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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Jan. 5, 1893

Our streets were well filled with teams yesterday. Plenty of wood coming in on, and will as long as sleighing lasts.

Jan. 12, 1893

There is to be a broom making establishment on First street west of Holmes by young Mr. Grommesch, who has been to Faribault schools a number of years.

Jan. 19, 1893

The finest lot of SEWING MACHINES ever shown in the city. American and Royal. Call and see them and you will buy no other. For sale at my house opposite Methodist church Shakopee, by J. McInnerney.

Jan. 26, 1893

James Heth riding around town last Saturday in Andrew Kopp's sleigh surprised the people who hardly expected to see Jim out in winter weather. But he has to be handled carefully and well wrapped up. He can't "go it alone" as much as he used to.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Jan. 5, 1893

Mr. J. G. Kiesel has returned to Shakopee to take charge of the B. A. Kohler's drug store while Mr. Kohler takes a long need rest from business cares. Mr. Kohler contemplates a trip through the south-west in the near future. Geo. Kiesel has gone to Spring Valley to take charge of his brother's store there.

Jan. 12, 1893

John Gentgen has re-papered and painted his newly enlarged barber shop.

Jan. 19, 1893

Messrs. V. D. Simar and O. C. Le Sueur have rented the front office over Kohler's drug store, where they are busily engaged transcribing notes of surveys they made for the government along the northern boundary line of the state.

Jan. 26, 1893

Mayor Weiland with the usual enterprise purchased of P. V. Philipp, the well known music dealer, a handsome concert grand piano, which will be placed in his Opera House. This will give the troupes coming here a better opportunity to dis-

play their talent and will greatly add to the enjoyment of the patrons.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Jan. 4, 1918

Death Results From Fall

The community was shocked beyond expression, when it was learned last Wednesday evening, that Mr. Frank Buch had passed beyond, as the result of a fall. Mr. Buch and John B. Hoffmann were engaged in cutting down trees, surrounding the County poorhouse property. They were at work on the southwest corner, near the Joseph Stockert home. Mr. Buch had scaled a 15-foot ladder and was at work, when in some manner he fell from the ladder, striking his chest and crushing his heart. No one witnessed the accident and when he was found he was unconscious and remained so until his death, six hour later, at 8:15 P.M. Mr. Hoffmann, who was working about a half block from the scene found him, and with the aid of others carried him into the Stockert home. A physician was summoned, but he was beyond help. He was moved to his home later, where he succumbed...

Jan. 11, 1918

Miss Mary Engel, telephone operator for the Shakopee Telephone company for several years past, resigned her position and will leave for Parker's Prairie about the middle of the month to assist in the Leibold hospital, with a view of taking a course in professional nursing.

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- Help preserve Shakopee's culture and heritage
- Meet new people and share stories of a common interest
- Quarterly newsletter
- Quarterly meetings presenting:
 - Programs on the history of homes, families and businesses
 - Reports on research and preservation techniques
 - Research successes and failures
- Tour local historic sites

See page 4 for membership application

Jan. 18, 1918

Volkert & Jansen shipped fourteen dressed hogs to Minneapolis on Wednesday, Mr. Pauly of near Eden Prairie taking them down in his auto truck.

Jan. 25, 1918

Sid Dierberger has added a fine new 3-seated sleigh to his elegantly equipped livery vehicles.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Jan. 4, 1918

Herbert Strunk left Friday for Cohecton, N. Y., to resume his work in sculpture after spending six months at home. Herbert was called home by the draft but has been exempted because of disability due to an operation on his side.

Jan. 11, 1918

Waffle Benefit

On Thursday, January 17th, Miss Elizabeth K. Ries will have Waffle day at her home for the benefit of the Red Cross. Waffles will be served at Miss Ries's home from 2:30 to 6 o'clock. Prices will be 15 cents for a waffle and maple syrup, two for 25 cents. Coffee, 5 cents. Everybody is invited, especially the ladies of the Red Cross classes. Miss Ries has taken this way of doing her bit for the Red Cross and all proceeds will be donated to the Shakopee chapter. Come and enjoy your waffles and help the Red Cross in so doing.

Jan. 18, 1918

Woman Reformatory Plans Are Accepted

Preliminary plans for the reformatory for women at Shakopee were approved and accepted today at a conference between the state Board of Control and the Board of Woman Visitors. A fund of \$100,000 for the erection of a main building will not be available until August 1, but it is proposed to award the building contract next spring.

Clarence H. Johnson of St. Paul, state architect, who presented the preliminary drawings, was requested to work out the final plans. Mrs. T. F. Kinney, Minneapolis, Mrs. M. J. O'Toole, St. Paul and Mrs. H. L. Stark, St. Peter, represented the woman's board of visitors, and Mrs. Fannie French Morse, superintendent of the Sauk Center State Home School for Girls, was present by special invitation.—St. Paul Dispatch, Jan 10.

