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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

July 4, 1890

It is reported that D. Flaherty of Shakopee, has gone into the business of cat breeding, since his last visit to Duluth. Should, you need a valuable cat, call on Dennis as he can supply you with one.—Jordan Independent.

July 11, 1890

Reis Bros. have lately purchased a fine carriage to add to their livery equipment which is a credit to the city and livery stable also. They will also receive a few more new buggies.

July 18, 1890

During the fore part of last week the Supt. of the Rochester insane asylum and another man who is going to run the packing house there for the asylum authorities, came to Shakopee and visited Mr. Schank's establishment to get some pointers relative to the same, and especially the machinery. They have at the asylum about 1,500 inmates, and use about 900 lbs. of meat a day. They seemed to be well pleased with our packing house.

July 25, 1890

Mr. F. D. Woodbury has been employed by the city since June 1st as engineer, and has been running levels for street grades in all the principal streets in town. Profiles from First to Fifth streets, and from Apgar to Minnesota, have been made in his temporary office in the city hall, and by looking them over, the grades can easily be worked when streets are opened, or repaired, making them true to the lines. He will resurvey the townsite, and set stone monuments, 4 in each ward, and at every government subdivision corner. He has been engaged considerably elsewhere as a hydraulic engineer, and in railroad work. And has been doing good work in Shakopee.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 4, 1890

August Scherkenbach is improving his property by building a brick addition.

July 11, 1890

Over one hundred people attended the dance here on the evening of the Fourth.

July 18, 1890

Lost.—Have you seen my dog? A Gordon setter black-and

-tan. Bring him to mill at Shakopee and get reward.

C. W. Newell

July 25, 1890

B. A. Kohler will remove his drug stock to the new building next to Kohler & Schwartz's, next week.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

July 2, 1915

Invitation to the Public

On Wednesday of each week, during the month of July will be special VISITORS DAY, altho visitors are welcome any working day. We are always pleased to show them thru our Plant, and we especially invite the people of Shakopee and the country folks, as well as visitors to the city, who are always welcome, so that they may become familiar with our sanitary methods of operation, and sample our Soft Drink Specialties, such as "Rock Spring" Ginger Ale, and Krabina, both of which are ideal summer drinks. We particularly recommend "Rock Spring" Ginger Ale as a truly thirst quenching beverage, palatable and invigorating, pronounced by connoisseurs as the best on the market. We want our friends at home to try out our products, inspect our plant and have therefore arranged to receive visitors at above specified time. This invitation is extended to all grown up people. Kindly call at office.

Yours truly,

Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Inc.

July 9, 1915

A ladies shampooing parlor with electric drier will be operated by Peter G. Huth, in connection with his tonsorial parlor. The parlor will be open to ladies every Monday, beginning July 12th and will continue throughout the year. The drier will also be used in the barber shop.

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July 16, 1915

A new porch has been added to the John Kennedy residence, east of St. Mary's church, greatly improving its appearance.

July 23, 1915**Hurrah For That Bloomington Road**

Ten thousand dollars, count 'em, (\$10,000.00) will be spent at once on the Bloomington Ferry-Shakopee road, to put it into fine condition, graded, turnpike and graveled, all the way from the drawbridge to the gates of this city, such was the glorious outcome of the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Scott county at the Court House last Wednesday morning, after a conference with representatives of the State Highway commission, and a committee of Shakopee's leading and patriotic citizens. All together now, Hip! hip! hurrah!!!

July 30, 1915

George Heinen is billing the Scott Co. Agricultural fair in the neighboring towns this week which is to be held here September 2, 3 and 4.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus***July 2, 1915**

T. J. H. Notermanns has let a contract to J. P. Kreuser for a new front to be placed in his meat market. Jos. Fischer has already completed the cement foundation and the carpenter work will be started at once. A new plate glass show window will replace the old one and a marked improvement will be made in the appearance of the building.

July 9, 1915

Ed F. Thiede has purchased the E. J. Hamilton property, consisting of the house and one and a quarter acres of land at Faribault Springs, the consideration being \$600.

July 16, 1915

Last Sunday evening, shortly after 9 o'clock when Miss Kate Kinn was returning from a neighbor's, as she passed a woodpile near the door of her home, she was struck over the head with a piece of wood and knocked senseless. As soon as she recovered consciousness she went around the neighborhood and a search was made for her assailant but no one could be found. It is surmised that the attack was made by some stranger bent upon stealing, and whom she came upon unexpectedly and was struck down to enable the thief to escape without detection. Miss Kinn sustained a severe bruise from the blow and a bad shock but recovered quickly from the effects of her unpleasant experience.

