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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Oct. 5, 1893

Wm. Beggs will remove to the Moore house on east Third street.

Oct. 12, 1893

The brick work on the Berens building is completed and some idea of how greatly it will add to the appearance of the north side of First street may now be formed. The block is made up of solid brick or stone buildings from the opera house to the bank and is faced on the other side by another block of excellent brick stores, the whole making a business street which takes the shine all off of our sister towns, and in this fact do we glory, yea, without ceasing.

Oct. 19, 1893

Nic Heger is tearing down his old residence and will immediately erect a substantial brick dwelling upon the same site. The new building will be two stories high, its width 28 feet, and its length 38. About twelve feet of the rear of the old building has been left standing to serve as a kitchen, and together with the new part will make a most commodious dwelling. The old structure was one of Shakopee's landmarks, having been erected in 1856 by Thos. H. Pitts, who used it as a general merchandise store for several years. Many will remember the old sign on the front of the building just above the door. Its ghost is still there under the paint and may yet be read thus: "CHEAP CASH STORE." After many vicissitudes the building fell in the way of a school and played an active part as a hall of learning for some time. It was finally made over into its recent form and had been occupied as a dwelling up to this week when it was forced to succumb to the influence of Shakopee's boom.

Oct. 26, 1893

There are on exhibition at Val. Zoller's shoe store some fine specimens of corn and mangel wurtzel. One root of the latter tips the beam at over twelve pounds. Michael Klerrer of Marystown poses as the husbandman.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Oct. 4, 1918

A service flag, containing eight stars was dedicated at the Presbyterian church last Sunday. Short services were held, H. D. Funk of Macalaster college officiating.

Oct. 11, 1918

Road Work Progressing

The popular point of interest at present seems to be the road across the river where the big dredge is at work. Since the commencement of operations less than two weeks ago the machine has advanced about 1500 feet from its starting place just north of the park and all along that distance has piled earth 8 to 10 feet deep upon the old roadbed. The machine, which has drawn the interest of so many since it commenced its career down the road, is well worth a few minutes of one's observation as it plunged its scoop into the earth, scoops up a yard or so of unloosened soil and with another movement swings its load over the grade and dumps it, repeating the operation at the rate of better than once a minute. Just where operations are now under way the soil is sticky and hard to work and things are going slower, but in dry soil the machine can probably throw two yards a minute...

Oct. 18, 1918

Miss Rose Lenertz has accepted a position in the freight depot at the Omaha station, on Monday. Her position at the mill has been supplied by Miss Spindler.

Oct. 25, 1918

Organize Red Cross Orchestra

Some time ago C. G. Bowdish was requested by some members of the Shakopee Red Cross chapter to organize an orchestra of home musicians to play for Red Cross dances and other functions, the idea being to turn into the treasury some

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of the money paid out for mere expenses of outside orchestras. Sometimes this expense amounts to as much as the wages of the players. By engaging home people this can be saved. Mr. Bowdish succeeded in getting together four people with whom will be associated a first class drummer. This will make a five-piece orchestra consisting of violin, cornet, trombone, piano and drums. The drummer, of course, will carry bells and miscellaneous traps. The first rehearsal was held Monday evening and the first dance will be given on Thanksgiving, if the Influenza epidemic has subsided by that time. So far the personnel of the orchestra includes Miss Beulah Bowdish, piano; Howard Delwo, violin; R. C. Byrde, cornet; August Lebens, trombone.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Oct. 4, 1918

John Abeln has purchased the residence property of the late Frank Buch and moved in Tuesday.

Oct. 11, 1918

Home Guards Mustered In

Thursday evening of last week the Home Guards recently organized by George H. Jones were mustered into service, Major F. E. Williamson, commanding the 13th Minnesota Home Guard battalion of Minneapolis, administering the oath to some 30 members. Major Williamson was accompanied by his staff officers, Capt. T. C. Snider, Capt. Carroll Crowl of A Company and Capt. J. R. Kelly...

Oct. 18, 1918

As a result of being accommodating Will Dietrich is carrying his right arm in a sling and will lose the use of it for several weeks. While in Jordan Saturday Will offered to crank a Ford for a friend and the car back-fired, breaking his wrist in the joint and causing a very serious injury. All of the Jordan physicians happened to be away and Will was forced to return home before he could receive surgical attention. Dr. Reiter is his attending physician.

Oct. 25, 1918

Farm Home Burned

Last Sunday afternoon fire of unknown origin destroyed an unoccupied frame building on the John Cameron farm in Eagle Creek. The house was formerly the old Fewer home. The fire had gained great headway before it was discovered and the building was burned to the ground. Mr. Cameron was planning to move into the place and had the cellar stored with vegetables and a large quantity of home canned goods which had been put up for the winter. All of it was a total loss but insurance was carried on the building.

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

Oct. 7, 1943

Red Cross Group Convened Friday

Comprehensive reports of the vast amount of mercy work and gratuitous service rendered in the past few months by the Scott County Chapter of the American Red Cross were presented when the officers and committee heads of the organization met with Miss Estelle Jamieson, county chapter chairman, at the Women's Reformatory here, Friday night.

That the reward of work is more work, was definitely established by a preview of the quotas, projects and service that have been assigned to the county chapter for accomplishment in the weeks, months and years that lie ahead...

Surgical dressing groups, since September 28, 1942, have completed and shipped 162,000 sterile dressings. On July 13, a total of 52,200 dressings were shipped. The October and November quota for this department is 39,000. Work on this quota has already begun and Mrs. Ellen Boppel, county chairman, advised the meeting that much more help is urgently needed...

