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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

June 2, 1892

Frank Heinen left here Monday for New Prague where he will take a position in the bank in that town.

June 9, 1892

Mrs. Simar spent Sunday in Belle Plaine where Mr. Simar has been doing some surveying.

June 16, 1892

The Minnesota Stove Co. of Shakopee are doing all their own nickel plating now, under the Supervision of Mr. Fagin. A specimen in shape of a large shell was shown us, Mr. Nye assuring us it was 5-times better than they can do in either St. Paul or Minneapolis.

June 23, 1892

Prof. L. Asire is in our city for the purpose of opening an evening school in book keeping and writing, as per more extended notice elsewhere.

June 30, 1892

W. F. Witt and Adolph Schmitz are going into partnership with Johnson and Finer to buy the circus balloons, to practice on with their shot guns.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

June 2, 1892

Ice cream and strawberries will be served with the supper by the Occidental hotel tomorrow night.

June 9, 1892

A clothes-line thief has been getting in some nights of labor during the past week. Some benefactor ought to lay for him to seek honest employment with a shot gun and some rock salt judiciously applied.

June 16, 1892

The work at the mill is about completed although a little more time is required for the boilers. The machinery will be put in motion on Saturday.

June 23, 1892

Michael Berens moved into his new store last Saturday evening and his present environment looks as bright as a new dollar.

June 30, 1892

Charles Heinen is now engaged in learning the tonsorial

art in Barber Velz's shop.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

June 1, 1917

Ford Owners, Attention! You can get a guaranteed head-light regulator for \$2.75. It can be attached in an instant to the socket of the lamp. If not satisfactory, return it. A. L. Hurr.

June 8, 1917

A new elevator is being erected, in connection with the local mill, recently purchased by Shane Bros. Wilson & Co. of Minneapolis.

June 15, 1917

The First National Bank of this city, to date, has 190 subscribers to the Liberty Loan, a sum of \$27,000, paid in full.

June 22, 1917

St. Mary's Catholic church at Marystown, which was destroyed by fire a few months ago will be rebuilt this summer at a cost of \$16,000. Contractor Schmidt of St. Paul has charge of the work.

June 29, 1917

Jos. Fischer and his crew of helpers are putting a cement floor in the warehouse which is being built by the Jacob Ries Bottling works.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

June 1, 1917

A burning shed on the E. B. Ketterer premises called out the fire department Tuesday morning at 12:40 o'clock but the fire was put out with very little damage resulting.

June 8, 1917

Chas. J. Hartmann has bought of Mrs. John Goenen of St. Paul the block of bottom land adjacent to the skating rink on

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the west, which he will use for pasture. The consideration was \$300.

June 15, 1917

D. A. Bookstaff, who has conducted the Red Front variety store since a year ago April, sold his stock Tuesday to the Walters Mercantile Company of Minneapolis who took immediate possession. Mr. Bookstaff has done a prosperous business here and the new proprietors expect to double it. They are experienced merchants, having conducted large stores at Albert Lea, Minneapolis and Winnebago. Chas. Walters will be the local manager. Elsewhere in our columns may be found the announcement for the new firm's opening tomorrow. Mr. Bookstaff has a lease on a store in Milwaukee and intends to open a general store in that city. He expects to leave Shakopee tomorrow and the twin cities in about a week. He has gained many friends during his residence here and has the well wishes of all for continued success. In leaving he desires to express his appreciation of the patronage given him and to thank his customers and friends for the pleasant sojourn in Shakopee and the success which they have made possible for him in the conduct of his business.

June 22, 1917

Sheriff C. M. Kopp is driving a new Ford delivered Wednesday.

June 29, 1917

At a meeting last Thursday the Cadet band boys decided to hold a celebration at Riverside park, July 4th, and are advertising the attractions in this issue of the Argus. Riverside park is an ideal spot in which to spend a day and it is expected that many visitors from out of town will be present to help celebrate our national holiday with the homefolks.

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

June 4, 1942

Ten Babies in Five Days Record at Hospital Here

Ten babies in five days, four of them born on Friday were reported at St. Francis hospital here this week. In addition to the Friday births two were born Saturday, one Monday and three Tuesday.

