



Shakopee
Heritage
Society

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Please join us and bring a friend, if any of the following interests you.

- Sharing stories of Shakopee's past.
- Listening to stories of Shakopee's past
- Finding the answers to the questions you have.
- Reminiscing and telling stories of your past.
- Meeting new people or making a new friend.

The Shakopee Heritage Society

Summer indoor Picnic

Or pot luck dinner

Will be held July 16th

At the Northridge

***Apartment community
room 101 Fuller St. North***

**Bring an item or story for show and tell
and we will be our own entertainment.**

**Things like Pictures, a tool, a
document, or anything of interest, and
then tell us a little about it.**

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Help celebrate Minnesota's Sesquicentennial – Minnesota became a State May 11, 1858

As most of you know, Minnesota officially became a state in 1858. A celebration for that event is going on in all the communities around the state this year. We know a little bit about how the news was received in Shakopee, from reading Daniel Storer's Diary. The announcement that Minnesota was a state caused the locals to immediately have a jubilee with bonfires, minstrel music and other events of the day.

May of 1858 was also mixed with tragedy for Daniel. During that one month there was the arrival of statehood, the opening of a new free ferry to cross the river, the Indian battle just north of the river from Murphy's landing, and the death of Daniel's newborn daughter. At that time in Shakopee there were two private pay ferries' carrying people and supplies across the Minnesota River. One was located at Major Murphy's and owned by him, and another located at Cass Street, just west of downtown at the river. The Cass street ferry was owned by Thomas Holmes with a hired attendant to run it. Both ferry operators put up an argument stating the proposed free ferry would drive their services out of business. The locals joined with the owners stating that it would be too costly to provide a free ferry service from local taxes. Eventually the free ferry was built and supported by town taxes until a swing bridge was built 20 years later. In the meantime, as predicted, it did eliminate both of the private ferry services.

Daniel's daughter was buried in the garden on his property and some time later he moved her body to Valley cemetery where she rests yet today in the family plot' _____

Let's jump from 1857 to 1937. Do you still remember the article in our last newsletter that carried some information about the Macy Gang from the East side? Thanks to a donation from Gerry Kline we have much more on the Macy Gang in our files. We will include some of it in the next few newsletters for those of you who remember them. For those who don't remember them, you can learn a little more about the lower east side. The 1937 Macy News articles we will reprint here were authored by Jim Lonto and published in the Shakopee newspaper. I must remember to mention that the girls were a part of this too, but since the articles are about the baseball team, the girls did not get much mention in them. Some of the girls had nicknames like Flossy and lulu Belle, and a few others you will see in the articles. So lets move on to the first article.

Macy News

By Jim Lonto

The Macy softball team, Adolph's great team of 1935 and the biggest flop of 1936 will hold their first meeting Thursday evening, January 21, in Lonto's kitchen.

Plans for a team equal to that of 1935 and perhaps a champion team will be made.

The Meeting will be opened by a selection by the Macy 7-piece orchestra, which was organized during the winter months. The orchestra consists of the following instruments.

"Deacon" Duede and "Bones" Hamilton alternating with the sweet potato and accordion; "Snuffy" Strehlow" on the harmonica; "Chow" Lonto with the mandolin; "Bow wow" Eidsvold playing the traps, consisting of two silver knives and a various assortment of pans; "Army" Lonto accompanies "Bow Wow" with the washboard; and Jim Lonto spoiling mom's best rug with the umpah broom.

During the meeting they will select a field manager and a business manager. A few of the other things to be settled are the acquiring of a few new players, new equipment, and the sending out of contracts.

Rudy Scheller will be back with the team this year and will strengthen the pitching staff.

The old Macy field will be in use again as soon as the weather permits.

Notes from the editor

As you all know from the last newsletter **Jay Whiting** is retiring from the Shakopee Heritage Society's newsletter. Writing, looking for articles from members, organizing, publishing, then copying the whole lot, updating and making out the mailing lists, then fastening them and the postage, and getting to the post office on time is a bit more work than most of us realize. Jay has managed doing that for seven years and kept us all abreast of the Society's happenings as well as some history and issues. The Board of directors wants to thank Jay and wishes all of you to say thank you when you see him.

Lauri Glenn, elected as our secretary in January, had to resign because of scheduling conflicts. However with a little encouragement from the board members, **Joe Collins**, a recently elected trustee, volunteered to take on the added duties of Secretary as well. We have had the good luck to have quite a few really great members of the Society become really great members of the Board of Directors. We should thank all those who served in the past as well as those still doing so now. We would not exist without their help and their tireless work.

