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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Jan. 2, 1891

A fine Bedroom Set worth \$25, will be given away next Saturday night, to the holder of ticket *present*, by the Wilson Theatre Co. at Weiland's Opera House.

Jan. 9, 1891

Dr. J. B. Dunn the health officer, seems determined to prevent if possible the appearance of diphtheria in our midst, as will be seen by his notice elsewhere. Arrests of parties who have not complied with the law have on his complaint, been made.

Jan. 16, 1891

About the most contemptible specimen of mankind is the wood thief and the chicken thief, and we are sorry to say they exist to some extent in Shakopee. One of the latter was lately caught in the act by Mr. Lins and knocked flat for his punishment. It wasn't enough.

Jan. 23, 1891

While deepening the engine house well at the mill, at 40 feet through limestone they struck hard rock and for three days pounded through it and dropping down struck indications of iron ore in the dirt.

Jan. 30, 1891

New Black smith Shop.

I am prepared to do all kinds of Farm Machinery Repairing, at my New Shop on Lewis street near the Bridge. Special attention paid to Horse-shoeing.

J. A. Dean.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Jan. 1, 1891

Quite a number of boys and girls skated up the river to Chaska last Sunday. A number of Skating parties have been down from Chaska during the past week. Those skating on the river should be very cautious for, although the ice is thick and strong enough in most places, there are innumerable air holes, and as many places where but a very thin sheet of ice covers the water of the treacherous river. So long as the warm weather continues, where the ice is perfectly safe one day it may not be the next.

Jan. 8, 1891

It is said that the arrest of a local physician, for violating

the health laws in not reporting a case of diphtheria at Alois Selb's, will occur tomorrow. This is serious matter and there must be no trifling.

Jan. 15, 1891

Fire warden H. F. Gross inspected the second ward cisterns Tuesday.

Jan. 22, 1891

Geo. H. Vierling sold his cigar factory last Thursday to his brother John. George moved to Minneapolis Monday to start a hotel.

Jan. 29, 1891

Three weeks ago the Argus said a doctor was going to be arrested for violating [?] the health laws in not [?] informing the authorities of a death from diphtheria in Marystown. That doctor was C. A. Entrup and he had a trial before justice Stevens last week and it took the jury just four minutes to acquit him. The prosecution was pretty generally considered to be one of professional jealousy. The evidence shows that Dr. Entrup not only personally informed the health officer, Jacob Thorn, and put up a notice, but took great precaution so that the disease might not spread.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Jan. 7, 1916

J. H. Stans entertained the members of the Cadet Band at his home Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in social converse, the boys rendering some fine band selections. A delicious lunch was served, the party dispersing at an early hour.

Jan. 14, 1916

I wish to announce to the public that I am prepared to do all kinds of electric wiring and repairing. Fixtures for sale. Up to date work guaranteed.

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Henry Flecken, Shakopee, Minn.

fic also eclipsed the previous year, Harry C. Mertz, postmaster, disclosed.

Jan. 21, 1916

Some of our local fight fans including H. C. Schroeder, E. F. Thiede, J. F. Walsh, Bach Ring and Joe Klinkhammer went to St. Paul Tuesday to see the Gibbons-Ahearn fight.

Jan. 28, 1916

For Sale:—The Riggs property on First street. See S. B. Ferguson.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Jan. 7, 1916

Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Inc., remembered their friends and patrons with handsome New Year greetings and little desk calendars, which the recipients appreciate for their beauty and usefulness. The Argus extends thanks for one of the pretty reminders of the season.

Jan. 14, 1916

Mrs. Catherine Clemens, who was in so critical a condition that her life was despaired of, is so far recovered that she was able to sit up Wednesday for the first time since her illness. Her recovery is considered remarkable inasmuch as the aged lady passed her 90th birthday anniversary November last.

Jan. 21, 1916

Mr. Ryan reports that his farm of 500 acres east of town has been sold to M. Wilson of Iowa who will be here in about two weeks to take possession. Mr. Ryan will hold an auction at the farm next Tuesday. He has also an offer on his farm across the river and expects to close the deal, the buyer being a resident of South Dakota.

Jan. 28, 1916

Lee Gelhaye has bought out Bray & Dumkie's saloon and will conduct it for himself.

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune*

Jan. 2, 1941

50,000 Licks Only Part of Big Postal Sales in December

That there might be many sore tongues and fatigued salivary glands was hinted this week with the disclosure that nearly fifty thousand 1 ½-cent stamps were sold at the Shakopee post office during December. That represents a lot o' licks and does not take into account all the licks that went with the thousands of other stamps for first class mail and parcel post. Postal employees were glad they didn't have assorted flavors to fuss with because just the rush of the record-breaking postal business was enough. Sales of 1 ½-cent stamps were 8000 greater than in 1939, and parcel post traf-

Jan. 9, 1941

Miss Estelle Jamieson, superintendent of the State Reformatory, was hostess to the Book Club and invited guests numbering about fifty, at the Reformatory Friday afternoon. Miss Florence Lehman of Minneapolis, was guest speaker and related some of the many experiences she has had interviewing celebrities on the radio. Mrs. Jamieson of Minneapolis, sang a group of songs. Following the program tea was served. A most interesting afternoon was spent.

