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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Oct. 6, 1892

The Receiver of the property of the Russ Jones desk company, has taken possession of the machinery they brought over here.

Oct. 13, 1892

The Wampach Manufacturing Co. shipped three laundry wagons and five delivery wagons to Minneapolis last week.

Oct. 20, 1892

Fire broke out on Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in the barn of William Heidenreich and extended to those of Peter Radermacher and Peter Mergens on the block between Holmes and Fuller. They were entirely destroyed, a big wind blowing from the west making it a very dangerous conflagration, but owing to the determined action of our fire department the farther spread of the flames was prevented in this locality. But the high wind carried with it big sparks over two blocks east on to August Abel's stable on Sommerville street, so that we had two fires going at the same time. Abel's stable was destroyed but Derberger's, which had also caught from this last fire, was saved. The firemen worked hard, and we may consider it a very lucky event that more valuable buildings and property were not burned, considering the wind. As it was, more or less serious loss was sustained in hay and feed etc. Word was sent to Chaska and St. Paul by Mayor Weiland, but was countermanded soon thereafter.

Oct. 27, 1892

Flags over city hall, postoffice and bank at half mast on Tuesday account of death of Mrs. Harrison.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Oct. 6, 1892

On Monday August Grosskopp tried to stop the cylinder of a separator with the first finger of his left hand. Dr. Smith trimmed down the rough edges of the finger.

Oct. 13, 1892

Judge Cadwell has rendered a decision in the Russ Jones Desk Co. case against the city in favor of the city. By the decision the city saves the \$3,000 bonus which was deposited in the bank, and secure a lead on the building for the \$3,000 which had been paid over to the company to purchase the building. So by the transaction the city is a loser of only some

machinery, engine and the expense of the suit. The city will probably sue the assignee of the company to recover the machinery and engine which originally belonged to the plant, and was removed from the building to Minneapolis.

Oct. 20, 1892

Joe. Buch is now employed in the mill.

Oct. 27, 1892

August Abel is building a new brick barn, 19x28, on the street and alley corner, back of his house.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Oct. 5, 1917

The Schroeder brickyards are a busy place this time of the year a kiln of 500,000 brick being burned this week.

Oct. 12, 1917

The John Sames family moved to their farm in Eagle Creek on Monday. The home they vacated is being occupied by the Carlton family.

Oct. 19, 1917

Willie Gross had the misfortune to fall while playing near the bridge last Saturday and as the result is carrying his left arm in a sling, having suffered a severe fracture.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Oct. 5, 1917

Hirscher Bros. have purchased a new Studebaker truck for use in their furniture and undertaking business, and will build a handsome hearse that may be used with the truck as an auto hearse. The firm is known all over the state—and further—for their expert cabinet work and it is safe to say that the hearse, when completed, will be a handsome vehicle and the equal in appearance of any auto hearse owned hereabouts.

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Oct. 12, 1917

Fred Reimer, residing north of town, has purchased Rudolph Selbig's residence property and will move to Shakopee next month. Lee Schaefer and family, who will vacate the Reimer residence, will move to the home vacated by A. J. Munro.

Oct. 19, 1917**Fish as Food**

The Bureau of Fisheries at Washington is giving a series of demonstrations in the cooking, smoking, drying and salting of fish through this state and have made arrangements for a lecture and demonstration for Shakopee at the High School next Monday afternoon.

All persons interested are asked to be present.

Oct. 26, 1917**Shakopee Team Wins First Place**

Last Friday a county canning contest was held at the Belle Plaine fair. Miss Baker, of the Extension Division of the State University, conducted the contest, in which Belle Plaine, Jordan, New Prague and Shakopee were each represented by a team. As a team Shakopee won first place, Belle Plaine second, Jordan third and New Prague fourth. Jordan carried off the first and second prizes for the best individual canning exhibit, New Prague taking third place. Money prizes were offered for both team work and individual exhibits. Shakopee was represented by Marguerite Schaefer, Mabel Raatz, Margaret Lies and Lilian Newgard.

The girls of the various teams were not the only ones who receive the benefit of the contest. A large number of ladies profited by the demonstrations, lectures and exhibits so nicely prepared along lines of the use and conservation of food. The educational features of the Belle Plaine fair were certainly well planned and executed, and without a doubt will leave lasting results.

75 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Argus-Tribune**Oct. 1, 1942****Shakopee Air Raid Wardens First Aid Started This Week**

Nearly 100 of the men selected as air raid wardens for the City of Shakopee began their qualifying course in first aid at the high school auditorium, Monday night.

