



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's
Fall Membership
Meeting
Will be Held at
The Shakopee Library
Downstairs Meeting
Room*

October 16th, 1:00 PM

Mark your calendar

See more information in Editors notes

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Shakopee News 1935

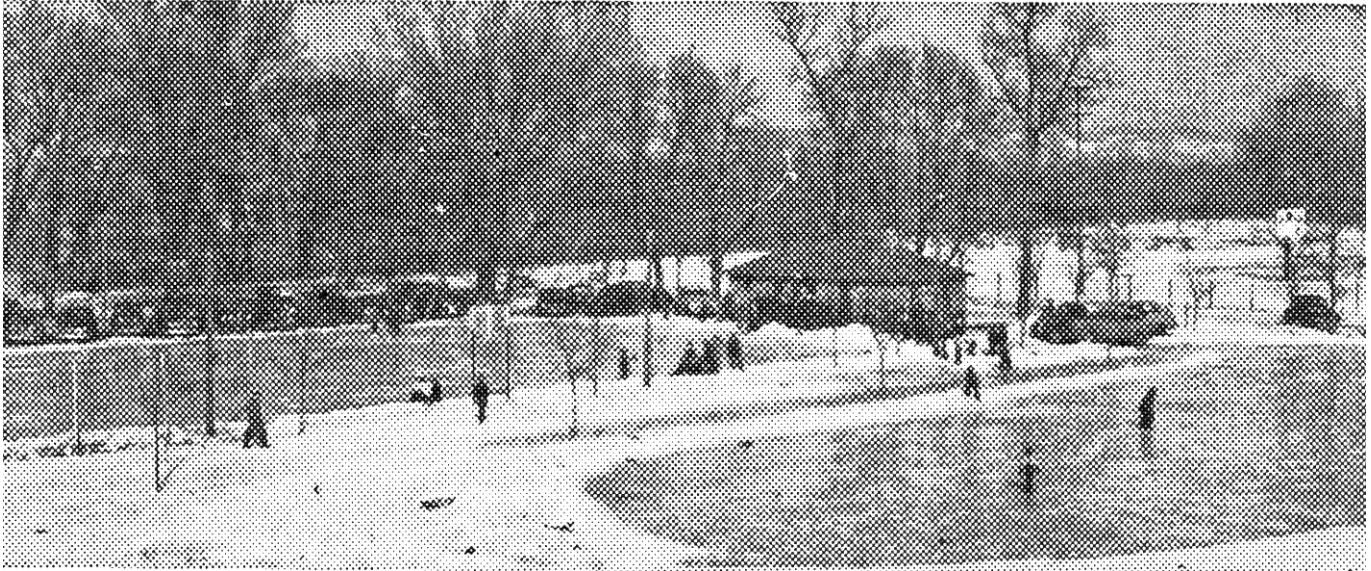
Taken from The Shakopee Argue Tribune, Month of October.

- 10-03-10** Five armed bandits armed with sawed-off guns, a rifle and revolver robbed the Mill Pond Trout Club MN. on Sunday. They lined up 25 patrons against a wall, forced R.D. Hill, night employee to open a safe, scooped up from \$200.00-\$300.00 in cash and then stole a car in which to escape.
- 10-10-10** Gordon Gelhaye, known to his teammates as "Jelly" starred when the Tommies played Macalester last Friday night.
- 10-17-10** Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seibenaler and baby came out from St. Paul Saturday to spend Sunday at the Frank Siebenaler house. Selling out at public auction Tuesday, Henry and George Reis and Miss Mary Reis are now occupying their home on West Fifth Ave.
- 10-24-10** SHAK-O-HI
Shakopee High School Homecoming will burst into reality at 7 o'clock tonight, Thursday, with a Pow-Wow at the school grounds-On Friday a dance will be held at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. A heavy court calendar containing 13 criminal and 59 civil cases opens here on Monday.
- 10-31-10** Shakopee Police Chief, R.L. Brown captured three inmates, escaped from the state reformatory for women, after an 80 mile-per-hour race for three miles on highway # 169.

St. Mary's Catholic Parish opens their new school building. Also St. Mary's Parish was begun 71 years ago, the church was built in 1865.

Ninety two men were reported to be residents in transient camp #4 east of Shakopee

The warming house at the municipal skating rink is near completion (see picture below from end of 1935)



