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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

July 7, 1892

Livery busses were in demand today to take parties to the Minnesota Stove Co. Fishing Club resort at Prior Lake; this day being with them "Ladies' day."

July 14, 1892

The Lutheran College Fizzle.—Such is a matter of fact, the result of the many and arduous efforts of the citizens of Shakopee, regardless of religious tendencies, for several years past, in their worthy endeavors to have established in our city a college. When first broached here it was told us that our chief and really only competitor would be the prairie town of Wells in Southern Minnesota, and with that place only to contend with, our people subscribed all that was required, several thousand dollars and some land. Since then it was made known to us that it would be necessary to raise more money, and this second appeal was met. Now then, as a finality, we are informed that Stillwater and St. Paul are the cities that we had to buck against, not Wells, and that it would be necessary to make up another thousand or about \$5,000 in all besides the land. So a meeting was called on last Saturday night by the Industrial Union at the City Hall, and the matter considered. Some \$400 was subscribed then, and committee appointed to work up Belle Plaine Lutherans and Shakopee people in general on Sunday. This was done, Messrs Schroeder, and John Hilgers raising \$500 in Belle Plaine, and some \$150 was obtained here. Telegrams were sent to the meeting of the synod at once that Shakopee was prepared to meet the still further requirements. To shorten this article, Alderman John Hilgers received the following dispatch last evening from Prof. Wm. Schmidt; "After a hard fight, St. Paul won." Comments are unnecessary.

July 21, 1892

Willie Crist caught a 9 ½ pound pickerel last Friday in Pond's creek, while playing with a hook and line that Curt Manaige had thrown down. Just one cast by Willie caught the whopper.

July 28, 1892

Geo. Schoell sold the Merchants Hotel with furniture last week to Cornelius Casey of Assumption, for \$2,100 spot cash. Mr. Schoell remains in possession until Sept. 1 next as Mr. Casey has a harvest to secure first before moving here. Mr. Schoell contemplates moving to St. Paul which his many

friends here will be sorry to hear as well as the many commercial travelers who always did like to stop with "Old George" as he was commonly termed by the traveling men.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 7, 1892

Wm. Pinger has moved his saloon into the building recently occupied by John Mertz, who has retired from the business.

July 14, 1892

Burglars entered the store of John Reis last Monday night by means of a window in the rear of the building. The bad men had evidently no use for anything in his line as nothing of value has so far been missed.

July 21, 1892

The steamer Atlanta will arrive here Sunday noon and in the afternoon and evening will make excursions up the river to neighboring points. The Atlanta is one of the swiftest running boats on the upper Mississippi.

July 28, 1892

The doors of the Methodist church were thrown open last Sunday for the first time in several months, and the Rev. Mr. Shepherd conducted services both morning and evening. A Sunday school was organized after the morning service and the hour of meeting set for twelve o'clock. Prayer meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings at the church. Mr. Shepherd's manner shows him to be thoroughly imbued with the spirit of his work and as the field is wide his efforts in the town will undoubtedly prove productive of much good.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

July 6, 1917

A small blaze on the roof of the elevator west of the depot

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called out the fire department last Saturday afternoon. A spark from a passing locomotive was the cause of the blaze which was distinguished in a few minutes with the aid of chemicals.

July 13, 1917

That new wheat tank at the mill is some building, all right. A busy gang of carpenters will have it ready for the new crop, if hammer and saw and muscle can do it.

July 20, 1917

Small Improvement Mighty Fine

Joe Koeper is mentally kicking himself over the back track of 35 years milk route, or to be accurate, at the rate of twenty miles a day, over a period of 12,775 days, a distance of 255,500 miles which he has travelled as Shakopee's milkman with the regularity of the progress of the eternal stars, (that's Joe, you know) because he didn't put in a little improvement in his wagon which he is now proudly showing, consisting of a ten gallon milk-can, with a faucet from its bottom, leading out thru the tailboard, and so designed that he can, without opening the covered wagon, to let in the heat and dust, and heaving up a big can to pour from its brim, just lift a lever and, pshaw, how easy, out comes a pint, quarter gallon, of the best milk that flows in the Minnesota Valley. When the big can gets low, it is refilled from the load of five-gallon cans, and so on, undsoveiter. All that Joe wants to know is, why in sam hill he didn't think of it sooner, and save all that back-ache.

July 27, 1917

The new fire proof warehouse and shipping house erected by the Jacob Ries Bottling Works, south of the office is about completed and in the hands of the painters. The new building replaces the one destroyed by fire several months ago.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 6, 1917

Mudcura sanitarium has erected a new 160 ft. flag pole and on Independence Day raised a handsome 7x10 ft. flag which can be seen for a long distance as one approaches the institution.

