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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

Feb. 2, 1893

BRONZE TURKEYS for sale, live ones, three females, one male. Geo. Allen, 4th street, Shakopee.

Feb. 9, 1893

Trains were behind Monday morning on account of snow drifts afar off.

Feb. 16, 1893

Mrs. Pope has got a carpet loom and hereafter people will not have to leave town to get their carpets woven.

Feb. 23, 1893

Peter Mueller the shoemaker has about closed up his business here, and will soon depart for South Dakota.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 2, 1893

An interesting sight, and of late years a rare one, was the appearance of a yoke of well trained oxen on our streets Monday. The slow steady patient gait brought back to many minds thoughts of the toils and pleasures of the "early" days in Minnesota's wilderness or during the grand old days down East. The ox, flail, cradle (grain), spinning wheel, and many other objects so familiar to the eye a few short years ago are now fading into the past with a rapidity that is startling to the thinking mind.

Feb. 9, 1893

On Monday evening the guests of the Occidental Hotel passed unscathed through a genuine fire alarm. A man went to bed and, it seems, proceeded to woo the drowsy god of sleep by the aid of his faithful meerscham. Soon he was securely locked in the arms of Morpheus. But not so his pipe. It became restless and began to look about for some amusement. Spying the attractive colors of a new quilt is resolved to pay it a visit. It did so, and when the man awoke shortly after he took action immediately. He rushed down stairs and out in a temperature of 20° below and half way up to Dierberger's barn in terror and his robe de nuit, carrying the blazing quilts with him. The whole house was aroused but on discovering the cause and effect of the affair concluded that they were more scared than hurt. The principal actor in the scene was around town Tuesday inquiring into the price of bedding.

Feb. 16, 1893

The engine room of the mill has been completely renovated during the last week, and now looks as bright as a new dollar. A neat hard pine oiled floor has been laid and the walls treated to a coat of paint and whitewash, making a highly appreciated improvement in that department.

Feb. 23, 1893

John Gutenberg has added much, both in appearance and convenience, to his meat market on Holmes street, by the construction of a new and commodious refrigerator. The partition in the rear of the shop has been removed and a hard pine floor laid, and altogether his place of business shows the proper spirit of progressiveness.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Feb. 1, 1918

The fire department was called to Bieren home, near the Minnesota stove foundry last Friday, to extinguish a small blaze on the roof. The fire was caused by a spark from the chimney. Little damage resulted.

Feb. 8, 1918

Man Hurt In Runaway Accident

Last Tuesday evening while George Unze, Jr. was returning home from the Shakopee stockfair, his team became unmanageable and ran away. On turning the corner near the Kohler residence, Mr. Unze was thrown and it was thought he was seriously injured. He was taken to the office of the Interior Lumber Company, where a physician was summoned. He

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was conscious and after a half hour regained consciousness and was able to return home. It was found he suffered severe bruises about the head and face, but nothing serious will result.

Feb. 15, 1918

Good Roads Meeting Held Here Tuesday

The early construction of the Minneapolis and Albert Lea trail was assured as the result of actions taken at the annual meeting of the Minneapolis and Albert Lea Association held at Shakopee on Tuesday.

The new trail will connect the cities of Minneapolis, Shakopee, Jordan, New Prague, Montgomery Kilkenny, Waterville, Waseca, Albert Lea and intervening towns.

About 100 boosters from towns along the route attended the meeting including the Hennepin county board, members of the Minnesota Reclamation League, and a representative of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association. Atty. J. A. Collier and Rev. Father Sava delivered addresses of welcome to the delegates.

The matter of merging the trail association with the Wilson Trail organization which operates the highway from Des Moines to Albert Lea, was taken up and rejected.

A committee comprised of engineers and commissioners of the counties through which the trail passes was appointed to apply for federal aid for the project as a whole. The same committee will also plat the trail at once...

Funds for blazing the trail were guaranteed by various delegates and organizations.

The Shakopee Association of Commerce was host at a dinner at the Pelham Hotel which was attended by all the delegates...

Many detailed arrangements, such as drawing up articles of incorporation were left with the officers, special subcommittees and the directors.

It was asserted at the meeting that \$38,500 was available for construction work on the road, construction which will commence this spring.

In road records of the state, which must be kept under provision of the highway bill passed by the last session of the legislature, the Minneapolis-Albert Lea trail will be known as Road No. 1. The association was instrumental in bringing about enactment of this measure.

