy went to all the wrong places. My arms are still like sticks."



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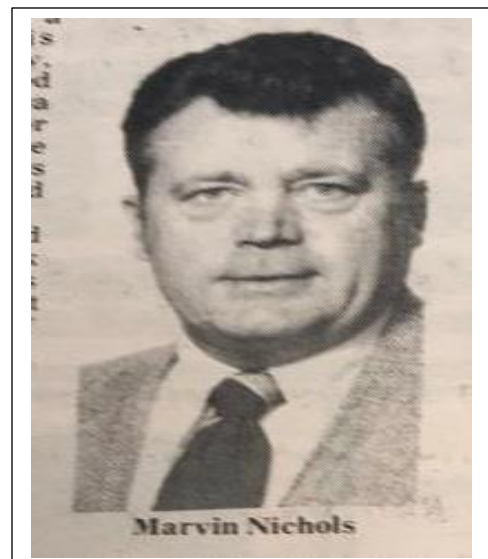
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Hawkeye Park is Hot Spot for Cold Weather Lovers. A Hot Spot in Ankeny on New Years Day was Hawkeye Lake. Seven inches of snow and low temperatures brought ice skaters, hockey players, sledders and others just looking for fun in the snow to the Ankeny park for an afternoon of fun. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 7, 1982*

Nichols Receives 1981 Iowa Beef Seedstock Producer Award. Marvin Nichols, a purebred Charolais breeder from Ankeny, Iowa, has been selected to receive the 1981 Iowa Beef Seedstock Producer award presented by the Iowa Beef Breeds Council, headquartered in Ames. The award is designed to recognize a seedstock producer in Iowa who has made a significant contribution to the beef industry and agriculture, according to Tom Zimmerman, Iowa Beef Breeds Council president. Nichols will be honored during the official presentation ceremony at the 1982 Iowa Winter Beef Expo, February 13 through 18. One of the first Charolais breeders in the Iowa, Nichols was nominated by the Iowa Charolais Breeders Association because, "he has had more impact on the type and style of Charolais in the state than any other single individual." *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 7, 1982*



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Ankeny's 15th Annual First Baby contest. He's Here! Charles Christian Despotovich was born 3:26 p.m., January 1 (just in time for the Rose Bowl), to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Despotovich. He arrived a month early, tipping the scales at 8 lbs 2 oz. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 7, 1982*



Albaugh Chemical Opens Here. Ankeny Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors marked the opening of new office facilities for Albaugh Chemicals at 728 SW Creekview Drive. Owner Dennis Albaugh and his wife, Sue, held the traditional red ribbon as it was cut by salesman Bill Brandenburg. Also present for the open house were salesman Greg Mulhall and company secretary Betty Shinn. Dennis Albaugh noted that his employees were from the Ankeny area and that they sought to hire their seasonal help locally also. Albaugh Chemicals manufactures agricultural chemicals which are distributed in Iowa, Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Illinois and Missouri. In 1981, the company had \$3.2 million in sales. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 14, 1982*

Girl Scout Cookies Go On Sale. Ankeny Brownie Scouts from Terrace Elementary and one from Southeast Elementary were guests of Mayor Ollie Weigel at Monday night's council meeting when he proclaimed the hope that Ankeny residents would participate in the 1982 "Girl Scout Cookie Sale Days." The girls will be taking orders from seven varieties of cookies priced at \$1.50 per package. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 21, 1982*

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Audit Report on Ankeny

Complete. Denman & Company today released the audit report on the City of Ankeny. They reported that the City of Ankeny's revenues totaled \$6,581,756 for the year ended June 30, 1981, a 16 percent decrease from 1980. The revenues included \$1,487,548 in property tax, \$358,167 in road use tax funds, \$170,002 in other state aid, and \$656,936 in federal funds, including revenue sharing. Expenditures for the year totaled \$7,326,755 a (n) 9 percent decrease from the prior year, which included \$995,090 for community protection, \$575,833 for human development, \$2,129,803 for home and community environment, and \$246,447 for policy and administration. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 28, 1982*

No Life Term Possibility for Vance. Phillip Vance escaped automatic life imprisonment last Thursday when Polk County Judge Ray Fenton found him not guilty of charges of kidnapping Drug Town employees Steve Hidder, Tracey Timmerman, and Mike Wurster. Fenton found Vance guilty of armed robbery and three counts of attempted murder; but since there was little doubt concerning these charges, the kidnapping acquittal was viewed by observers as a victory for Vance and his attorney John Wellman. No one can predict how much time Vance will spend in prison, but it is assumed that his prior conviction for armed robbery (for which he served four years) will have a bearing on whether his sentences will run consecutively or concurrently. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 21, 1982*



