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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

May 5, 1892

Mrs. Henschel who lately bought out Miss Emma Busse, is an old-time resident of Shakopee, this in fact being her native place, her father and mother Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Juergens removing from here some 24 years ago, and now live in Hutchinson. Frank Juergens, Esq. of Jordan is Mrs. Henschel's uncle.

May 12, 1892

Clem Afolter is digging a cellar on his west lot, next to his residence, with the intention of building a residence thereon this summer.

May 19, 1892

E. G. Bloomfield state boiler inspector of the 3d. district has been here during the week, looking after bad boilers, and if they are bad he will probably be heard from.

May 26, 1892

The Lutheran college committee, from the districts of Wisconsin, Ohio and Minnesota, come together July 7th., when the location will be decided upon. We understand that Shakopee has a good chance for it.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 5, 1892

Last Monday was Arbor Day. No special observance of the day took place here, although a very substantial style of exercise was the planting of two fine rows of trees around his lot on Lewis street by Joseph Linhoff, and the setting out of many fine trees by Maj. Strait around his home on Third street. Others might follow these examples with profit. Probably nothing so enhances the value of residence property as an abundance of shade trees, and surely nothing else so much helps to make a town attractive. We are fortunate in this regard as it is, but might perhaps improve a little more along the line.

May 12, 1892

A rough estimate of the acreage of Scott Co. for this year gives wheat 35,000, oats 20,000, corn 12,000, rye 2,000 and barley about 1,000 acres. So far the season has been an average one, with perhaps a little too much of rain and cold weather, and crops are reported to be in excellent condition for this season of the year.

May 19, 1892

Theodore Ohlenfort has opened a shoe shop in the building west of Philipp's furniture store.

May 26, 1892

On Wednesday afternoon Dr. C. A. Entrup skillfully removed a pterygium, an abnormal growth on the cornea, from the right eye of Mr. Cox, of this place. It is expected that his sight will be fully restored to him.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

May 4, 1917

A real estate deal was closed on Monday whereby W. F. Schoch bought the Reis building on First street, at present occupied by Reis Bros. livery. Mr. Schoch expects to take possession about the first of June and will conduct a first class garage and repair shop. George and Henry Reis will devote their time to agriculture and will move onto their farm in Eagle Creek. The Tribune wishes all hands success.

May 11, 1917

High School Notes

Ten rope and two chain swings have been put up on the playground and an iron pole for four see saws is in place. The tennis court is completed and is being used by the teachers and students. All the work has been done by the manual training and agricultural boys.

May 18, 1917

The Scott County Agricultural society will give a dance in the pavilion in Riverside park Friday evening May 18th. A cordial invitation is extended to all to come and enjoy a fine program of dances. The local "Star orchestra" will furnish the music. Don't forget the date.

May 25, 1917

The Shakopee mill owned by L. Christian & Co. the past

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twenty-six years was sold to Shane Bros. & Wilson Co. of Minneapolis and Philadelphia, who will take possession June 1. The company now owns mills at Hastings, Albert Lea, Kansas City, Philadelphia and Watertown, N. Y.

The mill was built by George F. Strait in 1886, who was the proprietor until sold to L. Christian and Co. in 1891. C. T. Buchanan, who has had charge since 1886 will retain his position much to the satisfaction of all.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 4, 1917

Eagle Creek

The road below School Dist. No. 3 which has been closed to traffic the past six weeks, underwent some needed repairs last week. Frank Siebenaler and Elmer Huber did the necessary work.

May 11, 1917

Twine Orders

All those who had ordered twine from Shakopee Farmers' Elevator Co. may have their original orders filled by re-ordering from August Timmermann before June 1st. Send in your orders at once and you will be notified when car arrives sometime in June. August Timmermann.

May 18, 1917

Harry Carlson, baker for Jos. Ploumen for the past three years, has given up his work here and left Tuesday for the home in St. Peter.

May 25, 1917

County Bankers Organize

Last Tuesday at Fraternity hall the bankers of Scott county organized the Scott County Bankers Association to be affiliated with the Minnesota Bankers Association. Scott county's twelve banks were represented and the local bankers entertained the visitors at luncheon and an automobile ride to points of local interest. The following were elected officers of the organization: Pres—John Thiem of Shakopee; vice president—Michael Schreiner of New Prague; secretary-treasurer—Julius L. Effertz of Belle Plaine. The association is for the purpose of furthering the commercial, industrial, financial and agricultural interests of the county.

