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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Aug. 7, 1891

Peter Ploumer wounded and captured a turkey buzzard, in the woods south of town, last Sunday. It is to be seen at Nachtsheim's bakery and is attracting considerable attention on account of its rarity in this section.

Aug. 14, 1891

The Boom is on! We learn that a sale has just been made of some lots on First street near the Lutheran church, at quite an advance on old prices. The lots belonged to R. J. Chewing.

Aug. 21, 1891

Work progresses lively at the stove works plant, and at Bierline's which latter is located on 3d street in East Shakopee near the old shops. Before winter sets in, both of these establishments expect to be in full working operation.

Aug. 27, 1891

The repairs on Weiland's Opera House are completed and it presents a handsome appearance, the result of fresh paint and decorated paper. It is new again, and with the improved lights, will be appreciated by all patrons. Kunsman Bros. did it well.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Aug. 6, 1891

Geo. Huth has purchased the delivery outfit of the Mill Co.

Aug. 13, 1891

The Minnesota State Fair association recently sent out about a dozen agents on bicycles to advertise the coming fair. One of them passed through here last Friday and billed the town.

Aug. 20, 1891

Dennis Flaherty's chicken coop was robbed Monday night of all the chickens it contained—eighteen.

Aug. 27, 1891

Thirteen Lutheran ministers, from different parts of the state, who have been attending a conference at Belle Plaine, are in Shakopee today in the interests of the proposed Lutheran college.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Aug. 4, 1916

Wm. J. Theide's home has been greatly improved and beautified with a large front porch screened in, and extending along the entire front and wing of the dwelling. The ell has been raised to two stories, and a kitchen, chamber, and bathroom added. The paint will be cream body and chocolate trimmings.

Aug. 11, 1916

That Ben Gellenbeck's efforts to make Riverside park a park in fact as well as in name is evidenced by the large crowds of tourists and townspeople that are enjoying its delights these hot days and nights. Mr. Gellenbeck has the entire park mowed, with a lawnmower, every scrap of dirt and refuse and undergrowth removed, and has provided a dressing room and springboard for bathers, a croquet set that is going all the time, a turning pole, trapeze, swing, pole vault and jumping apparatus, dumbbells, tight wire a merry-go-round for kids, and in addition there is the dancing platform, and everything in the line of refreshments and lunches at his neatly built and decorated refectory. Tables and benches are everywhere, and tourists are loud in their praises of our park as one of Nature's choicest beautyspots. We are just learning to appreciate Riverside park.

Aug. 18, 1916

Work on the new J. M. Spindler residence, on Shakopee avenue, was begun this week. The structure will be an eight room, two story stucco house. Mr. Spindler will also build a chicken house 20 x 120 feet.

Aug. 25, 1916

Drowned in River

A stranger, whose identity could not be learned, was

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drowned in the Minnesota river, at this point, last Sunday afternoon between twelve and one o'clock. The unfortunate man came here from St. Paul last Friday and was employed as a laborer on the William Ryan farm. It is supposed he went bathing and being unable to swim sank to his death. As soon as the news of the drowning became known the river was dragged and the body found about 5:30 o'clock. John Heller and Herman Thieben recovered the body with the aid of grapppling hooks. Nothing could be found to identify him and the remains were taken to Hirscher's undertaking rooms, to be prepared for burial. The body was interred in Valley cemetery, Monday morning.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Aug. 4, 1916

"Bud" Mertz, shortstop for the Tigers, must have been dreaming of an unusually exciting game Monday night when he jumped through the second story window at his home, in his sleep, taking screen and all with him in his fall. His mother heard the crash and running into his room and finding it vacant, understood instantly what had happened, as Bud is something of a somnambulist. He was found in a heap on the ground, somewhat jarred, but unhurt except for a badly dislocated first finger which has necessitated wearing his hand in a sling and will keep him out of baseball for awhile. His performance gave his family quite a scare and he is considered very lucky, indeed, to have escaped with so slight an injury.

Aug. 11, 1916

L. Christian & Co. have opened the elevator opposite the depot and will buy rye. John Wampach is in charge and the elevator will be open daily.

Aug. 18, 1916

Peter Kaup moved into his new home adjoining the E. A. Lundberg property.

Aug. 25, 1916

Henry N. Sand, our local real estate dealer, has donated a cash prize of \$83 to be awarded to the prize winner in the wheat exhibit at the coming county fair, as an added inducement to growers to bring in their grain.