Shelly Cahill is pictured during her 7.7 floor exercise performance in the Ankeny-Valley gymnastic dual meet. The Hawkettes topped Valley 162.85 to 147.6. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 28, 1982*

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Sons of Brrrr...Old Man Winter Trudges On. There are several adjectives which accurately describe this winter's weather; but, in the interests of good taste, we won't print them. Suffice it to say that you don't have to be Jean Dixon or even Connie McBurney to forecast the weather these days. The schedule of events, with a few minor variations, goes something like this: Monday: Dig out from weekend storm, recharge car batteries. Temperature 0, windchill minus 30, ineffectual sunshine. Tuesday and Wednesday: Temperature rising, streets and driveways almost passable, citizens develop false sense of security. Thursday p.m.: Temperature dropping, weekly winter storm warning issued, weekly run on grocery stores begins. Friday: 3" of sleet (snow and sleet in varying proportions – heavy on the snow as the day wears on). Hundreds of tires spinning, panic food buying reaches frightening level. Saturday a.m.: Dig out again, windchill -25. Saturday p.m.: Temperature plummets as warm snap ends. More snow, more digging. Windchill -50. Sunday: Ground blizzards blow streets and driveways full of used snow, 2" of new snow thrown in for good measure. Windchill -80. (editor's note: Does that make you feel better about our winter, so far, this year?) *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 28, 1982*

First Better Homes Realty ad – *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 5, 1988*

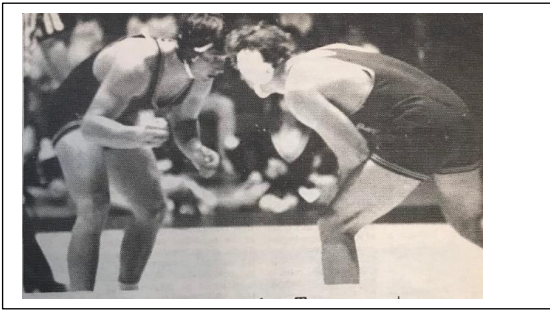
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Upcoming Wrestling Tournaments. The First Annual Bob Sharp Wrestling Tournament will be held at Ankeny High School from 10:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 16th. Bob Sharp, still a teacher at Ankeny High School, retired as head coach of the Ankeny Hawks after twenty-five years. The Ankeny freshmen and sophomores will be wrestling in an Ankeny Sophomore Tournament on Saturday, January 9th. Action begins at 9:45 in the eight team sophomore tourney. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 5, 1988*

JayCee Week Proclaimed. Nationally, this is JayCee Week; locally also the 26th year of the Ankeny JayCee Chapter, as jointly proclaimed by Ankeny Mayor Ollie Weigel and local JayCee chapter president, Wayne Smith. Among contributions to their community are annual projects including the MDA Roadblock, Christmas tree sales, SummerFest Leisure Garden, the Sandbox Fill, plus individual civic project efforts of individual members. Membership in Ankeny JayCeas is open to men and women, ages 21 through 39. A membership drive is now in the final days. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 19, 1988*

Practice Gets Them to Carnegie Hall. "How do you get to Carnegie Hall?" the old one-liner goes. "Practice, practice, practice" is the standard reply. Which is what the Ankeny High School Concert Choir must have been doing, because they are headed for a Carnegie Hall performance plus one other New York City engagement when they head for the Big Apple in late November 1988, for five days of rehearsal and performances. AHS Choral Director Steve Carstenson expects to take 85-95 students to New York, whatever is the full complement of the 1988-89 AHS Concert Choir of Sophomore, Juniors and Seniors. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 12, 1988*

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	1987	1986			
Ankeny	81	69	Indianola	19	16
Altoona	47	36	Johnston	61	52
Clive	13	33	Pleasant Hill	5	6
Des Moines	97	74	Unincorporated		
Grimes	23	6	Polk County	405	385
			Urbandale	312	251
			West Des Moines	443	395

Single-Family Housing Permits Up in 1987.

