



NEWSLETTER

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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
Winter Membership
Meeting Will be
Held Saturday
January 16th
At 1:00 PM
in the Shakopee Library
Downstairs
Meeting room***

Editors Notes

By Don Wagner

1. *Our speaker for this Month is Jesse Theis on the history of Rahr Corporation in Shakopee beginning with construction here in 1937 up to its present expansion of the Shakopee location to become the World's Largest Single-Site Malting Facility in the world. Many of our members will remember Rahr's donations over the years to Shakopee including their major help in previous library construction.*
2. *The Shakopee Heritage Society publishes a weekly Remember When column in the Shakopee Valley News, as well as producing a monthly publication that looks back at happenings in 25-year increments, up to 125 years ago. To be emailed when the monthly publication has been released, email shswreinke@gmail.com.*
3. *If you happened to miss the last membership meeting, the video of Marge Elftmann's presentation on Raceway Park has now been posted on the website at <http://www.shakopeeheritage.org/videos/>.*
4. *The Board of directors of the Shakopee Heritage Society wishes everyone a very merry Christmas and happy New-year.*
5. *Remember that our membership dues are due in January of each year. Your easiest way to handle that is by paying them directly to Pat Ploumen at the January meeting saving the cost of postage or by snail mailing to her at 807 7th Avenue East Shakopee MN 55379. Checks should be made out to Shakopee Heritage Society. Dues are still individual \$10.00. Family \$15.00. Supporting \$25.00. Gold Club Sponsor \$500.00. Silver Club Sponsor \$100.00. Club Sponsor \$50.00. Any questions about dues can be directed to Pat Ploumen at 952-445-2002.*
6. *Elections for board members and Officers will be in January as usual. We look forward to any members wanting to join the board or officers. You will be asked at the meeting.*

Daniel Storer entries from 150 years ago.

January 1866. Cold the most of the time and trade was dull. The Valley Railroad brings freight to this place from St. Paul for 40 cents per hundred lbs. The express men are doing the same. The school teachers are at my house yet, but will not stay a great while longer. They have a good many beaux.

The whole month of February. There were several of the worst kind of storms this month. A great many folks in different parts of the county were froze to death. The school teachers have both left my house. Mrs. Jackman feeling very hard towards us, she had a good many beaux and would take them into the bed room and keep them there till 12 and 1 and 2 o'clock at night, and because we did not like it she felt very hard. She had a great exhibition [angrily spoke out about it] after school was done two nights.



Since I missed the fall meeting there are no pictures of our speaker giving the raceway presentation. If you are interested, this whole presentation was taped by Don McNeil and is available on our website.-----

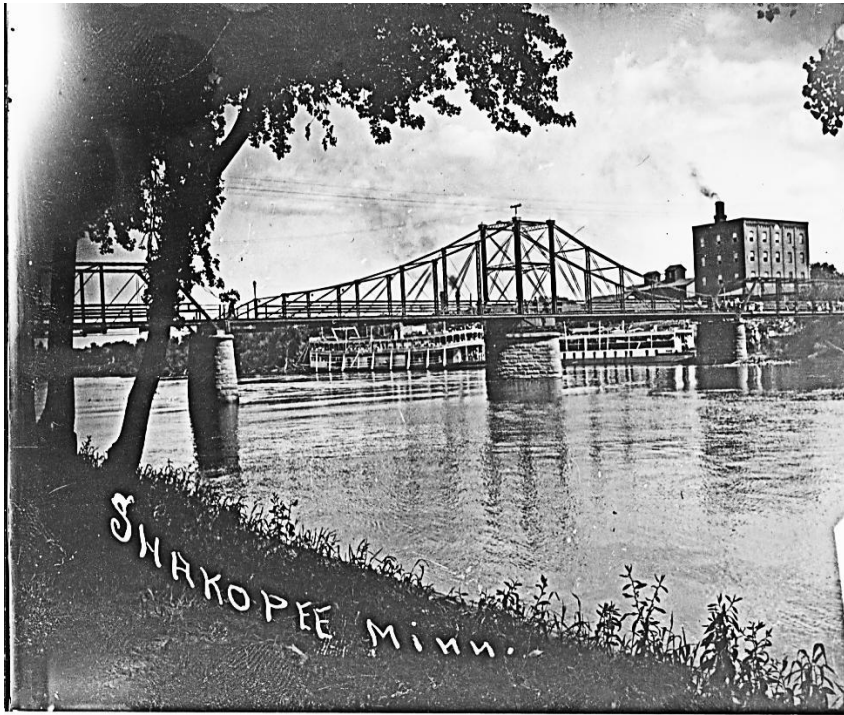
The goose, pictured to the left, settled herself at First Avenue and Main Street and stayed there day and night until the wildlife department picked her up two weeks later. She apparently lost her mate near there and just stayed and called out for her companion.



This fall did not have the best color but there were places on the state Trail and the river bottoms that did have some. Since we have no pictures of the speaker from last month we will give you a couple pictures from this fall of the Shakopee area's fall colors. We will still have a color picture page this way.