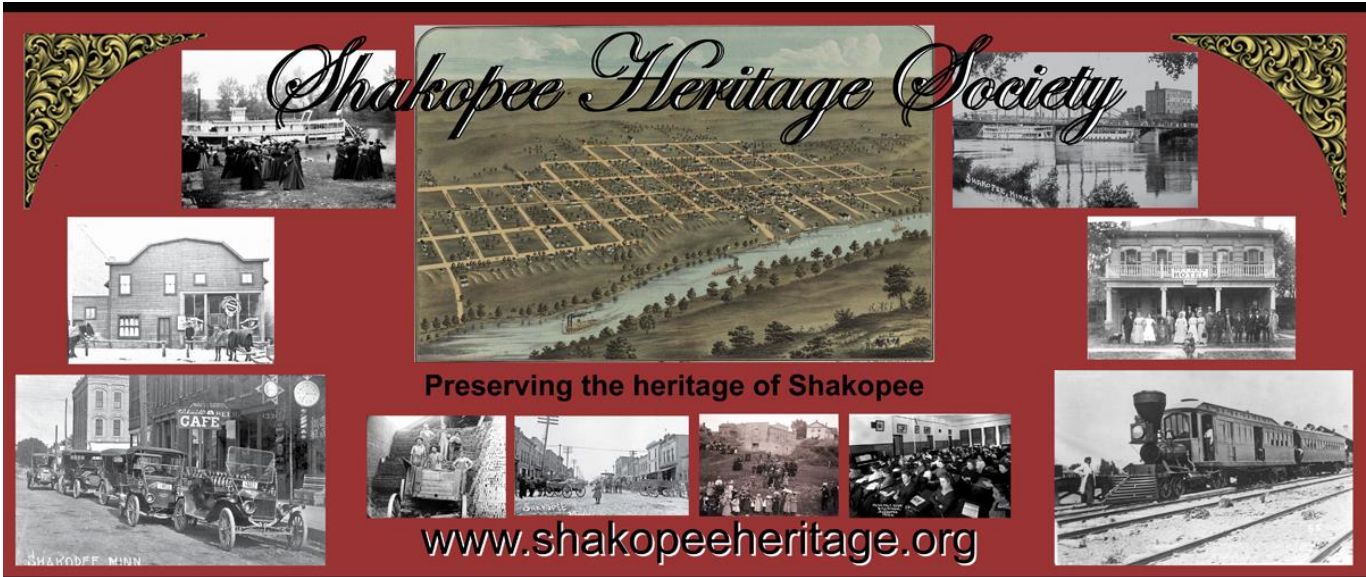
From the Saint Mary's Cookbook printed in 1929 and donated to The Heritage Society by Lorraine Ries. The book was made up of recipes donated by the parishioners. We printed one recipe below for any cook who wants to try an old recipe.

Nut Bread

1/2 cup white sugar, 4 cups flour, 1 cup walnuts, 2 cups milk, 2 eggs, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon salt.

Put dry ingredients together, then add milk, then the beaten eggs, bake into 2 loaves. It is good.

Mrs. Fred Stelten (*Donor of the recipe*)



Above is our new SHS banner for display at Derby Days and other functions.



On the Balcony for a picture at the Pot luck dinner in July. Held in the Northridge Court Community room it was another fun event.



The SHS trip to the Gideon and Agnes Pond House and farm which sits on the Minnesota River bluffs in Bloomington MN. I hear it was a great trip and wonderful time for those who made it.



**Girl Scout
troop donation Lois
Wendt**

**Can you name the 5
girls kneeling in the
front row?**

Small hint included.

See below

Standing Left to Right
Mary Jo Theis
Dorothy Pearson
Karen Sandford
Muriel Meyers
Mary Ann Stemmer
Saundra Finn

Kneeling: Left to Right

Na-----

Pa-----

Del-----

**Lo----- (girl
with the glasses)**

**Mar----- (girl
leaning on Lo-----**

MEET OUR MEMBERS: Pat Ploumen

Pat Ploumen has been a resident of Shakopee since 1962.
The following, in her own words is a glimpse into Pat's history.



I was born in New Prague hospital, which at that time was in the LeSueur County side of town, on June 4, 1940. Our physician was the illustrious Dr. E.E. Novak who, according to my Mom, had been out making a house call and then hurried to the hospital, rushed into the room and threw off his coat just in time to deliver me! My parents, both now deceased, were Martin Donnelly (100% Irish) and Emma Pavek (100% Bohemian). Needless to say, English was always our primary language. Emma had spent her early years on a farm close to New Prague and when she was a young teen the Pavek family moved to a farm further east in Cedar Lake Twp. which happened to be adjacent to the Donnelly farm. I grew up on a farm about 1 ½ miles northeast of the Pavek and Donnelly farms.

I am the youngest of three; my sister and brother are 7 and 6 years older than I am so sometimes my experiences had their ups and downs. Like the time I was in my baby buggy and my siblings decided to take me for a ride in the plowed field near the house. I believe that was my first experience in a moving vehicle that tipped over! But then there were the times when Grandpa Pavek came over and he was my advocate for whatever I wanted at the time saying things like, "Let Patsy have it (whatever "it" was). She's such a good little girl". Then in my teens my brother became a real "convenience", driving me and a friend or two to sporting events, dances at various ballrooms, bowling, cruising through town etc. Growing up on the farm was really a great experience. We were primarily a dairy farm but also raised pigs and chickens. We had sheep for some years and rabbits which were part of a 4-H project. Although I had my chores to do, the impact on my time was lessened by having two older siblings so I had lots of time to run through pastures pretending to be one of my favorite cowboys with our faithful dog as a playmate. And, we would go on snake hunts along the creek that ran through our farm, my weapon being a garden hoe and the dog with an advanced knowledge of how to snap a snake in half. I learned to stay out of the way of flying snake parts! I learned to ride the bike on the country road that ran through our farm with occasional diversions into the alfalfa field when I lost control of the bike. By the way, there are now six houses in that former alfalfa field.