Jan. 25, 1918

E. E. Hupp Appointed Agricultural Instructor

The Board of Education of the local school of Shakopee is gratified to know that the high school will not have to be discontinued this year because of the resignation of Mr. Smith. The second term of school opened Monday with a new instructor of Agriculture, Mr. E. E. Hupp...

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

Jan. 7, 1943

Miss Mildred Beckrich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Math Beckrich, has completed preliminary training in a Minneapolis radio and television institute and is now in St. Louis for an additional three-month course in electronics. She went to St. Louis, Friday night.

Jan. 14, 1943

Changes in City Staff Follow Two Resignations

Changes in the staff of city employees are now in effect as a result of action by the City Council this week, following the resignation of the police chief and overseer of streets.

Leo Lauer, formerly nightwatchman, is now chief of police filling the vacancy created by the resignation of R. L. Brown. Howard Grosshauser was subsequently appointed nightwatchman.

The duties of the street overseer formerly discharged by William Jansen, resigned, have temporarily been combined with those of the superintendent of parks, a position held by Leonard Siebenaler. This arrangement, it was said, is to be in operation until the end of April.

Jan. 21, 1943

Home Nursing Classes To Be Organized Here

Under the auspices of the Scott County Red Cross unit, a home nursing course is being organized here. The first class will start Wednesday, Jan. 27 and will be conducted from two until four o'clock in the afternoon, in the Domestic Science room in Shakopee high school. Mrs. Emil Mesenbrink, local registered nurse, will be in charge.

Twelve lessons comprise the course. All interested in the work may call Mrs. P. M. Fischer, telephone 151, any evening prior to the above date.

As the class will number 20 ladies, the first 20 calling will be enrolled. If the response is satisfactory more classes will be held at later dates...

Jan. 28, 1943

At a meeting of Westminster Fellowship, Monday evening, at the Presbyterian Manse, Mrs. H. C. Schroeder gave a very interesting book review on the "Dog-team Doctor," Dr. Joseph Romig, Moravian missionary at Bethel, Alaska. Dr. Romig's son, Dr. Howard Romig, is now superintendent at a large hospital in Anchorage, Alaska.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Jan. 4, 1968

Offer Hockey Instruction

Shakopee area boys, interested in participating in the Shakopee Recreation Hockey Instruction program, are invited

to be present at the Huber Park Hockey rink, beginning at 10 a.m. Saturdays.

Instructors in this program are Jerry Karkanen, "Chuck" Novakovich, Bruce Christensen and Dale Hauger.

Jan. 11, 1968

Approve Jackson Township Plat

Approved at the December 28 adjourned meeting of the Scott County Board of Commissioners held at the courthouse in Shakopee was a subdivision, designated as "Glen Ellyn Park" in Jackson township, which had been previously approved by the Jackson Town Board and approval being recommended by the Scott County Planning Commission.

The tract is in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 13, Jackson township and contains 40.83 acres.

Jan. 18, 1968

Stans Foundation Gives \$5000 Grant To Scott Historical Society

That the Scott County Historical Society has received a check in the amount of \$5,000 from the Stans Foundation was announced this week by R. M. Weiler of Shakopee, president.

Weiler explained that this grant was offered to cover the preliminary research work for the Pond Grist Mill Area Restoration project at Memorial Park, just east of Shakopee off Highway 101, undertaken by the Society.

He also stated that the Society was in the process of incorporating and would then approach the City of Shakopee to negotiate for the title to the real estate necessary for this entire project...

The proposed study procedure for the Pond Grist area Mill Restoration project, under the sponsorship of this Stans Study Grant, recently completed by Mrs. Margaret MacFarlane of the Shakopee High School faculty points out the following facts regarding the philosophy:

"The complete statement of philosophy is to be formed by the board of directors and approved by the membership. The main points of this statement will include: the restoration should preserve existing evidence of the actual local history, both Caucasian and Indian; the time period is basically the 1800's; additions to the Restoration site should be generic to the time period and enhance the general understanding of living conditions during these years; an effort to maintain an appropriate natural setting in the adjoining river area will be made. The obvious value of an arboretum park area for the community and especially for the school, is unquestionable. It is in keeping with the best interest of the restoration project and the future development of this land that plans for both develop simultaneously. Funds for development of the arboretum section will be sought outside of the regular structure of the Scott County Historical Society; museum resources will

be established to house collections and study facilities at or near the restoration site. (The possibility of a combined facility housing a museum section and a field station in the arboretum area has been suggested.)"