The first aid course, which must be successfully passed by all men serving as wardens, is to be given under the leadership of Dr. F. H. Buck, Dr. B. F. Pearson and Ray C. Schroeder...

Oct. 8, 1942**Court House Cardiograph**

If two unidentified hunters who borrowed a tractor on

the Clarence Marshall farm north of Shakopee Sunday night, knew what nearly happened to them, they wouldn't try that trick again. It seems, according to the sheriff's office who was called for assistance Marshall was aroused by the sound of his tractor some distance from his house. Suspecting theft he grabbed his gun and made for the scene. In the meantime Mrs. Marshall called Sheriff Wermerskirchen, although it was out of his territory. He took the old Indian road and there met Mr. Marshall, who advised that everything was OK. Apparently two hunters, whose car had become mired, borrowed the tractor to free the car and then drove away. They were just plain lucky Marshall didn't see them driving the tractor down the road.

Oct. 15, 1942**Citizens Favor Scrapping Court House Iron Fence**

At a large meeting of representative citizens of Shakopee and vicinity gathered at the public school building Tuesday evening to round out plans for the scrap drive this Thursday afternoon, the question of the advisability of making some disposition of the obsolete and long since antiquated iron fence surrounding the court house yard, incidentally came up on the floor of the meeting.

The consensus of opinion as expressed was that the fence which has done service for more than half a century has long ago outlived its usefulness and should be scrapped. After some brief discussion the meeting by motion went on record as favoring the dismantling of the fence, the County Board to make such disposition of the salvaged material as its members may see fit, was carried by a unanimous vote of those assembled. Of course, there are other sections of the county whose people may be interested in this question, and whose interest should be consulted, but there could be no speculating as to how the group of citizens who voiced their conviction Tuesday evening has felt about the matter.

Oct. 22, 1942**Government Wants 500,000 Standard Typewriters**

Due to the fact that typewriter manufacturers have practically converted their factories into defense manufacturing, there are not enough typewriters being made to supply the general needs and the considerable number needed in the army and the navy. Therefore the government is setting up plans for buying used typewriters.

The government wants 500,000 standard machines immediately. But they must be machines which were made after January 1, 1935. They will be bought from civilians at the factory trade-in allowance for such machines as of February 1, 1941.

Dallas F. Capesius has been appointed to handle the typewriter procurement program in Shakopee and vicinity. So

that if there should be anyone here who has a typewriter he or she does not need and is willing to dispose of it in the way and manner described, it is suggested that Mr. Capesius be seen about it. His office is located at 120 ½ Shakopee Theatre Bldg., for further particulars.

Oct. 29, 1942

Court House Cardiograph

Perhaps spelling “doom” for the iron fence around the court house, came a letter Tuesday morning to County Auditor A. A. Mertz, requesting the board of county commissioners to consider scrapping the rail. The letter pointed out that sentiment in the community apparently favored its removal. It is just a guess, but we’ll bet the commissioners will vote for the removal of the fence. One commissioner said: “If it will hit a Jap or a Nazi I’ll be glad to let the fence go.”

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Oct. 5, 1967

Dedication of the new Shakopee Edward and Grace Sweeney Elementary School, Tenth Avenue and Marystown Road, was held last Sunday, October 1, beginning at 2 p.m., with an open house and tours of the building from 2:45 to 5 p.m. Accepting an especially designed certificate, marking the dedication and the naming of the elementary school in honor of her and her late husband is Grace E. Sweeney of Shakopee... An Elementary choral group, under the direction of Gladys Gustafson, faculty director, sang selections. Elementary Principal Virgil Mears accepted the new building from James Rydeen of the architectural firm, Armstrong, Schlichting, Torseth and Skold of Minneapolis. Mrs. Sweeney also presented remarks, expressing her thanks both for herself and her late husband in receiving this distinctive honor...

Oct. 12, 1967

Approval was given the Shakopee Utilities Commission for the letting of bids on the proposed garage and warehouse building, a 200 by 150 foot structure, proposed for the site at Naumkeag and Scott County Road 17.

Sealed bids are to be accepted until 3 p.m. Monday, October 30, by the Utilities Commission at the office in the Shakopee City building.

In a committee of the whole meeting plans for specifications for proposed utilities garage and warehouse building, a structural steel building as prepared by Ackron Building and Supply Corporation of Minneapolis, the Commission approving the \$2,866 expenditure for these plans and specifications at this special September 20 meeting, were considered by the aldermen and commission members...

