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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

June 1, 1893

Dr. J. G. Mitchell who has been practicing in Jordan for several years past has selected a new field of labor in this city. He will commence work here on Monday next. The doctor has had quite an extended experience in work in the medical profession and will, no doubt, prove an acceptable addition to Shakopee's intelligent and progressive corps of physicians.

June 8, 1893

Two new pneumatic tired Eclipse bicycles are now circling around town incorporating some extra life and energy into the muscles of Messrs. John Marx and Walter Southworth. The wheels are handsome and serviceable ones in every respect.

June 15, 1893

A large stuffed eagle is on exhibition at Strunk & Sons. It is a fine specimen of the American bird, measuring eight feet from tip to tip of its wing. It is worth a visit.

June 22, 1893

Joseph Voelker is putting in the ice box for his new meat market which will be open for business some time in July.

June 29, 1893

Get good new firecrackers at Roth Bros. Every one warranted to pop.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

June 7, 1918

FOR SALE:—9 room house, hard and soft water, electric lights, telephone, garage, fine barn, chicken house, garden, cement walks all conveniences. Time and terms to suit purchaser. Apply to Mr. Jacob Zettel.

June 14, 1918

Shakopee's war gardens draw many exclamations of wonder and approval from people passing through the town. Mike Huss, who won the garden prize last year, is on the job again this year with the intention of breaking his last year's record. Mike is surely doing his best to give the Kaiser bad dreams.

June 21, 1918

The R. M. Plumb family left for Minneapolis on Sunday evening, where Mr. Plumb will be employed by the Soo rail-

road company. The Plumb family have been residents here the past several years, Mr. Plumb being employed as agent at the Milwaukee station. The best wishes of a wide circle of friends go with them to their new home. Miss Rose Neiters accompanied them and will be employed in the Soo office.

June 28, 1918

Council Lets Contract

At a special meeting of the city council Tuesday night, bids were received for the construction of the sidewalk on the Minnesota River bridge. W. S. Hewitt of Minneapolis, the same who is constructing the trestle on the mile road, was awarded the contract, his bid being for \$2,190, as against the bid of the Iowa Bridge Co. for \$2,900. Construction will begin as soon as steel can be got onto the ground...

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

June 7, 1918

Will Nieters sold his dray line to John Lenzmeier and Ed Unze, the new proprietors taking charge of the business on June 1st.

June 14, 1918

Miss Elizabeth Schell and Henry Marschall of School District No. 6, Eagle Creek, turned over \$77.75 to the local Red Cross, proceeds of a basket social given last week. The sum of \$7.76 was also raised by the Junior Red Cross of the district.

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June 21, 1918

Frank Robert Thompson, a transient, who was brought here by Constable Wagner from Belle Plaine Wednesday of last week, died Friday night in the county jail of acute alcoholism. Thompson was a barber by trade and came here first on June 2d from Bemidji and spent a day or two at Mudcura sanitarium. From there he went to Belle Plaine where he claimed to have an uncle residing. He was about 41 years of age, of good appearance and well dressed. Coroner Reiter attempted to trace relatives of the man and receive communications from a practicing physician at Sheboygan, Wis., who is thought to be a brother. The latter, however, failed to claim the remains and the body was buried Sunday morning in Valley cemetery.

June 28, 1918**River Bridge Here Will Be Rebuilt**

The Hewitt Bridge and Construction Company of Minneapolis, the same company who is now building the two hundred and forty foot bridge on the trestle road, was awarded the contract to reconstruct the bridge spanning the river here at Shakopee. The contract price is \$2190, \$700 less than the next lowest bid. The Hewitt Bridge Company was in a position to do the work for less money than any or either of the other companies bidding on the job because it had its equipment already on the ground.

The construction of the bridge contemplates, among other things the increase of its present capacity so that foot walks may be built for the accommodation of pedestrians or foot-passengers. The work will be started as soon as possible, so that the bridge will have been completed before the Scott County fair at Shakopee Aug. 29-30 and 31.

75 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Argus-Tribune***June 3, 1943**

A food and needlework sale, under the sponsorship of the ladies of St. John's Lutheran church is to be held in the Ketterer building next Thursday afternoon. A lunch of sandwiches, ice cream, cake and coffee will also be served.

