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

**Dec. 3, 1891**

With the Stove Works in operation, the Bierline Works in operation, and the Roller Desk factory in operation, who can reasonably say that Shakopee is not on the road to prosperous advancement.

**Dec. 10, 1891**

Tuesday was St. Mary's day with elaborate services at St. Mark's.

**Dec. 17, 1891**

### Death of Rev. Samuel W. Pond.

**December 12, 1891**

On Saturday last Rev. S. W. Pond died at his home in East Shakopee after a brief sickness in his 84th year. He leaves several grown sons and daughters, but his wife died the 9th of last July at 82. His name is inseparably linked with those of the early settlers of Minnesota, he having come here as long ago as 1834, engaging in missionary work among the Indians. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church of this city on Tuesday, the Rev. E. D. Neill, president of McCalester college, officiating. The following additional information relative to this well-known and highly respected pioneer and old settler, is taken from the Pioneer Press:

Shakopee, Minn., Special Telegram, Dec. 12—Rev. S. W. Pond, the oldest white resident of the state, died here today.

He was born in Litchfield county Conn., in 1808, and arrived at Fort Snelling, May 1834, and established at Lake Harriet the first mission among Dakota Indians. He reduced the Dakota language to writing, and prepared the first Dakota lexicon and translations. In November, 1838 he married Cordelia Eggleston at Lake Harriet, H. H. Sibley being groomsman. In 1847 he located among the Dakota branch here, and built the first frame house in the Minnesota valley, which house he occupied at the time of his death. For thirteen years after the removal of the Indians, in 1853, he ministered to the Presbyterian church here, then retired on his farm adjoining the city.

He possessed unusual physical and mental vigor until a few days ago, but for several years was very deaf. He was perfectly familiar with six languages, and a brilliant scholar.

**Dec. 24, 1891**

Miss Kathleen Pullen while at school, painted a very fine

picture of her brother and presented it to her parents for Christmas. The work is certainly well done, and we understand Miss Pullen has done some other admirable works of art.

**Dec. 31, 1891**

Miss Rosa Markus who is teaching in Dist. 5, near George Huber's where she boards and reports having a very pleasant home there, had a novel entertainment for the pupils of her school—she has 21 scholars—before closing for Christmas. After an interesting program, Santa Claus entered the room and distributed his gifts to teacher, pupils and visitors. They had a grand time, and we guess that Miss Rosa is entitled to a good deal of the credit in getting up the happy occasion, for it's just like her to be doing something that would be pleasing to her scholars.

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

**Dec. 3, 1891**

The first cook stove made by the Minnesota Stove Co., is on exhibition at John McMullen's hardware store. It has every appearance of being a stove that will give the best of satisfaction to the trade and the cook who uses it.

**Dec. 10, 1891**

Call at H. & Edert's and see the big doll. It will be given away Christmas eve.

**Dec. 17, 1891**

Farmers near town were ploughing on Tuesday. Not bad for the polar region in December.

**Dec. 24, 1891**

It would seem as if the boom in the first ward couldn't wait for spring. Aug. Krieger is preparing to build a story-and-a-half house 16x24, with an ell 16x18, on the lot west of Joe Buch's.

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**Dec. 31, 1891**

Mr. H. F. Gross is working at a "sand and seed" picture of the Bartholdi statue, in his barber shop. The work so far is neatly done and gives promise to be a good reproduction of that work of art. It requires great patience and will take some two months to complete it.

**100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*****Dec. 1, 1916**

Miss Lidwin Berens commenced work in the office of Register of Deeds, R. G. Ballinger this morning transcribing the books of that office into a new set. To complete the work will cover a period of two years.

**Dec. 8, 1916**

Carol Leach, who is preparing himself to join the priesthood at St. Thomas college, spent the weekend at home.

**Dec. 15, 1916**

John T. Kreuser has the contract for the erection of a new bottling house 30x102, which he is erecting for the Jacob Ries Bottling Works on their property north of the factory.

**Dec. 22, 1916**

The school building has been so cold the past week that we soon expect to see Eskimo suits adopted for comfort.

**Dec. 29, 1916**

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Nicholas and family arrived here from Menahga, Minn., the fore part of the week, Mr. Nicholas being the new proprietor of the Notermann meat market. The Notermann family will move onto the Riedel farm next week.

**100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*****Dec. 1, 1916**

As a result of overwrought nerves occasioned by the excitement incident to the burning of the Ries warehouses last week, Miss Elizabeth Ries was confined to her bed for several days the first of the week quite seriously ill.

