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

Jan. 7, 1892

Some people seem to think that the Shakopee pork factory has done Shakopee no good. This is a mistake. The factory, by paying out lots of money for pork, surely brings trade to town, and if the money is not spent here it is not the fault of the pork factory. There must be a screw loose somewhere else.

Jan. 14, 1892

Miss Hammond's music class with a few friends held a surprise party and musicale at S. L. Hill's millinery rooms, Thursday evening. The singing was excellent, refreshments were served and a pleasant and social time enjoyed by all present.

Jan. 21, 1892

In consequence of Messrs Ferguson and Dunham leaving the mill, head miller C. W. Newell has been extremely busy for the past few days. But he's a worker.

Jan. 28, 1892

It would be a very good idea if the parents would visit the schools occasionally. It would be an encouragement to teachers and scholars.

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

Jan. 7, 1892

There is a general complaint in the heart of the town over the scarcity of well water. The new well at the mill, which furnishes such an abundance for the condenser, seems to seriously affect the wells along First street. Another argument for the elusive water works system.

Jan. 14, 1892

Mr. J. Deutch, of St. Paul, has opened a Gent's Furnishing Store in the vacant half of Mergen's block.

Jan. 21, 1892

Every once, or twice, even, in a while a big brown box-car of the H. and D. road adorns the sidewalks on Lewis street. It would seem as though life was too short to allow much time being spent in trudging around such obstructions. A little more care in switching would remedy the nuisance.

Jan. 28, 1892

August Sawyer an employee in the mill, while out hunting

on Sunday last, met with the loss of one of his fingers through the accidental discharge of his shot gun.

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

Jan. 5, 1917

For Sale:—The J. A. Wilder home and property adjoining. Inquire of Mrs. C. G. Bowdish.

Jan. 12, 1917

A bunch of the younger social set enjoyed a hike to the bluffs and a wiener roast last Saturday evening.

Jan. 19, 1917

### Officer Doody Drops Dead

Last night at five o'clock Chief of Police John J. Doody was seen to fall prostrate as he was entering the City Hall, and when aid reached him he was lying inside the office and against the door unconscious. A hack was summoned, and he was taken home, where he passed away at a quarter before six o'clock. Dr. Fischer, who attended him, found him suffering from an attack of true bulbar palsy, and beyond medical aid. He was 69 years of age, but the picture of robust health and strength, and he had served Shakopee many years as its chief of police, and endeared himself to everyone by his cheery disposition and faithful service. An obituary notice will be published next week. Funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:00 from St. Mary's church, under direction of the C. O. F.

Jan. 26, 1917

### Destructive Fire

A destructive fire occurred here early last Tuesday morning which consumed the entire general merchandise stock of J. S. Bredahl and the household furniture and personal effects of the proprietor who occupied the rooms above the store. The alarm was turned in at 3 a.m. Owing to the extreme cold

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weather, work of fighting the fire was rendered difficult, and it was seen at once that the structure and its contents were doomed. It is the belief that the fire was due to a defective electric wire. Mr. Bredahl estimates his loss on stock and personal effects at \$8000 with \$6500 insurance. Harry Broekhuizen who conducted a shoe repair shop in the rear of the building suffered a loss of \$250 on his machinery which was covered by insurance. Mr. Broekhuizen was the first on the scene after the alarm and managed to save all shoes, which were in for repair.

Miss Elizabeth Ries, owner of the building states that her loss is \$6500, with \$4000 insurance. Her plans, as to rebuilding are not as yet complete. Mr. Broekhuizen will move his machinery in the Beckrich building east of the Gem theatre and will be ready for business by Monday. He requests us to state that all parties having shoes in for repair before the fire may call for same at his new quarters.

Mr. Bredahl is undecided as to his future plans.

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

**Jan. 5, 1917**

The Home Economics club will meet January 18th with Miss Elizabeth Ries. Miss Agnes Peterson, superintendent of the state Bureau of Women and Children, will speak on the subject "The Community's Duty to its Children".

**Jan. 12, 1917**

Mrs. Kate Leidgen was granted a divorce Tuesday from John Leidgen, who is now serving a term in Stillwater for attacking her with a knife.

**Jan. 19, 1917**

Moving Pictures next Wednesday, January 24th, at the Gem theatre for the benefit of St. Rose society. "The House of a Thousand Candles." Everybody see this interesting photoplay.

**Jan. 26, 1917**

A real estate deal consummated Saturday was the purchase by R. G. Chapman of J. M. Spindler's farm, comprising ten acres adjoining James E. Dean's farm. The price was \$4,000. A new home, practically built, and a modern chicken coop are already on the place. Mr. Chapman will complete the house at his earliest opportunity and move there to reside.

