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125 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Courier*

May 4, 1893

Schroeder's brick yard is under water, only the upper portion of the main buildings to be seen.

125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 4, 1893

There is some talk of organizing a mandolin and guitar club in the town. Such a club could be readily worked out of the supply of available timber, and the organization would surely afford much entertainment to both players and "playees." Let the rumor become a fact.

May 11, 1893

The street committee of the common council has rightly decided that a pretty general repairing of old sidewalks and the building of some new ones this year are demanded by the best interest of the town. They are not yet ready to report, but it is understood that sidewalks are to be built on both sides of the street leading to St. Mark's church, and also on one side of Sommerville to the Methodist church. There are, too, some half dozen condemned walks that will be rebuilt.

May 18, 1893

The Shakopee Mill Co. are having a tin roof put on the mill, E. J. Gellenbeck having the job.

May 25, 1893

The residence of John McMullen is becoming quite *en de siecle* under the paint brushes of Paul & Heroux. Terra cotta is the color and the result will be an even more attractive dwelling than before.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

May 3, 1918

W. C. Mellor returned to his duties at the Central Cafe on Thursday, after a week's absence in Rochester.

May 10, 1918

T. E. Harris arrived here from Hallock on Monday morning and has taken charge of the electric light plant. Mr. Harris has been elected superintendent, which position he held several years ago. His family is expected here in a short time to remain.

May 17, 1918

An automobile accident occurred near the Naenicke home,

west of here, early last Monday morning, when a Ford coupe, with six occupants turned turtle. The party were from the cities and four suffered bruises about the head and body. The machine was a complete wreck.

May 31, 1918

School Consolidation Up to Voters

State Supt. C. G. Schulz was down from St. Paul last Thursday to confer with County Supt. T. J. Nickolay and the school officers of district Nos. 1, 3, and 41 with regard to the proposed consolidation of the three districts. Only a few of the officers were present at the conference, which took place at the high school but the preliminary steps were taken in the matter, and as soon as possible the proposal will be submitted to the voters. County Engineer Donald Childs is now drawing a plat of the proposed new district, and a table of valuations is also being drawn up, and these will be presented to the State superintendent, and when they have been approved and the county superintendent notified, then the call will be issued for the election.

The petition which was circulated last week and the week before was handed to the State School Inspector Phillips last week and was placed on file. The meeting called for Friday night, however, did not take place for the reason that Supt. Schulz could not stay over.

The proposed plan will be a distinct benefit to the three districts, if carried out. Not only will it effect a great economy, but it should also increase efficiency, at least for the two

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smaller districts which will be absorbed in the consolidation.

As things stand now, it seems likely that school No. 41 will be continued during the coming year even if the proposal carries.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 3, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown have moved into the west half of Miss Anna Mergens' residence.

May 10, 1918

Two Men Crushed Under Falling Wall

A bad accident occurred at Shane Bros. & Wilson mill Monday in which Anthony Baseman and Michael Brum were seriously injured. A crew of men were at work installing a new track scale when a wall supporting the scale gave way without warning and the two men were caught in the falling debris.

Baseman was buried up to his neck in rock, sustaining grave injuries. His right femur was fractured, his cheek bones and nose broken and he was terribly crushed and bruised, his right lung being badly injured. Michael Brum was less severely hurt but sustained a bad compound fracture of the left leg just above the knee joint.

Dr. Reiter, the company's physician, attended the men and decided that hospital treatment must be had at once. Accordingly an ambulance came out from Minneapolis as soon as possible and they were taken to Northwestern hospital.

Baseman's condition is critical and it is feared that he may not survive, although he is doing as well as could be hoped for considering the nature of his injuries. Michael Brum's fracture, it is feared, may result in a stiff knee joint, but he will have the benefit of the best treatment to avoid such a possibility if it can be done by medical skill...

May 17, 1918

A force of men and teams are at work hauling materials for the construction of the bridges on the trestle road before the actual road work is begun. The work will be pushed as rapidly as possible.

May 24, 1918

Misses Gertrude Scherkenbach and Matilda Ring left last evening for Washington, D. C., to accept positions with the government in stenographic and clerical work.

May 31, 1918

As Peter Cassellius, Flaherty & Lies' popular clerk, was walking across the bridge Tuesday evening about 8:15 o'clock he was struck in the leg by a stray bullet of 22 calibre, receiving a painful but fortunately not a serious wound. The bullet was fired from a small rifle in the hands of Earl Hatton a four-

teen-year-old boy who is said to have run away from his home in Minneapolis and spent two or three days hereabouts. The boy claims to have fired at a sparrow and the bullet hit the bridge and glanced off, striking Peter in the right leg about six inches above the knee. Dr. Reiter dressed the wound and no serious results are looked for but the injury might easily have been a dangerous one. The boy was taken in custody by Nightwatchman Frank Miske and returned to his home in Minneapolis.

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

May 6, 1943

Local High School Team Wins Baseball Conference

Going through the season undefeated the Shakopee high school baseball team hung up its final victory Tuesday afternoon, defeating Chaska 15 to 3, to emerge as champions of the Valley conference.

In succession, the locals defeated Waconia 6-1, Eden Prairie, 4-3, Watertown 6-1, and then Chaska, 15-3.

As conference champions the Shakopee team will meet the champs of the Lake conference, not yet determined, to decide who will claim the laurels of the district title.

The district championship game is to be played at Shakopee May 21, it was announced Wednesday.

May 13, 1943

Fifty Years In Medical Field

It was back in 1893 that he graduated from the College of Medicine at the University of Minnesota. He was then a young man 30 years old. Today still hail and hearty, Dr. H. W. Reiter still continues the active practice of his profession in Shakopee.

