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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Mar. 6, 1891

Persons having Notarial Work of any description can have it dispatched with accuracy at the Post Office building.

Wm. Willson
Notary Public

Mar. 13, 1891

The Soap Factory Fire.

On Friday night last, about 6 o'clock a fire broke out in the building known from away back as the "soap factory," situated in East Shakopee at the head of Titus' creek. It was occupied by John Scharf's family consisting of himself and children, and in his absence it is supposed the children by some way set fire to the hay in the same building. About 6 ¼ o'clock the fire bell rang, Harry Cole having driven up town and given the alarm, and at about 6 ¾ o'clock the engine got water in the big spring near by and the fireman got to work. They had a hard pull of it, all three machines, so far through the snow, the last part of their way in deep snow breaking their own road, and the boys were pretty tired when they arrived at the scene. At 9 p.m. they stopped work, having flooded the building and soaked the smoking hay, so that no further danger was feared. A squad of men were detailed to throw out the hay and watch the building till morning and they succeeded despite the smouldering flames and stifling smoke in getting all the hay out by about midnight, in which they were assisted by Fire Warden Schroeder of the 3d ward. The firemen worked faithfully, many having cold, chilled feet at the engine, while the hook & ladder men mounted the roof and cut holes enough to get the hose to play inside. The hose men were covered with water but their suits protected them to a much needed extent, and they worked below and above like good fellows, as they were. Mr. Scharf's household goods were pretty much all saved, and he reports his loss confined to the hay and some corn. He got back in time to hitch his team to the hose cart and pull it to the engine house, preceded by the other companies also pulled back by horses. We noticed many young fellows, and some old men, not firemen, working faithfully at the engine. These volunteers are entitled to full credit with the firemen, for their promptness in hurrying there, and the good work they performed.

Mar. 20, 1891

J. C. McInerney is the owner of one of the finest Perche-

ron horses that was ever owned in this city. He can be seen at the St. Paul House barn.

Mar. 27, 1891

Ladies call in and see S. L. Hill's Pattern Hats and Bonnets, they are beauties.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Mar. 5, 1891

Last Friday evening several young ladies hired a 'bus and driver and attended the social at Robert Dean's at Bloomington.

Mar. 12, 1891

A meeting of local sportsmen was held at Strunk & Sons' last Monday evening to devise some means of stopping all shooting of ducks in the spring, or to have the law so amended as to allow duck shooting up to the first of May. It was decided to have a bill introduced in the Legislature allowing the shooting of aquatic fowls from the 20th of August to the first of May. It was further proposed to have the game laws so amended that one half of the fines for violations of the law, go to the party making the complaint and the other half go to the Public school fund of the county where the fine is paid.

Mar. 19, 1891

The only change in Eagle Creek town officers was the election of Geo. Huber as town clerk, he succeeding his brother Frank.

Mar. 26, 1891

The house at Barden lately owned by James Wilson burned Tuesday. One tenant had just moved out and another was intending to occupy it. It was insured for \$250.

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100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Mar. 3, 1916

A merry party of thirty young people enjoyed a sleighride party to the J. J. Evans home across the river, on Wednesday evening, where they were entertained at a leap year party, Miss Mary Evans being the hostess. The evening was rounded out with music and games, a dandy lunch being served before their homeward departure. All present report a fine time and Miss Mary a right royal entertainer.

Mar. 10, 1916

The Tribune office has been busy this week turning out the ballots for the presidential preference primary election, to be held on the 14th...

Mar. 17, 1916

Miss Lizzie Kintzie is confined to her home this week with an attack of the gripe. Miss Bertha Strunk is assisting in the Prior Lake school during her absence.

Mar. 24, 1916

High School Notes

Abner Plumstead, alias Charlie Chaplin, has quit school, the sunshine of his smile making its fade-away on last Wednesday's film of school days. We are going to miss him a lot. He has heard the siren call of the movies and is going into picture work in Minneapolis. \$670,000 a year looks good to, most anybody.

Mar. 31, 1916

Work of remodeling and renovating the interior of the Conter house, recently purchased by Mike Huss, began this week. The building is also being wired for electric lights. A steam heating plant will be put in and when all is completed will be as cosy as any hotel in the cities. The place will be open for business in about two months.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Mar. 3, 1916

Val Hoffman and Ben Nieters have sold their dray line to John Stephanie and John Massong, the latter firm taking charge of the business Monday last.

Mar. 10, 1916

Manager Dawson of the Gem has been giving some very good shows and that his enterprise is providing them for his patrons is appreciated is attested by capacity house at the specials.

Mar. 17, 1916

Frank Boehmer has sold his house and lot on Third street to C. C. Grosshauser who expects to move to town and build a new residence. The purchase price of the property was

\$1150.