July 23, 1915

Shakopee's old-time rivals, the Jordan team, will come

down next Sunday to meet the locals on the baseball diamond at Riverside Park. An interesting game is expected.

July 30, 1915

Shakopee citizens are invited to attend a "Festival of Nations" to be held this even at Sam Ames' new barn in Bloomington. A very fine program has been prepared and there will be many entertaining features. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome and a fine time is assured.

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune***July 4, 1940****Road Crew Uncovers Skeletons On Ray Huber Farm East Of Shakopee**

As if timed to the dawn of another political campaign when family skeletons are dusted off and paraded workmen employed in excavation on the state highway construction project east of Shakopee, have unearthed an array of ancient human bones and skulls.

The discovery was made on a hillock which the state purchased for a borrow pit, on the Ray Huber farm. With the unearthing of the first skeletons scientists at the University of Minnesota were notified. A truck and field crew was sent to the site and the "remains" were removed.

According to Mr. Huber, who reported the find to the *Argus-Tribune*, several complete skeletons were uncovered at a depth of about 2 ½ feet. To substantiate his story of the bones Mr. Huber displayed a left thigh bone. Authorities expressed the belief the relics were skeletons of Indians, and that the site of the discovery was either a burial ground or a battle field.

The shallowness of the graves favored the theory the bodies had been hastily buried where the warriors lied fallen in battle, many years ago.

July 11, 1940**Shakopee Glacier Sea Bed Hundred Million Years Ago, Rocks Disclose**

"The site of Shakopee and adjacent fertile farm lands lying between the two chains of bluffs rimming the Minnesota Valley composed the bed of a vast glacial sea hundreds of millions of years ago."

That explanation was made by Junior F. Hayden, geologist, in addressing a group of 25 members of the Minnesota geological society assembled at the bottom of an abandoned limestone quarry at the rear of the Alois Hirscher home Sunday morning.

Mr. Hayden briefly related his experience as an eager student in the employ of N. H. Winchell, whom Hayden later learned, was the man who named the "Shakopee limestone" on the basis of the discovery of "this very type section" many

years ago.

The Shakopee limestone or dolomite stratum, Hayden explained, was formed at the bottom of the glacial sea which once covered this valley, and is found throughout the state and in sections of Wisconsin, Iowa, and other states. The layer is about 40 feet in depth and lies over an 80-foot layer known as Oneota dolomite which takes its name from a stream in eastern Iowa. The two layers, he pointed out, are separated by a "thin lens" of New Richmond sandstone named for its type section located in New Richmond, Wis.

While at the Shakopee quarry, the party of men and women busied themselves hacking at the rugged walls with geological hammers, breaking off sections of the stone and examining it minutely in the hope of finding the elusive fossils of prehistoric sealife.

The Shakopee dolomite, it was learned, contains chiefly casts of gastropods, such as snails. Because of water seepage through the porous rock the ancient shells of the fossils have been dissolved away leaving only the outline impressed in the stone.

En route to Shakopee, the party, headed by Hayden and Charles H. Preston, visited boiling springs east of the city and also examined what the geologists termed "varve formations" north of the city where the mining of sand is in progress for highway repair work.

During his discourse here Hayden stressed the historic and scientific importance of the Shakopee quarry whose stone had spread the city's name throughout the nation, in geology text books and among geologists generally. He expressed regret that the spot is not in a better state of preservation, uttered a hope that it would be banned from use as a now public dump and that steps would be taken to have it renovated and transformed into a natural beauty spot which would constantly serve to link the present with the prehistoric past.

From Shakopee, the party continued its journey to Jordan for a study of the sandstone layer that bears that city's name, and a visit to the St. Lawrence formation which, scientists say, is the only example of the dolomite in the Cambrian period.

July 18, 1940

Construction Of St. Mark's School Begun

Excavation work in preparation for the construction of the new St. Mark's school here was begun Tuesday morning. Contracts for the construction were awarded during the past week to Edward Hirt and Son, of St. Cloud, on their bid of \$46,837.

Other contracts for the mechanical phase of the building including heating, plumbing and electrical wiring are expected to be let in the next few days. The total cost of the

completed school, the Very Rev. Dean M. Savs, pastor, said, is estimated at \$60,000.

Plans provide for the construction of four classrooms, a library and sick room over the present parish hall, and the erection of a wing extending to the south from the present hall. The wing will provide for two classrooms at the same floor level as the hall floor, and two classrooms on the level with the new rooms over the hall.

