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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Dec. 1, 1892

The young men of Shakopee organized a skating club and will fix up a good place on the river, under the management of Peter Paul. Red light means danger.

Dec. 8, 1892

Messrs Joe Strunk and H. Thiede were destined to much disappointment in having to hunt the entire day for their lost dogs, on a late rabbit chase, thus destroying their sport, to become the sport of rival rabbit hunters.

Dec. 15, 1892

John Merten has opened a cigar factory here and in a short time will be prepared to furnish the trade with another first-class cigar. He makes a specialty of one called the Elk. Success to him.

Dec. 22, 1892

In pretty much all well regulated cities and large towns, and many small ones too, skating parks are in order and are protected by the authorities for the benefit of all wishing to exercise and amuse themselves in that way. It is left for Shakopee however, for some one mean enough to try to prevent skating on the shallow and therefore safe little pond adjoining the brick yard, by persistently throwing ashes thereon, thus forcing the young folks to the more dangerous river, or else to give up skating.

Dec. 29, 1892

G. L. Nye, proprietor of the stove works, hearing that the foundry men had suddenly stopped work on Saturday afternoon last, rushed from his office into the building to find the entire force very suspiciously congregated about the furnace, and approaching to enquire into this unusual occurrence, was set upon by John Squires in a neat little presentation speech on behalf of the employees, who gave him a heavy gold seal ring for his Christmas. W. V. Johnson, the popular foreman was also presented with a handsome fountain pen.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Dec. 1, 1892

A skating club has been organized and some twenty-five dollars collected to keep the ice cleared of snow. The rink will be on the river at the foot of Holmes street and will be about 300 feet square. The gun club house has been secured and

moved to the ice for a warming room. The house would be more convenient if moved to this side of the river.

Dec. 8, 1892

Pond's FEED MILL grinds all kinds of feed at the LOWEST PRICES.

Dec. 15, 1892

John Gentgen is having his barber shop enlarged so that he can put in another chair. When finished it will be one of the best equipped barber shops in the valley.

Dec. 22, 1892

Reis Bros. have added to their long string of thorough-breeds, the celebrated running horse Rocket.

Dec. 29, 1892

The Bierline band assisted the choir in the musical program at the church last Sunday.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Dec. 7, 1917

Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Lillie, who have been occupying the Herman Logenfeil residence on Third street, have stored their household goods and moved to Minneapolis Friday.

Dec. 14, 1917

John Gentgen and family have moved into Mrs. E. Dreschler's former home and F. N. Heinz has taken the place vacated by Mr. Gentgen. J. M. Johnson is occupying the H. Logenfeil home where T. N. Lillie formerly lived.

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Dec. 21, 1917

Miss Louise Weiland is assisting her brother-in-law, L. Schaefer, in his jewelry store during the holiday rush.

Dec. 28, 1917

R. B. Smith Goes To Arkansas

R. B. Smith, the efficient instructor in the agricultural department of the high school, tendered his resignation Friday to take effect the last of the year. Mr. Smith has received numerous flattering offers from time to time and the latest proffered opportunities that he felt he could not reject in justice to himself. He left yesterday with Mrs. Smith for Wynne, Arkansas, where he will teach agriculture in extension work under the Smith-Hughes act. Mr. Smith has been a conscientious, earnest, painstaking instructor, untiring in his efforts to interest the boys and girls in their work, and his efforts are appreciated by all who know how greatly the high school and community has benefited by his work. It is to be regretted that he was not retained in Shakopee, but he and Mrs. Smith carry with them to their new home the goodwill of a host of friends made during their residence in this city. At the present time Mr. Smith's successor has not been elected and there is some question as to whether or not the department of agriculture will be continued.

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

Dec. 3, 1942

All-Night Parking in Business Area Banned

Just in case it becomes necessary for snow removal crews to work thru the night in Shakopee, the police department this week issued an order banning all-night parking of cars on the streets of the city's business district.

The order, according to R. L. Brown, police chief, is effective immediately. Compliance is mandatory and will greatly assist in keeping the main thoroughfares open at all times.

Dec. 10, 1942

Men, Women Physical Fitness Classes Set

Monday and Wednesday evening have been found available for the local physical fitness program, Wilfred Sanford, director, announced this week.

The classes for men will be Mondays, from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. The classes for women will be Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 9 o'clock. All classes will be held in the high school gym.

Persons over high school age are eligible and must furnish suitable equipment. Tennis shoes or the equivalent are a necessity.

How long the program lasts depends upon the public interest. Those interested are urged to bring a friend.

"Do your bit...be physically fit," the director said.

Dec. 17, 1942

Local Surgical Dressing Units Work Long Hours

While American soldiers endure on the far-flung battle fronts of a global war, home front soldiers are eagerly working long hours to turn out needed material. In the forefront of this activity are the zealous women of the Scott County Surgical Dressings units, who have turned out dressings by the thousands.

A first report submitted by officers of the Scott county units, states that 18,000 (4x4) dressings and 7,200 (4x8) dressings have been made to complete the first quota. Work on the second quota is now well underway.

Dec. 24, 1942

Two City Employees Resign Jobs Here, Join Cargill Crew

Two city employees, R. L. Brown, police chief, and William Jansen, overseer of streets, have resigned their posts, it was announced this week.

Jansen, who resigned December 15, had been a city employee since 1934. The day following his resignation he began his new duties at the Cargill boat works at Savage.

Chief Brown tendered his resignation this week, effective January 1. He has been the city's chief of police for ten years. He too, has secured a position in the ship yards at Savage and begins his work there Monday.

Pending appointment of his successor Leonard Siebenaler, superintendent of parks, is carrying on Jansen's work. Who is to assume Brown's duties is not yet known.

