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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 16th at 1.00 PM
at the
Shakopee Library
Downstairs meeting
Room***

We hope to see you there.

Editors Notes

By Don Wagner

1. **Remember that this is the last newsletter for anyone who has not paid their dues for this year. If it slipped your mind mail dues to; Patricia Ploumen, 805 7th Avenue East, Shakopee, MN 55379.**
2. *There is a FIELD TRIP tour to the Rahr Malt plant on Saturday May 21 at 10:00 AM. If you would like to go contact Lois Wendt at 952-233-8923 or email Lois at lkwhak@hotmail.com. The party will dine at Turtles after the tour.*
3. *Our speaker for this month's meeting will be Betty Dols. Be sure you get there for this one as Betty has a wealth of information and knowledge on Shakopee's History its people and heritage.*
4. *If you would like to receive an emailed newsletter instead of this written copy let us know. We can arrange to send them at about the same time as the snail mail version. We will need your email address delivered to one of the directors to get it set up.*
5. *Pathways of Shakopee signs are being pondered, decided and set up for the **Interpretive History Park** that Joe has been putting a great deal of time into for a few years now. This will be a costly venture and we are looking for fund raising ideas from any of you. If you have been involved in any fundraising events let Joe know what they were for ideas of what works.*
6. *Wes Reinke found himself in a work related difficulty that has made it necessary for him to resign his position on the board of directors for the SHS. Wes has graciously agreed to keep doing our web site and connected activities. We thank Wes for the outstanding job he has been doing on the website and Facebook and the connected activities, and his service as a director to date.*
7. *Joe Collins will be looking for someone to appoint to the position of Director for the SHS. Do we have a member who might be interested? Let us know at the meeting.*

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From Daniel Storer's Diary for 1866. 150 years ago.

Daniel has very short descriptions bundling them all together this time.

The whole month of March. Cold Snowy all the time. There has been near 4 feet of snow on the ground on a level this winter. The 9th Mr. John Sawyer and wife came here to board. Bragdon, DuBois, Judsen Brown, G. B. Gardner, his son Geo and myself had a couple of concerts for the benefit of Scott County Soldiers Monument. Had good times and raised over \$65.00. Trade is rather light.

The whole month of April. Cool. The S. B. Chippewa Falls was the first boat of the season here the 13th. The night of the 17th there was a thundershower and lightning killed a child in the old Shakopee House, and nearly killed another. It did not injure the house or furniture. It rained the most of the time for three days. Nathan has sold out his place and the 30th started for Maine. I went with him as far as St. Paul. I hated to have them go but they have never been contented here. Spier Spencer bought their place and is going to keep a boarding house.

The whole month of May. Pleasant and very dry. The 17th there was an accident on the railroad some one mile below here. Mr. F. M. Morgan, conductor of the Sand Train lost his life and several others were severely hurt. A good many started from here for Idaho the 22nd. T. A. Holmes, L. M. Brown, H. J. Peck, Jim Hare, H. J. Harris and others¹.

¹ H. J. Peck, Mayor of Shakopee in 1881. A very prominent figure in Shakopee.



Jesse Theis. CEO Rahr Malting Co.

Jess gave us a pretty detailed and interesting background on the Shakopee Rahr site from beginning to its present almost completed site here in Shakopee. The Shakopee site serves as the headquarters for the Rahr Malting Companies, one of the largest single site malt production facilities in the world. Too much to be properly addressed here the presentation was recorded by Don McNeil and is available for viewing on the SHS web site. You can access it at the library if you don't have a computer at home.



Bob Mahar

Malting is a biological process that takes place in three steps: steeping, germination and kilning. The finished product is binned in silos to be aged and separated for later blending to customer specifications. BSG a recent division of the Shakopee site supplies craft brewers, winemakers, homebrewers, and distillers with premium ingredients at competitive prices. To hear Bob's descriptions of the malting process see the SHS website for a recording That gives much more information.



In addition to being a great place for many Shakopee residents to work, Shakopee would be a different place without the involvement of Rahr in the community. They have been there for Shakopee many times when there was a need. There is an endless list of donations and help that cannot be covered here.

Although these 1916 stories are before our personal memories, the names and places and stories are known by most of the old timers from their parents and local history.

From the Scott County Argus 1916. Research by Wes Reinke. The Argus stories from the first week in April, 100 years ago this month.

April 7, 1916

The flood caused by melting snow and the breaking up of ice in the river reached its crest the latter part of last week, became stationary Saturday, and is now falling. Threatened rains failed to materialize and it is thought all danger of a further rise is past. Since Sunday the river has been falling about three inches every twenty-four hours but it will be some time yet before the roads now covered by the overflow can be opened to travel.

While practicing target shooting with some boy companions in the court house yard Wednesday afternoon, Fred Kopp shot himself in the calf of the right leg with a rifle. Dr. Buck dressed the wound, which was not serious and Fred is getting along nicely.

