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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

May 1, 1891

Belle Plaine is taking the lead in organizing a base ball club. Are we to have one this year in Shakopee?

May 8, 1891

Adolph Schmitz is going to remove his saloon across the street next to Kohls & Berens' corner.

May 15, 1891

Reis Bros. have completed a wind mill pump for their livery barn where they can wash buggies in short order. A good scheme.

May 22, 1891

Wampach Bros. lime bin on Lewis street has been open now over two weeks and doing a good business ever since.

May 29, 1891

The postoffice, Velz barber shop, Gutenberg's meat market, Heidenreich's saloon, Frank's tailor shop, and The Crystal saloon have all been adorned the present week with new canvass awnings.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 7, 1891

Jos. Voelker is building a kitchen addition to his dwelling, and has material on the ground for a brick addition to his saloon to be twenty-two by twenty four feet.

May 14, 1891

The Shakopee Gun Club will give a shooting tournament on Tuesday and Wednesday June third and fourth which will be attended by crack marksmen from all parts of the state. The Club is making extensive preparations for the tournament which promises to be an event of much interest to sportsmen.

May 21, 1891

The County Commissioners will build a brick woodshed and barn combined.

May 28, 1891

The Aigen Theatre Co. drove from Excelsior to Shakopee last Sunday, and they were somewhat amused at the information on three different signs along the road, that they were three miles from Shakopee. The first and second sign boards are half a mile apart and the third is a mile and a half from the

first, yet they all claim to be three miles from Shakopee.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

May 5, 1916

A mass meeting is scheduled for next Monday night to talk over the very feasible plan of raising the dyke road known as Lover's Lane, across the river to the bluffs, above high water mark. The Hennepin authorities have joined in the plan and offer to change the location of the road now running down the bottoms past the Indian reservation over to the bluffs north of Feldtman's lake to join the road at Teich's. This road to Minneapolis is a part of the north to south National highway, and it is planned by Hennepin county to pave the road from Minneapolis to Shakopee. The improvement is to be of such tremendous benefit to this city that it is hardly possible that any really true citizen of the city will oppose the move. This is one of the golden opportunities which we ought to grasp at once and firmly.

May 12, 1916

Manager Dawson of the Gem theatre has been able to secure for Shakopee as a special attraction, "The Battle Cry of Peace," May 21st, which puts Shakopee on the map for our large cities. Watch for further announcements next week.

May 19, 1916

High School Notes

The garage that the boys of the high school manual training class are building is rapidly nearing completion. It's all there and half shingled and is a piece of work worthy of mention.

May 26, 1916

The dog poisoner is busy again, Ferdinand Gross and Ralph Hayes losing their hunting dogs last Saturday.

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100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 5, 1916

Lester Brown arrived home Tuesday from Albert Lea, and in partnership with his brother Harold, has opened an auto livery and garage under the firm name of Brown Auto Service Co.

May 12, 1916

Another Business Change

Thiede & Miller, general merchants, in business here for a number of years past, sold their stock of general merchandise Wednesday to J. S. Bredahl of River falls, Wis., who expects to take possession on or before the 1st of June.

May 19, 1916

Committee Meets Hennepin Co. Board

In accordance with a resolution passed at the mass meeting held in this city for the purpose of devising ways and means for the construction of what is known as Lovers Lane, the committee appointed, consisting of Mayor Moriarty, Judge Weiland, and Councilman Linhoff, conferred with the Board of County Commissioners of Hennepin at their regular session on Monday. The entire proposition was carefully considered by the county board and a resolution passed providing for the county commissioners of Hennepin county to meet the City Council of the City of Shakopee on Tuesday of next week to agree on some definite plan of action. The committee reports that Minneapolis and Hennepin County is very enthusiastic over this movement on the part of Shakopee, and has promised liberal aid, a more complete statement of which we can make in our next issue.

May 26, 1916

Fredrick C. Hinds is at home from Minneapolis for a sojourn of two months before his return to that city to enter upon a larger field in his chosen work of motion picture playwriting and editing. The "Photodrama", a trade magazine promoted and brought to success by him, has consolidated with "Amusements" and the Amusement Publishing Company will put out a newspaper for the motion picture public and have secured Fred's services as managing editor. The latter has received some very flattering notices on his work and a recent article written by him on "Local Censorship—Why?" created a great deal of comment in northwestern motion picture circles and was reprinted by leading motion picture publications. Fred expects to do considerable writing during his vacation but his real work will begin in August, in preparation of the initial number of the new magazine which will appear September first, with a circulation of 35,000. His many friends in Shakopee will be pleased to note his success, as he has the distinction of being the youngest editor of any motion

picture publication.

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

May 1, 1941

Voters Authorize Council To Convey Land To Seed Firm

Only for one dissenting ballot, Shakopee voters were unanimous in their approval Monday of the proposition of transferring Block 39 in West Shakopee to Northrup, King and Co. The city council is now authorized to complete the conveyance.

