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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Feb. 7, 1890

Huth Bros. have rented the warehouse on the upper levee from Nick Berens and have packed therein about 100 tons of ice.

Feb. 14, 1890

Mr. Otto Spielmann, the new saloonkeeper, had an opening last Saturday. Many a keg was opened and still more glasses filled and emptied again.—There are many who think, alas! if there were only such an opening every day.

Feb. 21, 1890

Frank Gellenbeck says he has finally arranged to take the Conter building on Second street (formerly Ring's hotel), and open it about April 1st as a hotel, and for which purposes important changes will be made, in repairing etc. Frank should make a good landlord, as he has had considerable experience in the business.

Feb. 28, 1890

In Clinton, Mo, the other day a decree of divorce was granted Mrs. Sarah Brown, wife of Major Brown, on the ground of desertion. In less than half an hour after the decree had been granted the wronged and forsaken divorced wife found solace for her blighted affections by wedding J. Gier. This case probably beats the record, except in one instance where the applicant for divorce had her prospective second husband in court and the judge who granted the divorce married the couple with his next breath.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Feb. 5, 1915

Electric Light For Farms, churches and towns. Can supply you with any size plant from 15 to 100 lights or larger. Everything is in running order when turned over to you. No special make of engine required, any one can operate them. Think what it means to have a clear white light whenever wanted for less than half the cost of city current. For information see

F. I. George
Shakopee, Minn.

Feb. 12, 1915

Large loads of lumber have been hauled from the Interior Lumber Co., this week for the large new residence to be built

by Peter Stang of Marystown and a barn to be built on the Joseph Jeurissen farm near Chaska.

Feb. 19, 1915

If you want your porch screened at a reasonable price and satisfaction guaranteed, go to E. J. Walsh, the wagonmaker.

Feb. 26, 1915

The manual training class has turned out many useful as well as ornamental articles. The high school class has completed a music cabinet and panel screen; the Short Course boys have finished a wagon box and the eighth grade boys have started a wagon box to be exhibited at the state fair.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 5, 1915

Jacob Ries Bottling Works began work Monday after being shut down two weeks while repairs were in progress.

Feb. 12, 1915

The moulders of the Minnesota Stove Works held an informal dancing party for their families and invited friends at Fraternity hall Saturday evening. It was a most enjoyable event and the committee in charge are to be congratulated on the success attending the occasion. The Mandolin orchestra furnished music from nine until twelve o'clock when a sumptuous rabbit supper was served and a program of toasts was responded to, the entertainment closing about two o'clock.

Feb. 19, 1915

Many Argus readers will recall the accident on the Milwaukee road last fall in which a young fellow slipped and fell beneath a moving freight train while attempting to catch a ride to the cities, and lost a foot as a consequence. He was found to be a steamfitter in good standing in his union and the union men of the stove foundry took charge of him and

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had him properly cared for and afterward, sent home. To show that he appreciated their aid, the young man returned to Shakopee the other day to personally thank his benefactors. He is wearing an artificial foot and is apparently getting along all right notwithstanding his handicap in the loss of his foot.

Feb. 26, 1915

Don't miss "The Modern Dance" in the Presbyterian church next Sunday evening. There will be no admission fee for either men or women. No prizes and no supper served. Just "Modern Dancing" and good music.

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Feb. 1, 1940

Issues Health Order

In an effort to halt an apparent epidemic of measles, Dr. B. F. Pearson, health officer, issued an order Wednesday afternoon making it mandatory for all children who have not had mumps, and whose brothers or sisters are ill with the disease, remain home from school. At least 20 cases have already been reported.

Feb. 8, 1940

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Shakopee Theatre Bldg.—Tele. No. 2

Feb. 15, 1940

A fire alarm system, one of the finest on the market, was installed recently in the school building. The system is always in working order, for if any thing goes wrong on the circuit, a light flashes and a buzzer rings until repairs are made. Three claxons were installed at such points that the alarm can be heard any where in the building.

Feb. 22, 1940

Timber Wolf Seen Near City Limits

Reminding moderns of the somewhat dim past when pioneers lived in almost constant fear of vicious wild beasts that lurked in the forests and over the plains, a timber wolf is reported to have made its appearance in the southern city limits of Shakopee Monday morning.

According to Edmund Deller, St. Paul, who with his grandfather, George Fischer, saw the beast in a field south of the Fischer residence and near St. Mark's cemetery, there was

no doubt as to its identity. Deller described the animal as being larger than the average dog, and it loped in long strides very unlike the run or trot typical of dogs.

Feb. 29, 1940

Announces Grand Opening Of New Hardware Store

In a quarter-page advertisement in the Argus-Tribune today George Burshek announces the grand opening of the new Burshek Hardware, a Marshall-Wells Associate store here, for Friday and Saturday this week.

