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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

March 2, 1893

Otto Derberger brought out his snow cleaner on Tuesday and made a wide swath from his stables on Sommerville street to his house on First. It is a good thing, and if the street committee had felt authorized to hire Derberger to clear away some of our principal streets it would have in our opinion been a little money well expended.

March 9, 1893

A sleigh load of young folks of Shakopee were out for a ride Tuesday night.

March 16, 1893

Theo. Weiland disposed of his opera house block last Friday morning to Mr. Lander of Lakeville, who intends to run a hardware store in the corner to commence on or about April 1. The consideration was \$5000. Mr. Lander has been running a hardware store for some time past in Lakeville, and is somewhat known around here, being a relative of the Wampach's. He will continue to give dances in the hall the same as Mr. Weiland did, having purchased the piano also. Mr. Weiland has not as yet decided whether he will continue in the feed business or not.

March 23, 1893

Baptiste Conter has started up his Shakopee lime kiln for the season's work. Couldn't wait any longer for an early spring.

March 30, 1893

A grand flag raising is promised sometime this month, at the Union school house, particulars of which will be announced later on.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

March 2, 1893

Mr. Fred P. Lauer has opened a shoe shop in C.E. Busse's building on First street. Mr. Lauer is a good workman, as well as a steady and industrious young man, and he is deserving of patronage.

March 9, 1893

No wonder it rained Wednesday. On Sunday the Courier horse was being driven around town wearing a fly-net. We use the word "driven" with great caution, for if he hadn't been driven he wouldn't have been going.

March 16, 1893

The Farmers Warehouse Co. is a new acquisition in the mercantile field of Shakopee. The firm is composed of D. L. How and T. M. Joy, of Minneapolis. The company will deal in farm machinery and farmers' supplies in general including wagons, buggies, harness, etc. The place of business will be in the old skating rink. T. C. Smith, Aug. Lies and Henry Wood will be traveling salesmen for the company.

March 23, 1893

Wm. Pinger has invented a new style of musical instrument on which will be played the requiem of old Winter. In front of his saloon he has deposited during the winter a quantity of corks, and these as the snow melts around them, come to the surface of the road. When a loaded sleigh passes over them they are unable to get out of the way and hence proceed to shiver the air with shrieks that may be heard for several blocks. Each cork has a pitch to suit its individual taste and when several of them are disturbed in succession an effect is produced somewhat resembling an execution of the variations of "The Mocking Bird." It is a free open-air concert all by itself.

March 30, 1893

Michael Berens and Valentine Zoller have each a big, big cellar full of dirty, dirty water, the natural consequence of the clogged sewers. This trouble appears as regularly as do "the flowers that bloom in spring," but there seems to be no help for it, as the alternate thawing and freezing soon chokes up

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the sewers and an overflow naturally forms.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

March 1, 1918

Bids for the cutting down of trees along Lovers' Lane were received by the City as follows: John Thole, \$25; John Brueggemann, \$47; and August Gelhaye, \$50. Mr. Thole being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract and is already at work cutting down the trees, from the bridge to the end of the mile road. This is being done, preparatory to widening and raising the road above high water mark, this spring.

March 8, 1918

Fire in Southworth Building

Smoke pouring out of the basement of the N. F. Heinz saloon on Tuesday evening and the clanging of the fire bell about 10:30 brought out a large crowd who offered assistance in extinguishing a blaze which in some manner, unknown, originated in the basement of the saloon. For a time it looked as though the whole building would go but the quick work of the firemen confined the fire to the basement. The interior of the basement and the joists on the ceiling were almost totally destroyed. The building is owned by W. N. Southworth and he estimates his loss between \$900 and \$1,000, partially covered by insurance.

March 15, 1918

The Knitting contest at Flaherty & Lies' store which was called off last Saturday on account of the storm has been postponed to some time after Easter.

March 22, 1918

A deal was closed on Saturday whereby William Engel bought of Bert Feldmann, the house and two lots on the corner of Second and Sommerville St., better known as the Rossrucker property. Mr. Engel expects to remodel and enlarge the house at some later date.

March 29, 1918

The William Ryan farm in Eagle Creek was sold to Mrs. Josephine Huber and Frank Huber. The farm consisted of about 500 acres and sold at a good price.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

March 1, 1918

Adopt French Orphan

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Pink of this city have adopted a French orphan, Pierre Calliet of Drux, France. Pierre is two and one-half years old, and so far as the Argus is informed, is the first French child to be adopted by any one in Scott county...