June 10, 1943**NYA Here Drops Japanese Youths**

Termination of vocational training for all Japanese-Americans enrolled at the Shakopee N.Y.A center, was ordered late last week in a telegram from C. Aubrey Williams, national director of the N.Y.A. Reason for the order is yet unexplained, officials of the Shakopee center said.

The termination order affected 76 youths, ranging in age from 17 to 24 years, who had been brought here under federal government approval, from Japanese war relocation centers in Arizona...

First members of the Japanese group arrived at the Shakopee N.Y.A. center May 28 and the last group arrived June 3, the day the termination order became effective. C. B. Lund, regional administrator of N.Y.A., immediately went to Washington in an attempt to determine why the program for training Japanese Americans had suddenly been altered. The results of Lund's journey have not yet been learned here.

By Monday of this week all of the imported boys affected by the order had severed their connections with the N.Y.A. center. Several, it was learned, were to remain in Shakopee where they had obtained employment. Others have been employed in other sections of the state and those who have no employment are now being housed by the War Re-location authority at a Medicine Lake camp near the Twin Cities.

June 17, 1943**Canning Demonstration Today at High School**

Under the auspices of the Farm Bureau Agricultural Extension Service a canning demonstration will be held at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday) in the local high school.

Miss Hobart, of the University Extension Service, will have charge of the demonstration to which the public is cordially invited. Many interesting hints on canning, will, no doubt, be given which will prove beneficial to home canners.

June 24, 1943**Price Complaint Panel Announced for County**

Formation of a panel to hear price complaints voiced by consumers in Scott county was announced this week by the Scott county ration board.

In addition to hearing the complaints of consumers, the panel will provide retail merchants with information on pricing.

The panel includes Donald Childs, E. J. Huber, and J. A. Metcalf, Shakopee; E. L. Schmidt, New Prague; Mr. Lundquist, Belle Plaine; and Al Wurst, Jordan.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News***June 6, 1968****Short-Wave Now Operational**

St. Francis Hospital in Shakopee, announced this week that a short wave receiver is now operational.

The receiver is battery-powered in an event of a power failure, and gives the Hospital direct contact with Sheriff's office at Shakopee.

Arrangements also are being made for the Sheriff's office of Chaska to be able to contact directly in the near future.

Installation will be used by ambulance companies to advise the Hospital that vehicles are enroute, together with vital information such as the number of patients, condition of each patient and anticipated needs on arrival. The unit will give

the hospital communication, relative to severe weather warnings, as the Shakopee hospital will be on direct communication with WARN center.

A St. Francis spokesman stated that this was the first step made by the hospital toward a system that will adequately meet all emergencies.

June 13, 1968

Shakopee District 720 seeking Parochial Schools' Correlation

A meeting previously scheduled with St. Mark's and St. Mary's Parochial schools to correlate inter-school programs for the coming school year has been postponed, it was announced at the regular June Board Meeting of School District 720 held at 7:30 p.m. on Monday of this week, June 10, at the Shakopee Senior High School.

It was noted that there seems to be some dissension in adopting the shared time and other programs of previous years and the two Parochial schools wish to meet with each other before meeting with the District No. 720 board...

June 20, 1968

Canceled Check From Tracy Found On Weckman Farm

Gerald Weckman, RR 1, Shakopee, was walking on his farm located out Apgar Street, two and a half miles south of Shakopee, when he came upon a canceled check.

It was a check from a bank in Tracy, Minnesota.

This was another of the several reports in the area of "fallout" from this Minnesota community ravaged by the tornado that hit Tracy last Thursday night. Tracy is about 150 miles southwest of Shakopee...

June 27, 1968

Named Business Administrator For Shakopee Medical Center

J. E. Ponterio, M. D., P. J. Adams, M. D. and A. A. Spagnolo, M.D. announce the appointment of Frank J. Schneider of Shakopee as business administrator of the Shakopee Medical Center, 323 Naumkeag, in Shakopee...

