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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Aug. 3, 1893

Two young men with a long box, a square box, a hand organ, and a big painted sideshow canvass, stopped in our midst last Monday for a few hours. The long box contained a petrified Viking giant, the square one enclosed two monkeys, while the hand organ must have contained a whole chorus of the imps of darkness judging from the wails and discordant shrieks which emanated from out of its depths. The outfit had evidently come here expecting to see a crowd for the circus. They were disappointed.

Aug. 10, 1893

A steam merry-go-round, or "Flying Dutchman," is located on the vacant lots opposite John McMullen's residence. It commenced operations last night and was well patronized by the "small fry." The amusement is certainly fascinating and it will not be surprising if some of the children of a larger growth are found indulging in a trip or two. The owner stated that in some towns "the big ones are worse than the little ones." The outfit will remain about a week.

Aug. 17, 1893

Our enterprising horsemen have already raised money enough to pay for the use of the track until November '94 and now need donations to put it in shape for a boulevard. Every evening it is a sight worth seeing to go up and watch the exercise of the young as well as the old horses and sometimes witness a pretty brisk race. Our citizens should all help this cause as it is intended to benefit each and all in the near future.

Aug. 24, 1893

Last Saturday night tramps relieved Mr. Pengilly of twenty-three chickens and his neighbor, Mr. Thomas, contributed a large can of milk. It is safe to say that the love of these two gentlemen for the tramp element at the present time is away below par.

Aug. 31, 1893

Joseph Hirscher has that beautiful carved oak side-board on exhibition in the east show window of Hirscher & Sons' new and elegant brick salesroom. It is a splendid piece of work and deserves attention.

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



Pathways of Shakopee History trail sign at Memorial Park

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100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Aug. 2, 1918

Work has commenced on the new 5-room bungalow of Frank Boehmer, in east Shakopee, The foundation was completed on Monday and the raising of the structure was commenced.

Aug. 9, 1918

Nick Ries of Prior Lake, while driving down the mile road, which is being rebuilt, was unfortunate enough to have two blowouts in the tires on one side last Sunday. The roadster turned turtle in the ditch, badly smashing it. Mr. Ries escaped unhurt.

Aug. 16, 1918

Thomas G. Saymour and his men, who have been making an inventory of the property of the Tri-State Telephone in Scott county, have completed their work, having made a complete record of the condition of each unit, such as poles, wires, anchors and pins. The record has been filed with the state railroad and warehouse commission.

Aug. 23, 1918

Fined for Speeding

Elmer Brown, a driver from the sanitarium, was arrested for speeding in the city limits Monday and was taken before Judge Theo. Weiland where he entered a plea of guilty and paid a fine. Brown was warned some days before by Mayor Lenertz but evidently he thought that the mayor didn't mean what he said, for on Monday Mr. Lenertz saw him driving over the bridge at a high speed and caused his arrest. This is the first case to be prosecuted, but others will follow if infractions of the speed ordinances are persisted in.

Aug. 23, 1918

The ice cream social given for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran church, on the Rohlf's lawn on Tuesday evening, was a grand success. The Mandolin orchestra furnished the music. A fine sum was realized.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Aug. 2, 1918

Service Flag To Be Dedicated

On August 15th St. Mark's church will dedicate their service flag at an evening social on the church grounds.

Mr. Henry Husman is the generous and patriotic donor of the flag which is made of silk and is 3x5 feet in dimensions. It bears 76 stars—a gold star, four officers' stars with bars and one army nurse cross. Mr. Husman, the donor, has four cousins in the services with a fifth enlisted and waiting for his call.

On the occasion of the dedication Hon. J. A. Collier will

speak and music will be furnished. Refreshments will be served during the evening and amusements provided for the entertainment of patrons.

The event will be one of public interest and everybody is cordially invited to be present and witness the raising of the flag.

Aug. 9, 1918

Patriotic Event at St. Mary's Parish

On Monday evening, August 12th, St. Mary's church will hold flag-raising and dedicatory exercises on the church ground at 7:45 o'clock.

A handsome flag 6 by 12 feet and a 42 ft. flag staff have been donated to St. Mary's church by Mrs. Joseph Lenertz and the flag will be appropriately dedicated with a program of music and speaking. Mayor Lenertz will preside as master of ceremonies and such well known speakers as J. J. Moriarty, George F. Sullivan and Rev. Fr. Carey of St. Thomas college have accepted invitations to speak. The Shakopee Cadet band will furnish music during the evening and a social time follow the exercises. Refreshments will be served and a feature of the occasion will be a booth conducted for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The event is one of universal interest and Rev. Fr. Lee and the congregation of St. Mary's extend a cordial invitation to their friends of all denominations to be present and enjoy a pleasant evening with them.

Aug. 16, 1918

Boy Scouts Progressing

The Boy Scout organization has progressed rapidly. Sixteen members have signed up, with George Brown as patrol leader. The majority have ordered uniforms and are ready to be classed as Tenderfoot scouts. The object of the Boy Scouts is for training in military tactics to an extent, also to train in discipline and along other lines that are brought to bear in everyday life.