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

**Jan. 1, 1942**

#### **Governor Sets Date for Answer on Removal Plea**

Governor Harold E. Stassen has set January 5 as the date for the return of the answer to charges, in the removal complaint filed with him against Municipal Judge Peter J.

Schwartz, it was announced.

The complaint, signed by Sheriff J. P. Wermerskirchen and Arthur Busse, deputy sheriff, charges Judge Schwartz with malfeasance and nonfeasance, and alleges that he refused to sign search and seizure warrants when presented to him by the sheriff and his deputy.

**Jan. 8, 1942**

#### **Aliens Must Surrender Radios, Cameras To Law**

Sheriffs and municipal police officers received instructions this week regarding enemy aliens possessing radio transmitters, short-wave radio sets, and cameras.

With the instruction was the order which stipulates: "An alien enemy who shall have in his possession any radio transmitting set, short wave radio receiving set or camera shall ... deliver such set or camera to the local police authorities of the community in which he resides, at the place designated by such local police authorities. In each case the police authorities shall issue a receipt to the alien, suitably describing the set or camera. Local police authorities will return and release any camera upon production of the letter of the United States attorney permitting the alien enemy to possess such cameras."

Sheriff Wermerskirchen has set January 17 as the deadline for Scott county.

**Jan. 15, 1942**

#### **135 Enrolled for First Aid Work**

With 135 Shakopee men and women registered for the 10-week course in first aid, it has become necessary to conduct the classes four nights each week, Red Cross officials, sponsors of the course, announced this week.

Attendance at the opening session of the school, held last Friday night, was recorded as 125. Since that date ten more have registered, J. A. Metcalf, in charge of registration, said...

**Jan. 22, 1942**

#### **County Air Raid Head Appointed**

The task of organizing a Scott county air-raid warning system, under the Civilian Defense program, is now in progress, W. B. Schroeder, newly appointed chief warden of the Aircraft Warning service for the county, announced this week.

Schroeder, full-time deputy sheriff, was appointed to the civilian defense post Sunday by W. R. Poehler, St. Paul, aide to the state adjutant general, in charge of the Aircraft Warning service.

The county organization, Schroeder, said, will include "observers" and "alternate observers" in each of the townships comprising Scott county. These men, it was explained, will be charged with the duty of "spotting" enemy aircraft, which might fly over the area...

**Jan. 29, 1942**

### **Shak O Hi News**

Last week during assembly Mr. Metcalf announced to the students the advantages of having a paper drive, both to our school and for our country. The students wholeheartedly agreed to give their utmost cooperation in undertaking this patriotic drive.

Next Monday and Tuesday morning the students are to bring their paper to school – it is hoped that each student might bring about 100 pounds. The instructions about the kinds of paper acceptable, and the method of packing it are posted on the bulletin board.

If it hoped that we can raise enough money, through this method to purchase jackets for our outstanding basketball team. If there is a remainder it will go toward buying a new screen for our movies.

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

**Jan. 5, 1967**

#### **Eagle Creek Twp. Million, Quarter Dollars 'Richer'**

Eagle Creek Township Building Inspector Gene Hartaus in his annual report to the Eagle Creek Town Board stated "this is a record breaking year as the 1966 report indicates more than a quarter-million dollar gain from industrial and commercial property values, and almost a million gain in residential real estate value."

He added that the residential gain as from 31 new homes averaging in the \$29,000 per home class, commenting "we are getting our share to the higher priced homes in our area which help our tax structure due to the moving in of people with higher earning power..."

**Jan. 12, 1967**

Faulty chimney was considered the cause of the blaze at 11:45 a.m. last Sunday, January 8, at the woodworking shop of Pat O'Connor, Shakopee builder, located in the O'Connor building between Mary Louise Hair Fashions and Beek King of Pizza, that called Shakopee firemen out in the height of the weekend blizzard. Considerable damage resulted from the burned out rafters, with the pizza parlor having considerable smoke damage. Firemen were successful in preventing the spread of the blaze and were given high praise by O'Connor for their quick response and efforts. It is reported a workman was in the building at the time the blaze broke out, and notified O'Connor who resided in the apartments upstairs in the building. Considerable used lumber stored in the rear storage area of the workshop was carried out to prevent spread of the flames. Shakopee firemen were at the scene for about two hours. The O'Connor building is located at West First and Fuller.

**Jan. 19, 1967**

#### **Seminary Shop Seeks Articles For Selling**

The "This and That Shop" in the former retreat house at Highway 212 between Shakopee and Chaska, is seeking clothing and other articles that can be sold.

Members of the Catholic Women's Auxiliary, assisted at the shop on Wednesday of last week from the Eagle Creek area, are Mrs. Melvin Faust, Mrs. John Breeggemann, Mrs. Fred Deddie and Mrs. George Stemmer.