For 50 years he has been a doctor and Tuesday night he, with eight others in the state, will be honored by becoming members of the Minnesota State Medical association's "Fifty Club". The ceremonies and dinner are to be held in the Minnikahda club, Minneapolis...

After obtaining his degree in medicine Dr. Reiter practiced for a time at Clara City and Kerkhoven, and in 1897 came to Shakopee where he remained. For the first 16 years of his practice the country calls were made by horse and buggy, and all calls in and near the city were made on foot. It was not until 1909 that he acquired his first automobile—a four seated Buick.

Many here will recall that green car with its round-back seats in front and the big brass-trimmed headlights. According to the doctor it was a real open air model, for as he said, "Tops didn't come with cars in those days."

Doctor Reiter has seen much of life and death in his 50 years in the practice of medicine, and the roster of babies he

brought into the world during that span would fill several volumes.

May 20, 1943

Philip Hill, Shakopee, Local Slogan Winner

Philip Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hill, of this city, with his slogan: "Half the Road Your Driving Code," gets the award offered by the Argus-Tribune, in the contest for the best war-time Traffic Safety slogan. This is a statewide contest instituted by the Minnesota Editorial association, who offers to school students as first prize a \$25 War Bond, second prize, \$10 in War Stamps, and third prize, \$5 in War Stamps. As stated above Philip gets the award of \$5 in War Stamps offered by the paper.

His slogan will now be forwarded to the Minnesota Editorial association to compete with other school students in the statewide contest. We wish Philip success in the wider field of competition.

May 27, 1943

Heads Committee for Post War Jobs

William Ries of the Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Inc., has been appointed Shakopee community chairman of the Committee for Economic Development. The announcement was made today by Edw. B. Cosgrove, chairman of District 3 of the CED, which includes all of Southern Minnesota...

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

May 2, 1968

Long-time bump removal project, finally achieved at the insistence of city officials, was under way this week at the railroad crossing at Second and Lewis. The Milwaukee Road section crew was at work improving the crossing with the area blocked off for a few days, an improvement that will be welcome by all motorists using this thoroughfare. The improving include the removing old ties and replacing them with new ones and raising the rails as well, as leveling to achieve the bump elimination.

May 9, 1968

Firing of furnace at Midland Glass Co. in Valley Industrial Park, just off Highway 101 and east of Shakopee, marked the relighting of the rebuilt furnace after a lengthy shut-down, it having gone out of production in the fall of 1967, as well as putting the Shakopee plant's furnace production and employment back to having prospects of full capacity. The lighting ceremony was held last Thursday afternoon, May 2, with it to take 10 days for the furnace, "Mannerva", to heat up...

May 16, 1968

Milwaukee Road, City Officials To Meet on Track Relocation May 23

That officials of the Milwaukee railroad are now interested in the proposal of relocating the tracks on Second Avenue in Shakopee and have requested a meeting with city officials, was revealed at the regular meeting of the Common Council held Tuesday night of this week in the City Hall Council Chambers on East First...

May 23, 1968

Damage was in evidence to the Eagle Creek Village Hall sign on Sunday of this week, May 19. The sign, on the Village Hall grounds, was defaced by several bullet holes and has evidently been used for target practice by vandals, according to reports.

May 30, 1968

Suggest Action On City Charter As 'Public Utilities Gap' Solution

Amending the present charter of the City of Shakopee to give it home-rule status was the proposal made at the special meeting of the Common Council held last Thursday evening, May 23, as a possible means of effecting a more solid base for an understanding between the Common Council and the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission.

This came after a detailed discussion by City Administrator Melvin Lebens on the proposed some 25 points in an Administrative Code that the Common Council has presented the Utilities Commission for adoption...

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

May 6, 1993

Prison expansion tied to growth in inmate population

The dramatic increase in the number of females committing felony offenses and drug-related crimes will have in direct impact on the Shakopee community when work on an \$11 million addition the Minnesota Correctional Facility for Women begins this month.

The expansion will not only mean the addition of 45 living units, a 10-bed mental health unit and a 28,000-square-foot industry building, but an increase in the number of people who work at the prison by 50 to a total of 158...

May 13, 1993

Design project for downtown OK'd

The Shakopee Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) on May 4 voted to hire Steve Cross to complete architectural vignettes for 10 blocks in the downtown area for a fee not to exceed \$2,500, plus reimbursable expenses not to exceed \$750.

And the HRA, which is also the City Council, voted to impose a 180-day moratorium on the issuance of Downtown Rehabilitation Program grants until the design work is completed.

The HRA agreed to a recommendation of the city's Community Development Commission (CDC), to have the work done to provide a design theme for the downtown area...

May 20, 1993

Shakopee Storm? Sting? How about Sabers? Students decide today

Shakopee Storm. Shakopee Sabers. Shakopee Sting.

Those are the alternatives Shakopee students in grades nine through 12 will be voting on today as they pick a new school mascot...

May 27, 1993

State bonding bill contains funds for bridge, affects Shakopee prison

A \$69.5 million bonding bill approved by the Legislature and sent to Gov. Arne Carlson includes \$6.9 million for what is expected to be the next-to-last phase of the new Bloomington Ferry Bridge project.

Also in the bill is \$9.6 million for the first phase of converting the Moose Lake state facility into a medium-security prison housing up to 620 inmates. The total cost will be \$25.8 million. The 1994 Legislature is expected to be asked to fund the rest. When renovation is complete, 55 female inmates at Moose Lake will be transferred to the women's prison in Shakopee after a 100-bed addition to the 144-bed facility is completed in July 1994.

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An aerial overview of Shakopee in 1909, looking northeast from St. Mark's Catholic Church.

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