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## 125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

July 3, 1891

The Fourth of July, tomorrow, will be celebrated in Shakopee in a manner fully equal to any previous occasion. After the morning parade people should not fail to repair early to the picnic grounds where the reading and speaking will occur, and which promises to be of a most interesting character, Mr. Koerner being the reader and Mr. Collier the orator. The amusements during the day that will follow will be various as stated in the posters, including dancing in the grove. In the evening a grand display of fireworks on court house hill, to wind up with the ball at Weiland's Hall.

July 10, 1891

Dressmaking desired by Mrs. H. E. Smith, 2d door west of Nieter's hotel on Second street. Also first-class Domestic Bread made and sold.

July 17, 1891

Dr. Newell will move into O. S. Brown's house on First street, as soon as the extensive alterations, additions and repairs are completed.

July 24, 1891

**Dr. Dunn's Office.**

Dr. J. B. Dunn having rented the room over Reis' harness shop will have the same appropriately fitted up for his business, and opened soon. The doctor intends to put in one of the best equipped offices in the valley.

July 31, 1891

The Bierline Brothers will come here. They have decided to locate in Shakopee, and we trust what is Chaska's loss will be our gain. The Valley Herald treats the matter fairly towards the Messrs. Bierline, when it says in its issue of last week: "We understand that the Bierline Foundry and Brick Supply works are contemplating moving to Shakopee, having been offered a bonus of \$5,000 by that city. We greatly deplore this step on the part of the Messrs. Bierline, but do not blame them in the least, if our citizens do not intend to help them rebuild. We are informed they would prefer to remain here, providing our citizens would rebuild their shop. It seems that Chaska has lost all her former energy and progressive spirit, and will rue the day she allowed the shop to remove elsewhere."

## 125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 2, 1891

The front of Strunk and son's drug store has been painted the color of Kasota stone. Mergens and Engleman are the artists.

July 9, 1891

Messrs. Jacob Ries and Jacob Sprink contemplate starting on a European tour next week, to be gone until the middle of September.

July 16, 1891

Mat Annen is now the mail-carrier on the "Star Route," having commenced the 1st of July.

July 23, 1891

The directors of the Union school have engaged Mr. Bowdish for principal, Miss McLeod for the intermediate department and Miss Plumstead for the primary. Geo. Demerse was hired for janitor.

July 30, 1891

Nic Wampach threshed forty two bushels of winter wheat to the acre.

## 100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

July 7, 1916

The Shakopee Telephone Co., has purchased a Ford truck to be used by the linemen in their work through the country.

July 14, 1916

What might have resulted fatally was narrowly averted here last Friday afternoon. Edwin Cooper, brother of Mrs. George Dellwo, while swimming in the Minnesota river near the bridge, got beyond his depth and in his effort to reach the shore became exhausted and sank. Upon reappearing he called for help and as the sanitarium auto was just crossing

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the bridge, Charles Saunders dove from the bridge and brought the man to safety. Outside of a good ducking nothing serious will result.

### July 21, 1916

The Good Luck Sale at Bookstaff's Variety store is surely bringing him good luck, judging by the crowds who visit the store daily since the sale began.

### July 28, 1916

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jansen presented their daughter, Miss Isabel, with a handsome new Kimball piano.

## 100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

### July 7, 1916

The steamboat Purchase and barge Twin City came up the river Sunday with a party of excursionists from St. Paul.

### July 14, 1916

The Waconia band accompanied by a large number of citizens in automobiles visited our city Sunday afternoon and gave a band concert on Bridge Square to advertise a coming big band tournament at Waconia, July 30th.

### July 21, 1916

More interest is being taken in Shakopee baseball this year than for several years past. First and primarily because the boys are playing good ball; second, because they have entered the State Fair Independent Base Ball contest and may be one of the teams selected to fight for the state championship in September. The state has been divided into districts. Our team belongs to the Le Sueur district which comprises the following teams: Shakopee, LeSueur, So. St. Paul, New Prague, Gibbon, Henderson, Le Sueur Center, Montgomery.

### July 28, 1916

#### Planning for the Scott County Fair

Plans for the nineteenth annual exposition and fair of the Scott County Agricultural Society of Shakopee go merrily on. The superintendents of the various departments are working over-time in order to be ready to entertain the many hundreds of visitors who will be in Shakopee during Scott County's annual holiday season, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Aug. 31-Sept. 1-2. In fact, every citizen, who is fully mindful of the spirit and importance of this annual holiday occasion, is coming forward with unstinted support and hearty cooperation that would be hard to beat.

