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## 125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 6, 1893

B. A. Kohler has sold his drug business to Messrs. M. A. Deutch and Herbert Zettel, of Jordan, the deal being concluded last Saturday. The purchasers take possession about the first of August. Mr. Deutch has had six years experience as prescription clerk with Jos. Kerer, of Jordan, and comes to his duties here very well recommended. The gentlemen are to be congratulated on securing a neat and progressive business in our thriving little city.

July 13, 1893

Last Tuesday afternoon as Dr. Sabin and father were driving along First street their horse suddenly shied, throwing himself flat and tipping the buggy completely over. Dr. Sabin was thrown out but his father was caught in the buggy top. The doctor, however, succeeded in holding the desperate brute down until the old gentleman cleared himself of the wreck. The horse then kicked himself free from the traces and betook himself to the barn. He has an ugly wound in his side caused by a piece of broken thill piercing it. The buggy as well as the harness is almost a total wreck. The cause of the accident, thus saith the doctor, was nothing but the pure wickedness in heart of that dark horse, whose spirit has never been broken.

July 20, 1893

When you visit the World's Fair, and become satiated with viewing strange sights and wish to rest your eyes upon some object familiar and homelike, just wend your way into the Agricultural Building, up to the second floor, and down column I until you come to the Mineral Water Exhibit, and there will be found a square plate glass case labeled Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Shakopee, Minn. which contains a neatly built pyramid of bottles containing Jacob Ries's well known specialties, Pear Champagne, Ginger Ale, Lemon Soda, Sarsaparilla Tonic, and Rock Spring Mineral Water, altogether making a pyramid about eight feet in height. The case itself is 6 feet square and 10 feet high and its base is painted white and trimmed with gold. The four sides are of plate glass. The exhibit presents a very attractive appearance and reflects much credit upon this enterprising firm, whose reputation for fine temperance drinks, by the way, is far from a local one. It is an expensive it of advertising, but Mr. Ries knows that advertising pays and pays well, and he expects to lose nothing

from placing such an exhibit. He has already filled an order from the officers of the Columbian Guards, and they commend his goods in a very flattering letter. It will prove interesting to the visitor at the fair to look up our town's only exhibit save Mr. Gross's sand and seed pictures and egg plant, which have been spoken of before.

## Second Annual Pathways of Shakopee History Fundraiser & Silent Auction Presented by the Shakopee Heritage Society

Thursday, Sept. 13, 2018  
Turtle's 1890 Social Centre  
112 S. Lewis St., Shakopee, MN 55379  
\$40 (includes dinner)

5:30 p.m. Social • 6:30 p.m. Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Presentation by David Schleper  
(Following Dinner & Live Auction)

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Online at [shakopeeheritage.org/history-park/fundraiser-silent-auction/](http://shakopeeheritage.org/history-park/fundraiser-silent-auction/)



**July 27, 1893**

Last Tuesday three telegraph poles proudly reared their heads along the south side of First street, and "this cruel war is over."

**100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune***

**July 5, 1918**

**Consolidation Proposal Wins**

The election on the proposition for consolidating school Districts No. 1, 3 and 41 was held at the high school in District No. 1, Saturday afternoon and evening, June 29, and resulted in a victory for consolidation...

**July 12, 1918**

The first annual picnic of the Scott county beekeepers' association will be held on Sunday, July 14, at the farm of John Sames, one mile east of Marystown. A full attendance is desired.

**July 19, 1918**

**Butchers Picnic at Riverside**

The nineteenth annual picnic of the Minneapolis Retail Meat Dealer's association was held at Riverside park Wednesday, and the attendance was quite large, there being at one time or another during the day several hundred automobiles in town and on the grounds. The picnic was brought to Shakopee partly through the efforts of our local dealers, Chas. Hartman and Volkert & Jansen, and partly through choice of the executives of the association; but in any case, no better place for holding such an affair could have been hit upon than Shakopee and Riverside Park, and this seems to have been the opinion of the crowd, which very evidently enjoyed the outing...

**July 26, 1918**

**War Pictures At Gem**

Manager Shelton of the Gem Theatre has leased the government series of war pictures which the pathe company has been authorized to film. In presenting these pictures to the public of Shakopee Manager Shelton is not only bringing to his house the most interesting feature now obtainable, but is also performing a patriotic service in compliance with the request of the government war publicity service. That no attempt is being made to make money out of this feature is evidenced by the reduced prices which prevail on those nights when these pictures are shown. Every man, woman, and child in the community should make it a point to see these pictures of our boys and the life they are leading over there as often as possible.

**100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus***

**July 5, 1918**

**Material Arrives For Reformatory**

The first car load of building material to be used in the construction of the Woman's State Reformatory has arrived here. This material is to be used in the construction of the basement walls. The excavation of the basement will be commenced the first of next week.

