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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Feb. 4, 1892

Sheriff Hilgers arrested two boys 16 years old on the H & D. train, last week, on a dispatch from Dakota county, and afterwards turned them over to an officer from that county who met him for the purpose at Prior Lake. The charge was stealing old coins etc. Both boys were armed and equipped with revolvers, evidently equipped for plunder.

Feb. 11, 1892

The Shakopee flour mill is steadily on the increase in its running capacity and is proving to be one of the best enterprises this town ever had. Last week one day they ran off in the neighborhood of 450 bbls. and propose to put in extra boilers and run about 525 daily, with an employment of 50 men.

Feb. 18, 1892

For Rent, on 1st of March, a brick house, 5 rooms, good well and barn. Corner of First and Spencer Sts.—C. E. Busse.

Feb. 25, 1892

Street overseer Goenen commences his season's work early this year.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 4, 1892

Will Conter has taken charge of the books at the Stove Works.

Feb. 11, 1892

Mr. Joseph Nachtsheim has been obliged to have his erst-while famous well drilled deeper, as the deep well at the mill has drained off his supply of water and given him some little trouble in procuring the supply of water needed in turning out the usual amount of his famous five-cent "stuffs."

Feb. 18, 1892

Mr. A. Greenberg leaves for Chicago today to buy a large stock of spring goods. He will be absent ten days or two weeks. During his absence his store will be in charge of his brother, who came from Minneapolis on Tuesday.

Feb. 25, 1892

Mr. Schultz, of New Ulm, has accepted the position as teacher in the Lutheran school of this place, filling the vacancy caused by the illness of Rev. Spindler.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Feb. 2, 1917

Mr. Louis Keschnitzka will open his shoe shop on First street, and will do honest work as has done the past 25 years. He solicits the trade of old and new customers.

Feb. 9, 1917

H. P. Marx last week sold his jewelry store to Ferdinand Zrust and son of Cologne, the latter recently of St. Paul who will conduct the business at the old stand. Mr. Marx will remain here and will specialize in Optometry with offices in the rear of the jewelry store. In addition to this he will have the agency for the Victrola talking machine. The newcomers are strangers here and the Tribune joins in bidding them a hearty welcome.

Feb. 16, 1917

Woman's Reformatory Ours

STATE SENDS SHAKOPEE SWEET VALENTINE

Grand Old Town Honored By Selection as Site For Quarter Million Dollar State Institution

Yesterday morning Senator Julius A. Collier received official notification that the new state reformatory for women will be located at Shakopee, the site chosen being the August Koeper farmstead overlooking the beautiful Minnesota Valley from its heights on the western edge of the city.

As Ruggles of Red Gap was wont to exclaim, Three Rousing Cheers!

Many months ago, when our fellow townsmen, Senator Collier, learned that the State was about to seek a location for this newest and much needed State Reformatory for Women, he went to work and secured options on five choice sites of 160 acres in the vicinity of his old home town, and one June day last year a dozen big automobiles, carrying a score of boosters, met the Board of Control, Messrs. Ralph W. Whee-

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lock, Charles E. Vasaley, and C. J. Swandsen, and Mmes. Moore, Kinney, and Stewart of the Women's Board of Visitors, who were acting in an advisory capacity in the choice of a site, and the day was delightfully spent in trips to, and inspection of, the five sites on which options were secured, about Shakopee.

Sixty other towns eagerly offered their choicest locations, but the choice was soon weeded down to three, of which Shakopee was one, yet it was not until the last few days that hope ended in fruition, and the choice was definitely announced in favor of Shakopee. Meanwhile Mr. Coller kept the options extended, and it will now be a matter of the very near future when Mr. Koeper's 165 acres will have been transferred to the State of Minnesota for the sum of \$28,000, and as soon as weather permits, construction of the administration building and three cottages will begin...

The legislature is asked by the Board of Control for an initial appropriation of \$235,000, for the site and the erection of the administration building to cost \$93,000, and three cottages to cost \$35,000 each, according to the plans presented. The Reformatory farm will include the five acres on the brow of the hill north of the Scenic highway where the administration building will stand, and three forties in a row southward, just east of the Jackson town line road, and one forty west of the townline road, half a mile south of the Scenic highway, and bordering the southernmost eastern forty on the west, making it all one tract, intersected by roads as indicated. Mr. Koeper will give up farming, we understand, and move down town to enjoy the evening of life amid greater comforts. The site is so situated that it can be readily connected with the city waterworks and sewers, and the electric light and power lines, and a sidetrack will be built from the railway line, running up the sidehill near the old Parker place, to the Reformatory. So it is not too much to say that the State as well as Shakopee should be congratulated on the wise choice made by the Board of Control and the ladies who assisted and were unanimous in their choice of Shakopee.

