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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Feb. 6, 1891

The street lamps of late have had the grip—and had it bad.

Feb. 13, 1891

Mat. Annen will move from the Duffy house early in the spring, having purchased a residence on Second street.

Feb. 20, 1891

At the regular quarterly meeting of Engine company S. F. D. the resignation of Geo. H. Vierling was accepted, and in his place Jacob Ries Jr. was elected a delegate to the annual convention which meets in Jordan in June. Also, Herman Schroeder was elected assistant foreman.

Feb. 27, 1891

Having been for some considerable time past pretty generous in sending the Courier without pay to some of our subscribers, they shouldn't find fault if we put them on the retired list now – till they pay up.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 5, 1891

The post office was closed on Monday from ten to three on account of the death of the Secretary of the Treasury, Wm. Windom.

Feb. 12, 1891

F. X. Hirscher has the contract to build an altar for the catholic church at Wabasha to be thirty-two feet high.

Feb. 19, 1891

John Bohrer has improved the looks of his saloon by a new porch.

Feb. 26, 1891

Interest has been revived in the Spearman murder case by the capture of Joe Remington, who was suspected of murdering a grain buyer at Arthur N. D., on Feb. 11th. Remington has confessed. Remington and Will Spearman worked for some months at the same livery stable in Minneapolis, and were great chums.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Feb. 4, 1916

A 20 horse power motor was installed in Stemmer Bros.

feed mill, Wednesday, by Electrician George.

Feb. 11, 1916

High School Notes

The boys of the manual training class have installed magazine racks in the library and convenient window shelves in the normal room. They are also contemplating building a barn for a local man.

Feb. 18, 1916

What They Say

Mrs. Coe said to Mrs. Doe that Mrs. Green reckoned positively that Mrs. Harsh told Mrs. Marsh that H. G. Thul does the best painting and paper hanging in town. All work guaranteed. Prices reasonable.

Feb. 25, 1916

Stamp photos at the Breimhorst studio, 24 for 25 cents.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 4, 1916

Wireless Station is Erected by Amateurs

Presumably only a few of our local readers are aware of the fact that Shakopee is in touch with other points by means of a wireless station, but such, however, is the case. Joseph O'Connor and Charlie Holman, two of our enterprising young Americans, are the owners and operators of the system which they installed at the Jud Holman home a couple of weeks ago. The boys are working diligently every spare moment to perfect their apparatus and are not only deeply interested but find much profitable entertainment in their experiments. Their present station was constructed with the idea of receiving messages only from St. Paul and Minneapolis, but the young operators have also been successful in taking Duluth on one or two occasions.

The apparatus is erected on the Holman barn and ex-

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tends about thirty-five feet in air. Joe O'Connor has been making a study of wireless for three or four years past and is now engaged in putting in a station at his home on a much larger scale than the one in process of completion at the Holman place. When finished the O'Connor station will be able to receive Colon, Panama; San Diego and Mare Island in the Pacific. Joe will also be able to furnish time direct from Arlington, Va. in a few weeks; also government weather reports. The boys will have sending stations capable of transmitting messages for a distance of fifty miles, using 1 kilowatt of power.

Both of the youthful operators have joined the National Amateurs' Wireless Association of America and are enthusiastic members. Their licenses to operate will be taken out immediately. It is understood that both will have separate stations of the same rating.

Thus it is that ambitious young America again demonstrates what may be accomplished in pursuing a useful hobby for a few spare hours each day, and the Argus takes pride in chronicling the boys' successful endeavors to snatch the world's news from the skies. Before many more weeks have passed Shakopee will be in touch with the outside world by wireless for a distance of many hundreds of miles, and the young operators have promised to furnish the Argus such items of news that they may receive as will prove interesting to our readers, and also to keep us informed of their progress in the work. The Continental code is the one used by them!

Feb. 11, 1916

Shakopee Bakery. Joseph Ploumen, Prop. Both Phones. We take pride in baking a superior quality of...Breads and Cookies, Doughnuts. Fancy Baking such as wedding cakes and all other kinds of cakes and pastry furnished to order.

We also handle different kind of flour. Deliveries are made to any part of the city.

Feb. 18, 1916

At the age of 52 years August Gelhaye claims the distinction of starting to cut what may prove to be his third set of teeth. At any rate Mr. Gelhaye tells the Argus that when he was 29 years of age he had a front tooth extracted by a dentist and was greatly surprised to discover the other day that a new tooth is growing where the incisor was removed. Mr. Gelhaye states positively that he knows it to be the third tooth cut and thinks it is a good indication of his always sturdy constitution and a possible starter of a new set of teeth.

Feb. 25, 1916

While Francis Condon was driving through town Sunday his horse became frightened at a passing train at the city hall corner, broke the bit and indulged in a runaway down First street. Finding himself unable to cope with the situation Fran-

cis jumped from the cutter and let the horse pursue its own way. The animal was captured after a brisk run down First street with no damages resulting.

