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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

March 7, 1890

For Sale on Reasonable Terms.

The 60-acre farm situated in the city of Shakopee, a half-mile from post office, known as the "Judge Brown Place." A large stone house, double cellar, good out-buildings, hard and soft ware, and the finest location in the city. Call on or address.

D. S. Brown, Shakopee

March 14, 1890

Engelman and Mergens have lately painted the inside of St. Mary's church, and have done it well, and handsomely. The entire walls have been painted and frescoed with a pleasing effect. The centre piece overhead is very pretty and we should judge not very easily accomplished, to their credit be it said. Rev Mr. Gaughan showed us the entire work, and we believe he is much pleased with it.

March 21, 1890

A large dog made his appearance around town last Monday night and kept a good many people awake all night with his howling.

March 28, 1890

New Goods.—I have just received a new line of Millinery Goods, hats trimmed and untrimmed latest styles, ribbons all shades and colors, feathers and tips and veilings of all kinds and colors, etc., which I will sell at bargain prices.

S. L. Hill

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

March 7, 1890

C. C. Storer has been laid up on account of getting a sliver in his hand.

March 14, 1890

The various contracts for the building of the Lutheran church have been awarded. The contracts are mainly for work as the congregation furnishes nearly all the material. The brick work was awarded to Schmidt and Hameyer for \$475; carpenter work to Griebentrog Bros., for \$420; painting, including material, to Peter Paul, for \$65; plastering, including material, to Herman Logenfeil for \$122.

In size the church will be a little larger than the M. E. church and quite similar in style. It will be 64x33 feet with a

tower rising eighty feet from the ground. There will be five windows on each side of the church and a large window in the front of the tower. The ceiling will be fifteen feet high at the sides and twenty feet in the center. The present church will soon be torn down and part of the material used in the construction of the new one, the cost of which will be about \$2,200.

March 21, 1890

The Eclipse View Co., of St. Paul, were taking photographs of residences, stores and public buildings in town Wednesday and yesterday, and will remain here a few days longer.

March 28, 1890

Walter Southworth has a new hammerless gun, and it is expected that ducks will avoid the Minnesota Valley this year.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

March 5, 1915

Officials May Ride Free With Rural Mail Carriers

County commissioners and road supervisors will receive free rides from the government if they so wish when they go inspecting the roads on which there is a free delivery of mail. This order was issued by the postal department the first day of the year. Heretofore mail carriers have not been permitted to carry passengers.

Many of the principal roads in Scott county are mail routes but most of the mail carriers are not equipped to carry passengers. The carriers would have to increase their capacity or the road supervisors and commissioners must ride in cramped quarters when they go over the roads together. No provision has been made to meet the expense of providing larger vehicles and if the carriers do so the expense must be met by themselves...

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March 12, 1915

High School Will Test Corn

Several inquiries have been made as to whether or not the high school was testing seed corn for farmers this spring.

By all means! Now is the time when the work should be done. The high school with the help of the pupils is able to handle several hundred ears, and by using artificial heat can get a good test in four days.

The system used is the single ear test where each ear is tested individually and discarded unless it germinates 95 or 100 per cent. This is the only method of testing which will really raise your yield.

Of course testing may easily be done and is being done at home but the high school being well prepared is doing and is willing to do testing for who find it inconvenient at home.

Let us do all we can to increase the corn yield in Scott County.

March 19, 1915

St. Patrick's day was duly observed by the wearing of the green, a special service at St. Mark's church in the morning, in the absence of Rev. Richard Lee of St. Mary's, and special services in St. Mary's church in the evening. One clever and unusual feature of the day was the window display at Flaherty & Lies's mammoth store, where W. F. Davy again showed his skill at his former occupation as a window dresser, with a beautiful and artistic showing old dress goods, footwear, and haberdashery, in green. It was a timely and clever idea, and well worth a visit.

March 26, 1915

Stove Foundry Will Resume Work

Glad news for Shakopee came this week when notices were posted at the Minnesota Stove foundry that the plant would resume operations in full force on April 15th.