At the adjourned meeting Monday evening bids for the construction of the large double-deck exposition hall were received and considered. Of the two proposals received, viz.: J. T. Kreuser's, \$3302 and Frank Geiser's, \$3495, the former was accepted and work will begin so soon as a contract can be executed. Stock barns will also be erected, if time will per-

mit.

Saturday the last day of the fair has been designated as Home-Coming Day for which special entertainment will be provided. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Calvin L. Brown, an early resident of Shakopee, has promised to be with us on that occasion, and it is hoped that a great many former residents, both young and old, will make it part of their vacation scheme to pay the "old home town" a visit on Saturday, Sept. 2d, Home-Coming Day. We will all be glad to see you and to greet you. Special invitations are being prepared and may be had by any one desiring to send one to a friend or acquaintance who was once a resident of Shakopee. These invitations will be distributed among the business houses of our town and may be had for the asking. Every citizen of Shakopee should consider this a personal matter and enlist in the cause.

Again we suggest to exhibitors who have not yet obtained a copy of the 1916 premium book to write, phone or ask Secretary Ries or any business man of Shakopee for a copy.

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

### July 3, 1941

#### 544 Youths Due At NYA Project

Under an order emanating from Washington allocating 2000 youth to educational resident centers in Minnesota, the Shakopee N.Y.A. project has been assigned a quota of 544 boys, it was announced.

Already effective the order is meeting fullest cooperation at the Shakopee project, J. A. Whelan, superintendent, said. Nearly 50 new boys had arrived here from rural sections of the state early this week as provision was being made to temporarily house more at the homeless men's camp at Savage.

Enrollment at the project, previous to the new order, was placed at 160 and the peak of the new load is expected to be reached early in August.

Under the order, believed to have come from the Office of Production Management, the boys are to be trained for employment in defense production. From 17 to 25 years of age, they will be taught welding, machine shop, sheet metal work and radio.

Present plans to handle the increased load provide for a 24-hour schedule of classes and training, operating in three shifts, keeping the tools and equipment in almost constant operation thus getting the maximum usage from the equipment available at the project.

Along with the increase in enrollment and broadening of the class schedules will come a necessary increase in the staff of instructors, it was pointed out. Where the present program employs one teacher for a subject, the new schedule will require three, it was explained. It may be necessary to triple the present number of staff members, authorities said.

In addition to the Shakopee project allocations were made to St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Glenwood, and Winona.

**July 10, 1941**

A source of fascinating entertainment at the Fox roller rink here, is the inauguration of a class in waltzing, the first session of which was held this week. Adding to the pleasure is the music of the Hammond organ, installed at the rink Tuesday.

**July 17, 1941**

#### **Recreation Demonstration**

According to Robert Vierling, assistant to Maurice Gorham in the municipal recreation program, there is to be a demonstration Sunday afternoon of the varied assortment of activities offered to children and adults in the program here. The demonstration is to be held at the Recreation park, is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. and will feature such activities as turfball, softball, baseball, kittenball, tennis and loop-the-loop. Adults are particularly urged to attend the session.

**July 24, 1941**

#### **Shakopee Post Office To Move to New Quarters**

Information has come out of Washington that the Post Office department has decided to house its postal business of the local office in new quarters and is now negotiating a lease with Lieut. Comdr. Leo A. Ketterer for the use of the vacant space in the Commander Block on First street, located between the McMurray store and the offices of the Minnesota Valley Natural Gas Co. offices. We understand the move is to be made on or about October 1.

**July 31, 1941**

All camera fans who are interested in making better pictures are invited to attend an open meeting Friday evening at the Camera-Art Studio, over Arnie's. Those having difficulties with a camera are asked to bring it with some faulty pictures to the meeting.

### **50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News**

**July 7, 1966**

#### **Break-In At Jean's Juvenile On Holmes**

A break-in at Jean's Juvenile, 111 North Holmes, owned and operated by Emma Dawson, believed to have occurred sometime between 9 p.m. last Friday and 6 a.m. Saturday, July 2, was reported to Shakopee police, with \$100 in cash and several items reported as missing, including a camera and clothing.

Mrs. Dawson, who also resides at this address, reported that she was sleeping at the time of the incident. It is surmised that entry was gained by forcing a rear door. Shakopee police are investigating.

**July 14, 1966**

#### **Set Bike Safety Meeting**

A meeting has been set by the Progress Valley Business and Professional Women's Club to further the administration of the recently passed bicycle ordinance of the City of Shakopee which this group sponsored, as well as to further safety to preserve and protect Shakopee youth from possible accidents.

The meeting will be at 8 p.m. next Wednesday, July 20, in the Community Room, First National Bank of Shakopee, with representatives of the Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church organizations, as well as service and civic organizations to attend. Anyone interested in furthering bicycle safety for the children of Shakopee is also invited.

