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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Oct. 3, 1890

Mr. Jas. Heth handsomely decorated the wedding cakes for the marriage of Mr. Marx and Miss Reis, the largest fruit cake weighing 15 lbs., and was surmounted by an imitation bell.

Oct. 10, 1890

Caspar Schott received 18 boxes of new shoes last Saturday.

Oct. 17, 1890

A young man named Sullivan was brought here yesterday, said to be crazy, and was taken to St. Peter last night.

Oct. 24, 1890

The Shakopee pork establishment is now open for the season with prices at head of column. Mr. Schank says he is determined to have the hogs of the surrounding country if fair prices will bring them.

Oct. 31, 1890

There was a large stove placed in the Wampach factory last week. The stove is on the first floor, with pipes running up from there to the fourth floor, where a large drum was placed.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Oct. 3, 1890

C. Jos. Strunk has a broken toe, the result of a too playful disposition of his horse.

Oct. 10, 1890

Will McMullen has given up railroading and is at home again. Will says the work was too hard for him, and he looks as if it had been, for his weight has been reduced fifteen pounds.

Oct. 17, 1890

The chorus class conducted by Miss Florence Burtis at the Union School last Friday evening was attended by twenty-five or thirty people interested in vocal music.

Oct. 24, 1890

A flat car loaded with stone was run off the track near the depot, Tuesday evening about 8:30 o'clock, by the rails spreading. The section crew worked until nearly half past eleven before the track was cleared.

Oct. 31, 1890

Mike Delwo a young man about twenty eight years old was examined before Judge Meyer by Drs Smith and Entrup, pronounced insane, and taken to St. Peter Wednesday evening by Clem Affolter and Henry Lenzmeier.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Oct. 1, 1915

The Tribune man and A. L. Hurr drove out to the Koeper dairy farm one day recently to watch the operation of a new ten-horse-power gasoline engine and a silo cutter which are being used to fill the big silo 42 feet in height and 16 feet in diameter, which will feed fifty head of stock every day for eight months in the year, if desired. 23 acres of corn will be put in this fall, and the work has progressed to a height of 20 feet at this writing, with only the usual help on the farm at work. The engine is self-regulating, has ample power, and the cutter takes stalks, leaves the ears and all, cuts them into fine bits, and carries the fodder thus prepared up a blowerpipe to the very top of the silo and sprays it evenly over the big circle below. The feeding problem has been solved at the Shakopee dairy, at a cost of one big silo, a \$400 gasoline engine, and \$150 cutter.

Oct. 8, 1915

The lecture on "Ephpheta" by Rev. Eugene Gehl, a missionary connected with St. John's Institute for the deaf of St. Francis, Wis., at the Gem Theatre Wednesday evening, was well attended. The lecture accompanied by about one hundred slides, scenes at the institute, was very interesting and gave the public an idea of what is being done for the children of the poor. A neat sum was realized which will go toward the maintenance of St. John's Institute.

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Oct. 15, 1915

George Huth who has been in the draying business the past twenty years, last Saturday sold his horses, drays etc. to Albert Rachel who took possession the same day. Mr. Huth has not decided upon the future but will for the present take a well earned rest. His son Walter who has been assisting him the past several years will leave for St. Paul some time next week where he has accepted a position with the Wells Fargo Express Co.

Oct. 22, 1915

Get your free movie tickets at the Kline Grocery, Condon meat market and Breimhorst studio.

Oct. 29, 1915

All the teachers worked last week Thursday evening until after eleven o'clock, and on Monday afternoon there was no school so that all could again take up the work of cataloging the public and school library. The job is now about half done and 1002 books have been cataloged.

100 Years Ago: From the Scott County Argus**Oct. 1, 1915**

We are pleased to report that Chief of Police Doody is recovering nicely from the knife wound inflicted by an infuriated tramp and is able to be up and around the house but will not resume work at present. His brother Michael of St. Paul visited him Friday.