The special election, required under the city charter, drew a light but emphatic vote. In the First and Third wards it was entirely "Yes". In the Second ward the vote was 99 "Yes" and 1 "No". The First ward cast 97 ballots, and the Third, 84.

Although no definite information was obtained, it is generally believed by men in close contact with the seed firm, that construction work on the site would begin in a few days. Plans, it was learned, call for 600 feet of side track and a concrete and steel structure nearly 250 feet in length.

May 8, 1941

Northrup King Co. Starts Construction of Buildings Here

Excavation for the structures to be erected by Northrup, King and Company, on its recently acquired site in West Shakopee, was started this week.

Plans, it was learned, provide for the construction of a concrete and steel building 26 feet wide and 225 feet long; a concrete drying tunnel 108 feet long, 10 feet high and 8 feet wide, and an office building, 12 feet by 20 feet.

The structures are to be used in connection with the drying and processing of seeds raised in the farming area in the vicinity of Shakopee. Completion is anticipated for the latter part of June or early in July, it was said.

May 15, 1941

Sheephead Tourney Due

A sheephead tourney under the sponsorship of the Shakopee Fire department, will get under way at the Knights of Columbus hall here at eight p.m. Tuesday, May 27, it was announced this week. A substantial list of prizes has been provided and the committee has ruled that no more than one prize will be awarded to any one person. Admission will include lunch, and refreshments will also be served, sponsors said.

May 22, 1941

Shak-O-Hi News

During recent weeks there has been a mania for fast driving in the school area. Many of these drivers have failed to slow up a trifle event, while small children go back and forth. As a result, Police Chief R. L. Brown, was asked to secure two

stop signs to be placed on Lewis and Fifth streets, and Lewis and Sixth streets. These signs will be put out in the street at 8:00 a.m. and will be taken in at 4:30 p.m. For a time it was debated as to whether to take them off from 9:00 to 11:30 and 1:00 to 3:00, but we decided against this because of the recommendation of Chief Brown, since children are playing in school grounds during morning and afternoon hours and very often the ball enters the street. Children will often forget themselves and run between cars parked in front of the school. Fast drivers could hit and kill a child before he realized what had happened. We would like to solicit cooperation of all drivers, especially younger men, in observing stop signs during school hours.

May 29, 1941

Sheriff A. F. Mesenbrink was at the state capitol Tuesday for the final arguments in the ouster proceedings lodged against him by a group of Jordan residents who charge the sheriff with failure to enforce gambling laws in Scott county.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

May 5, 1966

Two Maus Brothers New Super-Valu Co-Owners

Opening for business under new ownership next Monday will be the former Cooper's Super Valu supermarket on West First, it was announced by the new co-owners this week. It is now to be known as Maus' Super Valu.

Purchasing the grocery business from Jake Cooper of Chaska are brothers, David and Kenneth Maus of Monticello. Both have grown up in the food business at Monticello, where they were born and raised. Their father, George, is presently in the grocery business in this community.

The new co-owners, in inviting residents of the Shakopee area to come in and get acquainted, announced this week that the firm is to be closed on Sunday, May 8, for inventory and will re-open for business under the new management on next Monday, May 9.

Both brothers said they plan to move to Shakopee in the near future, as soon as housing becomes available...

May 12, 1966

First Field Shoot For Archers Monday

The Shakopee Archers will have their first field shoot beginning at 7 p.m. next Monday, May 16, at their new field range near Dean's Lake.

All archers, bowhunters and interested spectators are invited.

The range is not entirely completed, but eight or nine targets of the proposed 14 target course are to be used. The range is one half mile south of Dean's Lake in Eagle Creek township...

May 19, 1966

New Owners Of Shakopee Floral

Mrs. Clara Chalupsky of Carver, and Mrs. Doris Dunlap of Shakopee, are new owners and operators of Shakopee Floral, now to be known as The Shakopee Floral Company, it has been announced.

The Shakopee floral business was purchased from Jerry Hansen, who had been in the floral business in Shakopee since last July.

The new owners also announced that the firm will specialize in weddings, corsages, flower arrangements for special occasions, and will also offer both fresh cut flowers and plants along with artificial flowers.

In making the announcement Mrs. Chalupsky and Mrs. Dunlap stressed that the Shakopee firm would make a point of offering customers courteous and efficient service.

May 26, 1966

Bearded Look Prediction For City Merchants

No doubt noticed about Shakopee in the near future will be a "new look."

That is the report of Norm Erickson, chairman of the Shakopee Pow-Wow Days, who says the ball is rolling to have Shakopee Businessmen wearing beards, mustaches, either or both, to join in as walking advertisements of the big celebration to be staged on August 19, 20 and 21.