Doctors officiating at the arrivals insist that the stormy weather that has prevailed in the area recently is a contributing factor in the "bunching of births."

June 11, 1942

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis have moved into their recently purchased home in St. Louis Park. Mr. Davis has been an instructor at the N.Y.A. camp since last fall, but is now doing similar work in Minneapolis.

June 18, 1942

Blacksmith Shop Here Sold To Prior Lake Man

The "Village Smithy" is no more!

In a transaction completed late last week Shakopee's last blacksmith shop passed out of existence. The transfer involved the sale of equipment and stock of the Jaspers shop which had operated in Shakopee for many years.

Victor Schrader, who purchased the merchandise, moved it to Prior Lake where he has a shop. George Jaspers, who since the death of his father several years ago, had operated the business here, is now permanently employed by the International Harvester company in St. Paul.

Mr. and Mrs. Jaspers and family will continue to reside in Shakopee.

June 25, 1942

Merchants To Open War Stamp Drive July 1

Complete cooperation of the Shakopee merchants in the sale of war stamps was announced this week by R. C. Kline, Shakopee chairman.

Under the plan set up throughout the nation food stores will inaugurate their stamp sales effort July 1. On that day from 12 to 12:15 at noon every store will suspend regular business and concentrate on the sales of war stamps.

From July 1 until the effort is no longer necessary, merchants will daily continue their stamp sales work. It will be their job to encourage customers to take war stamps in change for grocery purchases, as well as to urge patrons to make outright purchases of bonds and stamps.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

June 1, 1967

Forming Optimist Club In Shakopee

"Be A Friend Of The Boy" is a slogan of the Optimist International Club, beginning to take shape in the Shakopee area.

Membership is open to all men, interested in aiding and encouraging the development of youth. Meetings are held Monday nights beginning June 5, at the Dugout at 6:30 o'clock. Area men are invited to come in and have a "dutch lunch," and to learn of the objectives of the Optimist Club.

June 8, 1967

Expansion at Shakopee Ford, 1400 East First, East Edge of Shakopee, is now under way as a newly added body repair shop addition takes shape. Located to the west of the showroom, fronting Highway 101, and adjoining the present garage, the new 83 by 51 foot structure is to be finished to match the existing facility...

June 15, 1967

Free Movies Begin Friday

Beginning tomorrow evening (Friday), June 16 and each Friday evening thereafter, free movies are to be shown at the Huber Park Rodeo Arena, under the sponsorship of Shakopee merchants.

All movies are to be in color and have been selected for family viewing. Shows are to begin at dusk and last for approximately two hours. They are being presented by Bill Morgan, 1043 South Apgar, who also announced a contest to name a complete list of all sponsors is to begin tomorrow night with entries to be submitted each week, and winners determined at the final show on August 4. Winner is to be awarded a transistor radio and a day at Excelsior Amusement Park to include free rides and eats. Further contest details are to be announced.

Refreshments are to be available at the Huber Park Rodeo Arena. In case of rain, the movies are to be shown on Saturday night.

June 22, 1967

Play Program Keeps Kids Busy

King Arthur's Puppeteers, Randy Dellow and Sam Rockne will be presenting "Rumpilstillskin" at Hiawatha Park on Tuesday, June 27; Holmes Park on Wednesday, June 28; and Stans Park on Thursday, June 29. The draw bridge will be lowered from King Arthur's Puppet Castle at 10:00 a.m. All Puppet Shows will be preceded by a fun filled song fest. The puppets for the production are constructed by the Advanced Puppetry Class.

A special treat will be added with the guest appearance of Story Book Characters in life size Puppet form. Anyone interested in joining the Puppetry Program as an assistant or participant is asked to contact leaders at the Park, mornings, or Lorraine Collier at the Recreation Board Office afternoons.

June 29, 1967

Local Store Is Big Fish Headquarters

Burshek Hardware, 110 E. 1st Street, last week was named Big Fish Headquarters, in the World's Largest Fishing Contest sponsored by the St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press newspapers.

The Big Fish Headquarters certificate was awarded for a nine pounds, 10 ounces walleye, 29 ¼ inches long and 18 inches in girth, caught by Robert Bachman, 14, of Carver, Minnesota, in the Minnesota River near Carver.