March 8, 1918

Reading and Rest Room for Shakopee

At a meeting held Tuesday evening it was practically decided to establish a reading and rest room in the Reis building, formerly occupied by the Mertz printery on First street.

Supt. R. M. Davies made the first suggestion for a reading room and his idea was taken up and presented to the city council, who went further and suggested a rest room in connection with it.

A committee of ladies was appointed to work with Supt. Davies and Mayor Lenertz with the result that the city will soon have this much-needed institution. Mayor Lenertz, with his characteristic public spirit and generosity in all affairs pertaining to the welfare of the city, made the object possible of accomplishment by payment of the first year's rent in advance. His liberal donation and the civic pride inspiring it are commendable and worthy of emulation, and he has earned the gratitude of all interested in the establishment of the room.

The building will be thoroughly renovated and a floor covering of linoleum provided by Reis Bros. A partition will divide the space into two rooms, the front to be for reading and the back one fitted up as a rest room.

Offers of furniture will be acceptable but it must be in good condition and suitable to the needs of the committee having the furnishings in charge.

Ladies of the city will take turns one day each month in looking after the room and the comfort of the visitors, and it is expected to prove very popular with the wives and daughters of farmers who come to Shakopee to do their trading, and with transients who may have a spare hour or two to while away.

A board will be appointed to have general charge of affairs and finances, and the work of getting the room in order will start immediately. As the details are completed, the Argus will have more to say of it later.

March 15, 1918

Ed Walsh has sold his residence property in this city to his father-in-law, August Scherkenbach, who will enlarge and remodel the building into a duplex for rental purposes. Mr. and Mrs. Walsh expect to move to Willow River next month where Mr. Walsh will go into sheep-raising on a 160 acre farm.

March 22, 1918

Books For Soldiers

On Monday next Peter Huss has volunteered to collect books throughout the city for the soldiers and sailors. If anyone having books to donate will telephone to the school office or any of the teachers, their books will be called for.

March 29, 1918

Nick Frank of Belle Plaine is engaged in the work of repairing the W. N. Southworth block recently damaged by fire. The building will be entirely renovated and put in first-class shape.

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune***March 4, 1943****Carload of Tin Salvage Shipped**

A gondola full of salvaged tin cans totalling 16,500 pounds, was shipped from Shakopee late last week, it was learned. The cans are destined for delivery at a detinning plant.

The discarded food containers, all washed and flattened, were collected by Jacob Res Bottling Works in cooperation with the residents and food stores of Scott and Carver counties...

March 11, 1943**Sparklers To Play in World's Champ Basketball Tourney**

One of 12 teams invited to participate in the World's Championship Basketball tournament in Chicago, March 14 to 17, the stellar Rock Spring Sparkler quint will leave for the Windy City Saturday, it was learned Tuesday.

In their first match on the opening day the Sparklers will meet the famed Chicago Studebakers, 1941 tourney champs, in what is expected to be one of the best games on the schedule.

Undefeated this season the Sparklers are likewise the undefeated champions of the Minneapolis Park league. Unofficially and off the record the bottlers defeated the University of Minnesota varsity team this season in a scrimmage game, and they also hung it on the St. Cloud Teachers' college quint now a contestant in a national college conference...

March 18, 1943**Surgical Dressings Unit Has Splendid Record**

The Scott County Surgical Dressing unit, including Shakopee, Jordan and Belle Plaine, has now completed 75,600 dressings and is expecting the next quota of 27,000-4x4 sponges in the near future.

When the shipment arrives the supervisors will be notified, so they in turn, can notify all others.

"When we resume the work," says Mrs. Al Johnson, Shakopee chairman, "we would be pleased to have many more workers join us in this worthwhile and much needed war work."

The work room is the Masonic hall over the Burshek hardware store, and will be open every Tuesday and Friday afternoon and evening, and on Sunday afternoons.

March 25, 1943**Successful Drive Made in Silk Hosiery Collection**

The drive for cast-off silk and Nylon hosiery, to be used for defense purposes, proved very successful. A Red Cross committee, with Mrs. Harry Berens as chairman, packed and shipped several boxes containing 145 pounds to Green Island, N. Y., Tuesday.