The lion's share of the praise for the success of this splendid project is due to the few local citizens who made it possible by their hard work and sacrifice.

Feb. 22, 1918

Hofferma Brothers, veteran threshermen of Marystown, went to Minneapolis on Tuesday, where they purchased a new 40 inch cylinder Rumely grain separator. They expect

shipment of the machine by May 15th so as to have it on hand in ample time to do their part in relieving the wheat shortage by saving every kernel possible.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 1, 1918

A meeting of the executive committee of the next Liberty Loan was held at the city hall Monday to plan an organization of the next loan. Twelve committeemen were present.

Feb. 8, 1918

George Dellwo Takes Over the Creamery

George A. Dellwo has taken over the local creamery and is engaged at present in buying and shipping cream alone, paying \$2.40 a hundred for milk. As soon as he can get the factory in shape Mr. Dellwo will begin early in the spring to manufacture cheese and butter. Mr. Dellwo made a success of the creamery during the time he conducted the business previously and enjoys the confidence of his former patrons who will be glad to know that he has taken over the creamery permanently and they will be afforded a market close at hand for their products.

Feb. 15, 1918

Shakopee Entertains M1A Road Boosters

The largest and most enthusiastic good roads meeting ever held in Shakopee was staged here on Tuesday. More than one hundred representative business men including farmers, lawyers, editors, doctors, bankers and highway engineers from the metropolis of Minnesota to the Iowa line were in attendance at the meeting in the interest of the Minneapolis-Albert Lea trail. There were also present the county boards of the counties of Hennepin, Scott, LeSueur, Waseca and Freeborn, each one of which pledged its hearty support and co-operation to the end that this trail shall be made one of the leading highways in southern Minnesota. The plan of making this road from Minneapolis to Albert Lea, where it will meet the Wilson highway and incidentally resulting in the permanent construction of a highwater road over and across the low lands of the Minnesota river at this point, was evolved in the mind of Jos. J. Moriarty.

The problem of financing the proposition was a difficult one and Mr. Moriarty at times almost despaired of ever being able to meet it, but with the aid and co-operation of many good roads boosters in Shakopee and other towns along the line, and especially the State Highway commission and the board of commissioners of Hennepin county, whose efforts he had enlisted in the interest of the plan, every phase of it has been duly met and the road is sure to be built this year...

Feb. 22, 1918

About thirty-five relatives and friends surprised Emil Spielmann at his home Saturday evening, the event being a farewell before his departure tomorrow for Camp Dodge. Cards and music passed the evening pleasantly and supper was served at midnight. Among the guests were Frank Gelhaye, Albert Kirkeby, Matt Kreuser and Harry Walsh, all of whom are leaving also for Camp Dodge. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Anton Herrgott of Plentywood, Mont., Mrs. Anton Klein of Saskatchewan, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schneider, Mrs. Henry Schneider and sons Harry and Roman of Marystown, and Henry Hergott of Eagle Creek. The boys' many friends wish them all good luck and safe return.

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

Feb. 4, 1943

Troop Listing All Scouts Now Serving in Military Forces

Justly proud of its former members now doing valiant service in the nation's armed forces, the Shakopee Boy Scout troop is endeavoring to compile a complete and accurate list of all former scouts now in the military.

Membership rosters of the past few years have already provided a long and inspiring list, but the troop is not yet satisfied. The boys want to get every last name and for that reason they are appealing to the parents and relatives of every former Shakopee scout to report the names of their former scout sons or brothers who are now in service.

Members of the troop committee are cooperating with the troop in gathering the names and have assigned that part of the job to J. J. Schaefer, committee chairman, and Frank Strunk. To simplify the work, relatives of all former scouts are urged to report the names to these committeemen.

Feb. 11, 1943

Free Movie Today for Pupils Collecting Scrap

This afternoon Shakopee school pupils who have been successful in their efforts to collect scrap copper, brass and bronze, for the nation's war industries, will be guests at a movie, "Cadets on Parade," at the Shakopee theatre.

The scrap collection project is sponsored by the motion picture industry in cooperation with the schools of the land. Doubtless there will be a wild scramble by some pupils to get under the wire in the few hours that remain before show time today.

Metals sought in the campaign were not, it is believed, as plentiful as the other scrap metals called for in the earlier salvage search, but there was every reason to believe the youth of the community would "come thru" with flying colors.

Each school is to dispose of the metal collected by its pupils and the proceeds from the sales will go to the schools for whatever use they may wish to make of it.