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

Aug. 7, 1941

Win Water Fight

Members of the Shakopee fire department, entered in the water contest at the annual firemen's celebration at Carver Sunday, were victors over a team from Norwood in a barrel-rolling battle. Armed with standard fire-fighting hoses the teams battled each other with the hard-hitting streams while

attempting to roll the barrel over the goal line. The Shakopee team proved master of the art.

Aug. 14, 1941

Board Stayed in Sheriff Action

Pending the findings of the State Supreme court in its review of the proceedings which culminated in the governor's removal of Sheriff A. F. Mesenbrink, action of the Scott county board of commissioners to appoint a successor to Mr. Mesenbrink was stayed by an order served on the board when it met to make the appointment here last Thursday afternoon.

Governor Stassen's ouster order, following complaint of several Scott county residents that state gambling laws were not being enforced by the sheriff, set Mesenbrink's removal date for noon, August 7.

The Previous day W. F. O'dell, council for Mesenbrink, obtained a writ of certiorari calling for the Supreme court's review of the governor's findings. The writ, returnable August 29, also provided for staying action for the county board in appointing a successor.

Accordingly, the commissioners delayed action pending the review and subsequent hearings by the Supreme court. In the meantime Sheriff Mesenbrink will continue in office.

Aug. 21, 1941

St. Mark's School To Be Dedicated

His Excellency Archbishop John Gregory Murray will bless the recently completed St. Mark's school, in dedication ceremonies to be conducted in the school at 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

The Very Rev. Dean M. Sava, pastor of the parish, in inviting the public to the solemn and impressive rite, announced that men and women of the parish would form a guard of honor from the priest's residence along the west side of the church block to the main entrance of the new school.

More than 30 priests are to participate in the dedicatory ceremony which, it is expected, will be witnessed by more than a thousand persons.

Accompanied by the priests, the archbishop will walk from the parish house to the school where, in one of the rooms, he will conduct the main portion of the ceremony. The prelate will then bless each room separately.

Following the blessing all are to assemble in the church for benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, after which the archbishop will address the assemblage.

The religious phase of the program completed, Father Sava will be host to the entire throng at refreshments to be served in the auditorium of the new school. The archbishop and other members of the clergy in attendance will be guests of Father Sava at dinner which also will be served in the auditorium.

Now complete and ready for occupancy with the opening of the school year, the new school is said to be a masterpiece of design and modernity. It contains six spacious classrooms, each with its own cloak room; a library; four toilet rooms; a sick room; office; music room; auditorium, and two club rooms.

It is equipped with an efficient ventilating system, fire alarm and protection devices, ideal lighting arrangement, steam heating system, and a host of other devices, all of which contribute to the efficiency and convenience of the structure.

Aug. 28, 1941

Florence Monahan To Publish Book on Criminal Work

Miss Florence Monahan called on Shakopee friends Tuesday morning on her way from Minneapolis to St. Peter, for a visit at the Dr. Freeman home. Miss Monahan has resigned her position as superintendent at California's State Institute for Women, and will go to New York the first of October where her book, "Women in Crime," will be published. The book comes out October 9, and is a record of her experience in the establishment and supervision of the Minnesota State Reformatory at Shakopee, her seven years as head of Illinois' State School for Girls, at Geneva, and her work in California in that state's reformatory for women, at Tehachopi. Prominent prison executives have shown much interest in the forthcoming book and the foreword will be written by ex-Warden Lawes of Sing Sing.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Aug. 4, 1966

Now nearing completion is [the] building just to the east of the Stage Coach, just off Highway 101, east of Shakopee, being erected to conform with the appearance of the other buildings in the Stage Coach area. To occupy the facilities is a new modern sporting goods store, featuring a modern gun shop. It is to be operated by Great Northern Trading Post which has a similar store in Anoka. Owners announce that a complete line of the latest in sporting goods is to be offered. Osborne Klavestad, owner and operator of The Stage Coach, said that he will continue to offer his antique guns at the Trading Post, and that he considered the new enterprise an asset to sportsmen of this area.

