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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Nov. 3, 1892

Mrs. Henschel has moved her millinery into the Swartz building, north side of First street.

Nov. 10, 1892

Election day in Shakopee was quiet. The new ballot worked rather slow, and to those who cannot read, is a pretty complete open ballot.

Nov. 17, 1892

Six cords of Soft Wood wanted by G. L. Nye of Minnesota Stove company.

Nov. 24, 1892

Insured against burglars; that is what the 1st National Bank of this city has recently done to amount of \$15,000, with Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Nov. 3, 1892

Mr. J. Schank was out through Cedar Lake three days of last week buying hogs, sheep, veal calves, chickens, etc., for the packing house. He met with good success.

Mr. Schank is entitled to much credit for establishing the first general live stock market in the country. It is a good thing for the farmers and also for Shakopee. Farmers will have a market where they can sell at the very highest cash price and in any quantity. To sell they will necessarily come to town, and our merchants will obtain more or less trade that doesn't always come here.

Nov. 10, 1892

Mr. Mat. Berens, jr. purchased an elegant upright piano last week.

Nov. 17, 1892

John Gutenberg was in St. Paul Monday and brought home with him some choice venison for his meat market.

Nov. 24, 1892

Farm for sale. My farm of seventy acres east of town known as the Mrs. Haas farm. Thomas Pinches.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Nov. 2, 1917

Jos. Rademacher departed yesterday for Chicago where

he will spend a day or two with his brother Frank and then go to Cleveland, Ohio, to work at his trade as a printer. Good luck, Joe.

Nov. 9, 1917

Mrs. M. Huss and son Peter visited over Sunday with Leo Huss at Camp Dodge and found the Shakopee boys now stationed there comfortably situated and enjoying the life. Leo Huss expects to return on two days' furlough in a couple of weeks.

Nov. 16, 1917

Mrs. P. C. Schmitz is one of the most diligent knitters of the Red Cross, in three weeks having completed three mufflers, a pair of wristlets and a sweater.

Nov. 23, 1917

Shakopee Trade Rapidly Increasing

We are told that Shakopee has never enjoyed such trade as it has during the past few weeks, and every day it is increasing. The fact of the matter is, our business men have got right down to business and are selling goods cheaper than they can be bought in any town of the size in the state, and the people are fast to find it out and are coming here from adjoining counties to do their heavy trading.

Nov. 30, 1917

W. F. Duffy has purchased of L. D. Nye his residence property located on Fourth street, and will move into the same in the very near future.

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

Nov. 5, 1942

Wreckers Start Work on Bridge

Initial steps in the wrecking of the Lewis Street bridge over the Minnesota river here, were taken Tuesday when employees of the Trudeau Trucking company, Minneapolis, be-

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gan removing the heavy wooden railings that stretch along both sides of the structure.

The Trudeau firm is believed to be a sub-contractor working under instructions of the American Iron and Supply company, Minneapolis firm, who holds the wrecking contract.

Although the federal government's requisition seizing the bridge for scrap metal vital to the nation's war needs, is believed to call only for the metal, it appeared Tuesday that the immense quantity of wood constituting the railings and flooring was also going with the bridge.

Nov. 12, 1942

To Be Physically Fit Important

Shakopee is fortunate to be included among thousands of other communities throughout the country in the nationwide physical fitness and recreation program.

Everyone feels the need of a conditioning program. During these times it is our patriotic duty to be in good physical condition. All of us ask ourselves, "What can I do to help win the war?" Here are several answers:

1. Be physical fit if you are called to military service. Thus your transition from civilian life will be less abrupt.
2. Be physically fit for your daily job on the industrial and home front.
3. Be physically fit for an emergency on the home front.
4. Join a Physical Fitness club.
5. Encourage organizations with which you are affiliated to get interested in a Physical Fitness club.
6. Spread the slogan, "Do Your Bit—Be Physically Fit." This is a voluntary job the American way, not the compulsion of the Nazi way...

Nov. 19, 1942

Shakopee To Have Test Black Out December 14

Shakopee, like hundreds of other communities in the states comprising the Seventh Army Corps Area, will experience its first black-out December 14, according to an official announcement passed on to local air raid wardens here Monday night.