Contractor M. J. Mergens, who is working on the Bloomington road, had a carload of horses shipped here Tuesday from St. Paul to be used in the work.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Berg of St. Paul were entertained from Saturday to Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Condon. Mr. Berg will be remembered by many as a former popular shortstop with the old Rock Springs baseball team.

High water having rendered travel to the north impossible except by boat, Dr. H. P. Fischer, with his usual enterprise, has purchased a motor boat which is being used to transport passengers, mail and provisions to and from Mudcura sanitarium until the Minnesota river shall have receded into its bounds.

Theodore Veiht has purchased the residence of Frank Buch on First Street adjacent to Dr. Reiter's home for \$2000. Mr. and Mrs. Veiht will remain on their farm until fall and then move to Shakopee to reside permanently.

The hotel property recently purchased by Mr. and Mrs. M. Huss is being remodeled and renovated as fast as the work can be done and the new owners hope to have the place in readiness to open to the public May first. Peter Paul is doing the painting and papering, Jos. Fischer the cement work, Henry Mergens has the contract for plumbing and the heating plant and Richard Wise completed the wiring for electric lights yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Huss are expending a large sum on the building and intend to give Shakopee a first class hotel which will fill a long felt want in our city.

From the Shakopee Valley News of 1966. Research by Wes Reinke. These Argus stories from the first week in April, 50 years ago this month are within range of most of our own memories.

Minnesota Valley Voices will present a Choral concert at St. Mary's School Hall in Shakopee at 8:30 p.m. next Monday, April 11. An invitation has been extended to all women from the various church organizations in Shakopee to be the guests of the St. Mary's Rosary Society. The concert is to be followed by a tea and social hour. The Minnesota Valley Voices, popular area chorus that meets and hold practices at the Prior Lake Village Hall, includes members from Savage, Shakopee, Rosemount, Bloomington, Prior Lake, Burnsville, St. Paul and Jordan. The group is under the direction of Marge Shafer, front row, left.

Mantoux Clinics for 2,200 Area Pupils Approximately 2,200 pupils in this area will have the opportunity to earn a TB Control certificate for their schools, if they and their teachers give their whole-hearted support to the tuberculin testing surveys scheduled soon for schools. This TB check-up is sponsored by the Scott County Christmas Seal Organization.

If parents desire to have their children take part in the survey, they must sign the request card brought home from school, Mrs. Margaret Lindmeyer, Scott County Public Health nurse, explained. Pupils in Shakopee Public and Parochial schools are to be tested Friday, April 15. Marystown pupils are to be tested Tuesday, May 3.

Tests are to be by Drs. Ivy Heinz, B. F. Pearson and J. E. Ponterio, all of Shakopee. The survey in Marystown will be done by Dr. Pearson. Aim of the school Mantoux Testing program is to safeguard the pupils from tuberculosis, Mr. Donald Scherer of Prior Lake, president of the Scott County Christmas Seal Organization, pointed out. "Any pupil found to be a tuberculin reactor is chest X-rayed to check for any evidence of active disease and all reactors are advised to have X-rays at least once a year. By finding the infected persons and then X-raying them regularly, it is possible to discover active TB in the earliest possible stage when the disease is most easily treatable and before germs have been spread," Mr. Scherer added. "The only way to have your child safe from TB, is to have every child take part in the testing survey. Costs of the program are paid by the Christmas Seal Organization. Survey arrangements are being made

by the Scott County Public health nurse, who urges every family to support the program that helps to wipe out tuberculosis.

More Signs of spring. Despite snow flurries yesterday (Wednesday), April 6, there were definite signs of spring and the Easter season in Shakopee.

John F. Denning, deputy clerk of Shakopee District Court, reported last Friday that he had crocuses in bloom at his residence, 119 West Fourth, with blooms in evidence at the office of the clerk of the district court at the Scott County Courthouse. It is believed these are the first blooming flowers of this season for Shakopee.

To Direct Shakopee Harmonettes Group. Mrs. John Hobday, former member of Robert Mantzke's Choraliers and a teacher of elementary music in the St. Paul schools, has accepted the position as directress of the new Shakopee women's singing group, recently named the Harmonettes.

This singing group meets each Tuesday evening from 8 to 9:30 o'clock in the band room of the new Shakopee Public High School on Tenth Avenue. About 20 members are participating in this Shakopee "sing for fun" recreation, but more voices are welcome, especially in the second soprano and alto sections, it is announced. Anyone interested in joining this group may call Lillian Kopisca, 445-3150; Doria Forster, 445-3609, or Mary Ince, 445-3845.

Resuscitation To Be Demonstrated Featured will be a demonstration of mouth-to-mouth resuscitation at the next session of the Babysitting Clinic to be next Tuesday evening, April 12, at the Shakopee Public Elementary School, Fifth and Holmes.