Aug. 11, 1966

Readying Gridiron

Now being installed at the new gridiron at the Shakopee High School on Tenth Avenue are new lights to be ready for the coming 1966-67 season. At the meeting of the Shakopee Public School District No. 720 Board of Education Monday night of this week, it was reported that the bleachers used at Riverside Park are to be moved to the new gridiron. The

board also accepted a \$900 gift from the Shakopee Lion's Club for a new scoreboard, to cost \$1,440, with the district paying the difference. A sign is to be erected giving appropriate recognition to the club.

Aug. 18, 1966

Finds Looted Safe Of Shakopee Dentist

Found Monday of this week at Osseo, just north of the Twin Cities, was the 800-pound safe, taken from the office building of Dr. Paul F. Nevin, Shakopee dentist, at Somerville and First.

Burglarizing of the dentist's office occurred sometime late last Friday night, with entry gained by prying the door on the east side of the building. The house adjacent on this side is vacant.

Taken out through the rear entrance, apparently on a two-wheel dolly and loaded into what is assumed to have been a panel truck, the safe included \$250 in cash and some \$200 in gold used for fillings. Also missing were valuables business and personal papers. These were found in a soiled condition when the safe was recovered.

This resulted when a man out walking happened to notice the safe along the highway. The safe was recovered by Hennepin County authorities who notified the Shakopee police. It has since been returned to the dentist's office.

During the entry, the desks, including those in the reception office, were also rifled. Authorities are yet investigating the break-in and burglary...

Aug. 25, 1966

Groundbreaking services are to be conducted this Sunday, August 28, following the 9:30 a.m. Worship service of Christ Lutheran Church of Shakopee at the site at Tenth Avenue and Adams Street (Marystown Road) in the Notermann addition. Construction on the \$134,000 edifice, the cost estimate including two off-street parking lots, is to begin next week with completion expected within six months. The new church is to face Jefferson Street, with a canopy from the parking lot to the entrance. Crews are now at the site filling land to bring it up to the projected street level. The Worship-Educational building is the first of several units to be erected on the church's property at this site. The building was designed by Ekbert-Petri, Inc. of Minneapolis and will be constructed by Lund-Martin Construction Co. of Minneapolis. The Christ Lutheran Church is a mission congregation of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and has grown to more than 140 baptized members since the first service in April of last year. The Congregation presently holds services in the Shakopee Public Elementary School, Fifth and Lewis, and is served by the Rev. Carl R. Lampist. The public is invited to attend the groundbreaking services to be this Sunday morn-

ing.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Aug. 1, 1991

Bank to hold groundbreaking Aug. 8

Marquette Bank will break ground at the future site of its new building at Fourth Avenue and Marschall Road Aug. 8 with an ice cream social and entertainment starting at 5 p.m.

The Red Wolfe Trio will perform beginning at 5 p.m., and groundbreaking ceremonies will start at 5:30. The social and entertainment will continue until 7 p.m.

The new bank will be designed by Boarman & Associates, Minneapolis. General contractor will be Krause-Anderson Construction Co., Minneapolis. Completion is expected in spring 1992...

Aug. 8, 1991

Circus brings menagerie to track

This Monday, the internationally acclaimed Carson & Barnes Five-Ring Circus will bring its famous wild animal menagerie to Canterbury Downs...

Aug. 15, 1991

Proposal to reduce City Council size by one going to voters in November

Shakopee voters will be asked in November whether the Shakopee City Council should be reduced in size by one member.

If approved, the number of council members would be reduced from five to four. With the mayor, there would be five voting members.

City officials said that Shakopee's six-member council is uncommon in Minnesota, and by reducing the number of voting members from six to five would eliminate tie votes. It also would save approximately \$6,000 per year in salary for a council member.

The City Council voted 6-0 last week to put the question on the ballot...

Aug. 22, 1991

Business moves

Riviera Tan & Balloons has moved to 205 S. Lewis St. The seven-bed facility is owned by Sally and Gary Beck...

Aug. 29, 1991

Shakopee schools among 65 in state failing to comply on sports equality

The Shakopee School District is among 65 percent of the districts in the state that have failed to offer the same number of varsity sports for boys and girls in the 1989-90 school year.

A Minnesota Department of Education report released Monday showed that 169 districts, including Shakopee, offered one fewer sport for girls, while 91 districts offered at least two fewer sports.

Only 142 schools of the 402 offering high school and middle school sports in the 1989-90 school year complied with state law. Minnesota districts were ordered to comply 10 years ago.



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