Aug. 23, 1918

Lightning Hits Church

During the severe electrical storm Wednesday night

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lightning struck the tower on St. John's Lutheran church, splintering it so that it will have to be rebuilt. The interior of the church was untouched and fortunately the bolt failed to set fire to the structure. Wind blew down the scaffolding at the women's reformatory and lightning also destroyed part of a stack of wheat on the J. Evans farm but the fire was put out shortly after it started. The storm was one of the worst of the year and continued for several hours with a torrent of rain. The recent heavy rainfall has caused the river to rise rapidly and the volume of water is now nearly bank full.

Aug. 30, 1918

Fifty Dollars for Races Tomorrow

S. L. Donaldson of Minneapolis has come forward with a voluntary request to offer and pay fifty dollars for foot races to be participated in by Scott county people only and to be staged by the Scott County Agricultural Society at the fair grounds tomorrow—Saturday afternoon. These races will be staged on a circular track immediately in front of the fair grounds...

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

Aug. 5, 1943

Civic & Commerce Assn. Sponsoring Cigarette Distribution

Send cigarettes to your fighting men! The Civic and Commerce association of Shakopee in conjunction with the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco company dealer and distributor of Camel Cigarettes, are sponsoring a project which when carried through, will provide servicemen overseas with cigarettes.

Your cooperation is solicited. Watch for the plan!

Aug. 12, 1943

Boarding Homes for Children Sought in County, Notice Says

That there is a growing demand in Scott county for rural boarding homes for children was disclosed by the State Division of Social Welfare, this week in a notice received by the County Welfare office...

Aug. 19, 1943

More Shakopee Scouts Now at Tonkawa

Bringing the total of the season's "campers" to 18, five more Shakopee Boy Scouts are doing their turn at Camp Tonkawa. They will return from their two-weeks stay Sunday.

Earlier in the season 13 members of the Shakopee scout troop spent two weeks at Tonkawa where this year the camping period is devoted to "victory gardening."

Many acres of the camp site have been planted to garden crops and the scouts have the duty of tending and harvesting the crops as part of their contribution to the nation's war effort.

Aug. 26, 1943

Post War Period Home Building

Daniel J. Fouquette, state director, and Ora E. Sahr, chief underwriter of the Federal Housing administration in Minnesota, visited Shakopee on Thursday of last week. Their visit in this community was for the purpose of examining into the residential situation in Shakopee with the view of making a survey, having in mind such assistance as their department may be able to render in the post-war home building program. They called on Mayor Cavanaugh, E. J. Huber of the First National Bank, and a number of other citizens of the community. The editor acknowledges a brief visit by the gentlemen...

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Aug. 1, 1968

Scott County At 30.4 Per Cent Third Largest Population Gain

Scott county had the third largest gain in population in the State of Minnesota as of July 1, 1967, according to estimates released recently by the section of vital statistics, Minnesota Department of Health.

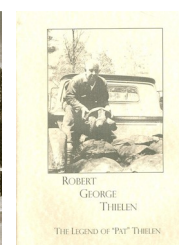
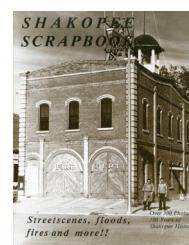
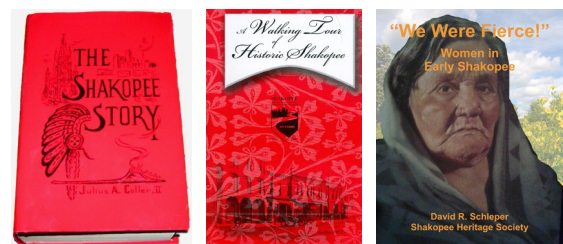
Only two other counties in the state had greater population increases over that of Scott county, showing a 30.4 per cent gain. They were Anoka County at 47.2 per cent and Da-

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kota County at 44.9 per cent...

Aug. 8, 1968

Establish Free Legal Service To Scott Co. Needy

The attorneys of Scott and Carver counties have established free legal services for residents who may qualify from Scott and Carver counties. Anyone who feels in need of legal services but cannot afford attorney fees is welcome to apply on the regularly scheduled dates and locations.

The Scott County location is the First National Bank of Shakopee every two weeks on Monday afternoon. The next scheduled day will be Monday, August 12 from 1 to 4 p.m...

Aug. 15, 1968

Plan Traffic Signals on E. First At Lewis, Up-Date Holmes

That the State of Minnesota Highway Department plans installation of a traffic control signal system on October 25 of this year at Lewis Street on East First (Highway 101), as well as to up-date the present control at the Holmes Street intersection was revealed at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shakopee Tuesday night of this week, August 13...

Aug. 22, 1968

Shakopee High Teacher Attends Aerospace Technology Institute

Jack A. Anderson, metal and electronics instructor in the Shakopee Senior High School Industrial Arts department, who joined the Shakopee High Faculty last 1967-68 school year, was among the 22 junior and senior high school teachers from the continental United States, Puerto Rico and the Canal Zone to recently complete a six-weeks National Defense Education Act Institute for Advanced Study in Power and Aerospace technology held at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan...