**July 12, 1918**

**Trail Will Be Blazed**

President Moriarty of the Minneapolis to Albert Lea Trail, appeared before the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, and secured the necessary means with which to blaze the trail through Scott county. The county board of the various counties from Minneapolis to Albert Lea have taken up the work and our own efficient county board generously arose to the occasion and showed their enthusiasm in good road movements in granting the request of President Moriarty to blaze the trail through Scott county. This trail will bring through New Prague, Jordan and Shakopee a heavy traffic from the south and west, as well as from the Twin Cities, and is a valuable asset for our county. Joseph Klinkhammer is in charge of the work in Scott county.

**July 19, 1918**

Lester Brown has traded his five passenger Haynes for L. E. Dawson's seven passenger Studebaker which he will use in his auto service to Glen Lake.

**July 26, 1918**

While cranking his Ford delivery truck Wednesday, Leander, the seventeen year old son of John Thole tore the cords of his arm seriously. The injury happened in the same place

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where the arm was broken three years ago. Dr. Buck attended him and he is getting along nicely but will be unable to use his arm for several weeks.

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

**July 1, 1943**

#### **13 Shakopee Scouts on Victory Garden Outing**

Thirteen Shakopee Boy Scouts are now taking their turn of duty in the vast Scout Victory Garden project at Camp Tonkawa, near Maple Plain. They entered camp Sunday and will remain for two weeks.

Unlike previous summer outings which dealt chiefly with recreation and troop advancement this season's camp is a wartime work project in which every boy spends half of his time occupied in the vegetable garden helping to produce next winter's food.

The other half of the time is devoted to recreational activities thru which advancement in scout study and training is achieved.

**July 8, 1943**

M. E. Ferguson, local manager of the C. Thomas store, has brought his wife and little family to Shakopee. They arrived here from Albert Lea, Wednesday, and for the time being and until a house in town can be obtained, they will occupy the Andrew Kopsisca house over at the "Y". Mr. Ferguson relates an experience he had at Albert Lea last Sunday when the clouds hovering over the city opened up and let go upon that count the heaviest downpour he has ever seen. At the time, he says, he was bringing Mrs. Ferguson and their newly born heir home from the hospital and that the rain came down so heavy they were obliged to remain in their car for over two and one-half hours. Needless to say the Fergusons are welcome to Shakopee, where, it is hoped they may enjoy their residence and make new friends.

**July 15, 1943**

#### **School Band May Participate in Aquatennial**

Tentative plans are under consideration, weather conditions permitting, to have our school band represent the city of Shakopee as a participant in the Aquatennial parade in Minneapolis, on July 31.

Doubtless, the members of the band would appreciate it very much if such plans can be worked out. However, as stated the plans are only tentative, and their full realization is dependant on the working out of certain details. Something more definite should be known by this time next week.

**July 22, 1943**

#### **Weinmann Sheet Metal Works Developing into Real Industry**

One of the busiest manufacturing concerns in Shakopee

these days is the Weinmann Sheet Metal Works, located on East First street. Yes, the Weinmann Sheet Metal Works, from a humble beginning, in a comparatively short space of time, without any fanfare or flourish of trumpets, has developed into an industry of considerable proportions. In fact, so quietly has been the development of this industry that many of our folks were unaware of it—yes, even of its existence in our midst.

Besides taking care of the regular sheet-metal work which such a firm is called on to do, Mr. Weinmann told the reporter that he has a contract to manufacture 30,000 metal hog troughs. This entire output goes to one wholesale distributor. As this story is being written he has a force of ten or a dozen men at work on this contract, and the Schroeder building on East First street, into which he has recently moved his equipment and machines to give him more floor space on which to operate, presents a truly busy scene as the troughs are being made ready for shipment.

New machinery has been installed in the new location and more will be added as delivery is made, so that anything and everything in the sheet-metal line can be turned out as ordered. Along about October 1, Mr. Weinmann will have installed the necessary equipment and will be ready to manufacture other items of metal work, such as turkey waterers, chicken feeders, and many other items in the sheet-metal category, contracts for the manufacture of which, he pointed out to the writer, may be secured just as soon as he is equipped to begin making them. When that time arrives, he says he will have a force of 20 to 25 men at work...

**July 29, 1943**

NOTICE. — Effective immediately, there will be but one grocery delivery daily—at 11 a.m.; Saturday deliveries will be at 9 a.m. and 2 pm. This change must be made because of gasoline rationing. GEORGE A. RING.

### **50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News***

**July 4, 1968**

#### **Fast Draw Club 'Shoot-Out' Today At Stage Coach**

The Fast Draw Club will stage its annual Fourth of July Shoot-Out today (Thursday), beginning at 2 p.m. at the Stage Coach on Highway 101, between Shakopee and Savage.

In addition to demonstration of shooting skill by Fast Draw Club members, there is to be live country music by the Western Wildcats.

Admission charge is one-dollar for adults and 50 cents for children.

**July 11, 1968**

#### **Break-In At Shakopee House**

A burglary at the Shakopee House Restaurant on High-

way 101 (East First), East edge of Shakopee, was reported at 5:15 a.m. last Sunday, July 7, after the firm was broken into sometime between the evening closing hour at approximately 1:30 a.m. and 5 a.m. in the morning.