Norm reported his survey in downtown Shakopee indicates a good response and now he urges other males in the community to stand up and be counted and join in the "gag." He said that back in 1953 for the Gold Rush Days the promotion proved quite successful. And, if you want to see the evidence he has a photo at his barbershop to prove a point.

"All men would be sure to have a Pow-Wow Day button so all will realize the reason for the lack of razor activity," he pointed out.

When queried how will the whiskers go with the cowboy hats that are now showing up around town to advertise the Pow-Wow Days feature attraction—the rodeo—Norm added "with or without, what's the difference."

At any rate things are shaping up for all to join in and have a lively summer in Shakopee.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

May 2, 1991

County officials stress need for funding for Ferry Bridge

Scott County officials say the proposed Bloomington Ferry Bridge project could be indefinitely delayed or scrapped completely unless lawmakers come up with additional state bonding for it this legislative session.

More than \$9 million from a federal bridge-building fund

has been allocated for the \$115 million bridge project, but that money would be jeopardized unless local officials can match that amount by June 30. The state previously backed \$6.5 million in bonds for the bridge.

Plans are to replace the aging, two-lane span with a six-lane structure capable of carrying up to 80,000 cars daily, with possibly an extra lane built for light-rail trains.

The additional state bonds sought by Scott County were not included in Gov. Arne Carlson's emergency bonding proposals or in any current House funding proposals.

But Rep. Jim Rice, DFL-Minneapolis, chair of the Economic Development Infrastructure and Regulation Division of the Appropriations Committee, said the extra \$2.4 million needed for the bridge may yet be found sometime before the Legislature adjourns May 20.

May 9, 1991

Grand opening

FMG Tsumura's \$28 million state-of-the-art manufacturing plant that will employ 350 was dedicated during elaborate ceremonies in Shakopee last Thursday, and hailed by local officials as a boost for Shakopee's economy and by others as another step in Japanese-American economic cooperation.

The festivities, which occurred one year after groundbreaking, were attended by high-ranking officials from FMG's parent company in Tokyo, Gov. Arne Carlson, local officials and FMG employees. An outdoor dedication program under a plastic tent concluded with an elaborate sound and smoke display in a potpourri of colors to symbolize the luxury fragrance products that will be manufactured at the plant, which is located at 1000 Valley Park Drive...

May 16, 1991

City to seek railroad crossing at Market St.

The city of Shakopee will ask a state agency to place a new railroad crossing at Second Avenue and Market Street, in exchange for closing a crossing at Naumkeag.

At a March public hearing on proposed improvements to Second Avenue between Sommerville and Naumkeag streets and various other gravel streets between First and Third avenues, the issue of railroad crossings was discussed. For several years, city officials have discussed the addition of a railroad crossing at Market Street. Public works Director David Hutton said that a crossing at the street would provide a continuous roadway from First to 10th avenues – which the crossing at Minnesota Street does not. He added that since Market Street is a state-aid street, the city could use state-aid funds to pay

for a crossing, which he said would be expensive and difficult to assess to nearby property owners.

Hutton said the Chicago and North Western railroad has opposed the addition of railroad crossings in Shakopee unless an existing crossing was closed in exchange. The crossings pegged for closing in the past have been those at Minnesota or Naumkeag, said Hutton.

During the public hearing, City Council members and others favored closing the Naumkeag crossing...

May 23, 1991

Off-track bill passes

A few months ago, some Minnesota legislators said the chances that Canterbury Downs would be successful in getting an off-track betting bill passed was as good as chances for the North Stars to get to the Stanley Cup finals.

Sometimes long shots do come in.

The Minnesota Legislature Monday gave final approval to an off-track betting (OTB) bill that would permit Canterbury Downs to open two off-track facilities this year and two more next year. The Senate vote was 53-11; the House vote was 107-25. Gov. Arne Carlson was expected to sign the bill...

May 30, 1991

Surprise visits

A deer that wandered into the area of Third Avenue and Minnesota Street May 21 found it wasn't such a "breeze" getting around Earl Preiss' house.

Preiss ... said he was sitting in his kitchen over the noon hour when he heard a loud crash coming from the direction of his garage. "It sounded like someone was throwing a bunch of stuff through a window," he said.

When Preiss walked out to his breezeway between the house and garage, he saw a deer that had crashed through the window and was struggling to break through the screen.

"It must have looked like an opening to him," said Preiss, who figured that the deer had come from the east, crossed Minnesota Street and had been spooked by a pickup truck along the road.

"One of the neighbors who was working outside saw him too, and said the deer brushed right past him," Preiss said.

Preiss reported the incident to the police at 12:56 p.m. By then, the deer was gone. Preiss said he thought the animal's visit was unusual. "This is such a residential area," he said. "I haven't seen any other deer around here."