July 13, 1917

Supt. E. E. Howard who was elected to the superintendency of the local schools from Glenville may not be able to accept the position. Mr. Howard enlisted in the officers reserve and is now in training with the artillery at Fort Sumter. If he receives a commission the board will be compelled to look for another superintendent while Mr. Howard, in all probability, will be in active service with the United States

troops "somewhere in France."

July 20, 1917

Shakopee Tribune Bought By Suel Bros.

On Tuesday of this week a deal was closed whereby John L. and A. J. Suel, owners and proprietors of the New Prague Times and Lonsdale Times became the possessors of the Shakopee Tribune, having purchased the printing plant and subscription list from C. G. Bowdish.

The editor of the Argus congratulates the Suel Brothers upon their evident success in the publishing business and upon their widening field in newspaper activities.

Mr. Bowdish, who has been engaged in newspaper work for the past twenty-five years, is a clever writer and able journalist, but he retires from the field of journalism because of the increasing demands made upon his time and energy as court reporter of this judicial district.

July 27, 1917

Chas. Hartmann was the recipient of a fine gift last week in the form of two crates of luscious black and red cherries grown in the famous orchard district of North Yakima, Wash., where a large number of former Scott county residents are located. The fruit was sent by Mr. Hartmann's brother, Albert Hartmann, and sister, Mrs. Matt Voelker, and was of unexcelled quality and size as the editor can testify after having enjoyed a generous sample of both kinds.

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

July 2, 1942

Dedication of Flags At St. John's Church

A flag of the United States of America and a Christian flag will be dedicated Sunday, July 5, in St. John's Lutheran church, at the nine o'clock English service.

English services will be conducted hereafter, at nine o'clock every Sunday morning, and German services will be at ten o'clock every Sunday on and after July 26.

July 9, 1942

Shakopee Singer Scores Hit at Minneapolis Park

Clem Crawford, one of Shakopee's talented singers, scored a hit in Minneapolis, Thursday night, when he sang the solo, "God Bless America" at the Folwell park community sing.

Singing with the Minneapolis Symphonic band, Crawford's voice was said to be in perfect form, and after the huge throng had finished singing a chorus of the song with him he received a storm of applause. The sing was under the direction of Harry Anderson with whom Crawford has been associated for some time.

July 16, 1942

Defense Meeting Interests Many

More than one hundred persons attended the air defense meeting held at the court house here last Friday night. W. B. Schroeder, director of the Airplane Spotting Service in Scott county, assisted by Mrs. W. F. Duffy, director of women's services for the county, presided over the meeting.

Lieuts. Flynn and Schlekau, of the Auxiliary Service Corps, Minnesota State Guard, spoke on the subject, "Minnesota prepares to defend itself against air raids." The speakers explained the functions of the Airplane Spotting Service and told how the women of the county can play an important part in the service. It was pointed out that with so many men serving in the armed forces and many more working in defense plants, it has become the duty of the women to contribute whatever help they can towards the defense of their country and their homes. One of the ways in which they can do this is by volunteering their services as spotters in the Airplane Spotting Service, the speakers said...

July 23, 1942

Distillery Gets Federal Permit.

Good news to Shakopee people, and to the firm which for many long months has sought to get the former Northwestern Distillery plant here in operation, was the disclosure this week that the Northwest Commercial Alcohol Corporation has been granted its federal permit.

The announcement was made by H. R. Haller, superintendent and master distiller, who has been supervising the reconditioning of the plant and installation of new equipment for the alcohol corporation here.

When the industry would get into operation, Mr. Haller would not say definitely, but he expressed a confident hope that the "wheels would start turning by August 1."...

July 30, 1942

Fire Department Is Host To Convention Helpers at Supper

To show its genuine appreciation to the men, women, children and organizations who contributed to the success of the State Firemen's convention held here in June, the Shakopee Fire Department was host at a barbecue supper and plan at the Old Log Theatre at Excelsior, Tuesday evening.

More than 140 Shakopee people, including the school band, Boy Scouts, scout troop committeemen and their wives, typists who worked in the registration room, the firemen and their wives and families, were guests at the affair.

A school bus and private cars transported the throng to Excelsior where they enjoyed a pleasant and memorable evening. In addition to the supper and three-act stage play the crowd found entertainment in a program of races.

Billy Vierling, Frank Dircks, Earl Schaefer and Bernard Mingo won the prize money in the foot races for boys; and Jean Mohrbacher and Patricia Hirscher captured the cash in the girls' foot races.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

July 6, 1967

Construction on the new addition to St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee continues at a good pace. Last week, attracting the "sidewalk superintendents" ever present at the site, was the use of the huge crane to install this large underground tank.