The report also points out that preliminary contacts have been made with the following several persons for specific aspects of the study:

Richard Hegen of Galena, Illinois, historical consultant to the Minnesota State Historical Society, who would formulate basic restoration plans; Herman Chilson, Webster, South Dakota, authority on the Sioux Indian culture who would be responsible for the over-all plans for the Indian representation; James A. Jones Macalester College professor of Biology who would be responsible for plans for the adjoining river land; Arlen Thoen of Shakopee, a science teacher and ecology major, who would assist Professor Jones; Mrs. Betty Welch, Shakopee Public High School librarian, who would assist in the organization of collections and manuscripts, as well as the basic library collection, and LeRoy Lebens of Shakopee, who would be official photographer.

Basic research is proposed to be the responsibility of President Weiler, Vern Lang, Mrs. MacFarlane Duane Rockwell and Mrs. Welch.

Scott County Engineer Lawrence Plouman would complete the land survey.

Mrs. MacFarlane would coordinate and prepare the final copy of the Study Report on the proposed project.

Jan. 25, 1968

More than 100 industrial arts teachers were in attendance at the Minnetonka Industrial Arts Association meeting hosted by the Shakopee Industrial Arts teachers.

Registration and a coffee hour was followed by a demonstration of a hydraulic and pneumatic teaching bench, a device used for teaching fluid power in the classroom. The demonstration was conducted by Bill Butler and Ron Bulson of Educational Services Company.

Exhibits were on display by various Industrial Education material suppliers in the area. These suppliers and local merchants provided door prizes for the group

A dinner was served, at which time, Superintendent, John Feda welcomed the group to Shakopee and also delivered an inspiring short talk on Vocational Education and its objective for the student. A business meeting followed, with the main item being a discussion of the American Industrial Arts Teachers convention to be held in Minneapolis this spring.

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Jan. 7, 1993

Judge with Irish wit and charm to depart

The first month of the new year will mark the end of an era in Minnesota legal history: Effective Jan. 31, the Honorable John M. Fitzgerald, the state’s longest-sitting district court judge, is retiring...

Fitzgerald, who in January will reach the mandatory retirement age of 70 for state judges, was appointed to the bench in 1963 by then-Gov. Karl Rolvaag. He has spent nearly 30 years traversing the seven-county First Judicial District.

Much of that time he has been seated in Scott and Carver counties, and he’s made a big impression on area prosecutors, defense attorneys, courthouse personnel and judicial colleagues...

Jan. 14, 1993

Historical group to be organized

An organizational meeting for the Shakopee Historical Society will be held this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of Norwest Bank, 738 E. First Ave...

Jan. 21, 1993

Stans museum near reality

Shakopee native Maurice Stans and Scott County are near agreement on a proposal to build a \$1 million facility that would house a museum containing Stans memorabilia and provide space for the Scott County Historical Society on the corner of Second Avenue and Holmes Street in Shakopee.

Stans has offered to spend \$1 million for the facility, contingent on the county agreeing to appropriate not less than \$30,000 a year for operating expenses for both the museum and the historical society, said Scott County Administrator Cliff McCann...

The plan also calls for the historical society to manage the facility with a six-member board of directors. The historical society supports the proposal, McCann said. The county is now waiting for the go-ahead from Stans, he said...

A foundation has been established by Stans to build a 6,000-square-foot building, that would be constructed across the street from the original Stans family homestead at 128

Second Ave.

The building would include 500 square feet for a lobby and public facilities; 2,700 square feet for the Stans museum; and 2,750 square feet for the county historical society museum, which would include the organization’s headquarters...

The museum would stand across the street from the 1910 house in which Stans grew up. The house is completely restored and has been furnished to reflect the house as it was when Stans and his family lived there. Stans also purchased the lot just west of the homestead, and created a garden area with park benches. The house stands just west of Eastman Drug Store...

Jan. 28, 1993

New plans for Co. 18 raise ire of neighbors

Scott County’s plans to reconstruct County Road 18 to four lanes the entire distance from the Shakopee Bypass/ Highway 101 interchange to County Road 42 has upset some nearby residents, who say they have been deceived by county officials and are considering legal action.

The county originally had planned to reconstruct County Road 18 as four lanes from the bypass to County Road 16, where it would become two lanes until it meets County Road 42. It was also planned that the county may complete the road as four lanes later.

Neighbors who live in the area said that with the understanding that a portion of the road would remain two lanes, some of their concerns about safety and speeds would be satisfied. They said they were told that the county eventually would extend County Road 21, from County Road 42 to the bypass, to handle the increasing traffic load.

However, in late December, the Scott County Board, citing numerous reasons, voted to reconstruct the road as four lanes for the entire segment. Despite that, an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW), a report on potential environmental impacts of the proposed road project, describes the project as it originally was proposed...

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Shakopee Heritage Society Membership Application

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City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

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