Mar. 24, 1916

We understand that the ladies of the Home Economics club have taken up the proposition of providing a ladies' rest room in Shakopee for the comfort and convenience of our country women, who, after doing their shopping in the stores, would have some restful place to sojourn while waiting for their men folks to finish the transaction of any business they might be about. There is no question but that such an undertaking is a most commendable one, and should the movement result in the attainment and materialization of the object so urgently sought a long felt want shall have been supplied and something really worth while shall have been accomplished; some thing that will not only be enjoyed and appreciated but which will surely insure to the material welfare of our city's best interests. At any rate the proposition should receive careful and serious consideration and we doubt not that it will.

Shakopee Heritage Society

Featured Presentation: Historical Events of Shakopee

Saturday, April 16, 2016

**Following the 1 p.m. Membership Meeting
Shakopee Public Library, 235 Lewis St. S.**

Betty Dols will be talking about historical events of Shakopee. A life-long resident, Betty has a wealth of information about Shakopee's history.

Join us for this free presentation!



One of many streets fairs, looking east on First Avenue from Lewis Street.

Mar. 31, 1916

High water is the cause of cutting off the electric light current intermittently from Minneapolis and we are now from time to time receiving service by way of the secondary system from Coon Rapid thru Chaska, thus demonstrating the wisdom of providing two sources of supply for the city.

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

Mar. 6, 1941

36-Round Boxing Card Planned for This Month

Plans for a 36-round boxing card here featuring north-west Golden Gloves champs who fought in Chicago are being formulated, Roman J. Kopp announced this week.

Date of the event, to be staged in the high school auditorium, is tentatively set for March 20 or 25, Kopp said.

Mar. 13, 1941

The members of the Dome club, comprising the wives of Minnesota's senators and legislators, were entertained at a luncheon last Thursday at the State Reformatory. About fifty ladies were in the group, including Mrs. Harold E. Stassen and Mrs. Manley Fosse, of Minneapolis. Following the luncheon Miss Estelle Jamieson, superintendent of the Reformatory, and Miss Catherine Hattendorf, superintendent of the Home School for Girls at Sauk Center, gave short talks on the work of their respective institutions. The Glee club under the direction of Miss Janet Heinen, presented several musical numbers, before the departure of the guests.

Mar. 20, 1941

Shak-O-Hi News

When people of the community call the school and the phone is not answered immediately, it is requested that they allow time for someone to come from upstairs to answer it. One-third of the school day the superintendent is in class and his secretary is in charge of study halls. Please do not leave your phone too soon.

Mar. 27, 1941

Shakopee Jewelers Move To New Location Monday

With a view to providing better service in a new and modern store, the Shakopee Jewelers are preparing to move from their present location on Lewis street to the Shakopee Theatre Bldg. on First street.

Completely remodelled and fitted with modern display cases and equipment the new store will be ready this week-end to receive its new occupant. By Monday morning, the jewelry store will be in its new location, N. C. Eue, manager, said...

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Mar. 3, 1966

Will Form AFS Student Chapter For Shakopee

At a Meeting held Tuesday evening of this week, March 1, it was decided by those present to form a chapter of the American Field Service Program in Shakopee, Wallace Bishop, Shakopee Public high school counselor announced.

The chapter association will be submitted to the Minneapolis office for approval immediately, and it is hoped that approval will be given in time for an A.F.S. student to come to Shakopee for the 1966-67 school year.

Bishop has been named president of the Shakopee chapter of the A.F.S. program, with Rudolph Maurine, principal of Shakopee Senior high school appointed to serve with him as school liaison officer. Tom Dorr, a junior at Shakopee high school, and a member of the Student council, present at the meeting Tuesday evening, has been named president of the school A.F.S. chapter.

Bishop stated that he will contact members of the community and organizations that have shown an interest in bringing a chapter of the A.F.S. program to Shakopee, in the hope of enlisting their help in serving on various committees on the Shakopee program. He stressed that the need was more for interested persons to serve on committees rather than for financial support. Such committees, he added, would include family selection, finance and transportation.

Bishop reported that if everything goes according to plan, and the Shakopee chapter receives approval, an A.F.S. student would arrive here late this summer, to enroll as a senior at the Shakopee Public high school in September of this year. The student would live with a selected Shakopee family for the duration of his stay. Selection of such a family, Bishop stated, will be the primary concern of the Shakopee chapter at this time.

Mar. 10, 1966

Cartoonist To Appear At Public School April 1

Victor Onstad, chalk-talker and cartoonist, will present a program in the Shakopee Public School gymnasium, Fifth and Holmes, at 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 1, under the auspices of the elementary and junior high schools...

Mar. 17, 1966

New Band Uniforms Get School Board Approval

Approval of accepting bids on band uniforms for the Shakopee Public High School band was given Monday night of this week at the regular meeting of the District No. 720 Board of Education.

Present to confer with board members were Walter Heinen, band director, and John Cole, former band director and

now assistant secondary principal.

Following a discussion of the type of uniform and other particulars, the board approved that these faculty members proceed with the advertising for bids in accordance with recommendations they had presented. It was determined that some 80 uniforms would be required, with the cost estimated at approximately \$80 per uniform. It was also stated that the present uniforms, purchased in 1953 and somewhat depleted, would be used to meet the needs of the Junior band.