Jan. 16, 1941

Shak-O-High News

The Happy Hour Club met Friday for the first time in the New Year. The aims of the club were re-discussed, especially the big aim, "To spread happiness everywhere."

The eighth graders have been divided into two groups, half on the southern side, and half on the northern, in a study of the Civil War. They are finding many arguments for both sides and are endeavoring to see if they could have prevented such a war.

Dictionaries have been getting a rush business lately. When anyone does not know the meaning of a word Mr. Stuhr requires that he look it up and then write it.

Jan. 23, 1941

Arrangements All Made For Annual President's Ball At The Riviera

Arrangements for the President's Annual Ball have been completed, according to advice received from Mayor J. J. Cavanaugh, chairman for Scott county.

The date is next Wednesday evening, January 29, and the place is the ever-popular Riviera. An orchestra with plenty of rhythm has been engaged for the occasion.

For a number of years now President Roosevelt's birthday has been the occasion for this annual ball, all the proceeds of which go into a fund maintained for the benefit of victims of infantile paralysis. As a result of this great humanitarian endeavor thousands of children, and some grown folks too, have been greatly helped and in many cases cured of the disease. Therefore the appeal is made to all who can to assist the cause in every way possible.

Here then is an opportunity to help an excellent cause, and have a good time while you are doing it. The purchase of a ticket will help a lot, the price is one dollar per couple. Let the Riviera be the rendezvous for you and your friends next Wednesday evening.

Jan. 30, 1941

Lions Chartered At Dinner Party

Nearly 200 Attend Affair Held at Riviera Here Monday Evening.

Nearly 200 men and women of Shakopee, Faribault, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Hopkins, attended the charter night of the newly-organized unit of the Shakopee International Lions club at the Riviera Monday night.

J. Russell Carroll, deputy district governor, served as toastmaster, for the evening's program which opened with the group singing "America."

The assembly then enjoyed a dinner which included tomato juice cocktail, relish, salad, roast turkey, dressing, potatoes au gratin, fresh green peas, hot rolls, dessert and a beverage.

R. C. Schroeder of the Shakopee club, in the absence of W. F. Duffy, vice president, spoke the welcome, and Dr. T. H. Thomas, zone chairman, introduced the visiting clubs. The introductions were followed by group singing and the induction of members.

Tom Gallagher, speaker of the evening, fascinated his audience with his well chosen remarks in which he stressed the value of service clubs such as the Lions.

The presentation of the charter to the new club was made by R. V. Melby, district governor and Cyrus J. Fischer, president, accepted the charter on behalf of the Shakopee organization. The formal program closed with the singing of "God Bless America." Following the dinner program the remaining hours were spent in dancing.

Officers of the local unit in addition to Mr. Fischer and Mr. Duffy, are Dr. J. C. Klein, second vice president; Paul Ries, third vice president; Elmer Dahl, secretary-treasurer; F. G. Thompson, tail twister; and Otto C. Siems, Lion tamer. The board of directors includes J. A. Coller II, J. F. O'Keefe, R. C. Schroeder, Ernest H. Stein, and Henry Workman.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Jan. 6, 1966

Chamber Sponsors Event To Benefit Rodeo Arena

One of the first feature attractions and community-wide events to be held in the new gymnasium of the Shakopee Public high school on Tenth Avenue will be the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce presentation of the Minneapolis Choralaires at 7 p.m. in concert on Sunday, January 16.

The proceeds from the event are to be used by the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce for the improvements of the rodeo area in Huber park, according to Dr. W. Adair Muralt, Chamber executive secretary...

Jan. 13, 1966

Open House Tuesday At Minnesota Natural Gas Company Division Office

Minnesota Natural Gas Company will hold a grand open-

ing for their new Suburban Division headquarters next Tuesday, January 18.

Miss Ann Burgmeier, the company's local Home Service advisor, will serve coffee and cookies throughout the day in the Home Service auditorium

There will be a free registration for prizes and all foods prepared, including cakes, chickens, and other items will be given away.

Local management, sales, accounting, and operating personnel will be on hand to conduct tours of the office. Additionally, Richard Boys and Richard Steele of Shakopee, who headquarter at the company's Minneapolis office, will be in the office to greet the public.

Minnesota Natural moved into its new building at Second and Lewis Street last month. Prior to this time and since 1948 the company's office was located at 140 Holmes street.

According to D. J. Reimers, the company's president, "our past growth and anticipated expansion throughout the Company's Suburban division has required the larger Suburban Division facilities." Besides Shakopee, the Company's Suburban division includes Burnsville, Chanhassen, Savage, Prior Lake, Chaska, Cologne, Waconia and Norwood-Young America.