Mr. and Mrs. George Mingo of Prior Lake, Scott County Red Cross instructors, will present the demonstration to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Flying Cloud Theatre Now Open

The Flying Cloud Drive In Theater, located on Highway 169 and 212 just opposite Flying Cloud Airport, re-opened last evening (Wednesday), April 6, with two great color movies, "Red Line 7000" and "Von Ryan's Express." The theatre has just concluded an extensive remodeling program, with the snack bar having the latest stainless steel equipment throughout to serve the best quality foods obtainable in a spotless atmosphere. A pizza counter is featured, along with the other sandwiches and confectionary items. The screen tower has been given a new brilliancy to gain an absolute clear picture. The sound coming through the speaker system has been tuned to the finest pitch to assure listening pleasure. The theatre plans to feature the very best entertainment available in the motion picture industry.

The carnival rides are to be in operation on May 30 following a complete overhaul, including the merry-go-round, train ride, Ferris wheel, boat ride, auto ride and electric swing. The rides will all again be free to children.

Twins A & W Drive-In, East 1st Ave .Shakopee, Minn. Open Sunday Thru Thursday, 11 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday 11 a.m. - 12:30 a.m.

200 Volunteers to Join in Scott County's Fight against Cancer

More than 200 volunteers in Scott County launch their attack against cancer this month. April is Cancer Control Month, by Presidential designation. Much effort has been put into planning, organization and training of volunteers for what is expected to be the American Society's most successful crusade, the Scott County unit reports. All assignments have been made, and the volunteers are ready, according to Mrs. Margaret Schrank and Miss Lucille Mickolay, chairmen of the society's 1966 educational and fund-raising crusade in Scott County. "Volunteers are anxious and enthusiastic," the chairmen report. "They are out to establish records, bettering their best, achieved in 1964 when \$2,600 was raised." The keynote of the education part of the crusade will be early detection and prompt treatment. The fund-raising aspect will emphasize the need for more funds for research, education and service. The chairmen listed four of the main reasons individual Cancer Crusades are conducted: They save lives by alerting people to cancer's seven danger signals and the need for annual physical exams. They raise more money (to support cancer research projects, education programs for doctors, and to serve local cancer patients) than is possible through joining federated fund-raising efforts such as United Funds. It allows for each person to reach the opportunity to decide how fast they want to push the fight against cancer, through contributing directly for this purpose. Experience has proven that the Individual Cancer Crusade is a more effective means of supporting the fight against cancer than participation in "federated drives": where life-saving educational opportunities are very limited and the needed financial support grows too slowly. In anticipating success, the Scott county chairmen quoted former President Eisenhower: "The concept of neighbor, good neighbor, is part of the American heritage. We are a nation of neighbors and we live in a world of neighbors. And the way we give testimony to this principle is by freely sharing our skills and resources with others needing them."

'This Atomic World' AEC Program Presented at Shakopee Hi Assembly

A demonstration lecture, sponsored by the Atomic Energy Commission, on atomic energy and its uses was presented at Shakopee Public High School on Tenth Avenue Monday of last week, March 28. The program, "This Atomic World,"

is designed to acquaint students with the basic principles of nuclear energy, its sources and role in industry, agriculture and medicine. Bruce Getchell presented the assembly program, which breaks down into student terms, topics including the structure of atoms, radiation, reactors, and fusion. Mr. Getchell has completed extensive training at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee facilities of the Atomic Energy Commission. He is a graduate of Mankato State College, Mankato, and holds a Bachelor of Science degree.

Specially designed electronic equipment was used during the 40 minute program to show such things as sources of radiation, how nuclear energy is harnessed to furnish electric power for cities, the use of radioisotopes to aid in diagnosis and treatment of diseases and to learn more about life processes. A blackboard talk to science classes, which deals more specifically with such topic as atomic structure, radioactivity, radiation biology, and careers in nuclear science, followed the assembly. The program is operated by the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies which handles the nationwide exhibits program for the Atomic Energy Commission. The institute is a unit of Oak Ridge Associated Universities, a non-profit educational and research corporation of 40 southern colleges and universities.

The "This Atomic World" program scheduled here is one of 10 similar units appearing daily at high schools throughout the country. They are part of the AEC's extensive traveling exhibit program designed to bring the public a greater understanding of atomic energy and its uses. The 10 exhibit managers on the high school circuit are too few to fill all requests. They visit about one-third of the states each school year. Schedules are not restricted by size or location of the schools.

Working on rotation, at least three are always on duty at the home base, the popular American Museum of atomic energy in Oak Ridge. At home they are briefed on the latest developments in nuclear science. They are also frequently assigned to other AEC exhibits at major museums, fairs, or conventions.

The high school presentation is part of the commission's extensive program to acquaint the public with uses of atomic energy and the commission's industrial, agricultural and medical research program.

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- 8. The signs for the pathways of Shakopee, (part of the interpretive history park project that the SHS is working with the city) is coming along faster now. Joe will fill you in at the meeting.*
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