My Mom was a great cook but I must admit that I never learned to make bread, kolacky, etc. from scratch. Her home canned beef was to die for! And, the creamed little potatoes from the garden as well as the chicken noodle soup with homemade noodles. It makes my mouth water to think about that. My Dad liked to go fishing-I can still see him sitting on that bench by the well cleaning sunnies for Mom to fry up for all of us to savor.

I went to school for six years at old District #47, which was converted into a home after consolidation, and then to the New Prague Public Schools for junior and senior high. I really liked school-learning was great but so were making lots of new friends and the co-curricular activities. I played French horn in the band and loved marching in parades. I had a best friend who lived in town and spent many overnights there so I could participate in various activities-I called her mom, "my other Mother"! Then I went to the College of St. Benedict, graduating in 1962 with a degree in sociology (with a social work sequence). While in college, I was active in various activities but chorus and a political club were my favorites.

The Scott County Welfare Dept. (now Human Services) had a case worker job opening and I started working there a week after college. I commuted from home for a few months until I could get my first car and move to Shakopee-and also due to the fact that my boss (Dwight Dixon) got me involved in the community theater, I played Veta Louise Simmons in "Harvey". When I first moved to Shakopee I rented a room from Antoinette Fischer whose home was in the 800 block of Homes Street.* I worked for Human Services in various positions for 20 years and became active in the MN Social Service Ass'n., a county political organization, and several civic and women's organizations. For a brief period, I worked for the Prudential Insurance Co. before returning to the human service field, this time for the Minnesota Dept. of Human Services in St. Paul where I worked for another 18 years in several divisions before retiring in 2001. The last division I worked in at the state agency was in Aging, appropriately enough!

I was married to Harry Ploumen in 1964 and divorced about seven years later. We lived in a couple of apartments and in 1967, moved into the house where I currently reside. I have three children that I raised, Patrick, Marty and Kelly, all of whom live in Scott Count. I also have a daughter who was born when I was in high school, she was adopted out. When she turned 18 she looked me up and we've enjoyed a relationship since then. I have 8 grandchildren ranging in age from 13 to 24.

I was always interested in the history of Mom's and Dad's families- the Paveks and Biseks; the Donnellys and McFaddens, and the extended relatives. I really didn't know a lot about Shakopee history (and I still have a lot to learn and try to remember!) so shortly after retiring Nancy Schmit and I went to a Shakopee Heritage Society meeting, joined the organization and have been involved to date.** A few years ago I also became a member of the Shakopee Historical Advisory Commission. By the way, the commission has two vacancies and would welcome anyone who is interested to join us. In 2007 I was involved with the Shakopee sesquicentennial committee and

ended up organizing the trolley tour and chaired the historic home tour committee (we are in the process of organizing the third tour scheduled for Sept. 10, 2011).

I'm trying to pare down all the "stuff" in my house because one of these days/years I will decide to move into a different settling to live. It is taking a long time to sort through and appropriately dispose of the "stuff" because I'm a "dabbler" and have difficulty staying focused on the task. I find myself musing over all the old stuff, I would rather be out of the house doing things and mingling with people, I get tired of doing things that I used to get done in half the time, etc.

What else? I love to travel and usually take a major trip each year. I love the Renaissance Festival, major holidays, having a backyard barbeque with my kids and grandkids, shopping in vintage/antique/consignment stores and at Macy's, doing things with the Red Hats group and other friends...the list could go on.

* Antoinette Fischer was the daughter of Doctor Henry P. Fischer who was one of the founders of the Mudcura Sanitorium which was opened in 1909. Antoinette was an educator, teaching elementary students at St. Marks Catholic School.

** Pat has held the position as Treasurer for the Shakopee Heritage Society and has done a remarkable job at keeping the "books." She also throws all her energy into volunteering for the various projects of the society functions. We thank her for her commitment and dedication to our mission.

Notes from the Editor.

- *Our guest Speaker at the membership meeting this month will be Jeff Williamson, President of the Pond Dakota Heritage Society.*
- *Who needs a ride to the meeting? We are trying to help those who for various reasons need a ride to get to the meeting. Call Jay Whiting 952-496-0959 or Joe Collins 952-403-9295*
- *There is room for a couple of volunteers to work with Pat Ploumen and her committee for the House and site, tour. If you think you may be interested, call Pat Ploumen 952-445-2002 to discuss what is involved.*
- *We will be looking for candidates for officers, and Directors, at election time at the January meeting. We need to ask now for everyone to have time to think about it. We can always also use some volunteers who would like to help, just once in a while, without the responsibility of an official position.*
- *See if you can name the girls in the Girl Scout troop picture. We will ask for your guess at the meeting. We are asking for their name then, not their married names.*

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