Oct. 8, 1915

A public meeting of the farmers was called for last Monday at Busse's hall for the purpose of considering the proposition of buying the local creamery of Geo. A. Dellwo and then operating the same as a farmers' co-operative creamery. J. J. Farrel, State Dairy and Food commissioner, was present and spoke in favor of such a proposition. Mr. Farrel is president of the National Dairymen's association and stands high in the councils of the dairymen of this state. He has had a great deal of experience in the operation of creameries and has been very successful. It was quite generally agreed among those present, and many who were unable to attend the meeting, that a farmers' co-operative creamery, well managed, and controlled by farmers who would remain loyal and steadfast to the co-operative concern, would be a good business proposition for both the farmers and the business interests of Shakopee. However, no definite action was taken in regard to the proposed project, but further and more serious consideration will be given to it and another meeting may be called at a later date.

Oct. 15, 1915

Miss Kate Yost invites the ladies of Shakopee and vicinity

to call and inspect her fine stock of new and up-to-date millinery. Tailored and pattern hats; also a full line of children's and misses headgear in the best models.

Oct. 22, 1915

Peter Mergens and friends, Dr. N. H. Greenman of Fairmount, N. D., and W. C. Moulton of St. Paul, editor of the Northwestern Druggist, arrived Thursday of last week, the former to spend a week or more with relatives. The two latter had heard such flattering accounts of Mudcura Sanitarium and the curative effect of its baths that they were anxious to inspect the institution and accordingly availed themselves of the opportunity during a brief sojourn in the city.

Oct. 29, 1915

Chas. J. Hartmann wants your veal and poultry and will pay the highest market price for it. Before you sell see him or phone 51.

75 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Argus-Tribune**Oct. 3, 1940****Shakopee Skyline Altered By Wreckers**

While most of the populace was absorbed in baseball, a wrecking crew slipped into town last Monday morning. Result—Shakopee's skyline has been altered to the extent of one 30-year-old water tank.

Many there were who had set their hearts on seeing the big steel cylinder topple and crash its length on the ground. No one, it seems, save only the workmen, and a handful of nearby residents saw the tank go down.

It was accomplished quickly. An acetylene torch was applied near the base very much like a woodsman fells a tree. Guy cables prevented the structure from tipping to either side. When the steel plate was severed, the towering mass of steel remained poised for a moment; then, slowly at first, it tipped toward the south. A graceful, sweeping bow ending abruptly in a thundering crash, heard for blocks around, jarred the earth; like a fallen giant the tank stretched out on the ground.

Like ants on a worm workmen swarmed onto the tube and with hissing torches slashed it to smaller bits to be trucked away.

Oct. 10, 1940**Shak-O-High News**

A press box is being erected on the football field and it is hoped to be completed before the Homecoming game. It will accommodate a loud-speaking system and one or two people. This will be a welcome addition to the already well equipped gridiron.

Oct. 17, 1940

Joins Airline Staff

Erwin Schroeder, son of Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Schroeder of Shakopee, has accepted a position on the engineering staff of the radio division of Transcontinental and Western Airlines, it was learned this week. Until recently, he had been on the staff of Radio State KITE of Kansas City, Mo. Still located at Kansas City, the young radio engineer spent last week testing the radio equipment of the new four-motored stratoliners, flying at an altitude of more than 30,000 feet.

Oct. 24, 1940

110 Miles Per Hour on Highway Brings \$100 Fine

Shakopee highway patrolmen cruising on highway 169 north of here Friday night gave chase to a big black sedan that raced by them at a terrific rate of speed.

Racing west down the long hill the patrolmen glanced at their speedometer; it was registering 100 miles per hour and still the car ahead krept away from them. Finally the patrol car's shrieking siren came to the ears of the maniac driver and the race ended.

The two occupants of the big sedan were hailed into court in Minneapolis. The judge asked the driver how fast his car was traveling. "I don't know, your honor, I was going so fast I couldn't take my eyes from the road to glance at the speedometer." Patrolmen fixed the speed at 110 miles per hour.

Following a lusty lecture the court imposed sentence--\$100 fine, \$5 costs, suspension of the driver's license for one year.

Oct. 31, 1940

Duane Arndt, right end on the Shakopee high school football team, was honored over the radio by "Stu Mann" on his sports broadcast over WDGY, Friday.

Arndt was saluted for his outstanding performance throughout the entire season. He was presented with a plaque suitable for framing as a commemoration of his outstanding play and sportsmanship.

