

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
Spring
Membership Meeting
Will be held
April 12th at 1.00 PM
at the
Stans Museum
235 Fuller Street South
We hope to see you there.***

Editors Notes

By Don Wagner

1. **Remember that the Meeting** will be held at the Stans Museum this time. The museum is located at 235 Fuller Street South.
 2. The yearly membership fees due January of this year, have slipped some of our members memories once again. If you need to pay or check on your status, see Pat Ploumen at the meeting to get your dues paid up for this year, or mail them to; Patricia Ploumen, 805 7th Avenue East, Shakopee, MN 55379.
 3. Since our last Membership meeting Gilbert Delbow, lifetime Shakopee resident and a member of the SHS passed away. Gilbert was also a speaker for the SHS (see colored picture page) He enlisted in the army during WW11 where he served as a plane Captain in Pappy Boyington's Black Sheep Squadron in the Solomon Islands.
 4. Our Membership Meeting speaker, Dave Greening, had asked a couple of questions of us at the last meeting. If anyone has thought of an answer we will forward it to him. Please let one of the board members know.
 5. See the column by Eileen Schmitz on Maria Stay's memories of Shakopee. Maria has been very helpful to the SHS with both pictures and information over the years.
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Correction to information in The January Newsletter

By Eileen Schmidt

John Heinen's, confectionary store was located on the north side of First Street, not on Holmes Street as was mentioned.

All these buildings on the north side of First Street were razed for the rerouting of Highway 101 construction.

John Heinen was SHS member, Irene Powers' great uncle.

Irene's grandmother and grandfather, Godfried and Magdalene Stelten owned the Eureka Confectionary Store on Holmes Street.

The Shakopee Community Library was housed in the back of this confectionary store.

An antique business is now located in this building on Holmes Street.

From Daniel Storer's Diary for 1864. 150 years ago this month.

April 1st to 4th. There is a good deal of excitement in town about the small pox. There are two cases of it and some of the people here had just as leave spread it as not. Nate McMullen pitched onto Ben Huntsman the eve of the 4th armed with a "Watchman's Billy." He cut Ben's head pretty bad but he got the worst of it before he got through. They tried to arrest him but he got away.

5th. The annual town meeting came off today. Democrats, of course elected their ticket. The S. B. Ariel (A riverboat) went down to St. Paul, Sunday, and back again today, the first boat of the season. (This was a sure sign of spring in those days)

6th to 9th. Was over to Holton's the night of the 7th playing the fiddle.

10th 11th. Was at the Mozart society the eve of the 11th.

12th to 14th. Zumwikiel and Heidenreich started for Idaho the 12th. Our boy (Daniels son) is quite sick from the effects of vaccination.

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Dave Greening
Our speaker in
January

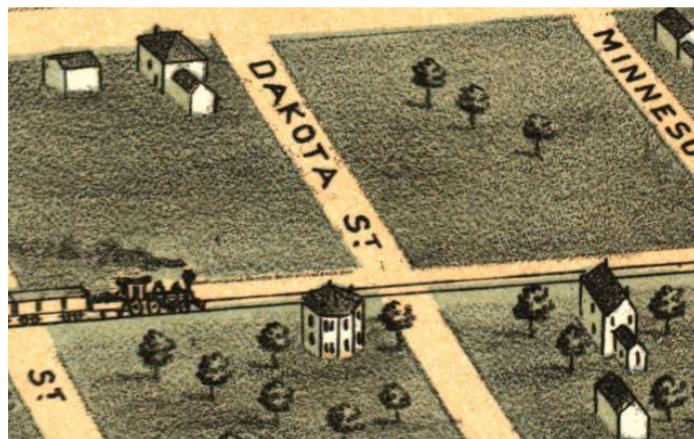
Dave had a few
questions that he
hoped we could
answer for him.

What was the exact
location of the Ice
house on the west
end of First Avenue?

Does anyone know
what the bricks he
dug up were the
footings for?

Below.

Picture of Gib Delbow
 when he was the Speaker
 at the January 2010
 meeting.