**Dec. 8, 1916****Shakopee Telephone Co. Changes System**

The Shakopee Telephone Company, with the view of giving its patrons the very best service possible, have added a number of modern improvements to its physical plant. These new changes in the system which were begun early in the year took considerable time and labor and when completed will afford one of the best telephone systems in the valley. First of all the company purchased the lot and building it now occupies from Dr. P. M. Fischer. The building was then remodeled into three nicely arranged offices, the front or business office, the operator's office and the superintendent's office. A store room was afterwards built, a hot water heating plant

installed and water and sewer connections were put in. Then cables were put in to take the place of the single wires. These cables extend over the business portion of the city, and they will be further extended at a later date. Then came the installation of the new three-position central energy key-board which does away with the ringing locally to call central and very materially speeds up the service. The cut-over from the old exchange in the Hartmann block to the company's new location was made last Saturday night with scarcely any interruption of the service and the operators were at their new posts without a moment's delay ready and pleased to serve and accommodate the patrons of the company and to furnish either day or night the most speedy and satisfactory telephone service possible. A public telephone booth has been installed in the front office and can be used day and night.

It might be added here, however, that it will require some little time for the linemen to make all the necessary alterations incident to the change in systems.

**Dec. 15, 1916**

Ladies Aid Society Cook Book now on sale at Kline's Grocery Store and the Woman's Exchange. An excellent Christmas gift for \$1.00.

**Dec. 22, 1916**

Exercises appropriate to the Yuletide will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at District No. 41 school.

**Dec. 29, 1916**

Mrs. Andrew Kopp telephones the Argus that she was the recipient of a handsome poinsettia presented to her Christmas by the Woman's Relief Corps to whom she extends sincere thanks.

**75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune*****Dec. 4, 1941****Knights To Be Hosts At Football Film Next Week**

Designating their meeting of Dec. 11 as "Joe Hirscher and High School Football Team Night," the Shakopee Knights of Columbus will play host at the showing of the current Golden Gophers football films, it was announced this week.

Specially invited games at the affair will include Hirscher, an end on the national champion Minnesota football team, the Shakopee high school team and the local Boy Scout troop.

All knights, of course, will attend the motion picture, and they may bring the members of their families and any friends interested in seeing Phil Brain's pictorial record of the unbeaten Minnesota team's contests.

**Dec. 11, 1941**

**Toy To Admit Child To Movie Matinee Here Saturday Afternoon**

A toy, new or used, will be the means of admission to the annual children's movie, sponsored by the Shakopee Lions club in cooperation with the management of the Shakopee Theatre and the Shakopee Boy Scout troop, at the Shakopee Theatre at 1:30 Saturday afternoon.

The toys thus collected are later to be distributed by the Boy Scouts in cooperation with Santa Claus to several homes in the community.

Games, unworn books, dolls, toys of all descriptions, if not too badly battered, will be welcome. Items that need reconditioning will be taken to the industrial art department at the public school, where Scouters and Lions will put them in shape for distribution.

**Dec. 18, 1941**

The staff and inmates of the State Reformatory for Women, were guests of Miss E. K. Ries, at the matinee performance of the Christmas entertainment, presented Wednesday afternoon in the auditorium of the local high school, by the pupils of St. Mark's parochial school.

**Dec. 25, 1941**

**Scouts, Men Repair, Recondition Toys for Children**

All Sunday afternoon and again Monday night Scouts, scouters and members of the Lions club repaired, assembled and generally reconditioned a varied assortment of hundreds of toys for distribution to needy children of the community.

To some the mountain of Christmas objects might have appeared only as a lot of work, but to the boys and men assembled in Santa's auxiliary work shop (the Industrial Arts shop in the public school) the mountain was just a heap of fun.

Repair of some of the contributions really taxed the ingenuity of the craftsmen, and frequent shouts of joy from men and boys alike graphically indicated the attainment of success as each toy passed inspection and was placed on the "finished" table.

Tuesday night, supplied with a list of the homes to be visited, the Boy Scouts completed their "good turn" and as a result numerous child hearts will not have had their faith shattered—they will know there really is a Santa Claus.

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

**Dec. 1, 1966**

Yule Decorations went up this week in the Shakopee downtown area, with the Shakopee Utilities Commission crew on the job. New touches added this year by the Chamber of Commerce decorations, according to Executive Secretary

Dr. W. Adair Muralt, will be a "Happy Holiday" decoration near Rahr Malting on West First and a large poinsettia centerpiece for the overhead garland at the approach to the city from East First. Again the decorative Noel sign will be at the Holmes street bridge approach to the city. Scheduled for today (Thursday), December 1, is the cutting of the large Christmas tree by the Utilities crew. The tree is being donated by George A. Philipp and will come from his residence at 626 South Holmes, to be, as customary, erected at First and Holmes at the northwest corner. As last year, the Shakopee Christmas tree is to be decorated by the Utilities crew, using some 600 bulbs provided by the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce, along with other appropriate decorations.

**Dec. 8, 1966**

**New Firms' Grand Opening Dec. 9-10**

Opening of Bill Clark's Music and Studio is announced to have a Grand Opening event tomorrow (Friday) and this Saturday, December 9 and 10, in the location of the former shoe repair shop, adjacent to Ruehle Jewelry & Gifts, 104 East First.

Free coffee and donuts will be offered during this Grand Opening event.