100 Years Ago: From the Scott County Argus

March 5, 1915

A. L. Hurr received a carload of new Ford cars Saturday which he has on display at his store.

March 12, 1915

St. Paul House to Re-open

An important business deal of the week was the purchase Monday by Mrs. John Jones of Minneapolis of the furnishings and hotel business of the St. Paul House. J. H. Ring, who has been conducting the hotel as a rooming house exclusively, will retain the bar in connection with the hotel which will be opened for business next week under the new management. Mrs. Jones was formerly Miss Elizabeth Keschnitzki of this city and comes here to make her permanent home. She will be assisted by her parents and sister, Miss Helen, and aims to give the city a first class hotel and to revive the old time

prestige of the St. Paul House as an attractive and homelike hostelry. Sewer and water will be installed as soon as possible and other improvements made. Besides accommodating regular boarders and transients, the new management will serve short orders, lunches or meals on the restaurant plan. Mr. Ring's family have already moved into their old home on Second street and Mr. and Mrs. Keschnitzki have taken up their residence with Mrs. Jones at the hotel.

March 19, 1915

The Shakopee creamery is undergoing repairs at the present time that will increase its capacity and enable its enterprising proprietor, George Dellwo, to handle the business much more effectively than under the old system. The office has been remodeled and a 5 h. p. electric motor, a freezing tank and new machinery for the manufacture of ice cream have been installed, giving the creamery modern equipment in its mechanical department and a much improved appearance in every way.

March 26, 1915

School Entertainment

On Monday evening, April 12th, the children of the public school will give their second concert in Dawson's opera house for the public. For several weeks, the music director of the school, Miss Tonette Benson, has been drilling the children, and the efficiency and expeditiousness with which the work has been carried on, augurs well for the success of the affair. Those who heard the children in their concert last fall have an idea of what profit and pleasure one gets from hearing an exhibition of public school music, and such persons will be the first ones to assure themselves of this second opportunity to hear the children again after four months more of practice. Others have heard so much and such favorable reports about the last concert that there are but few now who are not looking forward to this event with unusual interest. This unique and valuable feature of public school activity merits universal support. And if the attendance at the last concert is an index as to what we may expect this time, the hall will be well filled.

75 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Argus-Tribune

March 7, 1940

\$100 Vanished from Movie Theatre Here

A money bag said to have contained more than \$100 in silver and currency, disappeared from a desk drawer in the office of the Shakopee theatre last Wednesday night.

The theft, it was learned, occurred in an interval of about 10 minutes which Francis Burns, in charge of the theatre last night, was out of the office making the rounds of the theatre preparatory to closing for the evening.

According to Burns, he had received the money from the

cashier and placed it in the desk. Later he left the office to go to the basement and then up to the projection booth. When he returned to the office about 10 minutes later he discovered the money bag and its contents had disappeared.

Police were notified, but an investigation failed to reveal clues.

March 14, 1940

Heavy Snowfall in Three-day Storm

The snow storm that hit these parts Monday and that was still going strong Wednesday afternoon should be a source of satisfaction to those folks who have been wishing for their version of an "old fashioned winter."

That with nearly two feet of snow, mountainous drifts, blockaded roads, and closed schools, there can be little lacking by way of proof that Minnesota is still Minnesota.

Aside from being truly wintry the snow is seen to be of great value to farm lands suffering from a moisture shortage; and in addition, "shovelling out" provided employment for many eager men and boys.

March 21, 1940

Easter Dance at Johnny's Bar
Shakopee, Minn., on Sat., March 23

Music by Ralph's Troubadours

John L. Ries, Prop.

No Minors Allowed!

March 28, 1940

Art Collection Now on Exhibition at State Reformatory

Through the courtesy of Clement Haupers, state supervisor Minnesota Art Project, a collection of twenty-one drawings in water color, lithograph, gouache, and wash drawings have been loaned to the State Reformatory for Women, for exhibit purposes.

All drawings are by Minnesota artists, it was learned, and subject material portrays many familiar scenes in and about the twin cities. Four paintings are by Miss Miriam Ibling who comes to the institution each Wednesday to instruct a class in art. Hidden and heretofore unrecognized talent is being found among the inmate population, authorities said.

The class has been in progress since the middle of January and already has produced drawings of considerable merit which are also being exhibited.

The public, it was announced, is invited to view the exhibit, housed in the main building at the reformatory, from today until April 1.

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

March 4, 1965

T. Boom's Sporting Tip Gets Him \$50

Todd Boom, Shakopee high school sophomore and son of Mr. and Mrs. Royal Boom of Shakopee, who clerks at

Burshek's Hardware after school, made a "sporting tip" pay off \$50 for him.

Todd sent the suggestion to "Sports Afield" national magazine and was mailed the \$50 check. The tip—how to keep your soap out of the sand and dry while on a camping trip—put the bar of soap in a nylon stocking and hang it from a tree!