Feb. 18, 1943

Places in National Contest

From St. Louis, Mo., this week came the announcement that Shirley Kelly, Shakopee, was a third place winner in a national essay contest sponsored by The Queen's Work a magazine published by a Catholic Sodality. Miss Kelly's essay was entitled "Reason For Bragging." She is a graduate of St. Mary's parochial school here.

Feb. 25, 1943

Women to Help Shoppers With Point Rationing

To aid in the understanding and application of the point system of food rationing to be inaugurated in food markets March 1, the Scott county Nutrition-Victory Aide committee has arranged to have two women in each grocery store from 2 to 5 p.m. each day of the week of March 1, it was announced this week.

The aides, it was pointed out, will be in the stores to assist shoppers who may need help in the use of the point system. Shoppers, committee members said, are urged to feel free to ask the aides for advice.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 1, 1968

Elsie Stemmer and Ronald Klehr, both of Shakopee and employees of the Shakopee Red Owl store, in Shakopee Shops Shopping center on east First, have been selected Miss Courtesy and Mr. Courtesy by their fellow employees.

These two qualified for the Courtesy award by consistently offering friendly, courteous service to both customers and other employees over an extensive period of time.

For achieving this honor, they were awarded a courtesy certificate, along with other appropriate recognition.

Feb. 8, 1968

C. Of C. Valentine Party Speaker Feb. 13

Columnist and feature writer for the Minneapolis Star, Jim Klobuchar, will be featured speaker at the Annual Valentine party for the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce on next Tuesday, February 13, to begin at 8 p.m. at the Riviera Club in Chanhassen.

Ron Brambilla, chairman of the social committee, in announcing the featured speaker for the annual event, points out the program will be most appealing to wives who are to be guests of honor at this annual party...

Feb. 15, 1968

Council Requested To Consider Project Of New Library For City

Proposal of consideration of a new library facility for the City of Shakopee was presented by Mayor Ray Siebenaler at

the regular meeting of the Common Council held Tuesday evening of this week, February 13.

This was prompted by the visit on Tuesday of his week to the city by Hannis Smith, State Director of Libraries who conferred with the mayor, Administrative Assistant Melvin Lebens and Postmaster Cormac Suel, member of the Dakota Scott Regional Library board regarding the possibility of a federal grant for such a structure.

After reporting this meeting with the state official to the council, Mayor Siebenaler requested Suel who was present to elaborate on the details of the proposal.

Pointed out by the regional library board member was that a building some 8,000 square feet, comparable to the Shakopee post office in size, at an estimated \$250,000 in cost was being considered. Suel added that according to the state official application could be made for a federal grant that would meet 45 to 50 per cent of the construction cost...

It was reported that in the conferring with the state official a possible site for the new facility had been given some consideration.

At the council meeting, Suel pointed out that the new facility would include possibly a meeting room with some 100 seating capacity along with a library that would serve the city for the next 20 years, designed for 12,000 to 15,000 population...

The council took no formal action on the matter, but Mayor Siebenaler indicated that the city's administrative assistant had been given the necessary information by the state official to initiate consideration in seeking a federal grant...

Feb. 22, 1968

New Remodeling

Now undergoing remodeling is the front and side entrance, off Holmes Street, to the LaTour Shoe Store on the southeast corner of First Avenue and Holmes in Shakopee, the former M. J. Berens & Sons department store.

Feb. 29, 1968

SHS Junior Veteran On BCT Stage

Jeff Spielman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Spielman, 511 East Eighth, Shakopee, is a veteran as a cast member of Bloomington Civic Theatre productions at the age of 16. He is a junior at Shakopee Public High School.

Spielman is to be performing in his fifth Bloomington Civic Theatre show when the curtain opens on "Anything Goes" tomorrow (Friday) evening, March 1, at the Annex Theater, 10025 Penn Avenue South, in Bloomington. The production is to continue on March 2 and on March 8 and 9 and March 15 and 16...

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

Feb. 4, 1993

Shakopee congregation soon to have new church to call home

Tom Reiner, pastor of Cross of Peace Lutheran Church, says members of its congregation look upon themselves as "agents of change" because God has changed them and called them into service for their community.

That change can be taken literally as well as figuratively, in the form of a new church building,

The congregation at Cross of Peace which belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), first met on Feb. 10, 1991 in the auditorium of Shakopee High School, where worship services have been held since.

Now the congregation is making plans for its own building, and is set to break ground this spring on a 7.2-acre site on the southeast side of town. The building will be completed sometime in late fall or winter.