For more than a month, Mr. and Mrs. Burshek have been organizing and planning their store which is laid out in accordance with the latest methods for modern stores. New fixtures display the elaborate stock of merchandise in a manner that makes shopping easier, faster and more pleasant.

Special attractions have been planned for the "grand opening" days and the proprietors hope for an enthusiastic reception of their venture in Shakopee.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 4, 1965

Will Play Tonight on Channel 2 TV

Miss Isla Hottinger, daughter of Attorney Isla Lindmeyer and member of the 1963 graduating class of Shakopee Public high school and now attending St. Catherine's college, St. Paul, is to appear on KTCA-TV, channel 2, the University of Minnesota station, at 8:30 o'clock tonight (Thursday), February 4.

Miss Hottinger, a clarinetist, will be playing with brass ensemble from St. Thomas college. She also appeared previously on a television program last week as a instrumental soloist.

Feb. 11, 1965

Rahr Malting Buys Property Adjacent to Present Plant

Rahr Malting Co. has announced the acquisition of properties formerly owned by The Shakopee Foundry and Watkins Lumber Company.

The land lies west of Pierce Street and north of Third Street, south and adjacent to the Rahr plant. It is served by the Milwaukee Road and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway.

Although Rahr has announced no immediate plans for the use of this property, the company has expanded its buildings in the event of possible future needs.

Since first building in Shakopee during 1936, Rahr has made additions to its plant from time to time. The company disposed of its Manitowoc malting facilities in 1962 and moved its general offices to Minneapolis at that time.

Rahr has interests in other enterprises for which this property might also be suited.

Feb. 18, 1965

Shakopee Man To Talk At St. Mark's

George Spandl of Shakopee will show slides and give a commentary on his engineering work in India at the regular monthly meeting of the St. Mark's Men's club to be at 8 p.m. next Monday, February 22, in St. Mark's hall.

All men of the parish are invited. The program is to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 25, 1965

Western Electric Company technicians are installing additional electronic dial equipment in the Shakopee telephone building, W. A. Boyd, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company manager reports.

Total cost of the project, designed to provide improved long distance service for Shakopee and surrounding area residents, is more than \$600,000.

Boyd said a 20-man crew started work December 14 and plans to finish by next June. Western Electric, the manufacturer and supply unit of the Bell System, designs, manufactures, and installs dial equipment for associated Bell System companies such as Northwestern Bell.

The new dial equipment will be installed in the recently completed 32 by 87 foot addition built on the north side of the present Shakopee telephone building.

Boyd said when the new automatic dial equipment is in and working, Shakopee will become a long distance center for approximately 25 communities.

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Feb. 1, 1990

Keep on truckin'?

A semi-trailer truck, loaded with asphalt shingles from CertainTeed in Shakopee, took a trip without its driver Tuesday. Tim Wagner, Brandon, Minn., parked it next to Hardees and reported it stolen about 10 minutes later. The truck was found near the river, where it stopped after an apparent brake failure. Wrecking crews spent nearly six hours removing the truck, which had struck at least two trees. Damage was estimated at more than \$55,000.

Feb. 8, 1990

Ervin Deering of Shakopee has been named president of the board of directors of the Memorial Blood Center of Minneapolis.

Deering succeeds Dr. John W. Jones, a resident of Edina and staff member of Abbott-Northwestern Hospital. Deering will lead the activities of the board as the center enters its 42nd year of blood banking service to area hospitals.

Deering has served the Memorial Blood Center as a vol-

unteer for more than eight years.

Feb. 15, 1990

City acts to acquire railroad depot

The Shakopee City Council last week adopted a resolution that authorizes the city to acquire the railroad depot near downtown to allow for the construction of Second Avenue between Atwood and Scott streets.

To acquire the property, the city is employing eminent domain, a legal procedure that allows government bodies to take private property for public use, with the property owner usually being compensated.

The city has proposed construction of two one-way roadways, one on each side of the railroad tracks, for the one-block section of Second Avenue. An engineering feasibility report indicated that the vacant depot would need to be relocated to complete the project.

The city for several months has attempted to buy the depot from its owners, two railroad companies, but has been unsuccessful.

In September, the City Council authorized commencement of eminent domain proceedings.

The city hopes that the building can be sold to a private party when it is moved.

Feb. 22, 1990

Pink honored

Tracy Pink of Shakopee was one of the 32 outstanding high school athletes for the week Feb. 8 on WCCO Radio's "Prep Parade" program.

Pink, a sophomore, played goalie for the Indians hockey team this season.

Athletes are selected by WCCO Radio and the Prep Parade Advisory Board, made up of sportswriters and broadcasters from across the state.



Winter view of Second Avenue circa 1940. The Spencer house is located in the background.

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