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

**Nov. 5, 1891**

Rhetorical exercises at the Union school—the entire school—tomorrow Friday from 2:30 to 3:30.

**Nov. 12, 1891**

The Roller Desk company are getting in their machinery and will soon be at work making the best roller desk to be found is the market. Mr. Jones is hard at work pushing things for the business to commence.

**Nov. 19, 1891**

The apple crop in Shakopee this fall has been a large one, several car loads having arrived, and sold quickly at \$3 per bushel.

**Nov. 26, 1891**

When men come from way beyond Carver to buy fresh pork at the Shakopee pork factory, it simply shows that they are wise.

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

**Nov. 5, 1891**

Bring your basket to the Pork House and learn our prices for fresh meat.

**Nov. 12, 1891**

Animal instinct was well illustrated by Chas. Kopp's spaniel returning home. The dog was advertised for in the "Argus", and knowing that the game was up with him after that, the dog returned home of his own accord.

**Nov. 19, 1891**

The Union school is collecting specimens of native woods. One scholar Miss Louise Miller has contributed twenty specimens.

**Nov. 26, 1891**

Geo Huth's dray team hauled Bierline Bros. a load of pig iron which, with the wagon, weighed 8165 pounds. The bulk was not great but the weight surprised some of the onlookers.

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

**Nov. 3, 1916**

Vaudeville at Dawsons Hall Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

**Nov. 10, 1916**

The local Knights of Columbus and invited friends enjoyed a "smoker," at Fraternity hall last evening.

**Nov. 17, 1916**

Beginning December 1st hot lunches will be served at the Union school to all pupils remaining in the building during the noon intermission. The lunches will be light and will be served only during the coldest months.

**Nov. 24, 1916**

Local supporters of President Woodrow Wilson celebrated his re-election as president of the U. S. A. with a torch light parade, through the principal streets of the city on Monday evening. The music was furnished by the Cadet band playing patriotic airs. The states, supporting Wilson, were carried about in the form of torches headed by Bach Ring, as Uncle Sam. The states were consumed in a large bonfire at the fair grounds, after the parade. A large crowd was out to witness the celebration.

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

**Nov. 10, 1916**

While George Dean was in Minneapolis Sunday evening his Ford roadster was stolen from the street where he had parked it and for awhile George thought that he was the victim of automobile thieves and minus a machine. Time proved, however, that joyriders had merely helped themselves to the auto for a ride to North Minneapolis where the car was abandoned. George recovered it Tuesday intact excepting for a broken spark plug, and is considered lucky that none of the fittings were stolen even tho the car was left.

**Nov. 17, 1916**

Remember the community sing at the high school Monday and be there to enjoy it.

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**Nov. 24, 1916**

The initial community sing held at the high school building Monday evening was attended by seventy-eight persons and proved so enjoyable that it has been decided to repeat it. Owing to the Ries fire in the early evening and the Wilson parade later, many who would otherwise have been present were not in attendance. The next sing is to be held in January, a press of events in school circles making it impracticable to hold another meeting before that time. Miss Tonette Benson, instructor in public school music, was the leader Monday, and a delightful program of familiar old songs was rendered with fervor and enjoyment by the audience.

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

**Nov. 6, 1941**

#### **Listed As Prime Defense Factory**

Now a prime defense plant, receiving contracts directly from Washington, the Kienzle & Merrick company is to begin production next week on its federal order for 40,000 grates for army stoves, officials disclosed Wednesday.

The first of several carloads of coke is now in the yard, a card of scrap iron and a car of pig iron, now in transit, is due here this week, and workmen are readying the foundry equipment. Others are preparing the floor boards for the moulding room, pattern makers will soon be busy and moulders are expected to be put to work in a few days.

While the cupola, blower and shaker are being set up in the foundry, the welding department is working on another defense contract for 380 massive barricades employed as safety devices for workmen engaged in the manufacture of detonators.

In the welding and metal working shop other men are completing construction of two more huge wrought iron gates for the U. S. Treasury department.

Specifications for other defense jobs were received Wednesday morning with requests for bids on the work. And also this week the firm was advised it was second of the three low bidders on a pending contract for 100,000 steel army cots.

Officials are confident that if the government follows its policy of dividing contracts among the three low bidders the Kienzle & Merrick company will receive a good portion of the army cot award.

Several pieces of new heavy foundry equipment were purchased this week, it was disclosed. The new machinery includes three air-operated jolt squeezes and a shaker.

Local men interested in employment as moulders may call at the firm's office, a company spokesman said.

**Nov. 13, 1941**

#### **Andy Kopisca Shot Mallard Banded in Washington, D. C.**

Last Saturday afternoon Andy Kopisca, while out hunting, shot a black mallard male duck. It was a beautiful specimen, and was banded in Washington, D. C., in the year 1936. Number 711463, Washington, D. C., 1936, was engraved on the band which encircled the duck's left leg.