Aug. 29, 1968

Scott Board Names Courthouse Committee

A committee of 10 Scott County residents was named by the Scott County Board of Commissioners Tuesday of this week, August 27, to assist the county board with the planning and determination of meeting needs for new facilities at the Scott County courthouse site in Shakopee...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Aug. 5, 1993

County approves Stans Museum

Shakopee native Maurice Stans will construct a \$1 million building that will house a museum containing memorabilia and artifacts from his life and provide a home for the county's historical society under an agreement signed by Stans and Scott County Tuesday.

The Scott County Board voted 4-1 in favor of the agreement...

Negotiations between the county, the historical society and Stans dragged on for almost two years before the agreement was finalized this week...

The Stans Foundation will build the museum on a piece of property it owns between Second and Third avenues on Fuller Street in Shakopee. Ground breaking is expected next spring.

The foundation will pay construction costs and provide a \$200,000 annuity, the annual interest of which would go toward operating expenses. 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 levy will average \$50,000 a year, or \$1 a year for each resident.

The museum is expected to cost about \$70,000 a year in operating expenses. The Historical Society will control the facility and its operations, with a board of directors that will include five members from the organization, a county representative and a member of the Stans family.

Besides the 900-square-foot building, Stans will donate the house in which he was raised, across the street. The 1810 structure has been completely restored and furnished to resemble the house as it was when Stans' family lived there. The house stands just west of Eastman Drug Store...

Aug. 12, 1993

City told that without financial help, Murphy's will close

Murphy's Landing is on the brink of closing its doors by Sept. 15 if city and county officials do not infuse financial support at the Shakopee historic museum.

That was the message given the Shakopee City Council on Aug. 3 by Dr. Rolland Pistulka, vice president of the Minnesota Valley Restoration Project (MVRP) board, the organization that manages the 88-acre "living museum."...

Aug. 19, 1993

Kingdom come

If you build it, they will come.

"They" being 400 Jehovah's Witnesses from throughout Minnesota; "it" being a new Kingdom Hall.

In just four days — Aug. 5-8 — a new Kingdom Hall, or meeting place, for the Shakopee congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses was constructed.

The building was constructed at the intersection of County Road 78 and Old Brickyard Road, where the old Kingdom Hall had been located.

Thursday started with a handful of workers, carrying

boards around and working with various materials. By Friday, the site was a beehive of activity, with people in hard hats scurrying from a pile of lumber to a frame, and from a food tent to a scaffold.

Dick Hathaway, chairman of the regional building committee for the Minneapolis area, said that many of the people at the site were qualified craftsmen in a number of areas, including electrical, plumbing and bricklaying...

The crew started at 7 a.m. on Thursday and finished at 10:30 p.m. From there, crews worked around the clock, in shifts, doing everything from pounding nails to painting walls...

There were still small parts of the project to be completed, but on Monday a brick building stood where there had once been a frame.

"This was a bigger project than usual," said Steve Haefner of Shakopee, who was giving tours of the building. "This is about 8,000 square feet of finished space, plus a storage area that will be about another 500 feet. Projects like this are usually done in two weekends."...

The new hall is estimated to cost \$450,000. Besides volunteer labor, all materials are donated by members of the congregation.

As for the former building? "It was moved a mile down the road," Haefner said, pointing down Old Brickyard Road.

The congregation will eventually have an open house, which the public will be welcome to.

Aug. 26, 1993

Board OKs school designs

Building designs for additions to Sweeney and Pearson elementary schools were approved by the Shakopee School Board Monday night...

The additions are part of a \$10.6 million bond issue which was approved in a referendum in February. The project budget includes \$3.8 million for additions and remodeling at Pearson, and \$4.3 million at Sweeney.

Kevin Sullivan and Scott McQueen of Wold Architects and Engineers, St. Paul, the district's consulting firm on the projects, presented construction documents to the board Monday...

Each building will get an additional 12 classrooms, and allow space for 750 students at each site.

Changes at Pearson are estimated to be less costly because of the building's open-classroom concept. The 41,000-square-foot addition will be constructed to the east of the current facility. Renovations will be done on 8,000 square feet.

Other elements of the addition include art, science, computer and music rooms; an expanded media center; and two gymnasiums each with a floor space of 3,000 square feet...

Changes at Sweeney will be more costly and time-consuming, due to the less-flexible design of the structure.

Construction will be visibly more dramatic. There will be a two-story addition and new gymnasium at the back, or east, of the existing structure. Additions will cover 45,000 square feet, and there will be 14,000 square feet of renovations.

Besides new classrooms, arts, science and media centers, the Early Childhood Family Education Center, which is now housed in the high school, will be moved to the first floor of Sweeney.

Construction at Sweeney will be in two phases, with the first phase beginning in October. The second phase is slated to start in June 1994 and be completed by January 1995. Portable, or temporary classrooms, which are already in place on the south side of the building, will be used during this time...

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