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

Feb. 6, 1941

Proceeds From Symphony Concert Will Go Into Band Uniform Debt

Sufficient funds were raised last year during the band uniform drive to pay for the uniforms if they were made. According to the original schedule, WPA was to make the trousers. Materials and finding were purchased. A disagreement came up in WPA and the project was not begun. The goods were returned for credit and the trousers were made by Cad-dock company. This necessitated a greater outlay than had been first intended. It is expected that a good share of the proceeds from the symphony Wednesday evening, will go to caring for the unpaid balance on the uniforms.

Feb. 13, 1941

Ralph Schroeder Joins British Air Force

Under an enlistment for the duration of the war, Ralph Schroeder, 25, son of Mrs. Henry C. Schroeder, of Shakopee, has "joined up" with the Canadian Royal Air Force and is now in training at Brandon, Manitoba, it was disclosed this week.

The young pilot, who has been flying for the past four years, was sworn into the R. A. F. Friday. Following the completion of his training in military flying, Ralph anticipates he will be sent over seas where he will see active service in Britain's fight against the axis powers.

Friends here are confident that Ralph, once behind the stick of a military plane, will give a good account of himself to the Royal Air Force.

Feb. 20, 1941

Plans for Local Red Cross Work Completed This Week

At a meeting of the members of the local Red Cross held Thursday, at the Donald Childs home, plans were perfected whereby work in the interests of the American Red Cross will begin in Shakopee this week.

Classes in sewing and knitting will be conducted weekly in the basement rooms in the court house. The first of these meetings will be conducted Friday afternoon, February 21. The meeting in the following week will be held Wednesday, February 26. Continuing in this order, meetings will be held, alternating Fridays and Wednesdays, in the successive weeks. Anyone wishing to assist in this worthy cause may apply at the meetings, or contact any of the officers.

Materials and patterns will be supplied from the National Red Cross headquarters in St. Louis. The work will include sewing, knitting and making surgical dressings.

Officers in charge are Mrs. Adolph Schroeder, general chairman of production; Mrs. Harry Berens, chairman of sewing, assisted by Mrs. Donald Dunn; Mrs. R. C. Kline, chairman of knitting, assisted by Mrs. Neil Kline; Mrs. Paul Huber, chairman of surgical dressing; Mrs. W. A. Pomije, chairman of packing, assisted by Mrs. J. C. Berens; Mrs. J. A. Coller, II, secretary, and Mrs. W. F. Duffy, publicity chairman.

Feb. 27, 1941

Volunteer Employment Office Offers Service

During the coming year R. T. Schumacher will again have charge of the Shakopee Volunteer Employment office. This year employment activities will not be confined to farmers and farm hands.

Any person in need of help in any occupation may call Mr. Schumacher at the Scott County Welfare Board in the court house, and if no one is available locally, his order will be referred to the Hopkins Employment office where efforts will be made to find a suitable worker. This arrangement will connect the town of Shakopee with the Division of Employment and Security which operates a statewide labor clearance system for the purpose of directing workers to where their help is needed.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 3, 1966

Operating In Former Ford Agency Location

Now operating in the building, the former Shakopee Ford location at Spencer and West First is an auto service firm.

Offering services as an auto body shop and specializing in auto clean-up and polishing, the firm is being operated by "Hank" Cups of Minneapolis.

Feb. 10, 1966

Council Acts To Condemn Flour Mill Property On Lewis Street

Adopted at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shakopee Tuesday night was Resolution 92 providing for condemnation of the old flour mill property, located just to the east of the Utilities power house on the east side of Lewis and north of East First.

The resolution, approved unanimously by the council, also named three commissioners to appraise the property, described as lots six, seven, eight, nine and 10 in block three to be condemned by the right of eminent domain for future use by the City of Shakopee...

In November of last year, after the council had expressed an interest in the property, city officials received a letter from Kopp & Associates, 7701 Harriet Avenue South, Minneapolis, signed by Roman J. Kopp, stating the property was owned by Kopp & Associates and offering the same at a price of \$99,000.

At the time of authorizing negotiations for this particular property, the council also authorized the negotiations for the Leo Ketterer estate property, lots six and seven, block four, located just behind the City building, fronting Lewis Street. This transaction has been completed, with the city purchasing this property in December for \$10,000.

At the time of appropriating \$10,000 for the Ketterer estate property, \$25,000 was appropriated for the negotiations for the old flour mill property, located behind Montgomery Ward and to the northwest of the City building...

Feb. 17, 1966

Public Invited To Open House At 'Stockade'

The Shakopee community was invited this week by the leaders and members of Shakopee Boy Scout Troop No. 218 to attend an Open House from 2 to 4 p.m. this Sunday, at the new Troop Stockade, located on the Marystown Road just south of West Sixth Avenue.

Purpose of the event is to show visitors what has been done with the remodeling that began last summer when the troop took over use of a cattle barn as a meeting place.