**Nov. 20, 1941**

#### **Dr. H. B. Kollofski, Optometrist, Has Offices in St. Paul and Shakopee**

Dr. H. B. Kollofski, well known optometrist of St. Paul, with offices in the New York Life Bldg., announces that he also now maintains a suite of offices in Shakopee over the M. A. Deutsch drug store, on Lewis street.

**Nov. 27, 1941**

#### **Jeanette Sollitt Scores at Minneapolis Cat Show**

Jeanette Sollitt of Eagle Creek, a successful breeder of Persian cats, scored another success at the cat exhibition staged at the Dyckman hotel, Minneapolis, a week ago. She exhibited a Red Persian kitten, seven months old, in the Persian division and took first honors. This same kitten, Tessie Tarton, took second honors in the grand sweepstake show of 155 cats.

Her success is considered all the more remarkable because of her youth. Jeanette also won first place with her female household pet, Tippy, a red and white Persian. She extends an invitation to anyone who may be interested in seeing these cats to call at the farm home of S. I. Sollitt, located three miles south of Shakopee and one-half mile east of the Marschall school house, in Eagle Creek township.

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

**Nov. 3, 1966**

When you think real estate or insurance kindly think SUBURBAN Realty & Insurance. 10th and Apgar. An older 3 br. 1 ½ story home in good condition, large kitchen and living room, 1 br. down and 2 up. 90' x 139' corner lot with all assessments paid. Only \$12,900.

**Nov. 10, 1966**

#### **Car Fumes Deter Wyoming Trip of 5 Humans, Monkey**

Having a narrow escape apparently from carbon monoxide fumes, about 1:10 p.m. last Thursday, November 3, were three adults, along with 10-year old and five month old boys, enroute to Wyoming from Minneapolis, who made an emergency stop on West First in front of the Brambilla Motors car lot.

When Shakopee Police Sergeant Kenneth Hanel arrived, all were out of the 1949 Chrysler sedan that was pulling a U-

Haul trailer, with the 10-year old boy taken out and stretched on the pavement, and the infant boy lying across the hood of one of the cars in the Brambilla lot.

The woman in the group reported she smelled fumes and looked back to find the 10-year old boy “passed out” in the back seat.

In the meantime, a pet monkey, being transported in a cage, was taken into the offices of Brambilla Motors, as one of the men in the group sought aid from the service department of the firm. The monkey, also indicated he was a victim of the fumes, was immobilized but after a while revived and began scampering about in the cage.

The group was rushed to St. Francis hospital in the Shakopee ambulance for treatment. At 6:30 p.m. the same day they were released and returned to Minneapolis in the Crimmins ambulance of Shakopee.

**Nov. 17, 1966**

#### **4-Day Grand Opening Event Of New Superamerica Begins Today**

Superamerica, a new name in gasoline marketing in the Shakopee area, will make its debut today, (Thursday), November 17, with a four day grand opening of its service station at 1155 East First. Carl C. Clark of Glasgow, Montana, has been named manager of the new station. Larry Bohnen of Winona, is assistant manager.

The new station, which Superamerica calls a “Discount Shopping Station,” will place strong emphasis on retailing top quality, name-brand merchandise items at discount prices, as well as gasoline and motor oil. Merchandise items include hardware, housewares, sporting goods, giftwares, toys, personal needs, seasonal offerings such as furnace filters and snow shovels, as well as food and dairy products.

Uniformed hostesses will serve free coffee to customers as part of their routine duties and are expected to be an important factor in increasing patronage from women drivers. Superamerica hostesses are selected in much the same manner as airline hostesses, being judged for employment on the basis of appearance and personality, and carefully trained to assist patrons in the selection of merchandise.

Trading stamps are a part of Superamerica’s continuing promotional effort, and are presented to the public in two ways: stamp books for major items and “Quickee” Bonus Cards for minor items. Superamerica stamps are redeemable for cash or merchandise. All Superamerica “Discount Shopping Stores” serve as merchandise redemption centers.

A Catalog Order department has been added for the convenience of Superamerica patrons. Customers can leave their order at the nearest “Discount Shopping Station” and in a matter of days pick up their merchandise. Mail orders availa-

ble where more convenient.

In addition to merchandise items, the station will feature Superamerica regular and Superamerica super premium grade gasoline as well as Superamerica brand motor oils.

During the four day grand opening, the “Discount Shopping Station” will give away free glassware with each gasoline purchase, as well as free balloons and candy to the children.

Walter Dorwin Teague Associates, New York City, one of the country’s top industrial design firms, is responsible for the design of the new Superamerica structures which incorporates many advantages into the building. One feature is the unique wing-shaped “V-type” roof which also serves as a large Superamerica identification sign...

