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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Jan. 3, 1890

Carriage Painting.—Persons desiring to have wagons or carriages repainted, will receive prompt attention and first-class work by leaving orders at Anton Koeper's Wagon shop. Charges reasonable.

Jan. 10, 1890

It is stated that Otto Spielman and one of the Annen boys will soon own a saloon in the Ries building on Lewis street.

Jan. 17, 1890

Postmaster Wilson is having his room on the ground floor of this building painted and papered so that it wouldn't be known from its previous appearance. And besides, he has put a large window on the First street side. Mr. Strait's building is now fully occupied.

Jan. 24, 1890

Another Pioneer Dies.—John Burnham, one of Shakopee's early settlers, died in Minneapolis on Monday last at the age of 68. He was one of our first settlers, and will be remembered by the members of the old settlers' association of Shakopee. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church of this city on Wednesday.

Jan. 31, 1890

George W. Childs has lately added three hundred and twenty clocks to the number he had on hand, and he is now the possessor of over eleven hundred tick-tack time-pieces which he keeps in a room set aside for the purpose.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Jan. 1, 1915

Shakopee's municipal ice rink is in prime condition, what with glare ice every day, electric lights ablaze every night, and warming rooms for the boys and girls, with stoves kindly loaned by the Minnesota Stove company to ward off the sub-zero weather. It is worth a visit to see the skaters enjoying this health-giving pastime; and the sight must be a pleasing one to the city fathers who have made the rink a joyous reality.

Jan. 8, 1915

Oh! Ye of the Sweet Tooth!
Whether middle aged or young,
We have Confections here,

Of which Praise is often sung.

The Variety is full-Complete;

The Quality, the best you meet—

Surroundings, Sanitary, Neat;

Confections – the kind you'll like to eat.

The Palace

John H. Heinen, Prop.

Jan. 15, 1915

It is rumored that Shakopee will have a roller skating rink in the near future.

Jan. 22, 1915

Foundry Plays Opening Anthem

After nearly two months of idleness, the Minnesota Stove Works opened yesterday with a full force of men, and the sounds of activity thereabouts are like a joyous anthem of praise to the employers and employees to their families, and to the whole city as well...

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Jan. 4, 1940

Shakopee Again Named Host Town for State Baseball Tournament

At the session of the Association of Minnesota Baseball Leagues held at the Frederic hotel, St. Paul, last Thursday evening, Shakopee was again named as the host city to the annual state baseball tournament, to be held about the middle of September. The naming of Shakopee last Thursday night marked the third consecutive year the tournament will have been held in Shakopee. This city won out over New Ulm which city had also bid for this annual state classic.

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Jan. 11, 1940

Shakopee Scene of Radio Sketch—Writer Describes Picture Familiar to Travelers of This Area.

Although the name of the city is not mentioned, readers will not fail to recognize Shakopee as the setting in a descriptive piece recently read in a broadcast from the State college at Ames, Iowa.

The sketch, from the fluent pen of Miss Helen Theis, daughter of the late Frank, and Mrs. Daisy Theis, and the niece of Helen Theis and Mrs. Mary Lander of Shakopee, is entitled "Auf Wiedersehen", and was written by Miss Theis as a part of her senior work in the department of English at the Iowa college...

Jan. 18, 1940

High School "Health Week" To Open At 8:30 Monday Morning

Plans for the Shakopee high school "Health Week", under consideration for some time, have been arranged to include a program of talks by people outstanding in the medical field, combined with film to portray important aspects of health as a problem of modern education.

Jan. 25, 1940

Dr. J. Coleman Huber

Dentist

100 ½ East First Street

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50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Jan. 7, 1965

Representing 50 years of service to the Shakopee Volunteer fire department are two members, Christie Rein, 968 Scott, and Assistant Chief Clarence Schmitt, 925 South Fuller, both retiring, and to be honored at an event Saturday evening, January 16, at the Shakopee fire station with a dinner at 7:30 p.m.

Other honored guests will be Mayor Ray Siebenaler and other retired members of the Shakopee fire department.

Rein, associated with Rein Trucking in Shakopee, joined the fire department in March of 1938 and served as the department's secretary for 15 years. He was also a former member of the Common Council of Shakopee and served as the department's secretary for 15 years. He was also a former member of the Common Council of Shakopee and served as its president.

Assistant Chief Schmitt, who works at the Twin City Ford Motor Co. assembly plant on Mississippi River Boulevard in St. Paul, joined the department in August of 1940 and has been assistant chief for the past four years. He also has served as fire warden for the City's second ward.

Both joined the department when the compliment had 20

volunteers, and it has now grown to 30 members. They pointed out the blazes at Page & Hill plant, the Riviera club, Happ dance hall and the most recent Valley Warehouse blaze in May 22, 1962, as among the most outstanding fires during their Shakopee firemen careers.