A three-quarter inch tire iron was the probable tool, according to authorities, used to pry off the second story window on the north side of the building, leading to the basement entry way on the northeast side.

The same tool was apparently used to pry the top off a cigar case from which the cigar money was taken, and also to smash the window on the cigarette machine.

Investigating is Patrolman John DuBois of the Shakopee Police Department.

**July 18, 1968**

### **Meet Today On County Bridge; Plan Inventory**

Scott County officials are to attend a meeting at 2 p.m. today (Thursday), July 18, at the offices of the Metropolitan Council, Capitol Square in St. Paul, relative to the joint Hennepin-Scott counties project of a new bridge to span the Minnesota River at the present Scott County Road 25, Bloomington Ferry bridge location.

The Metro Council set the meeting for a discussion of Hennepin and Scott proposal for the new bridge in alignment with Hennepin County Highway 18 and extending south along the boundary line between Bloomington and Eden Prairie.

The meeting announcement from the Metro Council stated that the joint bridge project is scheduled for 1970, but involved counties would like to begin soil tests yet this year to determine precise location. It added that a representative of Hennepin County would be present to discuss the proposal...

**July 25, 1968**

### **Hold First Reading Of Ordinance Combining City Administrator, Utilities Secretary**

First reading of Ordinance No. 268, dealing with the combining of certain city offices with that of City Administrator, particularly that of secretary to the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission, was held by the Commons Council of the City of Shakopee at its adjourned meeting Tuesday night of this week, July 23, in the City Building Council Chambers...

## **25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News**

**July 1, 1993**

### **Tired of gridlock? Try riding the river waves**

John Constantine's Emmy Lou is more petite and a lot quieter than Mr. Charles Allnut's African Queen.

The Minnesota River is also less treacherous (although the mosquito population is comparable) than the leech-loaded river that the African Queen traversed. Nevertheless,

both ferry boats are dedicated to service in an otherwise un-serviceable situation.

Since the flooding of the Minnesota River last week, Constantine — who is cleaner shaven and much tidier than the greasy Allnut character played by Humphrey Bogart — has looked for a way to ferry passengers across the river.

Owner of Creative River Tours in Shakopee, Constantine this week gained permission from the U.S. Coast Guard to land Emmy Lou on the west end of Murphy's Landing on the Shakopee side of the river, and near the Lions Tap restaurant on the Eden Prairie side of the river.

For \$5 each way, passengers can avoid the bumper-to-bumper, teeth-grinding trip via Interstate Highway 35W. The river passage also saves about 45 minutes time each way.

**July 8, 1993**

### **Red Cross recruitment by student paid off**

When Ruth Mattson, a recent Shakopee High School graduate, promoted a fund-raiser and disaster-volunteer campaign on behalf of the American Red Cross at her school in April, she had no idea that a disaster would stake Scott County.

Mattson, a board member of the American Red Cross and her school's Student Council, coordinated a campaign designed to enhance awareness that disaster can strike anywhere at any time. Students and staff were encouraged to donate a dollar or more and to register to donate up to three hours of time to help with disaster relief in the community.

With flood waters cresting at 14 to 16 feet above flood stage, Scott County definitely was experiencing a disaster. The Emergency Operations Center at the Scott County Courthouse in Shakopee needed immediate help operating special phone lines set up to provide the public with flood, weather and road information. The American Red Cross was contacted for volunteers, and the organization's Shakopee branch had a list available with volunteers to contact due to the high school recruitment campaign...

**July 15, 1993**

### **Amphitheater proposal advanced to City Council**

The prospect of Shakopee becoming home to a major amphitheater moved forward last Thursday when the Shakopee Planning Commission on a 3-2 vote recommended that the City Council allow such a use at the failed Canterbury Downs horse track...

**July 22, 1993**

### **City Council rejects amphitheater on 5-0 vote**

About 125 area residents and thoroughbred racing supporters applauded the Shakopee City Council Tuesday night after its unanimous vote against a proposal that would have

allowed an outdoor amphitheater and entertainment complex at Canterbury Downs.

The 5-0 vote was another blow to Ladbrooke Racing Corp., the co-owner of the failed horse racing facility. Rick Reichow, Ladbrooke’s U.S. chief financial officer and vice president, said the council’s decision would not revive horse racing at Canterbury...

The Marschall dairy farm, two miles south of Shakopee, has been a dairy farm since 1862. The family milks approximately 120 cows with an annual herd production of nearly 23,000 pounds of milk per cow. The family farms land in the Shakopee area, raising all the feed for its dairy herd. The entire family takes an active part in the operation of the farm...

**July 29, 1993**

**Shakopee’s Marschall farm was site of recent ‘Dairy Month’ tour**

A dairy farm owned by the Roy Marschall family of Shakopee was the site of the “June Dairy Month” tour sponsored by the Scott County Dairy Initiatives Team.

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