The congregation celebrated by putting up a sign on the site Jan. 24. The special marker was designed by Bob and Jolene Annen.

"We'll be on Wood Duck Trail," said Reiner. "That's in the future Maple Trails Estate development." The development is on the east side of Marschall Road, about a half-mile north of County Road 42...

Feb. 11, 1993

Bridge funds in Carlson budget

Gov. Arne Carlson's budget recommendation for 1994-95 included full funding for completion of the Bloomington Ferry Bridge project.

Carlson outlined his \$16 billion budget recommendation Jan. 26, and included was about \$20.3 million for the state's matching share to finance construction of the new bridge. The state will be required to finance that portion of the bridge costs in order to receive federal funds for the project...

Feb. 18, 1993

GM's departure only solid news about Canterbury this week

Despite a spate of rumors claiming that negotiations are being held for the sale of Canterbury Downs, Ladbroke Racing Corp., co-owner of the Shakopee racetrack, declined comment this week.

The only concrete news was the announcement that Canterbury General Manager Terry McWilliams and his employer had parted company. "It was a mutual decision," said Rick Reichow, Ladbroke's chief financial officer. "Terry wanted to get on with his life and his career in the business."

McWilliams had risen through the ranks at Canterbury since its opening in 1985. He took over as general manager in 1992 — the most financially dismal period in the track's short history. McWilliams had both admirers and detractors among

horsemen, fans and employees. His creativity, tenacity and loyalty to the Shakopee track generated both good will and ill feelings...

There are now two employees left at the Shakopee track. The doors to Canterbury remain locked, the facility and its 380 acres frozen shut this winter by the Minnesota Racing Commission's decision to deny a simulcasting license to the track's owners. Permission to simulcast races from major racetracks in other states was denied because Ladbroke said it would not lose another \$3.5 million, as it did in 1992, running a low-quality live horse-racing meet in 1993.

With the strong support of the board of directors of both the Minnesota Thoroughbred Association (MTA) and the Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association (HBPA), the commission chose to close Canterbury. At the December commission meeting Chairman Richard Pemberton said it was not in the best interest of racing to turn the track into a "betting parlor." Ironically horsemen and the racing commission are now discussing the idea of simulcasting racing at county fair meets as a way to raise money for county fair purses.

Ladbroke wanted to escrow simulcasting revenues in 1993 and open for a high-quality live racing meet in 1994. The extra year would have also bought the industry time to create a proposed Midwest racing circuit that would have brought together three of the region's small tracks, which are experiencing the same financial difficulties as Canterbury.

At December's racing commission meeting, members of the MTA and HBPA board of directors said they were united in their efforts to push Ladbroke out of Minnesota altogether. Representatives for the groups said once Ladbroke was shut down, horse racing could get a fresh start with a new owner.

Feb. 25, 1993

Agreement reached on Stans museum

Shakopee native Maurice Stans and Scott County have agreed in principle to a proposal in which he would build a \$1 million structure that would house a museum containing

memorabilia and artifacts from his life and provide a home for the county historical society with a full-time director.

Scott County has the only county-run historical society in Minnesota without a permanent home. It has never had a paid staff person, and has operated with a handful of volunteers, according to Loren Gross, a member of the society's board of directors.

The Stans Foundation will build the museum on a piece of property between Second and Third avenues on Fuller Street in Shakopee.

During a committee of the whole setting, the Scott County Board Tuesday met with Stans, 84, to iron out the remaining details on the agreement. The board directed staff to prepare papers outlining the agreement and bring it before the County Board next week.

The Stans Foundation has agreed to build the facility and provide a \$200,000 annuity, the interest from which would go toward operating expenses each year. It will also provide 50 percent of the pre-opening operating expenses.

In exchange, Scott County will provide the facility with operating money by creating a tax levy of not less than \$30,000 and not more than \$70,000 a year. The board believes the average levy may amount to \$50,000 a year, which county officials said amounts to \$1 annually for each county resident.

The levy revenue, yearly interest from the annuity, and revenue from the museum's gift shop and admissions fee is expected to cover the estimated \$70,000 yearly operating costs, including the salary of a full-time director, county officials said.

The Scott County Historical Society will control the facility and its operations, with a board of directors that will include five members from the historical society, a county representative and a member of the Stans family.

Gross said Tuesday the society would begin an immediate search for a director. Having a director in place now will help the planning process, Gross said...

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