Jan. 14, 1965

Special Election On Consolidation Of School District January 26

Special election to vote on consolidating Rural Independent School District No. 722 with Shakopee Independent School District No. 720, as proposed by a plat approved by the State Commissioner of Education, has been set for Tuesday, January 26, in the Eagle Creek Town hall, with balloting from 3 to 9 p.m.

Jan. 21, 1965

Handcuffs, 250 Year Old, Add Touch to Robert Vierling's Weapons Display

One of the first things to catch the eye of the visitors to the Robert Vierling residence in Shakopee, is a pair of early American handcuffs, more than 250 years old.

The handcuffs, surrounded by an array of weapons, add a humorous touch to the outstanding display of firing pieces that have taken Mr. Vierling over 30 years to acquire...

Jan. 28, 1965

Civic Leaders to 'Slug It Out' In Broomball 'Bash'

Shakopee governmental officials will battle it out with civic leaders in a Broomball contest at the Huber Park Hockey Rink this Sunday afternoon, January 31. Game time is 2 p.m.

Co-captains for the Government team will be Anthony "Bud" Berens, president of the Shakopee Common Council, and Alvin Unze, chairman of the Shakopee Recreation Board.

Worthy opponents from the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce will be led by Chamber President Earl Lull and Executive Secretary Dr. W. A. Muralt, who will also function as co-captains.

Each of these men hereby send out the call to members of their respective bodies to get in touch with them this week and begin preparation for this "big battle."...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Jan. 4, 1990

It's not Manhattan, but...

Don Mertz and Bill Wermerskirchen of Bill's Toggery in Shakopee couldn't make it to New York City, so regrets were sent to the New York Times and Liz Claiborne Inc., sponsors of the 1989 Excellence in Advertising awards contest for Father's Day/Mother's Day advertisements. Two of Bill's Toggery ads were among nine national winners, and store representatives were invited to join those of other winners, including Bloomingdales, New York; Marshall Field & Co., Chi-

cago; and Macy's, New York, for a luncheon in Manhattan. Since somebody had to mind the store, Mertz and Wermer-skirchen declined the offer. Instead, they were treated to breakfast by the Shakopee Valley News, which published the ads, at Happy Chef Restaurant. Bob Suel, an advertising representative for the paper, presented Wemerskirchen with an aluminized replica of the ads.

Jan. 11, 1990

Junior high principal Cole to retire after 34 years

John "Jack" Cole, principal of Shakopee Junior High School, will retire June 30 after nearly 34 years in the district.

Cole's resignation was announced at the Shakopee School Board meeting Monday night, and accepted "with regret" by board members. He has served as Shakopee's only junior high school principal, filling the role since July 1964 when the position was created.

"It is with a great deal of mixed feelings that I tell you that Jack Cole has tendered his resignation as junior high school principal," said Ron Ward, the district's director of administrative affairs. "Jack has been an exemplary leader for this district for many years."

Cole came to the district in June 1956 as a music teacher. Eight years later, he was named junior high school principal. Among his varied duties over the years, Cole has helped his staff through a remodeling of what is now the Central Elementary School building, overseen four years of split shifts at the high school, and seen the development of a staff that started with eight teachers and grew to its current 44. He also played an important role in the construction of the present junior high school, serving as superintendent/clerk of construction.

Jan. 18, 1990

Spring cleanup in January

Monday's record 43-degree temperature enticed Shakopee's Emil Halden, who will be 89 next month, to wash his car outside. So he pulled out his garden hose, bucket and sponge and set to work. Why didn't he go to the car wash? Because he can do a better job by hand, he said, adding with a laugh, "And I'm a cheapskate."

Jan. 25, 1990

Lights OK'd for Tahpah

The Shakopee City Council on Jan. 16 approved agreements with local civic organizations, which will install lights at ballfields at Tahpah Park.

The Shakopee Jaycees, Rotary and Softball Association have worked with Shakopee Community Recreation (SCR) to raise funds to put additional lights at park fields at no direct cost to the city. However, the city in the past has obtained bids for such projects and takes care of administration contract work for the organizations. The city also has made the payments for the projects after receiving funding from the organizations.

On Jan. 2, the council tabled action on the agreement until it received information on schedules of games at the park after a neighbor complained that lights and noise were bothersome late at night.

SCR Director George Muenchow told the council last week that all games are scheduled so they will end at 10 p.m. or before. However, occasionally games will be completed later when they go into extra innings, he said.

The Jaycees has proposed to install lights on the new football field at the park. The Rotary and Softball Association plan to install lights on two softball fields initially, and others as funds become available. Football field lights will cost around \$25,000 and lights at two softball fields will cost around \$50,000.



Looking south on Lewis Street from First Avenue, circa 1915.

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