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Oct. 7, 1965

Car Showings At Malkerson Motors

Showing of the complete lines of 1966 Chevrolets and Pontiacs will be today and tomorrow (Thursday and Friday), October 7 and 8, at Malkerson Motors, Inc. on East First in Shakopee.

The event on both days will feature serving of free coffee and doughnuts along with balloons for the children. The public is invited to visit the showroom and view the array of models to be on display.

Oct. 14, 1965

Boom Brings 'Bovine Bolting,' Sky Herding

The peaceful tranquility of Monday evening of last week, October 4, was shattered by a loud "boom"—later determined to be a sonic boom that resulted in bovine bolting and a week-long search and roundup that enlisted the aid of the Scott County Sheriff's office and that of an Army Air Force helicopter pilot.

The change from apparent tranquility to "outer space reverberation" was just too much for the eight beef cattle, including Black Angus and Holstein, at the Henry Stark farm in Eagle Creek township.

They bolted and began their meandering trek through neighboring cornfields. This presented the problem of the errant bovines gorging themselves on the corn and becoming those to be listed on the ailing list.

By Monday evening a trace of the confused cattle was reported, and a search was organized with seven on horseback joining the effort.

With the search yet not successful and on advice from the Scott Sheriff's office a "rider in the sky" was called on to participate in the roundup.

He appeared on the scene in his helicopter being in the area last Saturday to participate in the Army Air Force reserves parachute jump exercise, finding a new challenge in this unexpected role of "herding from the sky."

The sky herding efforts resulted in seven of the eight missing cattle being returned to the Stark farm. The Starks report one errant bovine is still missing.

With it apparent that the returned cattle were still "shook up" with a case of "sonic boom jitters," they were shipped out to market last Sunday afternoon.

These sonic booms are to be heard in this area for the next three months as Strategic Air Command B-58 Hustler bombers make simulated bombing runs over the area.

The bombers are making their 1,300-mile-an-hour runs at altitudes of 35,000 feet along a 40-mile wide path running from north central North Dakota to near Nelson, Wisconsin.

The B-58 bombers, are not carrying live bombs, and according to the Air Force, should make "comparatively mild" sonic booms due to the high altitudes.

Oct. 21, 1965

Grand Opening event will be staged at Shakopee Ford, east edge of Shakopee on East First, this Friday and Saturday, October 22 and 23, with hours of 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

The gala event marking this new dealer facility in the community, considered most modern from both the standpoint of displaying as well as servicing autos, will be highlighted with the appearance of Jim Kaat, hurler for the Minne-

sota Twins.

Personnel at Shakopee Ford will serve as hosts and hostesses for the two-day event with free cider and doughnuts to be served. Those participating will also be given the opportunity of winning transistor radios.

Free pumpkins for Halowe'en are also being offered the kiddies.

Burdette C. Stief, owner, invites all the community to visit his facility, a definite business asset to Shakopee, during the event at which 1966 models of the complete Ford line will be on display.

Oct. 28, 1965

No UFO Reports Here But Satellite Sighted

As yet there have been no reports that have reached us that can top that of the northern Minnesota radio newsman who claimed to see the flying saucer complete with "tripod occupants" this week in the middle of a state highway, after his car mysteriously ceased running and the car radio blacked out.

But, there is a report this week of Shakopee residents who, while driving home from Waconia, sighted a satellite.

Mrs. Harry Annen and son, Richard, 428 East Second, after spending the day with Mrs. Arlene Swiers and family started on what is normally a routine trip back to Shakopee.

While driving, they noticed a very bright star-like shining object in the sky that appeared to have some red hues. First dismissing it as another airplane, they continued to observe and curiosity won over. After stopping the car and looking more intently, they noticed what appeared to be a round circle surrounding the object, which first seemed to stand still but yet was large and glittering like a star.

Again driving along, they further observed the object and it appeared to move now and then just a little. Again the car was stopped for more observation.

Still not certain as just what was claiming their attention, when they got to Shakopee they called radio station WCCO in Minneapolis and described their experience. The newsman at the station informed them that all the while they had watched this object they were observing a satellite.

Seems the radio newsmen now have the last word on UFO's (unidentified flying objects) and orbiting objects in space!