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

June 3, 1993

Amphitheater plan being challenged by city of St. Paul

Although Minnesota's horse racing community has offered few comments on a proposal to turn Canterbury Downs into an outdoor amphitheater, and few local residents have voiced opposition to such a plan, the St. Paul City Council has wasted no time in bidding for that same amphitheater for the city's riverfront district.

The council, acting as St. Paul's Housing and Redevelopment Authority, agreed May 27 to solicit proposals for an amphitheater and put the bidding on a fast track to persuade the four companies interested in developing an outdoor music

venue to come to St. Paul instead of Shakopee...

June 10, 1993

Far apart on art

After months of philosophical discussion on the power of art, a debate on the year Shakopee became a city and discussion on whether the etching of a church steeple constitutes a violation of separation of church and state, the Shakopee City Council last week gave final approval to a new logo and tag line for the city.

The city's tag line will now read: "Community pride since 1870". The logo is a small silhouette of the city's skyline...

At its meeting June 1, the council approved a redesigned version, which indicates a simplified skyline with the church steeple, Rahr Malting Co. and a bridge...

At a council meeting in April, the council could not even decide whether the city became a city in 1870. During a council discussion then, an attorney who attended the meeting on an unrelated issue told the council the city was not incorporated in 1870, but in 1858...

To settle the debate the council turned to local historian Julius A. Collier II. Until his retirement in 1990, Collier had been the city's first and only city attorney. His opinions are considered the final word when it comes to historical questions regarding Shakopee.

According to Collier, the original plat of "Shakopee City" and the plat of "East Shakopee" were filed, and on May 23, 1857, the city was incorporated.

However, the city ceased to exist on October 1, 1861, as a result of a state law. It was reduced to a township, along with Eagle Creek. During 1866 the Legislature told the community it would become a village — a decision community folks never acted on.

In 1870, the city of Shakopee was established by the Legislature and the first city election was held.

Early last month the council decided that 1870 would be the date used...

June 17, 1993

Met Council will plan for metro radio system

The Metropolitan Council has been given the lead role in developing a regionwide plan to share local government two-way radio channels and equipment. A bill signed into law by Gov. Arne Carlson directs the council to develop several alternatives and make recommendations to the 1994 Legislature...

A recent council study requested by local governments revealed that local government two-way radio systems are reaching their limits of capacity and performance. The study indicated a shared network would provide cost savings for local taxpayers over the cost of upgrading the many separate and overlapping radio systems serving them today.

The proposal has not been received warmly by local government officials in Scott County. They say there is no radio capacity problem in this area, and they fear that people in the area will be paying for a system that will benefit larger counties, such as Ramsey and Hennepin.

June 24, 1993

Water levels may approach those of '65, '69 floods

The Minnesota River swept through Scott and Carver counties this week at levels that could rival the history-making floods of 1965 and 1969. From Mankato to St. Paul, residents and government officials prepared for the water that swirled over highways, bridges, businesses and some homes beginning Monday.

The National Weather Service said that this week's flooding will come close to — but likely will not exceed — the flooding levels that occurred in this area in 1965 and 1969.

On April 11, 1965 the highest readings at Jordan were 725.07 feet above sea level. On April 19, 1969, the water measured 722.76. On Tuesday, the water there measured 719.01. It is expected to crest on Friday at 721.04, about 14 feet above flood stage...

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The waters continued to rise Tuesday night at about an inch an hour.

Area bridges are expected to remain closed for approximately two weeks, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (DOT).

As anyone with a motorized vehicle knows by now, the Highway 169 bridge on Holmes Street in Shakopee was closed Monday morning. Highway 41 between Highways 169 and 212 in Chaska was closed at 1 p.m. Monday. The Bloomington Ferry Bridge closed again last Thursday, and has been closed so often this spring it is hardly considered in one's travel plans. The bridges that cross the river in Jordan and in Blakeley Township are also closed, leaving only the Highway 25 bridge in Belle Plaine, Interstate Highway 35W, and the Cedar Avenue bridge as escape routes to the northern side of the river. In all, Scott County has closed seven roads and bridge, said County Highway Engineer Brad Larson...



Working in a Victory Garden in 1917, on the southeast corner of Lewis Street and Second Avenue.

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