The Octagon House

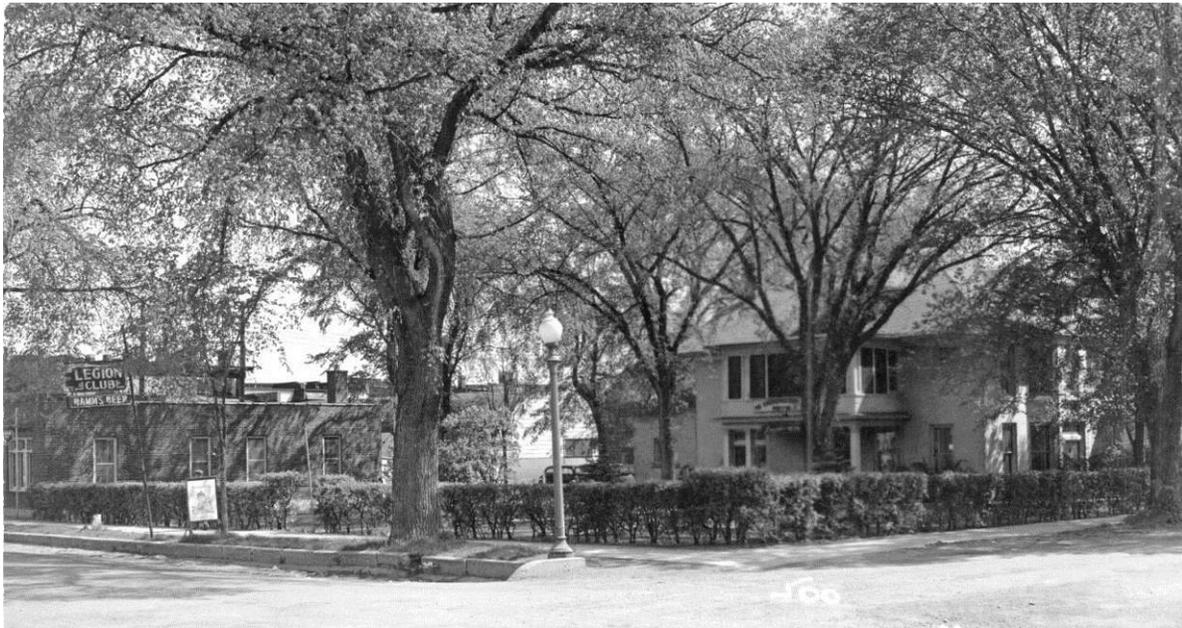
Shakopee's octagon house from the 1869 map was hand drawn by the mapmakers but it still looked fairly similar to the 1940 newspaper picture of it taken 70 years later. The house was torn down to make room for a new home in 1940. See next page photo from the newspaper.



Shakopee Argus
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1940

Octagon House in East Shakopee To Be Razed

The old octagon house, which for many years has stood as one of the landmarks in East Shakopee for these many years, is to be torn down to make way for a modern residence. Last week John Garvey of this city, purchased this property at the forfeiture sale conducted by the county auditor. It is Mr. Garvey's plan to tear down the old building next spring and erect in its place a new residence.



Another view of the old Shakopee Hospital with a little better view of its setback from Holmes Street.

One of Shakopee's Earlier Homes. See article next page *By Eileen Schmitz*



Now that our temperatures are warmer and it feels as if spring is in the air one is inclined to get outdoors and do some walking. I suggest getting out the "Walking Tour Booklet" that SHS member, Jay Whiting was involved in. He helped with the research and writing of the booklet for Shakopee's Sesquicentennial.

One of the houses featured in the "Walking Tour Booklet" is an old house that according to an account, that I've heard, was an old school house in Shakopee, possibly being the first school house in Shakopee, but that has never been proven. Also it has been said that at one time it was a Railroad Depot. Nevertheless it is an interesting house.

The house is located on the East end of Shakopee on the corner of Market and Second Ave., on the south side of the railroad tracks. This is the family home of Shakopee resident Maria Duede Stay.

The following is a written account of Maria Stay's memories.

Maria was born and raised in this house. Born in 1928 Maria spent the next nineteen years here. Doctor Buck who lived in the same block, on Third Ave, was in attendance at her home birth. She is the youngest of three children, two brothers, Bob and Fred older than her.

Her father, Herman Duede, who was a Shakopee native and her mother, Anna Oldenburg Duede were married in 1914. Anna was originally from Henderson, MN. After their marriage they made their home in Shakopee. Maria never knew her Duede grandparents but does remember her maternal grandmother who lived in Henderson.