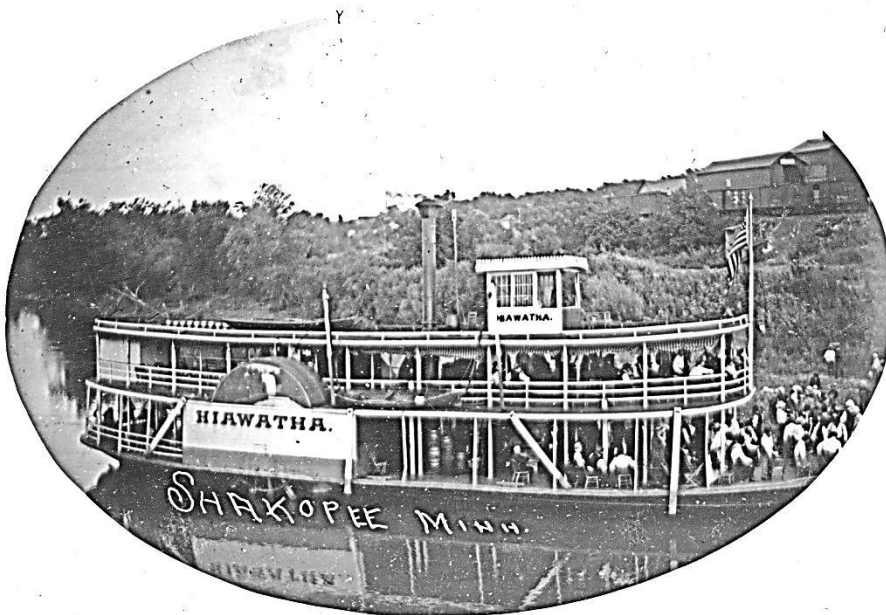


Best of the new year to everyone.



The original Swing Bridge at Lewis Street with the flour mill and the boat landing and steam boats visible at the bank of the river is almost forgotten now, but most of the old timers remember it even after the Holmes Street Bridge was built and used for years. The newest bridge now occupies almost the same space across the river, as the swing bridge, once again located at the old Lewis street position. So many changes, but some of those changes embrace the past also.

The Metal was removed from the old Swing Bridge and used to support World War II efforts. The Limestone bridge abutments or pillars remained there for years and years finally coming out for the new bridge construction if I remember it correctly. Can anyone remember it differently? Let us know at the meeting.



The Hiawatha stopped in Shakopee at the levee quite often in the early days of the Minnesota River boating era. This picture donated to the Shakopee Heritage Society by Mona Strunk. The SHS is still looking for more photos and or other things involving the river/steamboat trade in Shakopee.

100 Years Ago: from the *Shakopee Tribune*

Research by Wes Reinke

Dec. 31, 1915

The Minnesota stove company has bought the entire nickel-plating outfit of the St. Paul stove company, and will bring it to the Shakopee works, thus aggregating with the present facilities one of the best and largest nickel-plating establishments in the Northwest.

A Regina music box has been put in place at H. H. Strunk's drug store, and "a penny in the slot" will cause it to send forth in remarkably rich tones one or another of the popular airs of the day, such as "The girl I loved in sunny Tennessee," "Happy Miners' March," and dozens of others at your own choosing. The old and the young seem to enjoy it, and the little folks now are plunged into a worse quandary than ever as to how to spend their pennies, whether in this or that kind of candy or condiment, or in the realms of art as exemplified in music.

Short Course For Farm Boys

The High School of Shakopee announces its fifth annual short course for farm boys, this winter, in connection with agricultural department of the school, beginning Mon., Jan. 10 and lasting for twelve weeks, or until March 31. Those who recall the work of last year will remember what a successful term the short course enrollment experienced a year ago. A number of boys coming in each day from the country were enrolled, and when the course was really finished and the last day of the course was approaching, at their own request, the time was extended a week longer than had originally been planned, indicating what interest was being taken. The work is arranged so that those taking the course will begin the day late enough to enable them to come in from the country, and will close early enough for them to go home in the evening. The course will deal largely in Farm Crops, in the same manner that most of the work was along lines of animal husbandry last year. Aside from the agriculture work, the carpenter shop will be available for short course boys who desire a course in wood work. Farm arithmetic and English will be offered also. This is an excellent opportunity for boys whose help is needed on the farm and who therefore cannot attend School all year, to get a course in something practical. The tuition is entirely free, the only expense being material which the boys use in making articles in the shop which they will take home. All parties interested in this 12 weeks short course for farm boys may write or phone the Supt. Mr. F. B. Harrington, if they desire further information.

Wanted—A good kitchen girl. Inquire at the St. Paul hotel.

Mrs. Catherine Clemens lies seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Peter Annen. Mrs. Clemens has passed her 90th birthday and little hope is entertained for her recovery.

Big Dance Orchestra At Dancing Class To-Night

Mrs. Helen S. Noble and assistant will be present at the opera house tonight to give the third dancing lesson in the series to the class of over a hundred members, and to the public that may care to come. The date falling on New Year's eve it was thought best by the management to provide special music, and have the hours of dancing run from eight until one. The lesson on the one-step, fox-trot and canter waltz will last one hour and a half, and the rest of the time will be given over to dancing to the splendid music of the Haering-Simon orchestra of six. Some entertainment for 50 cents, what? To avoid interference with anyone's church duties, it was decided to start the dancing one hour earlier, so that those who wish may have four hours of dancing by midnight. So come early, and enjoy this finely appointed dance to the utmost.

And don't forget that New Year Ball at the opera house next Monday night given by the Royal Neighbor camp. Music by the Haering-Simon orchestra, and a royal good time assured to all. This is an annual event, and the ladies aim to have every appointment perfect.

Where did the name Shakopee come from?

The word Sakpe [shock-pay] is a Dakota word meaning the "number six." It refers to a historic Dakota leader, Chief Sakpe, who was leader of a village that was located along the river where the modern city of Shakopee now exists. Tribal members are descendants of the Dakota who lived in this area before European settlers arrived. The town of Shakopee is named after this Dakota leader and his village.

This information is taken from the **Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's** website to get their proper spelling and information from them. The information has appeared with different descriptions and spelling over the years depending on the source.

Once again from the Board of Directors, we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

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