Toilet rooms are included in the plans for both floors, as well as office and storage space. Six of the eight class rooms planned will be completed, the others are to be utilized as club rooms or special activities rooms, Father Savs said.

Each of the classrooms will, in all respects, conform to regulations stipulated by the state for school buildings, and each will have its own wardrobe accommodation.

Along the south side of the new structure over the hall, a corridor will extend the full length of the building from west to east. The corridor will connect with the new wing and give access to all rooms. The wing, whose west face will be in line with the west face of the present wall, will be flush against the sidewalk. It will be 58 feet in length from north to south, and 54 feet wide from east to west.

Five contractors, it was learned, submitted bids on the project. The highest bid was recorded as \$64,000. Hirt and Son, the firm which built the present parish hall, was the low bidder. The use of local labor wherever possible, has been stipulated, Father said. Completion of the school is anticipated for early in December.

Fireproof throughout, the building will be constructed of concrete, steel and brick, meeting all requirements of modern school architecture.

July 25, 1940

New Lights Tested at Recreation Park Here Monday Night

Kittenball enthusiasts of this area got their first "taste" of the game as played in the night when the new lighting equipment in the city's recreation park was tried for the first time Monday night.

With the exception of a few minor adjustments that have since been made the equipment proved entirely satisfactory to the players as well as the large assembly of spectators who witnessed the night clashes.

Formal inauguration of the night game schedule was effectively staged last night with an appropriate ceremony and program. The high school band played its regular weekly concert at the park, and the kittenball fans were treated to two thrill-packed contests.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

July 1, 1965

Bloomington Bridge Now Open

Reported as open for traffic this week is the bridge on County Road No. 25, known as the Bloomington bridge, just north of the Stage Coach off Highway 101.

Closed since flood damage in April, work is yet underway on the shoulders with motorists warned to use caution.

Yet closed is the railroad swing bridge at Savage with a proposal now to consider a \$2 million high-level bridge as a project of 1966. This would be a joint project of Scott and Hennepin counties, along with the Minneapolis, Northfield and Southern Railroad. The Scott county board is to consider the proposal at its meeting in July. To be considered is whether a new separate bridge for auto traffic is to be constructed or the sharing of a single bridge with the railroad is to be continued.

July 8, 1965

'Buying Festival' Sunday

Earl and Fern Lull, operators of the Red Owl Store in Shakopee, have been invited to Minneapolis to do his Christmas shopping early. Next Sunday, July 11, Red Owl stores, Inc., will hold a "Fall Buying Festival" for Red Owl agency store operators in Minnesota, South Dakota, northern Iowa and western Wisconsin.

At the buying festival, new non-food and specialty food items will be shown. Merchandise to be previewed will include mostly holiday items, according to Kingsley Johnson, southern division manager of Red Owl wholesale operations. The "Fall Buying Festival"—a new innovation for the grocery chain—will be held in the auditorium of Red Owl's office facilities in suburban Hopkins.

July 15, 1965

Now 'Pay-As-You-Go' At City's Dump

Practice of borrowing a neighbor's permit for use of the Shakopee City dump hit a snag as aldermen took action Tuesday night to put the operation on a paying basis.

Approved was a motion that a pay dump be established with the rate to be 25 cents per car and 50 cents per truck for residents and one dollar per load for non-residents.

Also approved unanimously was Resolution No. 67 which rescinded the former rates set on May 9, 1961 based on permits.

Caretaker of the dump will collect the fees and be furnished with a list of those holding permits. To honor existing permits until they expire, those with residential permits are to get three free loads and those with non-resident permits will get 11 free loads.

Hours were set from 2 to 6 p.m. on weekdays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

July 22, 1965

'Handshake Season' For Shakopee Youth

Filing for playground municipal offices will close tomorrow (Friday), July 23, at the three neighborhood parks, according to Shakopee Recreation Director George Muenchow.

The general election is to be held Friday, July 30. At this time, participants will vote on a mayor-at-large and an alderman from each of the three parks.

Anyone may file for candidates for any of the offices, but the one candidate for mayor from each park will be determined in a Primary election to be held tomorrow (Friday), July 23.

In the primary, voting will be held at all three parks, and candidates for mayor may campaign at each of the three parks. As aldermen are to be elected by their own park only, they will confine their campaigning to their own park.

The mock election is a special feature of the Shakopee Summer Recreation program.

July 29, 1965

Old Shakopee Firm To Get Face Lifting

Burshek's hardware on East First in Shakopee, will in the near future start on an extensive remodeling program.