Maria's parents purchased this house sometime before February 1928. She does not know who they purchased the house from. At the time Maria's parents bought the house it was a one story limestone building, no basement; the walls were about two feet thick with 13 foot ceilings. There were only six windows in the entire house, three long windows on the east and the three long windows on the west. The house did have electricity. After the Duede's purchased the house they built a lean-to addition to the south side of the house. This area served as the laundry room and housed Mrs. Duede's loom. Mrs. Duede made carpet rugs and sold them. With the help of carpenter Art Hamilton they lowered the 13 foot ceilings down to the top of the windows. The house was heated by coal and a wood burning stove. A cook stove in the kitchen and wood burning stove in the living room.

An "out house" was in the south end of the yard alongside of the alley, where most of the outhouses in that block were located. Later the Duede's added on a front porch and a "dug out" root cellar under the south lean-to. At one time this cellar was the receptacle for some slot machines that were located in a Shakopee restaurant that needed "hiding." But that is a whole other story. The house had a kitchen and dining room on the east end of the house, off these two rooms towards the west were two bedrooms. The living room, a narrow room ran east to west on the north end of the house. Later a bathroom was added in the lean-to area. At first the Duede's had to get their water supply from their neighbors, the Yahnke's, who lived on Market Street, north of the Duede's, on the north side of the railroad tracks. The Yahnke's home was a two story brick building that is now housed at THE LANDING. The Duede's would pay five dollars a month for their supply of water. They carried it home by the pail full. Located on back of the property and west end of the house was a huge garden. They had a big vegetable garden with raspberry bushes, strawberry plants, rhubarb, concord and wild grape vines, plum and apple trees. Also in the back yard there was a chicken coup that housed their chickens

Other families living in her block were the Oldenwald's, Martinson's; Mr. Martinson was the depot agent for the Milwaukee Railroad, and the Strehlow family. Schroeder's Coal Yard was located west of them on the north side of the railroad tracks.

Maria's father worked for the Stove Foundry on the west end of Shakopee until he was hurt on the job. After that he worked as a day laborer around Shakopee. After that her mother became the bread winner of the family. Mrs. Anna Duede was an excellent baker; she baked bread and pastries that Maria would deliver to many elderly women in Shakopee. Maria calls these ladies her "grannies." Some of the grannies were Mrs Zarth who lived on the west end of Shakopee across from where Rahr Malting Plant is now located. Mrs Zarth was from Russia. She gave Mrs. Duede the loom that Mrs. Duede made rugs on and sold. This loom is now housed at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul, MN.

Maria's other grannies were Mrs. Ince who lived on Third Ave. (SHS member Gerry Klein home), Mrs. Kureger who lived on the West end of Bluff Street, Mrs. Selby who lived on 3rd and Minnesota, Mrs. Klinger on 5th and Sommerville, Mrs. Boldt who lived in the downstairs apartment where Mrs. Selby lived on Minnesota Street and Mrs. Bader who lived on Bluff Street. Maria had quite a walk on her delivery day.

Maria's mother, Anna, lived in the house until she was in her 80's after which she made her home in The Belle Plaine Lutheran Home. The family sold the house to Mr. Kenny Ebert who remolded it. Since then it has been remolded and sold several times but remains one of Shakopee's "older homes."

Maria's family belonged to St. John's, the German Lutheran Church on First Ave. She attended public grade school. When she was a freshman in high school she quit school to help care for her father. At the age of nineteen she went to St. Paul to find employment. She worked for Minnesota Mining and later at West Publishing Company, coming home after her divorce to live with her mother for a short time. She then worked at The Minnesota Masonic Home in Bloomington. After her second marriage she made her home in Shakopee again finding employment at various establishments in Shakopee.

Maria has been a great resource for us. She has donated many photos and artifacts to the Shakopee Heritage Society and is a source of Shakopee history. We thank her for her generosity and willingness to share her memories.

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Daniel Storer's Diary from 1864

We had a great festival the eve of the 14th in the courthouse in behalf of the St. Louis Sanitary Commission. Had a grand time, music tableaux, etc.

15th 16th. There was another festival the eve of the 15th. We raised for the sanitary commission over \$200 the two evenings.

17th. Was at Nathan's in the evening.

18th to 23rd. Court seat. The banks in the East begin to go down and the price of goods to rise.

Miss A. Frazer came to our house to board the 23rd and is going to teach school.

24th to 27th. Rain is needed awfully now. Was down to Mr. Brown's the eve. of the 27th.

28th to 30th. Was out serenading the eve. of the 30th. The first time for about two years.

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