**Nov. 24, 1966**

#### **Traps 'Possum**

Lyle Smith, son of Mrs. Robert Smith, caught an opossum in one of his traps on the Julian Schmidt farm near O’Dowd’s Lake, just south of Shakopee.

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

**Nov. 7, 1991**

#### **Councilors vote to move forward on land purchase**

Shakopee City Council members, meeting as a committee last week, voted to release about half of the land behind the high school that it had placed in a development moratorium and to extend the moratorium on the remainder for an additional 18 months.

Council members also voted to direct staff to study options the city has to finance the purchase of the land, which is being considered for use as a site for athletic and community facilities.

Council members also voted that a committee be named to conduct a survey to determine what facilities the public is willing to support. Councilors also discussed conducting a series of town meetings with neighborhood groups to gauge public support for proposals.

The votes during the Oct. 29 committee of the whole meeting of the council were recommendations for formal City Council action. The City Council was expected to formally consider some of the issues when it met Wednesday night.

**Nov. 14, 1991**

#### **Student incentive program underway at SHS**

Through a partnership between Shakopee High School and the area’s business community, students who excel in academics, attendance and other school activities are receiving discounts on such items as food, movie passes and other purchases.

A student incentives program began about a week ago, according to high school Principal Jim Murphy. Murphy gave

a report on the program's start-up to the School Board Monday.

Under the program, students may earn either red or white cards. The red card entitles students to greater discounts. Requirements for the red card include being named to the "A" honor roll; perfect attendance, student leadership, and exceptional service to the school or community.

Standards for the white card include being named to the "B" honor roll, three or fewer absences in a trimester, and special service to the school or community.

Students present the cards to participating merchants and receive discounts when they make purchases...

**Nov. 21, 1991**

### **Hockey boosters reinflate Shakopee 'bubble'**

Nearly three weeks after it collapsed under the weight of a mega snowstorm, members of the Shakopee-Prior Lake Youth Hockey Association (SPLYHA) reinflated the Valley Ice Arena's nylon and canvas membrane last Thursday night (Nov. 14).

The arena, known locally as the "bubble," is located in Shakopee's Lions Park. After thousands of hours were donated by dozens of volunteers who shoveled tons of snow from atop the collapsed nylon and canvas "bubble," members of the SPLYHA and the Valley Ice Arena Commission faced the task of mending the four major rips in the arena's 'bubble.' Using 80-pound "muskie" thread and metal clamps, the group decided to see if the "bubble" could stand the stress being reinflated. Jerry Ubel, president of the SPLYHA said the decision was made to try and reinflate the structure on Thursday (Nov. 14) because weather reports called for high winds on Friday (Nov. 15). Those winds, Ubel said, would make an already difficult task almost impossible...

The recovery, albeit perhaps a temporary one depending on the severity of the next snow storm, saves the SPLYHA's season for hundreds of Shakopee and Prior Lake youth...

It also gives Shakopee High School a local home for its hockey program. The Indians were prepared to rent some ice time at the Metropolitan Sports Center if the "bubble" was lost for the winter. Rescheduling the team's conference games could've been an athletic director's worst nightmare had the facility been lost for the winter.

Ubel said the SPLYHA will be forming a "Snow Watch Committee" to try and keep snow from piling up on the facility in the event of a heavy snow fall.

Most of the tears were in the southwest corner of the 250-foot by 120-foot nylon and canvas fabric. When the air-supported "bubble" structure collapsed, unable to support

the weight of the snow, lights inside the structure as well as the rink's scoreboard crashed to the ground as well.

The "bubble" is owned by the Shakopee Hockey Association. The hockey association is in the third year of a three-year trial merger with a similar club from Prior Lake. Along with Shakopee High School, the SPLYHA uses the "bubble" for practices and games.

**Nov. 28, 1991**

### **New owner of hotel plans no major changes**

A physician and his wife from Tacoma, Wash., who bought the Canterbury Inn for \$2,950,000 in August says he plans no major changes at the Shakopee hotel.

George and Linda Oh also own several other hotels in the Tacoma-Seattle area, he said...

Oh bought the 176-room hotel at 1244 Canterbury Road from Donald Dreiske, president of Wichita-based D.R.D. Enterprises, Inc. Dreiske, whose firm owns other hotels in four different states, bought the hotel for \$2.7 million in May.

Oh put \$500,000 down on the property and assumed Dreiske's mortgage at a floating interest rate of 9 ½ percent, according to Scott County records.

The hotel was sold to Dreiske by the Resolution Trust Corp. (RTC) after it was acquired as part of bankruptcy proceedings. The RTC is the federal agency created to clean up the billion-dollar collapse of the savings and loan industry.



*Shakopee high school building, circa 1920. This building was located on the same block that the current Central Family Center is on. A portion of the original building was retained in the building of Central.*

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