The Contest, in which over \$18,000 in prizes is awarded, runs for seventeen weeks each year from mid-May through mid-September.

More than \$800 worth of prizes are won each week including the Sweepstakes prizes which can be taken by even

the smallest fish.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

June 4, 1992

School bond issue proposed by panel for building needs

Additions to Sweeney and Pearson elementary schools, the development of a science laboratory at the high school, updating instructional technology, and acquisition of land south of the high school for future expansion were some of the recommendations made to the Shakopee School Board by a committee May 26.

The committee, composed of community members as well as district employees, presented a list of eight recommendations. If all the recommendations were accepted at once, it would call for a bond referendum of approximately \$10.3 million. The referendum, which would be smaller if only some of the recommendations were immediately accepted, could be held later this year or early 1993, according to the committee and School Board.

The committee's recommendations, in order of priority:

- * Additions to Pearson and Sweeney elementary schools...
- * Development of a science laboratory at the high school, to be constructed using two current regular classrooms...
- * Upgrading instructional technology throughout the district, at an estimated cost of \$500,000...
- * The acquisition of 25 to 30 acres of land south of the high school, which is now on 20.7 acres...
- * New outdoor activities facilities at the high school...
- * An addition of 6,250 square feet for a new indoor activity area at the high school, which would be targeted for physical education and co-curricular needs, at an estimated cost of \$500,000.
- * The inclusion of \$400,000 in any future building bond issue to address the most severe roof renovation needs, in particular in the south end of the high school...
- * The inclusion of \$300,000 in any future building bond issue to address accessibility at district facilities, most notably Central Elementary and the high school, where there are no elevators...

June 11, 1992

Something old, something new

Those who wish to worship in the Shakopee area have a new place to attend church.

Well, sort of new. But old, too.

The Bloomington Ferry Church, located on the grounds of Murphy's Landing, the historic living museum, has been renamed Murphy's Landing Christian Church and will be open year-round for Sunday services. The building can seat up to 120 people.

Art Hopkins of Bloomington, who was recently ordained by the Association of Evangelical Congregations, serves as minister during the services, which are held each Sunday starting at 10 a.m. (The first service was held Memorial Day weekend.)...

The building was originally a Methodist Episcopal church, built in Shakopee in 1867. Samuel Pond was the first minister for the congregation, but he died before the building was constructed. In the 1890s, the congregation disbanded. But across the river, a church and Sunday school were being organized. In 1899, the Rev. C.H. McCrea took over the Bloomington Ferry group and accepted the Shakopee church, which was moved across the river.

According to information from Murphy's Landing, "Some say that a church dismantle 'bee' was held and the lumber was hauled by team across the river to Bloomington Ferry where it was re-erected. Others say it was pulled on skids by 12 teams of draft horses. We do know moving buildings, as change demanded, was quite common as the towns developed."

In the 1970s, the congregation of the church disbanded. This time, the building was offered to Murphy's Landing as a way of providing information about the Protestant history of the area.

In 1972, the church was moved back across the river by barge, attracting worldwide attention...

June 18, 1992

New supplier to save utility \$650,000 a year

The Shakopee Public Utilities Commission last week decided to switch wholesale electrical suppliers, from Northern States Power Co. (NSP) to the Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (MMPA), a move expected to save the utility about \$8.7 million over the next 13 years...

June 25, 1992

Board approves expanded programs for junior high

Students at Shakopee Junior High School will have an expanded range of co-curricular offerings during the 1992-93 school year, including intramural and coed sports, and activities such as year-round school newspaper, a yearbook, drama club and computer club.

The expanded program, which is budgeted at \$35,000, was approved by the Shakopee School Board Monday.

Vicki Petzko, junior high principal, presented a list of activities and results of a student-interest survey that were used to determine the co-curricular offerings.

The activities program will be subsidized with funds from the student magazine drive. And the budget of \$35,000, Petzko said, does not include revenue generated by student fees...



First Avenue looking east from Fuller Street, circa 1961. Philipp Furniture Co., Winnie's Dress Shop, the Shakopee Theatre, Scott County Drugs, the Pullman Club, and Wampach's are among a few of the business that can be seen in this photo.