The wardens, now nearing the completion of their required 10-week course in first aid, will get instruction and training in the handling of incendiary and explosive bombs November 24 and 25. This instruction is to be given by representatives to the state fire marshall's office.

More details concerning the ordered test blackout are also expected to be disclosed next week. In the mean time wardens are reviewing their work in preparation for the written examinations that will be given following the completion of the course.

Nov. 26, 1942

Produce Firm Opens Up Again

After several months' absence the Shakopee Produce Company, Fred Harris proprietor, has opened up again for business. Located in the building formerly occupied by John L. Ries as a tavern on East First street, it is much more desirable than that which housed the company's operation in the old mill property. What with partitions separating the several departments the new location lends itself beautifully to the conduct of the traffic in which the company is engaged. There is need in Shakopee for such a business where produce, such as eggs, cream and poultry may be handled in a wholesale way—and where the highest market price will be paid. During the company's comparatively short time in this community, before Mr. Harris was called away, a nice business had been built up, and with the fair and square dealing for which the company is reputed, it shouldn't take long to not only rebuild it again but to increase it to much larger proportions. The Argus-Tribune wishes for the company the greatest measure of success.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Nov. 2, 1967

City To Present 'Challenge' Plan To Present Area Hwy Proposals

To be challenged by the City of Shakopee is the State Highway Department engineer's report that the westerly Highway 169 bridge location to span the Minnesota river, as compared to the city's plan for a bridge at the east edge of the city, is most feasible on a cost basis, as well as the State Highway's plan for accommodating Highway 101 traffic from the north which would still have to travel downtown Shakopee presenting the "nuisance" of heavy truck traffic, along with the necessary inconvenience to the Highway 101 motorist.

In addition, getting strong support from the City of Shakopee, along with Midwest Planning who completed the Comprehensive Guide Plan for the City, as well as from officials of adjacent townships and Scott county commissioners is the proposal of a by-pass route to skirt the south edge of the city that would extend from the former site of the old Murphy House to possibly Highway 41 and offer access not only to Valley Industrial Park but also to other communities of the northern section of Scott county. This appears also have the support of these affected communities in northern Scott county...

Nov. 9, 1967

'Egg On Face' – Hospital Trick Turns To Treat

The Shakopee Police department brought in some pranksters, who were "tricking and treating," to St. Francis Hospital

in Shakopee on Halloween evening.

The pranksters had in their possession several dozen eggs, which the boys indicated they wished to “donate” decoratively to the hospital.

No doubt the former owner of the eggs would be heartened to know that they were put to good use.

Also it would possibly make the former owner not so downhearted, if it is made known that an entry was made on the books of the hospital for the value of the eggs as a donation.

Another notation in order would be “someone’s trick turned out to be hospital patients’ treat!”

Nov. 16, 1967

Co-operate To Further Old Grist Mill Project

Further impetus to the project of the Scott County Historical Society’s proposed project of restoration of the Old Grist mill in Memorial Park, east edge of Shakopee including the furnishing of the interior, to make a lasting Historical museum for the area and visiting public resulted Monday night of this week, November 13, when the Shakopee Public School District No. 720 granted a week’s leave of absence to Mrs. Margaret McFarlane, high school art teacher, in order that she complete a comprehensive plan of the authenticated restoration in order to qualify for a possible \$5,000 grant from the Stans Foundation.

Nov. 23, 1967

Gaylen Case new Community Credit manager

Appointment of Gaylen Case as manager of Community Credit’s Shakopee office was announced recently by C. A. Rollwagen, the firm’s President..

Nov. 30, 1967

Valley Industrial Park Development Plan Told

New plans for the Valley Industrial Park on Highway 101, just east of Shakopee, were presented by Jerome Bylund, general manager of the Valley Industrial Park, at the meeting of the Shakopee Rotary Club Tuesday noon of this week at the Shakopee House Theater Restaurant, east edge of Shakopee.

Bylund told Rotarians that Northstar Research and Development Institute, now owns and manages the Valley Industrial Park, has just completed a comprehensive plan on future development of the 2,200 acres comprising the area. He added that the plan analyzes the types of firms to be sought for this area classified under chemical, computer, Radio-TV Electronics and scientific instruments.

Bylund also said the master plan is actually a multiple-use plan which will see a continuation of the development of the type of heavy industry now located in Valley Park, and the development of river orientated users and lighter industrial

use.