Ankeny and all of the other cities in Polk County, except Pleasant Hill and Clive, experienced significant increases in the number of single-family housing building permits issued in 1987. The City of Ankeny issued 208 building permits during the year with 81 being for single-family housing. That marked an increase of 15 over 1986's total. 1988 is expected to be equally as strong in the area if interest rates remain at 11 percent or lower and if the unemployment rate stays down in Des Moines. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 19, 1988*

Political Caucus Locations: Feb. 8. The following locations for the 1988 February 8th Democrat and Republican political caucuses have been confirmed by the Polk County offices of the Democratic and Republican parties. The following list covers the Crocker One through Seven precincts. Crocker One: Democrats will meet at Ankeny Christian Church, 206 SW Third. Republicans from this precinct will meet at the Ankeny Evangelical Free Church, 118 NW Linden. Crocker Two: Democrats will meet at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 518 SW Elm. Republicans will be at Northwest Elementary School, 1201 West First. Crocker Three: both the Republican and Democratic causes will be at Our Lady's Immaculate Heart Catholica Church, 510 East First Street. Crocker Four: Democrats will meet at Northwest Elementary School, 1202 West First. Republicans will meet at Ankeny Christian Church, 2506 SW Third. The room for this meeting should be checked on arrival as this location is also that for a Democratic caucus. Crocker Five: Democrats are meeting at Parkview Junior High, 105 NW Pleasant. Republicans are meeting at East Elementary School, SW Third and SW Trilein. Crocker Six: Democrats will meet at Southeast Elementary, SE Tenth and SE Trilein. Republicans will be at Neveln School at 306 SW School St. Crocker Seven: Democrats will meet at Faith United Methodist Church, 7384 NW Sixteenth. Republicans will be at Neveln School, 306 SW School St. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 19, 1988*

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Logic Lodge Installation. Those who were installed are, left to right and front row first, Billy Joe Hildreth as Treasurer, Tom Thorpe as Junior Warden, Dale Martin as Worshipful Master, Jim Nurnberg as Senior Warden, Tim Farrell as Secretary. Back row, left to right, are John Staymates as Senior Steward, Dale Sanders as Junior Deacon, Daryl Hildreth as Senior Deacon, Jim Smiley as Junior Steward, Gene Johnson as Chaplain and Bill Marvin as Tyler. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 19, 1988*



Logic Lodge, 636, of Ankeny Masons recently installed officers for the coming term. The Installing Officers for the ceremony were, l-r, Gene Johnson, Installing Chaplain; Rodman Dale of Des Moines, the Installing Master; Billy Joe Hildreth, the Installing Marshall; Randy Sorenson of Elkhart, the Installing Secretary.



Kentucky Fried Chicken ad – *Ankeny Press-Citizen*, January 7, 1982

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John Voigt: 1987 Outstanding Citizen. Each year the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce recognizes a local citizen for significant contributions to the improvement of this community. Let's take a moment now to give some background on our Outstanding Citizen, who, generally speaking, is generally speaking. How could an active member of the business community, caring father and husband, devoted son, a church member, a public servant and a volunteer in every area of community life, find the time? To this, if asked the question, would say TUT-TUT! This year's Outstanding Citizen is a past President and Director of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. His Chamber activities included the following: as President assisted with restricting Chamber dues and created a new investment structure; instrumental in negotiating a long term lease with the City of Ankeny to establish a permanent home for the Chamber and worked with the Industrial Development Corporation to raise funds for remodeling the building; redesigned the Chamber newsletter format; endorsed the President's Club membership development concept and hospitality calls; instrumental in the Ankeny Chamber accreditation program and affiliation with the Des Moines Chamber Federation; assisted in developing "Ankeny Pocket of Progress" program and Press Citizen and Newsletter feature columns; established new member orientation meetings; served in leadership position and catalyst to develop "screening ordinance" acceptable to both city government and private sector; and is actively involved with Celebration in Brass. Ankeny's Outstanding Citizen of the Year, John Voigt, is pictured being congratulated by Ankeny Chamber of Commerce Past President Gerry Fehn. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 26, 1988*



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Theater ad – Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 14, 1982

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Celebration in Brass Proceeds to Youth. Ankeny High School Instrumental Music Director Paul Brizzi was recently the recipient of a check for \$2324.45, a portion of the \$7500 in proceeds from the 1987 Celebration in Brass sponsored by the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce. The \$2324.45 will make the final payment on the new band and choral uniforms for the high school musicians. Presented to him by Shirley McClain, 1987 Celebration in Brass Chairman and 1988 President of the Chamber, the remaining \$5175 will soon be contributed to other Ankeny Youth Efforts. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 5, 1988*

New Board of Directors. New members of the Board of Directors of the Ankeny Chamber of Commerce are, left to right and standing first, Dean Baedke, owner-operator of Zac's Fifth; Vicki Wharton, manager of Four Seasons Mobile Home Community and Sales Center; Barbara O'Dell, Vice-president in charge of Operations for Hawkeye Ankeny Bank and Trust; Rick Gingery, owner-operator of I-35 Standard and of Gingery Standard at North Ankeny Blvd. *Ankeny Press-Citizen, January 5, 1988*