Over the past few years it has been a significant goal of most of the board members to get **The Shakopee Story** by Julius Coller republished. It looks as though with the cooperation of the Coller family we will now accomplish that wish. We have steadily increased our bank balance each year and last year made it possible with a large donation from the Shakopee 150th Committee. We will notice a significantly reduced bank balance for the first time after this goal is reached, but we will also have a significant increase in saleable books. Our prime

purpose is collecting, preserving, and publishing Shakopee's history to make it available to all. Jay Whiting and his Publishing Committee are working feverishly to get everything together for the re-printing. Assisted by the Collier family who attend each meeting and contribute much to our efforts, they also are responsible for deciding on which errors from the first printing to correct, and which to leave in. The Family will also write a forward for the new reprint, help find photo's and are prepaying for a number of books for family members in order to help our financial effort.

If any of you have a picture, an issue, a message for members, an idea for an article, or something of interest to our members, let any member of the board know and we will try to get it in the next newsletter.

On this and the next page see the Shakopee news from 150 years ago. Thanks, Eileen Schmitz for the work in gathering these tidbits for the newsletter.

Shakopee Local News 150 years ago

April 1908 Scott County Argus

Henry Deutsch from New Prague is completing the system of water works in his brother's, M.A. Deutsch's new residence.

August Woehling and A. Schmitz commenced laying the brick at the new sheet metal plant for the Minnesota Stove Company.

April 1908 Scott County Argus

FOR SALE: The whole of block #10 in east Shakopee known as the Hinds Homestead
Inquire of Theodore Weiland.

May 1 1908 Scott County Argus

Warm bright days presaging an early summer gave place last Friday to rain which later developed into sleet, and the weather of the past week makes one appreciative of fur coats and coal fires.

May 8, 1908 Scott County Argus

Atty. E. Southworth has been conducting examinations of candidates for the state bar in St. Paul,

May 29, 1908 Scott County Argus

Joseph Ploumen will hereafter supply the toothsome dainties in his brother's, Peter's bakery.

June 19, 1908 Scott County Argus

Jacob Ries has added to his extensive property interest by purchasing the Lauer Block on First St. occupied by Wm. Thiede's Furnishing Store.

Miss Rose Marx, the popular telephone central was absent from her switchboard Friday and Saturday, for a visit with Minneapolis relatives.

July 3, 1908 Scott County Argus

Hazel Fritz—a valuable mare belonging to H.P. Marx was killed by lightning early Saturday morning in the pasture near E.J. Pond’s residence. Her record of 2:27 was won in 1805 at Grand Forks. She began her career on the racing circuit in 1891 as a two year colt.

The river is again receding after a record rampage. The stage of water during the past ten days have reached the highest point recorded since the flood of 1881. From bluff to bluff the valley was filled, presenting a stretch of water over a mile in width. All the lowlands are totally ruined, and, together with roads washed out, travel impeded and property destroyed, represent a loss of thousands of dollars.

July 24, 1908 Scott County Argus

Mrs. A. H. Phillip and children returned yesterday after an absence of five months with her parents in St. Louis. The return trip was made by the steamer, St. Paul. Mr. Phillip went down to the saintly city to meet his family.

Mayor Joseph A. Ring was host yesterday, Thursday, to retail liquor dealers and their wives at McKennett’s grove at Spring Lake. Dealers from all cities within a radius of twenty miles of Shakopee were invited.



Millond Club circa 1947, Donation Laddusaw Family

The Laddusaw Family lived in the large white house just above the millpond after you entered the driveway going down to the Millpond Club. They donated a few pictures of the club and the house from 1947, one of those photos is what you see above. We are slowly building a nice inventory of pictures and items donated by members and friends of the society. We will attempt to show some of them in the newsletter and other publications. You may see some of our photos used to replace ones not available from their original source, in the new reprinting of **The Shakopee Story** this year.

Summer indoor Picnic

Or pot luck dinner

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Everyone should bring a dish to share. Bring your own favorite beverage if you like, but coffee and paper plates and cups are supplied. The Picnic has been great but July weather can be a real issue for some of us, so we are taking the picnic indoors with air conditioning and modern conveniences. Please park in the parking lot to the west of the building, or in the front parking lot by the main entrance if walking is an issue for you. Enter the building through the door just east of the main entrance.

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