There is also a commercial area of 150 acres designated for commercial development and 560 acres for non-industrial development to include plans for a golf course and high grade housing development, he explained...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Nov. 5, 1992

Book Lovers’ Club is 90 years old and still going strong

Before there was the Shakopee Public Library, or for that matter, any other social clubs for women in the area, there was the Shakopee Book Lovers’ Club.

When the club first started 90 years ago, it was intended to provide not only a social opportunity for women, but also a chance for them to talk and share knowledge about topics of the times.

Since then, libraries have sprung up all over the area, as well as numerous clubs and organizations.

But the Shakopee Book Lovers’ Club is still in existence, still meeting twice a month from October through May and according to its members, is believed to be one of the oldest, if not the oldest, non-federated clubs in existence in the nation.

At an Oct. 22 meeting, the club celebrated its 90th anniversary with a dinner and meeting in the town hall at Murphy’s Landing. Members dressed in a variety of outfits dating back to the early 1900s, including hats, shawls and gloves...

Nov. 12, 1992

Church celebrates 20th anniversary

A special day of celebration was observed at Calvary United Methodist Church of Shakopee Sunday, Oct. 11. It was 20 years ago that this congregation began its Methodist ministry at 750 E. First Ave.

Thirty-seven charter members attended the first service in October 1972. With the growth of the congregation, a fellowship/education wing was added to the church in 1979. Continual growth has brought about the reality of a new church building to be located at East Vierling Drive in the not-so-distant future...

Nov. 19, 1992

Battle over 1993 racing at Canterbury continues

Minnesota horsemen groups and the owners of Canterbury Downs continue to battle over the future course of horse racing at the Shakopee track.

The Minnesota Thoroughbred Association (MTA) board of directors Nov. 9 voted without opposition to request that track co-owners and operator Ladbroke Racing Corp. be denied a license to simulcast horse racing from other tracks beginning Jan. 1, unless the British bookmaking firm agrees to

hold a live racing meet in 1993.

However, Ladbroke contends that it cannot afford to lose another \$5 million in 1993 as it did this year, and has indicated it would like to simulcast racing through 1993, and escrow funds to hold a live racing meet in 1994...

Nov. 26, 1992

CDC asks city to not bypass improvements in the downtown area

Next year at this time, when the new downtown bypass and Highway 169 river crossing are scheduled to be completed, the bottleneck created by motor vehicles in congested downtown Shakopee is expected to decrease dramatically.

Motorists heading south on Highway 169 will be entering Shakopee one block east of the current bridge's location. Others will be entering the downtown vicinity from the east or west. For many, those are the locations where they will get a first-impression view of Shakopee.

That's what worries the city's Community Development Commission (CDC).

The rear sides of buildings in the vicinity of the old and new bridges have been the subject of many a disparaging remark over the years. And the city is among the property owners whose buildings are in question.

The city is scheduled to be in the new city hall – downtown at the former Marquette Bank building – at the first of the year, and will abandon its current structure.

The new bridge will be built one block east of the existing bridge, on Lewis Street. Also included will be a four-block bypass of the downtown, which is almost constantly choked by car and grain truck traffic.

The project is expected to both increase the traffic capacity on the bridge and reduce the traffic flow in the downtown. Vehicles will have the option of bypassing the downtown.

In March, the City Council discussed the development potential for the area north of First Avenue, specifically the block on which the current City Hall sits. The CDC was asked to prepare an analysis of the various redevelopment options for the City Hall block, and last Thursday night, made a recommendation to City Council members, who were meeting as a committee of the whole.

The CDC examined possibilities ranging from demolishing the structures on the block to doing nothing, and last week recommended that the structures be left standing for the time being. It also made several recommendations for the downtown as a whole, which was part of what was called a "pre-development plan."...

Among the CDC's pre-development plan recommenda-

tions:

- * Work with the DOT to ensure that structures and the project area are aesthetically appealing...
- * Improve the appearance of buildings facing the mini-bypass...
- * Continue with the second phase of the downtown renovation project on First Avenue.
- * Identify additional parking south of First Avenue.
- * Make aesthetic improvements to "critical entry points" at the bypass...



Pond's Grist Mill. The mill is located in what is now known as The Landing.

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