Mar. 24, 1966

Scott Sheriff's Office Now New Link In State-wide Communications

With installation this month of a teletypewriter machine, the Scott County Sheriff's office is now a link in a state-wide teletypewriter communications system, as authorized by the last session of the state legislature.

The system now links all sheriffs' offices in Minnesota and all offices can now communicate with each other. There are six circuits in the state. Each sheriff's office is now equipped for sending and receiving through these circuits. Messages go through the central relay station in St. Paul.

The system also provides a link to the State Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the department of corrections, the highway patrol, the Motor Vehicle Registration department and the State Civil Defense department.

In turn, the system enables sheriffs' offices in Minnesota to relay and to receive messages on a nation-wide scope...

Mar. 31, 1966

Hauer's Drive-In NOW OPEN daily & Sunday from 11 a.m. For quick and courteous service, right to your car, just drive in. Whether it's a snack or a dinner, you're always the winner, with delicious food at thrifty prices.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Mar. 7, 1991

Hennepin Board OKs Ferry Bridge Funds

With a push from U.S. Sen. David Durenberger of Minnesota, the Hennepin County Board Tuesday voted to spend \$400,000 in county tax money to buy land for the Bloomington Ferry Bridge replacement project. The resolution passed on a 5-0 vote, with commissioners Tad Jude and John Keefe abstaining.

In a preliminary vote last month, Hennepin commissioners voted against the expenditure, with some saying they did not want county taxpayers to help pay for a highway when other county programs will be affected by state-aid cutbacks.

Approval to purchase the land will now put construction of the Ferry Bridge project back on track. The first contract for the \$110 million project is scheduled to be let in June...

Mar. 14, 1991

Shakopee, county cities band to lure development

The city of Shakopee has joined a coalition of municipalities in Scott County whose goal is to promote economic development in the area.

In addition to marketing the county, the Scott County Economic Development Coalition will help prospective developers obtain financing for their projects from the federal Small Business Administration.

After first hearing the proposal from Assistant City Administrator Barry Stock in September, the City Council gave staff permission to investigate the formation of the coalition. Representatives of county municipalities have been meeting since then to draft a joint powers agreement and bylaws that would govern the coalition.

The coalition will become a member of the Twin Cities Metro Development Co., a private, non-profit development organization, which will process Small Business Administration loans in the county.

Through its affiliation with the development company, the coalition will receive a 3/8-percent processing and closing fee for each small business loan approved in the area, said Stock. The coalition would then use the funds for marketing...

Mar. 21, 1991

Survey tells who visited Shakopee area – and why

The Shakopee Convention and Visitors Bureau recently conducted a survey to determine who is visiting Shakopee and why. Of 521 questionnaires mailed in the region, 224 or 43 percent were returned.

The survey found that 89 percent of the respondents visited the Twin Cities area in 1990, and 74 percent of them visited Shakopee.

More than 50 percent of those travelers arrived between July and August. The average number of nights per visit was 2.8, while Canadian visitors stayed an average of 4.3 nights.

Canadians also spent more money than other visitors, spending an average \$259 per night, compared to \$137 for the others.

Asked about their activities in the area, 60 percent said they came to shop; 48 percent visited Valleyfair; 43 percent went to the Renaissance Festival; 36 percent went to the Minnesota Zoo; 21 percent visited Canterbury Downs; 12 percent went to the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre; 11 percent stopped at Murphy's Landing; 17 percent came to see major sporting events; and 7 percent went to Little Six Bingo and Casino.

The majority of respondents (62 percent) said their visit to Shakopee was prompted by a previous visit to the area. About 46 percent came to attend a special event, while the Shakopee Visitors Guide distributed by the Convention and

Visitors Bureau enticed 32 percent of the visitors to come.

Once they arrived, 52 percent of the visitors stayed in area hotels; 16 percent stayed in Shakopee hotels and motels; 16 percent stayed with a friend or relative, and 12 percent stayed at a campground. Only 4 percent did not stay overnight...

Mar. 28, 1991

Parade planned here to honor armed forces

Members of a military support group are planning a parade in Shakopee on May 18 – Armed Forces Day – to honor all current and former members of the armed forces.

Carol Friendshuh and other Shakopee members of BACM (Back America's Courageous Military) plan to hold a parade on 10th Avenue between Shakopee High School and Lions Park. The City Council last week directed police to help the group plan the event, which would begin at 10 a.m.

Though details are not complete, the group plans to have about 25 units in the parade, which is expected to last 30 minutes. BACM volunteers would coordinate the event.

Police Chief Tom Steininger reviewed parade plans and

said he foresees no public safety problems.

The group is also planning a public picnic and a dance at the American Legion Hall following the parade.

BACM is also selling the yellow ribbons for \$3 each as a fund raiser.



North side of First Avenue, between Holmes and Lewis streets., circa 1900. The second storefront advertises ice cream and soda; the fourth has a sign for a closing out sale. East of that is H. H. Strunk & Sons Drug Store and the First National Bank.