Main expansion plans include an addition of approximately 2,100 square feet to be added to the present structure. The new addition will adjoin the present building to the rear, to double the floor space.

Feature of the new addition is a show window in the back of the building. All new fixtures will be added to the new section.

Present fixtures are to be rearranged to provide wide aisles for the convenience of the patrons. Also planned is the expansion of selection of merchandise as new departments will be included.

"Our remodeling program will enable us to keep pace with healthy growth that Shakopee is enjoying. By doing this we will be able to carry an even larger line of hardware goods and be of better service to our community," said Ed and Betty Hopps, owners of Burshek's.

Ed Hopps became associated with Burshek's Hardware Corporation in 1959. On June 1, 1962 Ed and Betty purchased the entire stock in the corporation. They have operated the firm under ownership since that time.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

July 5, 1990

Local youths qualify for state meet

On Saturday, Shakopee Community Recreation and Chas-

ka Parks and Recreation jointly were hosts to the Minnesota recreation and Park Association's District 4 Hershey Track and Field Meet at the Chaska High School track.

Boys and girls ages 9 through 14 from Scott, Carver, Hennepin, Wright and Anoka counties participated. The top two finishers in each event advanced to the state meet, which will be held in Pipestone on July 14.

Shakopee's participants did very well, according to Mark McQuillan, the program supervisor for Shakopee Community Recreation. Twenty-two Shakopee youngsters qualified for the state meet. They are:

9- and 10-year-old division – Gina Britz (long jump), Renae Laroux (softball throw), Jennifer Graber (400-meter run), Joey Pieper (softball throw), Tim Christensen (100- and 200-meter run).

11- and 12-year-old division – Elisha Nelson (long jump, 4 x 100 relay), Sarah Brown (100- and 200-meter), Johanna Myer (4 x 100 relay), Daniell Miller (4 x 100 relay), Chris Graber (long jump, 4 x 100 relay), Justin Simon (softball throw, 400-meter run, 4 x 100 relay), Don Juba (800-meter run, 4 x 100 relay); Ben Britz (4 x 100 relay)

13- and 14-year-olds – Trisha Williams (long jump, 100-meter run), Jenny Borgardt (long jump, softball throw), Jenny Nelson (softball throw), Jeremy LaTour (softball throw, 200-meter run and 4 x 100 relay), Brian Sensebaugh (100- and 800-meter run), Paul Kanning (1,600-meter run, 4 x 100 relay), Dan O'Connor (4 x 100 relay), Steve King (4 x 100 relay).

July 12, 1990

Learning hunting skills

Members of the 4-H shooting sports program and the Shakopee Area Jaycees combined their efforts to conduct a kids hunting and fishing clinic this spring. Fifty-five youth eight and older attended this clinic. Topics included air rifle, black powder, hunter ethics, needs of wildlife, archery, and dog training. In addition, Keith Krasl, Scott County 4-H shooting sports leader, set up a shooting sports display and a see and touch station.

July 19, 1990

Work on final design of Ferry Bridge to begin

The Scott County Board on July 10 authorized payment to the consulting firm Strgar-Roscoe-Fausch Inc., Plymouth, to begin work on the final design of the Bloomington Ferry Bridge project.

The total design of the project will cost about \$4.6 million, with \$3.4 million of it coming from the federal government.

Acting County Administrator Cliff McCann told the board's consultant payment is expected to be reimbursed by the Federal Highway Administration once the contract is finalized. He added that there is only a "minimal risk" that Scott County would not be reimbursed for the consulting work.

The payment will allow the consultant to begin work on the project immediately and keep the bridge design on the tight schedule required for federal funding.

McCann said that given the short time allowed for Scott and Hennepin counties to use the federal funds for the project, it is necessary to have as much design work completed as possible so they can act fast when the federal money does come in.

July 26, 1990

Cat's mistake leads to two power outages

A cat was the cause of power outages on Saturday and Tuesday in Shakopee, according to Ray Friedges, superintendent of Shakopee Public Utilities.

The cat got into a transformer located near Rahr Malting Co., causing the power to go out around 2:05 p.m. Saturday for all of the utility's 6,000 customers. Service was restored at 4:25 p.m.

Utility workers attempted to fix the transformer, but the repairs didn't hold, causing the power to go out again Tuesday at noon throughout the city. Power was restored about an hour later.

A standby transformer was being brought in Tuesday night, with power being fed from one substation to another until permanent repairs could be made, Friedges said. Work was expected to be completed Wednesday, said Friedges.



A parade passes the Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Inc. The bottling works was located on the corner of Third Avenue and Holmes Street.

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