The Progress Valley BPW club, originating the campaign for the need of an ordinance to license and regulate bicycles within the city, now plans to carry the program further in formulating a program for instruction in traffic safety, as well as an understanding of the purposes and benefits to be derived from the provisions of the recently adopted Bicycle ordinance.

**July 21, 1966**

#### **C. Of C. Acts On Bridge Proposal**

At the second breakfast meeting held by the retail division to consider the project, the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce Tuesday morning of this week passed a resolution backing the proposal for the City of Shakopee to seek the relocation of the proposed Highway 169 bridge from near Rahr Malting plant to the site east off Shakopee near the present city dump.

The resolution is to be forwarded to the Common Council of Shakopee and then to the State Highway Department.

City Recorder Melvin Lebens was present to give details on the city's proposed off-street parking programs...

**July 28, 1966**

#### **Firm's Open House To Be Tomorrow**

American Rubberizing Co., one of Shakopee's newest industrial firms, announced this week an Open House to be from 1 to 5 p.m. tomorrow (Friday), July 29, at the new headquarters, 1301 West Third Avenue, just to the rear end of Rahr Malting on West First.

The firm recently moved to Shakopee from south Minneapolis.

Founder and President James A. Robins invites all in the community to visit the firm tomorrow and inspect the new facilities. Coffee and doughnuts will be served.

## 25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

July 4, 1991

### Canterbury Downs cuts purses by 12 ½ percent

Canterbury Downs will cut purses at the Shakopee track by 12 ½ percent beginning Wednesday.

A spokesman for Ladbrooke Racing Corp., which manages and is part owner of the track, said the cuts are the result of declining betting and attendance. The handle is down 22.5 percent from one year ago, and attendance is down 16 percent and per capita betting has declined by 7.7 percent.

July 11, 1991

### Fireworks spark blaze at Anchor Glass

Damage estimated between \$150,000 and \$200,000 was caused July 4 after fire caused by fireworks damaged plant property at the Anchor Glass Co., 4108 North Industrial Blvd.

The fire was probably started by a Roman Candle that was shot off after dusk by two Anchor employees working the evening shift, according to Shakopee Fire Chief Charlie Ries.

The Shakopee Fire Department received the call at 10:49 p.m. En-route to the fire, Shakopee Police officers radioed fire fighters and told them the fire was a major one. Officers said flames were 50 to 75 feet high.

The size and shape of the fire prompted Shakopee fire fighters to call in Chaska and Savage fire departments as well.

“By the time we got there, it had pretty much burned itself out,” Ries said.

Ries said the fire began in an area where glass bottles are made. Oil and greases that had accumulated on rafters caught fire when the Roman Candle was sent off.

Heavy traffic from the fireworks display at Valleyfair congested the area as well.

Nobody was injured in the blaze, and officials said Anchor Glass Co. is handling the matter internally for now.

July 18, 1991

### Track cuts purses for stakes races by 12 ½%

For the second time this season, Canterbury Downs will cut purses because of declining attendance and handle, according to General manger Paul Mangiamele.

In addition, the track will again change its post time. Beginning Aug. 28 live racing will start at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays through Fridays. Post time for live racing is now 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Unlike the first round of cuts that reduced overnight purses by 12.5 percent, the second round will reduce the size of the purses on stakes races by 12.5 percent...

The Canterbury Oaks scheduled for July 28 has been cut

from the stakes schedule completely. The Oaks was also canceled last year when purses were cut, and has not been run since 1989.

The purse for the Grade III Canterbury Cup on Aug. 4 has been reduced from \$125,000 to \$75,000...

July 25, 1991

### Local swimmer to be in nationals

Shakopee's Jennifer Carlson, 14, has qualified for the Junior National Swimming Championships which will be held in Mission Viejo, Calif., Aug. 2-6.

This past weekend she competed at the Region 7 Senior Long Course Swimming Championships held in Milwaukee. Senior high school swimmers (including many college swimmers) from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Iowa and Illinois competed in the four-day preliminary/final event.

Approximately 80-100 swimmers were entered in each event. Carlson placed sixth in the 200-meter backstroke, 10th in the 100-meter backstroke and 13th in the 200-meter freestyle. Her times of 1:08:51 in the 100-meter backstroke and 2:26:47 in the 200-meter backstroke have qualified her to swim those events in the Junior National Swimming Championships in Mission Viejo next week. Her times also set Minnesota records for 13-14-year-olds in both events and were in the top 16 nationally-ranked times...



*Patients receiving mud bath treatments at Mudcura Sanitarium. While often referred to as located in Shakopee, Mudcura was actually located just north of the current Highway 101 bridge between Chaska and Chanhassen. The Seminary Fen Scientific and Natural Area is located there now.*

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