Dec. 31, 1942

War Bonds and Stamps Instead of Party Lunch

Displaying a true spirit of patriotism seventh and eighth grade pupils and all high school students did without lunch at their annual Christmas party and instead used the money to buy war stamps and bonds as Christmas gifts for all Shakopee high school graduates in the armed services.

School authorities said a sale of stamps and bonds during the party totalled \$131.00.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Dec. 7, 1967

Planning Study For Eagle Creek Township

Recommendation that a planner be engaged to make a thorough study of the Eagle Creek township community was made by the Eagle Creek Planning Commission Monday evening of this week, December 4, to the Eagle Creek Town Board.

This action came after approximately a year's consideration of such a move and after much conferring with state and federal officials.

The Eagle Creek Planning Commission also recommended to the Town Board that Charles T. Tooker, planner-in-

charge for Beckman, Swenson and Associates, be engaged to make this thorough study.

The study is to include such information as the future development potential, future public facilities, transportation projects, financial considerations, sanitary needs and recreational areas to name but a few. It will also provide some answers to questions, both pro and con, about what annexation to various surrounding communities would mean in terms of the above mentioned consideration.

When this information has been assembled, there will be an open meeting held to which the residents of Eagle Creek will be invited and the information presented.

Dec. 14, 1967

Consolidation School Vote Approval 67 To 3

With a vote of 67 for and three against, approved in balloting in the Marystown School lunchroom, RR 2 Shakopee on Tuesday of this week, December 12, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., was the proposed consolidation of Marystown School District No. 1875 with Shakopee Public School District No. 720...

The consolidation of the two school districts is now to be effective on July 1, 1968.

The move for consolidation is in compliance with the recent State of Minnesota Statute that provides a school district can no longer continue, if it is not including grades one through 12, after a deadline date of July 1971.

Dec. 21, 1967

Window Paintings Bring Yule Spirit To St. Francis Home

St. Francis Home and Hospital is brimming with Christmas Sprit this holiday season, as witnessed by the painting contest in progress all over the hospital. Employees on the hospital staff organized the idea of painting Christmas motifs on the large window of the hospital rooms, halls and lobby and the management went along by offering prizes for the most original and attractive offerings...

Dec. 28, 1967

Knitting Becomes Full Time Job For Shakopee 'Shoppe' Owner

What is small and friendly and can knit thirty rows of 200 stitches in one minute? Why, it's Jackie Robarge and her knitting machine, of course! Jackie has recently opened "Jackie's Knit Shoppe at 115 West First Avenue (next to Winnie's Dress Shop) and features knitting materials, patterns, free instruction, custom made machine-knitted articles, and also the knitting machines for "do it yourself" addicts...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Dec. 3, 1992

New name, new focus

The setting may seem traditional – desks lined up in a room ringed by stoves and ovens, microwaves and sinks – and the organization that meets here still takes part in activities such as preparing food and using homemaking skills.

But the names have changed, and so has the focus.

Shakopee High School's former Future Homemakers of America (FHA) club is now called the Future Leaders of America (FLA), a name-change made in the 1980s.

The club meets in the personal- and family-life science department classroom, and some people may call it home economics, its former name.

What has remained the same through the years is the woman who has coordinated and helped the students lead the program.

Sandie McNellis, personal- and family-life science instructor, came to Shakopee High School 31 years ago. With her came the start of the FHA program...

Dec. 10, 1992

Fire damages apartment in city

Fire Tuesday afternoon in Shakopee damaged an apartment and its contents but no injuries were reported.

The fire, in a local lower level apartment on the two-story Country Village Apartments, 1265 S. Marschall Road, started when a towel a man was using while cooking accidentally caught fire. The towel was thrown in a sink, but contents in a nearby open cabinet drawer caught fire. Many items inside the apartment, including appliances and furniture, were destroyed by the fire, and there was smoke and fire damage to the apartment as well, fire officials said...

Dec. 17, 1992

With a lot of help from friends

Saving people from burning buildings may be one of the more obvious jobs the Shakopee Fire Department has performed.

But it's definitely not the only way firefighters have rescued people.

The department has also answered calls to pull people from water, get them out of confined spaces such as a manhole or ditch, and to contain a hazardous-material spill.

While these calls may not require the flashing lights and sirens associated with fire runs, they do bring out a red vehicle: the department's Fire Rescue II truck.

The truck, and the equipment it contains, are valued at \$75,000 and are the latest additions to the department. The vehicle has been in service since June.

According to Second Assistant Chief Terry Link, the department itself has put in \$2,500, using donations from fundraisers such as the steak fry and dance, and the remainder of the costs have been picked up by local businesses and organizations...

Dec. 24, 1992

Live-meet agreement said near

MINNEAPOLIS—A group of local investors told the Minnesota Racing Commission Friday that it is close to an agreement with Ladbroke Racing Corp. in which it would lease Canterbury Downs to conduct a live racing meet in 1993.

Under the proposal, the Minnesota Festival of Champions would raise \$500,000 to finance a live meet that would begin on Memorial Day weekend and run for 13 or 14 weeks. The group said purses for the meet would be \$40,000 to \$50,000 a day, double that of the 1992 season at the Shakopee track. Simulcasting programs from California, Chicago and other top U.S. tracks would continue as well.

Dec. 31, 1992

Scott County's first female commissioner ready to jump into fray

A little history-making will take place Tuesday when three new commissioners take their seats on the Scott County Board. For the first time a woman will take the oath of office as a county commissioner.

Wilma Behm, a chiropractor from Spring Lake Township, waged an active campaign last fall to unseat Commissioner Dallas Bohnsack for the District 1 seat on the County Board.

Her campaigning sparked heated debate between her and the two-term commissioner from New Prague...

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A worker stands in front of a White Eagle Oil & Refining Co. truck.

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