Clark, well-known organist and Shakopee resident, who was formerly associated with the New St. Paul House musical productions, will in addition to offering Conn organs and pianos, have a large selection of sheet music and teaching materials, including instructional instruments for beginning students. Services are also to include professional instruction for organ and piano as well as piano tuning.

Hours at the new firm will be 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

**Dec. 15, 1966**

**Legion To Fete School Patrols Next Tuesday**

School patrols from Shakopee public and parochial schools and Prior Lake public and parochial schools are to be feted at the Fourth Annual School Patrol party, sponsored by Shakopee Post No. 2 American Legion.

The event, which attracts more than 200 members of the area schools' patrols, is to be held next Tuesday, December 20, at the Shakopee Post No. 2, American Legion clubrooms, east edge of Shakopee, beginning with lunch at 11:30 o'clock.

Following lunch, all are to be treated to a free movie at the Shakopee Theater, scheduled at 1 p.m., the Legion post providing the film.

The Shakopee Legion post provides all the equipment used by these school patrols, including flags, belts and parkas, as well as sponsors attendance at the summer school patrol camp at Legionville.

**Dec. 22, 1966**

### **Scouts 'Winteree' At Stockade Dec. 28-29**

Next Wednesday and Thursday, December 28 and 29, the Shakopee Boy Scout Troop No. 218 will hold its 14th Annual "Winteree" event.

This is an overnight series of contests that are to be conducted at the troop's Stockade at West Sixth Avenue and Marystown Road.

Starting at 1:30 p.m. next Wednesday, December 28, and ending at breakfast time the next morning, the Shakopee Scouts will sleep inside the stockade and cook supper outside on next Wednesday evening.

Afternoon and evening events will be an elaborate series of intra-patrol contests to test the Scoutcraft knowledge and prowess of each of the patrols.

Events are to include cooking, compass, fire building, Scout laws, races, trails, lifesaving, first aid, packing, etc. There is also to be a generous amount of "foolishness" and fun events, such as the Crowning of the Royal 'Kink' and Timekeeper.

Each and every Scout in the troop is expected to attend this outstanding event, Scoutmaster Wallace Kopisca of Shakopee said.

**Dec. 29, 1966**

### **Jaycees Again To Pickup Yule Trees Sunday, Jan. 8**

The Shakopee Jaycees will again make the rounds in Shakopee to pick up discarded Christmas trees on Sunday, January 8, from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

In previous years, the trees were picked up in the alleys. However, this year in order to speed up the operation and to insure no one is missed, the Jaycees ask co-operation of all residents in the placing of trees in front yards by the curb.

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

**Dec. 5, 1991**

#### **County gets new radio tower**

Scott County recently accepted ownership of the new 220-foot radio tower from Cellular One. Located in Jackson Township, the tower cost Cellular One \$325,000 to build.

Cellular One last year agreed to build the tower and give it to the county in exchange for the company's use of the tower over a 10-year period. The county will use the tower for police, fire and emergency medical services radio systems...

**Dec. 12, 1991**

#### **Ries replaces Ries as city fire chief**

The transition of power in the Shakopee Fire Department

could be noted by changing only the first name on the chief's nameplate.

Charlie Ries, who has been fire chief for three years, is stepping down at the end of the year and will be replaced by his brother Frank. When he took the job, Charlie replaced his brother Joe. And Joe took over the job from Butch Ring, who had replaced the oldest of the Ries brothers, John.

**Dec. 19, 1991**

#### **Knowledge Master Open team attains highest score ever**

Questions about Sununu, literary puns, and mathematical story problems were all handled in stride by Shakopee Junior High School's Knowledge Master Open team Dec. 4.

In fact, the students did so well, they scored a total of 1,499 points, the highest ever achieved at the school.

The Knowledge Master Open is an all-day, national event which tests students' awareness of facts in such areas as American and world history, government, current events, literature, math, physical science, art and music, and useless trivia...

This fall the school's computer lab served as 'Knowledge Master Open Central,' with students clustered around in table, munching down snacks and getting into lively discussions as they brainstormed for answers...

Elaine Phillips, coordinator of the district's High Potential Program, and of the Knowledge Master Open, noted that seven students were able to stay to the very end of the event at 3:20 p.m. She noted, "They were primed and eager. And they indeed answered all the questions correctly, except they took eight seconds to answer one and ended up one point shy of 1,500." Still, of their final score, she said, "Smashing!"

**Dec. 26, 1991**

#### **Future is now for students taking Japanese class**

It may seem like something out of an episode of "The Jetsons" - students talking to their teacher on a television screen instead of sitting in a typical classroom, and sending their homework over a fax machine rather than handing their papers in.

But it's all part of the present at Shakopee High School, where a Japanese class is being taught this way.

Four Shakopee students, as well as a Japanese exchange student, are taking "Japanese Language and Culture I" through an "interactive" television hookup with Hennepin Technical College's (HTC) Eden Prairie campus and School District 287, which includes all of Hennepin County except the city of Minneapolis...

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