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

May 7, 1942

Court Order Authorizes Destruction of Machines

At the request of the sheriff's office for instructions to dispose of 32 slot machines taken in raids in Scott county, Judge Moriarty signed an order May 4 empowering Sheriff Wermerskirchen to destroy the machines.

Accordingly Sheriff Wermerskirchen said, the machines will be smashed and the cash contents of the devices turned over to the county treasurer. The process of destruction, the sheriff said, has already begun.

May 14, 1942

Deer, Oh, Deer!

As they sat on the porch of their home on East Fifth street, last Saturday evening members of the Frank Siebenaler household wondered if they were "seeing things." Ambling down the slope from the Scherkenbach home, southeast of the Siebenaler home, was a large female deer. Mrs. Frank Siebenaler, who reported the incident, said the animal seemed unafraid until dogs arrived on the scene and frightened the doe away.

May 21, 1942

Anent Question of Abandoning Lewis St. Bridge in Shakopee

The question of whether or not the City of Shakopee should abandon the old Lewis Street Bridge, came formally before the Council in its meeting Tuesday evening. However, the Council was advised that under certain provisions of the city charter it would be necessary to submit the question of abandonment to the voters of the city for determination.

At this writing we are not informed what may be done in the matter.

May 28, 1942

Northrup King Co. To Build Addition To Processing Plant

A large concrete addition to the Northrup, King and Company seed drying plant in West Shakopee, is to be constructed soon, it was learned this week, with the disclosure that Fischer Brothers, Shakopee builders, had been awarded the contract for the job.

Excavation work was started Monday and preliminary form work is expected to get under way June 1, it was said.

The new structure, to be run at right angles to the present plant, is to be erected on the west side. It is to be 170 feet long and nearly 30 feet in width.

Much of the concrete work will be below ground level to provide a tunnel 110 feet long, 10 feet wide and 8 feet high. Along the two sides of the tunnel 12 large bins, six to a side, are to be constructed.

Parallel to the addition and on its south side a pavement slab 146 feet long and 24 feet, is to be laid.

Above ground the walls are to be constructed of concrete blocks. The roof is to be of sheet metal.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

May 4, 1967

Dedication To Be This Sunday

Dedication Service is to be conducted this Sunday, May 7, at Christ Lutheran Church, Tenth and Adams, beginning at 2:30 p.m....

Christ Lutheran is a mission congregation, started two years ago in the basement of the First National Bank of Shakopee. In April 1966, the congregation, due to its growth, moved its Worship service to the Shakopee Public Elementary School, Fifth and Lewis. The new \$134,000 Education-Worship center was completed in March of this year and the congregation began Worship services in the new edifice March 5. The congregation now totals 194 members.

May 11, 1967

Industrial Arts Open House is to be held as is traditional during the Annual School election next Tuesday, May 16, with the hours to be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Senior High school lunchroom on Tenth Avenue. In previous years the exhibit of handiwork was at the Junior High-Elementary building where school election balloting is held. However, this year to provide for an expanded exhibit it will be held at the high school building with signs to announce this fact at the Elementary building polling place. One of the outstanding items to be exhibited is this desk the handiwork of Dennis Weckman, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Weckman, RR 2 Shakopee.

May 18, 1967

Women's Softball State Tourney Set For Shakopee

Announced this week is that Shakopee will be the site of the 1967 Minnesota State Women's Softball Tournament to be held Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30.

The Jaycees, who last year did an outstanding job during the Suburban League tourney, have again volunteered to assist with the State tourney, Manager Stan Davies said.

Shakopee is expected to enter a strong team, coached by Davies and George Kelzer, currently in first place in the "tough" Suburban League. This Shakopee nine has already posted a win over the 1966 state champions of Bloomington.