Construction started for the new Suburban Division headquarters last summer and was completed late last year. The building and premises are owned and leased to Minnesota Natural by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Topic, Jr.

General contractors for the 7,500 square foot structure were Link Brothers Construction Company of Shakopee.

The new headquarters building includes a Home Service auditorium and kitchen facilities, a business and merchandise display area, a drafting and records room, as well as office facilities for divisional personnel.

Minnesota Natural Gas Company hopes for a large turnout of local citizens and customers on next Tuesday. The Open House will be during the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jan. 20, 1966

Engineering Firm Ownership Change

Valley Engineering Co., Inc. announced this week that William Schmokel of Prior Lake has purchased the major interest of the firm.

T. Flatebo will remain with the company as an associate member, but plans on basing his future operation out of his office in Wayzata.

Schmokel said that as of February 1, Valley Engineering Co., Inc., located at 124 South Sommerville in Shakopee would have a main office to be located in Prior Lake.

Jan. 27, 1966

Cement Firm Blaze \$100,000 Loss, Five Runs This Week For

Firemen

Fire at Valley Inc., cement block and ready-mix concrete firm, five miles south of Shakopee and a half-mile west of the Highway 169-41 intersection, last Thursday evening, January 20, resulted in an estimated \$100,000 loss which include a cement block making machine, valued at \$50,000.

No injuries were reported in the blaze that destroyed the cement block plant, along with several ready-mix trucks, including a fork-lift, and other items of equipment.

Officials of the firm, the former Rockite Concrete Co., estimate that seven to 10 employees will be laid off until the plant is rebuilt.

The fire was reported by Mrs. Ray Frey of Jack's Truck Stop who was alerted by a state highway maintenance crew that noticed the blaze.

Volunteer firemen from Shakopee, Chaska, Jordan and Carver, were at the scene to bring the fire under control within an hour. Firemen also prevented the fire from spreading to an adjacent wooden ready-mix shop.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Jan. 3, 1991

SCR wins citation for Shakopee Showcase event

Shakopee Community Recreation (SCR) has received the Minnesota Recreation and Park Association's 1990 Citation Award for its production of Shakopee Showcase. SCR received one of nine awards presented this year.

Clifton French, executive director of the association, made the presentation at the Shakopee City Council meeting Dec. 18...

Among those accepting the award were SCR Director George Muenchow and SCR Board chairperson Paulette Rislund.

Muenchow lauded Canterbury for allowing the annual event to be held inside its facilities.

Shakopee Showcase is an annual one-day, two-hour community "open house" held in April, featuring exhibits, demonstrations and information on local organizations and activities. The event also serves to allow residents to share ideas and socialize, according to organizers.

The event previously was held at the high school, but was moved to the racetrack when crowds grew too large.

Jan. 10, 1991

'Shop locally' promotion a success

The Shakopee Chamber of Commerce reported that its "Shop Shakopee Sweepstakes," a holiday shopping promotion, was a success. Local merchants validated more than

1,200 shoppers' sweepstakes cards between Nov. 1 and Christmas, making the shoppers eligible for a grand prize. Dan Hier of Shakopee, an employee of the Shakopee K mart store, was the winner of an entertainment center and color television, provided by the Chamber Retail Committee.

Jan. 17, 1991

Lions donation opened free skating

The Shakopee/Prior Lake Knights Hockey League expressed appreciation to the Shakopee Lions Club, which donated \$500 to the Ice Arena for open skating time.

During the months of October, November and December, any person of any age could skate on Sundays without charge. The time allowed smaller children to skate with their parents.

Jerry Ubel, the Knights president, said: "It was a gesture we very much appreciate. I hope everyone will take the time to thank a Lion."

Boy and girl hockey players to age 15 are encouraged to join the Shakopee/Prior Lake Knights.

Jan. 24, 1991

Festival of Trees a success

The fourth annual St. Francis Festival of Trees was termed a success by organizers, with net proceeds expected to exceed \$35,000.

Proceeds will be used for a new cardiac monitoring machine at St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee. The Festival, co-sponsored by the St. Francis Auxiliary and Foundation, was held Nov. 16 and 17 at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska. Gloria Vierling of Shakopee and Connie Kraus of Chaska were chairs for the event.

About 240 attended a special benefit dinner on Friday evening, which included music by Drs. David Willey of Chaska and George Lundgren of Shakopee, and Paul Nordgren and Barb Hamilton. Also during the evening participants recognized Sister Johanna Metzen's 52 years of service to St. Francis, and there were silent auctions, a holiday craft boutique and dancing. Nancy Christensen was master of ceremonies.

Jan. 31, 1991

Chaska's Ostlund named school superintendent

It may not be a long way from Chaska to Shakopee – but the move is a step up for Robert Ostlund.

Ostlund, 48, director of administrative services with the Chaska School District, has been named superintendent of Shakopee public schools. Ostlund is scheduled to start July 1 in Shakopee, although he says the two districts are still negotiating on that date. His contract with Chaska runs through June, he said...

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