July 13, 1967

To Host State Meet

Shakopee is to host the State Womens' Fast-Pitch Softball tournament on Saturday and Sunday, July 29 and 30, with games at Huber Park and at the Fourth Avenue Field.

In season play, the Shakopee team was tied for first place in a three-way league tie with Bloomington and Columbia Heights, losing in a play-off by a 2 to 0 score.

July 20, 1967

Pet Fair, Special Playground Event, To Be July 28

Shakopee area youth are to have an opportunity to exhibit their pets at the playground "Pet Fair" at Hiawatha Park on Friday, July 28, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon.



The Shakopee Heritage Society presents:

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Thursday August 17, 2017

At Turtle's 1890 Social Center

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\$40.00 (includes dinner)

5:30 Social - 7:00 Dinner

7:30 Presentation by David Schleper

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There will be judging of animals in different categories: largest, smallest, best groomed, most colorful, most hair, most unusual, homeliest, funniest, prettiest and longest.

Any type of pet is welcome with lots of variety anticipated. Participants are reminded that their pets are to be properly leashed or caged whatever the appropriate case might be to avoid any unpleasant situations from occurring. Parents and other adults are welcome to come and view the pets, too. There will be prizes given to the winners, playground supervisors announced this week.

July 27, 1967

Retiring After 31 Years As Rahr Manager Here

Wilbur Mohrbacher of Shakopee retires this week after 31 years of continuous service as office manager of Rahr Malting Company...

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

July 2, 1992

Council approves floor plan for new city hall

The Shakopee City Council has adopted a floor plan for the new city hall in the remodeled Marquette Bank building, which city offices will move into late this summer.

The council on June 23 chose a plan that will keep most city offices and the city council chambers on the first floor of the building.

Dennis Kraft, Shakopee city administrator, said offices for the city planner, administrator, engineer and others will be located along the north wall of the building on the first floor. The city clerk's office will be located along the west wall on the first floor, and the south wall will house the offices of the city recreation department.

The City Council chambers will be glass walled and located to the south side of the building on first floor. The chambers will seat up to 65 people and have built-in cable television production facilities.

The lower level of the building will house the Scott County joint-prosecution offices, a community room where groups such as seniors can meet, a lounge and lunchroom, rest rooms, and conference rooms.

The second floor of the building will include the offices of finance director, accounting, legal secretary, and the city attorney.

July 9, 1992

A stamp of approval

Roman Schesso recently received a gold pin and letter of appreciation for serving 30 years with the Shakopee Post Of-

fice Postmaster Bob Donahue made the presentation. Schesso began his career as a mail carrier in 1962, then moved indoors as a clerk at the second window in the post office. "Roman has been a real asset to this office," said Donahue.

July 16, 1992

City Council to meet with hockey groups to discuss ice arena

The Shakopee City Council has agreed to meet with members of local hockey organizations at their Aug. 4 meeting to discuss ways in which they and the city can work together to build a new community ice arena where the once-again deflated Valley Ice Arena "bubble" lays damaged...

July 23, 1992

Agliodoro still interested in buying track

A New Jersey businessman who attempted to buy Canterbury Downs two years ago is apparently still interested in purchasing the ailing Shakopee race track.

John Agliodoro brought hope to Minnesota horsemen two years ago when he attempted to buy the track from former owners Brooks Fields, Brooks Hauser, Scotland Inc. and Santa Anita Racing Corp.

Agliodoro, who owns Untied Medical Corp, has talked to Ladbroke Racing Corp. in recent weeks, according to his attorney, John Broker. Ladbroke operates Canterbury and is part owner, along with two Detroit-area businessmen.

Ladbroke General Manger Terry McWilliams said that although Agliodoro did meet with Ladbroke representatives, a proposal by Agliodoro was rejected by track owners. McWilliams said the proposal involved a contract-for-deed situation that doesn't interest Ladbroke, which owns 51 percent of the track...

July 30, 1992

Remodeling contract for schools approved

The Shakopee School Board has awarded the contract for fire-code modifications of district buildings to Morcon Construction Inc. of Golden Valley for a total of \$154,509.

The firm will remodel district buildings in areas that have been considered out of compliance according to state fire codes. Inspectors first toured the buildings in March 1991 and then again in October...

Major renovations will include the installation of student lockers; replacement of coat racks at Pearson and Sweeney elementary schools, as well as the installation of sprinklers in the corridors of both schools; and a sprinkler system in the stage area of the high school auditorium...