**Jan. 26, 1967**

#### **First January Thunderstorm In 58 Years Hits!**

First January thunderstorm in 58 years, since 1909, hit the Twin Cities and Shakopee area Tuesday of this week and gave harried moments both to motorists and utilities line maintenance men.

Superintendent Lee Monnens of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission reported that there were no periods of extended outages in the Shakopee area, but that limbs were a problem in the Marystown area and near Prior Lake.

He added that high winds could bring an abundance of more "headaches" as the ice weighted limbs that are arching down to hit the utility lines and the lines themselves are ice loaded.

Monnens said that despite the trouble that Northern States power company had in Minneapolis with power cuts, due to the ice glaze, the City of Shakopee experienced on some instances of "blinking."

He added that some 12 residences in the Marystown area were cut off for just a few minutes, and that the breakers were in operation in some 10 instances from limbs striking the lines near Prior Lake.

The freezing rain on roads and windshields made chaos for the Tuesday morning getting-to-work traffic, as several were stranded as the autos could not make their way up grades and hills.

The Scott County Sheriff's department reported, however, there were no accidents reported on Scott county roads, and that only two minor mishaps resulted in the City of Shakopee..

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

**Jan. 2, 1992**

#### **DuBois leaves force but is not retiring**

John DuBois said he had "no burning desire to be a cop" when he was recruited for the Shakopee Police Department 29 years ago by Pat Thielen, who was chief at the time.

"But after I got into it, I loved it," said DuBois. "I liked the excitement about it, the chase of the hunt, so to speak."

DuBois, the department's deputy chief, retires from the

force today, but he's quick to add, "I'm not really retiring. I just feel it's time to move on to something else. I'm looking forward to being in the private sector..."

**Jan. 9, 1992**

#### **McWilliams named Canterbury's GM**

Canterbury Downs' Acting General Manager Terry McWilliams was promoted to general manager of the Shakopee track on Jan. 2.

McWilliams, 42, who has held the interim position since September when Paul Mangiamele resigned, is a native of Redwood Falls, Minn., and a University of Minnesota graduate. He is the fourth full-time general manager since the track opened in 1985 and the third since Ladbrooke Racing and two Detroit-area investors purchased the track just prior to the 1990 meet.

McWilliams began working for Canterbury in 1985 as the assistant mutuels manager.

**Jan. 16, 1992**

#### **Familiar name in auto business to open dealership**

A well-known name in car dealerships has moved into the former Dan Routson Motors at 1206 First Ave. in Shakopee.

Paul Walser and Mark Saliterman are busy remodeling the former Routson dealership's showroom and have already filled its parking lot with vehicles preparing for Shakopee Chevrolet & Oldsmobile's opening Feb. 1.

"The place had fallen apart and we've had to bring everything up to code," Walser said. The new dealership will feature a drive-through service aisle in the completely heated building and a lounge area for customers waiting for their cars, Walser said.

Walser and Saliterman are partners in the dealership. With inventory, the building and reconstruction, the partners have invested close to \$1 million. Walser, 36, who also owns a Mazda dealership in South St. Paul, is the son of Jack Walser, who owns several car dealerships in the Twin Cities. The Shakopee dealership is separate from the Jack Walser organization...

**Jan. 23, 1992**

#### **Super Booked**

Of the 400 hotel/motel rooms in Scott and Carver counties, only 10 – count 'em – 10 were available as of Tuesday for Super Bowl stragglers this weekend. And by the time readers see this story those 10 probably will have vanished as well.

The majority of hotel managers in the area say they have been booked for months for the big game, with a few recent

room cancellations being immediately scooped up by others seeking shelter.

The Canterbury Inn is one of the hotels that had a few rooms available yesterday morning. But Manager Phil Willoughby said he is confident the hotel will be booked solid by Friday...

The Shakopee Valley Motel, Super 8, and Budget Host Motel in Shakopee all report they are booked solid for the weekend. Most of the reservations were made up to a year ago, said the managers, but the phones began ringing off the hook by the afternoon of the championship playoffs...

**Jan. 30, 1992**

#### **Cities join forces to promote county for new, expanding businesses**

A non-profit organization dedicated to promoting Scott County as an attractive location for new and expanding businesses has recently been launched. Barry Stock, assistant administrator for the city of Shakopee, is chairman of the organization.

The group, known as the Scott County Economic Development Coalition (SCEDC), has joined the cities of Shakopee, Belle Plaine, Jordan, New Prague, Prior Lake, and Savage to spearhead economic development efforts countywide.

Modeled after the successful Scott County Transportation Coalition, the SCEDC brings together lenders, developers, city staffs, Scott County officials, and business people to design and run its promotional program...



*Women stand in front of "Ries's Lovers Resort." Photo was taken Aug. 12, 1906.*

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