Once again, Three rousing cheers!

Feb. 23, 1917

After a five weeks' trip through the south in the interest of the Jacob Ries Bottling works, J. R. Witt returned home on Saturday.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 2, 1917

On Saturday last Will and Ed Veiht purchased of J. B. Heller, our recently elected chief of police, his ice business, including the ice house and tools. The new firm took immediate possession and at once commenced the annual harvest of ice.

The ice business in Shakopee is a good one and Veiht Bros. will give the best service within their power.

Feb. 9, 1917

Mr. and Mrs. George Leng and family have moved here from Orfordville, Wisc., to make their home. Mrs. Leng was formerly Miss Clara Bohls.

Feb. 16, 1917

Business Change

A business deal of the week which has been learned with interest was the purchase by J. M. Spindler of the E. G. Dahl general merchandise store that Mr. Dahl acquired early last year from Mr. Spindler. When the latter sold out he had planned to take up farming and fancy poultry raising on a large scale, but after trying it out for a time found the occupation not congenial and decided to re-enter his old line of business. The offer he made Mr. Dahl was accepted and the store has been closed since Monday while inventory was in progress. It will reopen either today or tomorrow with Mr. Spindler again in possession. He is one of Shakopee's best known and reliable citizens and his former patrons are pleased to learn that he will again be associated with the city's commercial interests in which he has always taken an active part. Mr. Dahl has made many warm friends in the short time he has been here and it is hoped that he will decide to remain in Shakopee. His future course is wholly undetermined as the sale of his store came unexpectedly and he has no definite plans at the present time. Miss Anna Kreuser will assist Mr. Spindler and the latter hopes to greet all his old customers at his opening this week.

Feb. 23, 1917

Julius A. Coller went to St. Paul Saturday for a conference with the State Board of Control relating to matter concerning the women's reformatory; he accompanied Mrs. Coller and Jac to Cedar Rapids, from there went to Chicago to attend high court and investment board meetings of the C. O. F.

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

Feb. 5, 1942

Eagle Scoutship To Be Conferred On Richard Schaefer

Next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Wayzata high school, Richard Schaefer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. J. Schaefer, will have the title and honor of Eagle Scout conferred upon him. Richard is the second Shakopee boy to receive this high title in scouting. Ben Scherkenbach was the first to be given the honor.

Richard is to be congratulated upon the success of his efforts. He will be accompanied to Wayzata by a number of Shakopee folks.

Feb. 12, 1942

Mrs. A. E. Boppel is Awarded Scholarship

The November issue of *The Northwestern Druggist*, carried a very fine article on "Pharmacy," written by Mrs. A. E. Boppel, pharmacist at the local Rexall Drug store.

This week, Mrs. Boppel received a letter from the College of Pharmacy, University of Minnesota, informing her that for this contribution she had been awarded a scholarship to the Sixth Pharmaceutical Institute, which will be held in the Center, Feb. 16, 17, 18 for continuation study.

This scholarship provides registration fee, tuition, room, board and garage space, for the duration of the institute.

Feb. 19, 1942

The inmates of the State Reformatory for Women were entertained at a Valentine dancing party in the institution, Saturday evening. Mrs. M. T. Jamieson, sister-in-law of Miss Estelle Jamieson, superintendent at the Reformatory, and four lady friends of Minneapolis, furnished music for the dance, and a very delightful evening was spent.

Feb. 26, 1942

Robert Wampach, son of Mrs. Mary Wampach, of this city, who resigned his position at the Rahr Malting plant several weeks ago to enlist in the navy, left Tuesday of last week to enter upon his new duties and is now stationed at Great Lakes Training Station.

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Feb. 3, 1967

Council Supports Chamber's Urging Of Merger Of Two R.R. In City

Approved by the Common Council of the City of Shakopee in official session Tuesday night of this week, January 31, prior to the committee of the whole meeting jointly with the Commissioners of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission, was Resolution No. 155 supporting the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce's urging of the merger between the Northwestern Railway and the Milwaukee Road.

This resolution points out that the City of Shakopee, now served by both the Northwestern and Milwaukee railroads, is one of many mid-western cities which is "plagued" by an excess of railroad facilities, a hodge-podge of terminals and switching yards, a disproportionate allocation of land-use dedicated to non-local tax-yielding railroad properties, and unnecessarily high incidence of dangerous street grade crossings, and the right-of-way maintenance problems arising out of this proliferation, such as haphazard weed control, inadequate cross-walk and thorough fare planking, and deteriorated and neglected rails and appurtenances.

The resolution also stated "... much of the undeveloped

'economic wasteland' now held by the railroads might be released for tax-producing commercial and residential expansion, as well as for critical public uses."