March 11, 1965

Twins Hurlers To Open 'Dugout' March 22

Two Minnesota Twins baseball pitchers, are the new owners of a restaurant in Shakopee.

Jim Kaat and Camilo Pascual have purchased Don's Cafe on First Avenue, for many years known as Gelhaye's restaurant, Brown of Suburban Realty & Insurance, who handled the transaction, announced this week.

Brown purchased the building and had leased it to the two Twin players.

The new firm is to be known as Jim Kaat and Camilo Pascual's Dugout. Managing the new restaurant will be Doug Vierling of Shakopee, formerly associated with the New St. Paul House.

The cafe is now closed for extensive remodeling and it is to re-open on Monday March 22. Hours are yet to be determined for the new business.

The Twin's hurlers said that they contemplate personal appearances of Minnesota Twins' players along with those in other major leagues.

Kaat is associated with Shakopee radio station, KSMM, as sports director.

March 18, 1965

Eighty Shakopee youngsters were present to hear a talk on law enforcement by Acting Police Chief Kenneth Hanel of Shakopee at the first session of the Mrs. Jay-Cee sponsored Baby Sitting Clinic held Tuesday of last week, March 9, at the Shakopee Public school lunch room.

March 25, 1965

New 76-Bed Nursing Home To Open on May 1

Announcement was made this week that the new \$400,000 76-bed nursing home, nearly completed at the west edge of Shakopee, is to have an opening date of Saturday, May 1.

The facility, erected by National Funds, Inc., a Minneapolis investment corporation, has been purchased and is to be operated by Friendship Home, Inc. of Jamestown, North Dakota. This new owner announces the new structure, definitely, an outstanding asset to the community, will be known as Shakopee Friendship Manor Nursing Home...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

March 1, 1990

Prow re-elected association president

Betti Lu Prow, owner of Betti Lu's women's clothing store in Shakopee, was re-elected to a second one-year term as president of Midwest Specialty Stores.

Midwest Specialty is a 25-year-old association of 34 women's clothing stores in the upper Midwest.

Prow has been a Midwest member for 19 years, tops in the association.

March 8, 1990

Student-leave program to be tested

A pilot program at the high school will allow seniors to leave school grounds by signing out of one study hall per day.

The Shakopee School Board gave its approval Monday night to the pilot program, which will be introduced at the high school spring trimester. It will allow students with at least 43 credits to leave the school during one study hall per day, a total of 49 minutes. Students can sign out only with their parents' permission and must be making adequate progress in other classes. Fees owed the school must also be paid before students will be permitted to participant.

"We don't want to have students wandering around the school grounds, and they will not be able to go to other schools, but this gives seniors a chance to structure a part of their day," said high school Principal Jim Murphy. "In another three months, these students will be structuring their entire day, and while this is not a major part of their day, it does give them some responsibility."

Students will be required to sign out with their study hall teacher before leaving school grounds. Upon leaving, students are not to disrupt other classes or cause problems in the school parking lot or within the community, said Murphy.

Students are not to return to the school with food for other students, and must wait in the lobby area outside the gymnasium for the bell to ring before going to their lockers.

"This project has a sunset clause," said Murphy. "It will end at the close of the trimester or anytime during the trimester if it is not working out."

March 15, 1990

Hockey merger gains approval

The Shakopee/Prior Lake (SPL) Hockey Association announced that the hockey merger between the two communities could continue into its second year for the 1990-91 season.

The decision was approved through an opinion poll by the SPL Hockey Association. Of the 225 members that

received an opinion sheet, 129 voted to keep the program while 17 voted against it...

March 22, 1990

Sale of Canterbury Downs to Michigan investors is official

Canterbury Downs was officially sold last Thursday, brightening prospects that the Shakopee track will open as scheduled April 27.

Herbert Tyner and Bernie Hartman, who own a racetrack near Detroit, purchased Canterbury's stock from Brooks Fields Jr., Brooks Hauser, Scotland Inc. and Santa Anita Realty Corp. The Michigan investors also purchased Santa Anita's management contract.

Terms of the sale were not disclosed, but the price was reportedly less than \$4 million.

March 29, 1990

Firm owner is certified pet adviser

Purina Mills Inc., St. Louis, has announced that Bill Stemmer of Stemmer Farm & Garden Supply, 134 Scott St., successfully completed a course in dog and cat nutrition to become a Purina certified pet adviser.

The pet-food company said Stemmer is qualified to provide consumers with information on dog and cat nutritional needs.



Shakopee High School, circa 1920. This school building was on the grounds of what is currently the Central Family Center.