The team, known as the Shakopee Merchants, is sponsored by Malkerson Motors, Inc., Rock Spring Bar, Berens Super-Fair, Mertz-Horeish, Shakopee Hamms distributor, Scott County Lumber, Minnesota Natural Gas Co., Red Owl, Capesius Agency, A & W Drive-in, Hauer's Drive-in, Hennen's Skelly, Rahr Malting, Dairy Queen, Shakopee Services, Eastman Drug and Shakopee Radio Station, KSMM.

May 25, 1967

Flagpoles For Area Cemeteries Joint Project Of Community

Joint civic project in Shakopee, involving the Shakopee

Post No. 2, American Legion, the Shakopee Post No. 4046, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Shakopee Council No. 1685, Knights of Columbus, was that of installing 35-foot flagpoles at each of the five area cemeteries, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, St. Mary Of the Purification at Marystown, Valley cemetery and the old Catholic cemetery, east of Shakopee.

These organizations were also active in securing the donations for the needed materials and the erection of the new flagpoles to be used initially for Memorial Day services next Tuesday, May 30, at each of the cemeteries...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

May 7, 1992

Local residents may take part in sending message to Olympic athletes

Local residents can add their names to Olympic history and send best wishes to members of the U.S. Olympic team by signing a piece of what is billed as the "world's largest postcard" the week of May 11-17 at the Shakopee post office.

Some 28,000 post offices across the country will take part in "U.S. Olympic Spirit Week" in an effort to raise funds for Olympic hopefuls.

For a \$1 contribution, local residents can sign a piece of the giant postcard at the Shakopee post office. They also will receive two conventional postcards addressed to Olympic athletes; postal officials recommended one to be saved as a souvenir and the other to be sent with personal greetings to the athletes...

In July, when athletes are preparing to leave for the Summer Games in Barcelona, Spain, Shakopee's piece of the card will be assembled with the others from throughout the country in a celebration in Washington. The full card will be larger than three football fields.

May 14, 1992

Proposed design for Co. Rds. 18, 21 to be presented at May 26 meeting

Consultants for the Scott County Highway Department will present recommendations for the future County Road 18 design and the alignment corridor for County Road 21 at a public meeting May 26 at the Scott County Courthouse in Shakopee.

Plans call for connecting the new Bloomington Ferry Bridge with County Road 18 north of County Road 16.

County Road 21 would be extended to the north from County Road 42 to the new Ferry Bridge. This project is on a long-range schedule, and there are no plans for construction...

May 21, 1992

Fire damages Shakopee hotel

Bar patrons and hotel guests at the Canterbury Inn, 1244

Canterbury Road, Shakopee, were evacuated late Sunday after a fire of undetermined origin started in the hotel's banquet setup area.

No injuries were reported and there was no panic as hotel guests were evacuated, according to hotel General Manager Debra Casey.

Fire Chief Frank Ries said Tuesday that the cause of the fire has not been determined. He added that it was too early to estimate the amount of damages because an assessment will have to be made about whether such things as rugs and other items will have to be replaced. Damages could reach \$200,000, he said.

Firefighters were called at 1:41 a.m., just as "last call" was being served in Winners' Bar, Carey said...

Smoke and water damaged the bar. The Player's Grille, located above the bar, received smoke damage. The Brass Horse restaurant was damaged by water...

Winners' Bar and the Player's Grille are expected to reopen by Friday at 7 p.m., Carey said. The Brass Horse restaurant is expected to remain closed for two weeks.

Firefighters from Savage and Chaska were called to assist Shakopee crews.

May 28, 1992

Plans for office, warehouse are approved by City Council

The Shakopee City Council on May 19 approved a final planned-unit development (PUD) for an office and warehouse proposed by High Five Erectors Inc.

The firm plans to remodel a metal building on the site, which is on about 4 ½ acres, at 700 County Road 83, where a velodrome had been located. The firm also gained approval for outdoor storage on the site.

The property is in the race track district zone, in which no structures or land may be used unless permitted through the PUD process.

The firm, an erection contractor, plans to remodel the interior of the 1,800-square-foot metal structure as well as construct an addition to the south and east.

The city Planning Commission recommended approval, with several conditions, which were adopted by the council.



The First National Bank parade float, circa 1930. Seen in the background of this photo are what is now Bill's Toggery, the former city hall building, and the former Pelham Hotel.