It concludes that the city of Shakopee wholeheartedly and irrevocably encourages and supports the proposed merger of the Northwestern and Milwaukee Railroads.

Feb. 9, 1967

'Rash' Of Auto Vandalism In City Over Past Weekend

Five instances of vandalism to autos were reported to Shakopee police over the past weekend, one being the Shakopee Senior High School parking lot on Tenth Avenue, one on Shakopee Avenue, and three other incidents on West Third.

Reported at the high school was the placing of nails under an auto tire at front and back, so that they would be picked up whether the car moved forward or backward. This incident occurred last Saturday night during the Annual Sweetheart dance being held at the school's gymnasium.

On Shakopee Avenue, over the past weekend, the left front and rear windows of an auto were smashed.

The three incidents on West Third also occurred over the past weekend, one with the car windows and a vent glass broken, and in two others, the left car windows smashed.

Feb. 16, 1967

Jaycees Plan Bosses' Night on February 27

The Shakopee Junior Chamber of Commerce announced plans this week for a banquet leadership training program and party, known as Jaycees Bosses' night.

It has been set for the Riviera Club in Chanhassen at 7:30 p.m. Monday, February 27.

A program of this type, popular with Jaycee chapters in other areas, is being planned this year for the first time by the Shakopee group...

Each Jaycee will have as his guest, his boss or a supervisor or superior in his line of work. In addition, Jaycees, who are self-employed, plan to have as their guests, community leaders in business, government, school affairs and similar endeavors...

Feb. 23, 1967

Turning the key this week for the last time to one of the oldest family-owned establishments in Shakopee are George A. "Duke" Philipp, owner of Philipp Furniture, and his son, Tom. The history of the business goes back 107 years to 1860, when it was established by the late Henry Philipp, grandfather of the present owner. His son, Anthony Philipp, joined the business in 1872, and took his son, George, into the firm with him in 1922. In 1960, Tom joined his father in business, marking the fourth generation of the Philipp family to

be in the firm. The Philipps have recently announced the sale of their building and discontinuance of the furniture business. They will, however, continue to operate the Philipp Funeral Home, which enjoys the same long history of family ownership as did the furniture store...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 6, 1992

St. Francis moves physical therapy clinic to Shakopee Town Square

St. Francis Regional Medical Center will relocate its physical therapy center from the hospital to Shakopee Town Square, next to the movie theater.

The hospital opened a similar facility at the Chaska Community Center in 1990...

The center's focus will be on orthopedic therapy and rehabilitation and will offer educational programs, fitness screenings and exercise prescriptions, foot orthotics, hand therapy, job-site evaluations, massage-therapy, occupational and physical therapy, and sports and work conditioning.

The center will open this month.

Feb. 13, 1992

He's not a thespian, either

Jerry Poole is no longer acting.

The Shakopee City Council on Feb. 4 agreed to a recommendation by City Administrator Dennis Kraft to delete the word "acting" from Poole's job title with the city.

Last month, in naming Poole to replace John DuBois, who retired as deputy chief, the "acting" preface was added because the city planned a reorganization which may have involved the creation of a public safety administrator position. Police Chief Tom Steininger was going to be nominated for the new position, thus the council decided to not make the deputy appointment appear permanent prior to action on the reorganization proposal.

At the Jan. 28 meeting, the council decided to delay action on the new public safety position. Last week, Kraft recommended that "acting" be removed from the title, noting the deputy chief serves at the pleasure of the police chief, and that if a change is needed in the future, Steininger is empowered to make it.

Feb. 20, 1992

G.M.: Canterbury will have '92 meet

Terry McWilliams, general manager of Canterbury Downs in Shakopee, said Friday that the track will have a 1992 meet no matter what happens with regard to contract negotiations

with horsemen or a lawsuit challenging the legality of off-track betting...

Ladbroke Racing, operator and part-owner of the track, is negotiating with horsemen over the racing schedule and purse structure. If an agreement cannot be reached, horsemen have the authority to pull the plug on simulcast racing from California...

A Ramsey County District Court judge is considering the legality of off-track betting in a lawsuit filed by Rep. Jim Rice, DFL-Minneapolis.

The track has applied to the Minnesota Racing Commission for a 95-day meet that would run from May 1 through Sept. 7.

Feb. 27, 1992

A policeman's plaque

Pat Thielen Moen, daughter of the late Pat Thielen, who was police chief in Shakopee from 1948 to 1978, presented current Chief Tom Steininger with a plaque containing prose titled, "What Are Policemen Made Of?" Thielen's husband is a police sergeant and their daughter is married to a police officer. The Thielens live in Grand Forks, N.D.



Al Yahnke, Bob Yahnke, Christ Lobby, and Detwain Peterson stand on a rail car in 1944 in front of Barney Johnson's house. This is the present-day site of the Shakopee Post Office.