The committee in charge greatly appreciate the assistance accorded them in this work by local merchants, they are also grateful for all contributions received.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News***March 7, 1968****Break-In At Shakopee High**

Reported to the Shakopee police, who investigated, and at the special meeting of the Shakopee Public School District No. 720 Board of Education meeting Monday night of this week was a break-in sometime last Saturday evening, March 2, at the Shakopee Senior High School on Tenth Avenue.

Superintendent John Feda said that entry had apparently been gained through a window. Taken from the soft drink vending machine in the Teachers' lounge, at the west end of the building, was money from the coin box that had been pried open. Evidence also indicated that the intruders had been in the girl's lavatory.

However, according to the reports there were no evidences of vandalism and the window had not been broken...

March 14, 1968**Will Seek Bids On City Swimming Pool**

By action of the Common Council of the City of Shakopee at its regular meeting held Tuesday evening of this week, March 12, bids are to be received on the construction of the proposed municipal swimming pool at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9, in the Shakopee City Council chambers, at which time they are to be publicly opened.

The bids are to include costs of a sand-bottom swimming pool, approximately 224 feet by 268 feet; a filter building, approximately 18 feet by 18 feet and a bath house, approximately 30 feet by 90 feet, along with the installation of the necessary water and sewer mains to serve the new facility.

Estimated cost of the facility by engineers is approximately \$150,000 for within-the-fence installations.

Proposed site for the municipal swimming pool is directly south of the Sweeney Elementary School on Tenth Avenue, with the pool facility to front on Adams Street...

March 21, 1968**Seeking Queen Contest Honors**

Two Shakopee entrants, as representatives of the Gopher State Timing Association Rod and Custom Spectacular Queen

contest, were guests on Bill Carlson's "This Must Be The Place" show last Saturday evening, March 16.

They are Miss Donna Tieben, employed at the Northwestern Bell Telephone Company office in Shakopee and Miss Peggy Costello, employed at American Finance in Shakopee...

March 28, 1968

Lightning Bolt Kills 2 Cows in Eagle Creek

Two Holstein heifers were killed by lightning and equipment in the farm home and work shop was knocked out at about 3:10 a.m. Sunday, March 17, during the rainstorm at the Roger Marschall farm in Eagle Creek township, located just off Scott County Road No. 82 and southeast of the glass factory in Valley Industrial Park in the Dean's Lake area.

According to reports, upon investigation the Eagle Creek farmer found a ditch in the ground with the sod torn up in a "wheel-spoke pattern" in the pasture just two blocks from the farm home...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

March 4, 1993

High school band California-bound

On Monday, the Shakopee High School Concert Band will be leaving for a week of "fun, sun and great music making in California," according to Andy Mast, director of bands.

The band will be participating in the Disney Magic Music Days festival held in the Disneyland theme park in Anaheim, Calif., and enjoying the offerings of the Southern California area...

March 11, 1993

City stand on Co. 18 lanes doesn't change

After another long discussion, the Shakopee City Council on March 2 stuck to its endorsement of a two-lane segment of County Road 18 between County roads 42 and 16.

The council previously discussed county plans to con-

struct County Road 18 as four lanes between the Highway 101/Shakopee Bypass interchange and County Road 42, and recommended that the portion between County Road 16 and 42 remain two lanes, a position favored by residents of that area...

March 18, 1993

Gallice is appointed Shakopee postmaster

Ritch Gallice was installed as Shakopee's postmaster during ceremonies Feb. 26 at the post office...

March 25, 1993

City approves plan for bypass stage

The Shakopee City Council on March 16 approved plans for the second stage of the Shakopee Bypass project, as well as a cooperative agreement covering the city's cost participation in that part of the project.

Plans for the second stage are complete and the Minnesota Department of Transportation will take bids on that section on April 2. Prior to bid letting, the city must approve of the plans.

The DOT also requested that the city execute the cooperative agreement covering the city's cost participation. Under the agreement, the city will pay for all costs associated with linear detention ponds, which were designed to conform to the city's mill pond drainage basin for storm water. The city is also required to pay for a share of the storm sewer costs on county highways.

The total estimated cost to the city is \$822,947, most of which is for water ponds or storm sewers. The total being bid by the DOT is estimated at \$4.5 million.

The Stage II B of the project will include construction of two bridges at the county roads 17 and 83, reconstruction of the county roadways within the bypass limits, storm water construction, and construction of the city's linear ponds along the bypass right of way.

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