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Oct. 4, 1990

Cross-county teams to take first hike for football team

It's a good thing the Shakopee High School football team isn't playing International Falls Friday in its homecoming game.

As part of the homecoming festivities, the Shakopee boys' and girls' cross-country teams will run relay Friday to carry the game football from St. Louis Park – home of Benilde-St. Margaret's High School, the football team's opponent that night – to Shakopee.

Coordinating the event is Scott County Sheriff Bill Nevin, who helped map the safest route for the runners and contacted various police departments for cooperation in escorting the runners.

"We've received outstanding support and cooperation," said girls' cross-country coach Bob Britz. "We'd like to make this an annual thing."

Britz estimated the journey to be about 30 miles, noting it takes about 40 minutes by the more conventional school bus.

Captains of the cross-country teams will present the game ball to the football team captains prior to the 7:30 p.m. game.

Oct. 11, 1990

State to provide full bypass funding

Gov. Rudy Perpich gave credit to a local transportation lobbying group and area officials for Saturday's announcement in Shakopee that the long-awaited Shakopee Bypass will receive full funding to be completed as planned.

"If it wasn't for the commitment of the community, the Department of Transportation and the perseverance of the Scott County Transportation Coalition, this day would not have arrived," Perpich said.

"The coalition in particular applied the principle of the squeaky wheel gets the grease."

The formal announcement and ceremonial groundbreaking at the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce building sealed plans for a project that sat on the drawing board for more than 25 years...

The project is expected to be completed in November 1994.

The bypass will cost \$31 million to complete. The DOT will pay \$30 million while the city of Shakopee will contribute \$1 million.

The nine-mile bypass will connect with Highway 169 in Jackson Township in the west, travel south of downtown and residential Shakopee and connect with Highway 101 on the east side of County Road 89...

Oct. 18, 1990

10% budget cuts may be imposed by County Board

After a lengthy discussion, the Scott County Board Tuesday proposed 1991 budget cuts for a number of departments to make up for a \$90,000 deficit.

The proposed cuts will require departments not meeting their budget guidelines to trim 10 percent from their budgets.

In most cases the proposed cuts will result in staff or service reductions.

Oct. 25, 1990

Road may be built around depot

The Shakopee City Council last week directed the city's engineering staff to prepare a report on the feasibility of extending Second Avenue from Atwood to Scott streets around the railroad depot, whose location has long been a hindrance to project plans.

An earlier feasibility report indicated that in order to construct Second Avenue from Atwood to Scott streets on the north side of existing railroad tracks, the depot should be removed. If the building were to remain, it would sit between railroad tracks and a city street, making it less than desirable from a development standpoint. The depot is owned by two railroad companies, and is no longer used except for storage.

The city considered purchasing the depot, with the hope of moving and selling it. It also considered condemning the property for code violations, which would force the owners to make repairs or have it moved, or the city would tear it down. However, the building and property was appraised at

\$84,000, which made council members have second thoughts about buying it. And the city building inspector reported that there were not sufficient code violations to condemn the property.

The council did initiate eminent domain proceedings, in which the city could take the property for the purpose of constructing a public road, with the property owner being compensated at a fair price.

But again, the cost of the property was considered too high by council members. If the building were to remain, city Public Works Director David Hutton said the city would have two options:

- * Eliminate a node at the southwest corner of Second Avenue and Atwood Street to correct a traffic problem...

- * Construct Second Avenue around the depot building to the north...

Council members canceled the condemnation order, which was to have been part of a public hearing on Nov. 7, and directed staff to complete a feasibility report on constructing the street around the depot.



President William H. Taft delivers a speech at the Shakopee Depot on Oct. 24, 1911. Notable items on the platform include Rock Spring soda bottles from Jacob Ries Bottling Works and Shakopee bricks from the Schroeder Brick and Lime Manufacturing Co.

Fall 2015 Speaker Topic: Raceway Park



Marge Elftmann will share information and stories about Raceway Park on Saturday, Oct. 17, following the Shakopee Heritage Society General Membership Meeting at 1 p.m. at the Shakopee Public Library Downstairs Meeting Room.

Marge has written two books about Raceway Park and is loaded with information on the racetrack.

The public is welcome to join us for this free presentation!