Oct. 19, 1967

Break-Ins At 3 City Firms Within 4 Days

City of Shakopee had a rash of three break-ins in four days this past week, with some \$150 in cash and merchandise taken from Strunk’s Pharmacy on East First, \$3,800 in guns from Engel’s Place on East First and an attempt to open the safe at Maus Super-Valu on West First apparently not successful.

Discovered by John Strunk when he opened up his pharmacy on East First last Friday morning, October 13, was a break-in that occurred apparently during Thursday evening in which cash in the till and merchandise, including liquor and cough medicine, in the amount of \$150 were missing...

Taken from Engel’s Place on East First were 58 guns, valued at \$3,800, including shotguns, deer rifles and pistols, apparently some time last Saturday night. A passer-by noticed the hole in the front door glass at 9 a.m. Sunday and investigation led to determining the theft...

Alarm at the Maus Super-Valu on West First indicated that an intruder had gained entry and left the store at 12:30 a.m. Monday of this week, October 16...

Oct. 26, 1967

Maurice Stans On Nixon Bandwagon

Maurice H. Stans, budget director under former President Dwight Eisenhower, and a member of the 1925 Shakopee High graduating class, for whom Stans Park was recently dedicated and named in his honor, has been named national finance chairman of the Nixon-For-President committee.

Stans made an appearance in Shakopee with former Vice President Nixon during the Eisenhower administration, when Nixon came to Shakopee as guest speaker at a testimonial dinner for Stans on Thursday, September 16, 1965. This event was sponsored by the Shakopee Education Association and the Shakopee Federation of Teachers in recognition of Stans’ assistance in the program for scholarships for post-high school study for Shakopee High graduating seniors.

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Oct. 1, 1992

Out with the old, in with the new

Construction of a new Minnesota River bridge in downtown Shakopee continues this fall. Lunda Construction Co. of Black River Falls, Wis., is removing remnants from a previous bridge and will construct concrete piers. The bridge is expected to be completed in November 1993. Bid-letting on the companion downtown mini-bypass project is scheduled Oct. 23. The total project is scheduled for completion in November 1994.

Oct. 8, 1992

Residents say taxes high but city services good

While Shakopee residents believe that in comparison to other suburban communities their property taxes are on the high side, they also appreciate the city services they get and are willing to pay for them.

And overall, a whopping 87 percent of city residents believe the quality of life in Shakopee is either “good” or “excellent.”

“In general, it was quite clear from the start that people here are quite satisfied,” said Bill Morris, owner of Decision Resources Ltd., the Minneapolis polling firm hired by the city to survey residents. “In fact, it was one of the most positive reports we’ve had in probably the last 12 months.”

Oct. 15, 1992

City Council orders study proposal on Lions Park arena

Shakopee city officials hope they can get some lingering questions answered, once and for all, about a proposal to put a permanent roof over the Lions Park ice arena.

The council voted 5-0 on Oct. 6 to direct staff to prepare a “request for proposals,” for a feasibility study to provide those answers.

Among the topics council members want answers about concern the cost to operate the arena, anticipated revenues, and outlook for ice-rental income...

Oct. 22, 1992

SACS endowment campaign gets under way this week

The campaign to raise \$600,000 in endowment funds for the Shakopee Area Catholic School (SACS) officially got under way this Wednesday as members of the advance gifts committee met for an orientation and training meeting. About 250 prospects from St. Mark’s and St. Mary’s in Shakopee, and St. Mary’s of Marystown, will be visited for lead-off gifts.

Bert Notermann, general chairman for the campaign, said that \$100,000 in early gifts has been received to date. “This is certainly a good beginning,” Notermann said. “We hope to raise a minimum of \$350,000 from advance gifts.”...

The interest money generated from the endowment fund will be used to offset rising operational costs, tuition assistance, and lessen parish assessments.

Oct. 29, 1992

Mishap causes five-day shutdown at Anchor Glass

The Shakopee Fire Department was called to Anchor Glass Container Corp. early Friday after a furnace – which holds 300 tons of molten glass – leaked, spewing 150 tons of the hot liquid to a retaining vat, according to Plant Manager Don Hennen.

The incident resulted in a shutdown until Wednesday.

Firefighters used water to help cool the glass. No injuries were reported...

Firefighters were called at about 5 a.m. and were on the scene for 3 ½ hours, according to Fire Chief Frank Ries.



The Scott County Court House, circa 1961.