In order to present a better understanding of this achievement, and also to explain future development plans, the Scouts are to conduct guided tours through the facility to include the "garrison," the Trading Post, the Omnicye and Wankon rooms and the meeting and display areas. An added feature will be "Scout Alley," where the troop's six patrols will set up booths to demonstrate skills. Coffee will be served at the end of the tour.

Completion of the meeting room interior marks the end of the first phase of the Stockade project, which actually started in the spring of last year when the former Scout Cabin in Huber Park was lost to record floodwaters.

Future plans include work on the exterior of the building and further development of the Stockade theme. S. M. Hennen of Shakopee, is chairman of the Stockade building project.

Troop leaders pointed out in announcing the open house event this Sunday that, in addition to viewing the transformation from a cattle barn into a meeting place, the event should be of interest to all those who are interested in young people, since this Stockade is among the finest Boy Scout facilities in the country and will be used by many future generations of Shakopee youth.

A brief ceremony at 3 p.m. will formally dedicate the building to the Boy Scouts of Shakopee.

Feb. 24, 1966

Specialists To Conduct Fire Inspection March 8

Specialists in fire prevention, representing Capital Stock insurance companies, will be in Shakopee Tuesday, March 8, to conduct a city inspection, particularly business firms and

public buildings, it was announced this week.

The specialists are all members of the Fire Prevention Association. They are donating their services to Shakopee at the request of the civic organizations, the Shakopee Junior Chamber of Commerce which is co-operating with the Shakopee Volunteer Fire Department, to observe Fire Prevention Week in this community.

The inspection on Tuesday, March 8, is to include mercantile and public buildings, schools and churches. Specific hazards uncovered will be reported to building owners or tenants. These reports will include recommendations for correcting these hazards.

Inspection teams will include members of Shakopee Boy Scout Troop No. 218.

"It is to be emphasized that this inspection is voluntary on the part of our business people and will not affect their fire insurance rates or policies," Shakopee Fire Chief Anthony LaTour, Jr. explained...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 7, 1991

A pile of pillows

Betty Monnens, Shakopee, department hospital chair for the Minnesota Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary, issued a challenge to the state's 291 auxiliaries to make pillows and lap robes for the national salute to "Hospital Veterans Week." She received about 150 items...

Feb. 14, 1991

Shakopee students may soon find themselves on television

Shakopee High School students may someday find themselves on TV – and behind a camera, as well – as part of a proposed media technology course.

A report on the proposal was presented by Jim Murphy, high school principal, to the School Board Monday.

The course is being planned for the 1991-92 school year, said Murphy. "This course is designed to help our students develop a better understanding of the video media and become a critical viewer."

Murphy said he had been working with the industrial technology staff at the high school to consider converting the current machine shop to a video/media production facility...

The curriculum may include exploration in the development of television, cameras and camcorders, camera techniques, light and sound, and analysis and critique of productions.

Murphy said there was a possibility that the community's local access channel on cable would locate in the same facili-

ty. If this happened, he said, students would be able to have access to the production equipment beyond regular school hours.

Other advantages to the course could include allowing the district to more effectively communicate with the community and utilizing the studio for other classes and programs.

"I think once we had it there it would grow and grow," Murphy said.

Murphy said he would come back to the board with more details on the course as he further explored its options and feasibility.

Feb. 21, 1991

Northstar Auto Auction opens \$8 million canopied sales lot

Minneapolis Northstar Auto Auction of Shakopee unveiled its new \$8 million canopied lot Feb. 14 at a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by Michael Richardson, president and chief executive officer of Northstar's parent company, Anglo American Auto Auctions. Anglo American is a subsidiary of ADT, based in Great Britain.

Northstar Auto Auction, 4908 Valley Industrial Blvd. N., has operated in Shakopee since 1971. Employing 150 people, it is one of 25 auto auction businesses owned by Anglo American. Northstar is the first auto auction in the country to provide a covered lot for sale-ready vehicles. The cars are sold to dealers, who then sell them at retail prices to consumers.

The metal canopy covers a 130,000-square-foot parking lot with space for 750 vehicles. Well-lit and enclosed on three sides, the lot provides buyers and the vehicles with protection from Minnesota wind and weather...

Feb. 28, 1991

Carlson pushes budget plan in Shakopee

As part of a statewide tour to garner support for his budget proposals, Gov. Arne Carlson last Friday brought his message to Shakopee. Accentuating the positive, Carlson told an audience of about 100 that the state will give city and county governments more autonomy and power by removing state mandates and levy limits as they are weaned from state-aid monies.

"It's a whale of a good budget," Carlson said. "It will make Minnesota stronger, leaner and more job competitive."

Billed as a town meeting, Carlson took only three questions from the audience. Instead, he voiced his pledge to bring down the cost of state government by increasing some state taxes and reducing aids to local government by 30 percent. State aids are used to fund local services to keep property taxes down...

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