Oct. 14, 1943

Fire Threatens Industries Here

The Kienzle and Merrick plant and the adjoining Page and Hill plant in West Shakopee, were seriously threatened by a fire of undetermined origin, on the roof of the Kienzle and Merrick plant, Tuesday afternoon.

Chaska and Jordan fire departments were summoned to assist the Shakopee department in fighting the stubborn blaze that centered at the terminus of a blower system which carries wood dust and particles from the Page and Hill plant. The blower terminates in a hopper and it was in that area that the fire fanned by a strong south wind, raged.

Dense smoke filled both plants and hundreds of workmen were obliged to vacate the building. Frank Blaha, Page and Hill employee, was overcome by smoke, and C. T. Jaspers, Shakopee firemen, received a back injury when struck by a falling board while working on a hose line. Both were taken to St. Francis hospital.

Accurate estimates of the damage to the industries and buildings were not available. Both plants were forced into idleness, spokesmen said, and it was in this that greatest loss was expected. Destruction and damage, in proportion to what could have happened to the structures and contents, was considered slight.

Oct. 21, 1943

Red Cross To Gather More Blood in County

New opportunities for Scott county residents to give their blood to save the lives of the nation's fighting men, will be afforded in November and December, when the Red Cross mobile blood-gathering unit returns to the county, Miss Es-

telle Jamieson, county Red Cross chairman, announced Tuesday.

The mobile unit is scheduled to visit Shakopee, Nov. 1, and Jordan Dec. 1...

Oct. 28, 1943

Offers Reward for Dog Poisoning Information

A communication from James Nankivell, executive agent of the Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, advises that his society is investigating the recent epidemic of dog poisoning in Shakopee and is offering a reward of \$150 "to anyone giving information leading to the arrest and conviction of dog poisoners."...

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Oct. 3, 1968

New 200-Bed Package Disaster Hospital On Hand To Meet Any City Emergencies

St. Francis Hospital administration announced this week that the strength of St. Francis Hospital, Shakopee has been increased many fold with the delivery of a 200-bed package disaster hospital.

The unit augments the present 117-bed capacity of St. Francis Hospital, and is a complete hospital unit in "every sense of the word," hospital authorities said.

The "package" includes an X-ray unit, operating room tables, instruments, medical supplies, sterilizers and two stand-by generators for light and power.

City and Scott County officials present for the unloading of the unit, which is now stored partly in the new Shakopee Public Utilities building, Fourth and Naumkeag, and partly at St. Francis Hospital, stated they were impressed with the completeness of the "hospital." They added that it is a boost for the area should a disaster occur...

Oct. 10, 1968

City Sunday Liquor Vote To Be On Nov. 5

Approved on a unanimous roll call vote at the regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Shakopee held Tuesday night of this week, October 8, was that the proposition of Sunday liquor be placed on the ballot, with voting by residents of the city to be during the General election on Tuesday, November 5...

Oct. 17, 1968

School Board Inviting Architects To Confer On Future Building Needs

Decision to invite three architects to a special meeting on Monday, October 28, of the Shakopee Public School District No. 720 Board of Education, set to consider future building needs of the school district, as well as to hold an adjourned

meeting tonight (Thursday), October 17, to further consider this topic, was made at the regular meeting of the District No. 720 Board held Monday evening of this week, October 14, in the Board room at the Senior High School on Tenth Avenue.

At the meeting this evening, District No. 720 board members plan to further consider the alternates of construction of a new Elementary school in the southeast sector of the city, remodeling the present building at Fifth and Holmes for a Junior High facility; addition of a possible wing on the present High School; need for an auditorium, as a further stage of the present Senior High School's building program; or a combination of these, along with the consideration of the "round school concept" and the "middle school approach" to curriculum presentation...

Oct. 24, 1968

Area Highways, South City By-Pass Included In Studies

The Minnesota Highway Department has signed contracts with two consulting engineering firms to conduct in-depth studies for two highway planning areas, including those in the immediate Shakopee area...

The larger of the two projects involved portions of Trunk Highways 169, 212 and 41 in Hennepin, Carver and Scott Counties. The object is to determine the most favorable approach to providing updated highway facilities for the area immediately southwest of the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area...

Also involved in the location of the Highway 169 bridge over the Minnesota River, proposed at the west edge of Shakopee near Rahr Malting, but strongly preferred by city officials at the east edge of the City of Shakopee...

The agreement calls for thorough evaluation of possible alternatives in providing locations for Trunk Highway 169 from south of Shakopee to the 62nd Street Crosstown in Hennepin County. The same information is to be provided for Trunk Highway 41, between Trunk Highway 169 and Trunk Highway 7, and Trunk Highway 212, from east of Cologne to Trunk Highway 169.

In addition the preliminary design will include a recommendation for a Trunk Highway bypass south of Shakopee.

This by-pass is also proposed in the Comprehensive Guide Plan for the City of Shakopee, and has bearing on the east of the Minnesota River bridge location...

Oct. 31, 1968

Ordinance On Utilities Secretary Post Fails

Ordinance No. 263, dealing with the combining of certain city offices with that of the City Administrator, and particularly that of the Secretary of the Shakopee Public Utilities commission being combined with the office of the City Treasurer, after a second reading failed to pass on a roll-call vote with all

four aldermen present voting “no...”

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Oct. 7, 1993

School expansion costs below projections

A contract for the construction of additions to Pearson and Sweeney elementary schools was awarded Monday during a special School Board meeting.

Adolfson & Peterson Inc. of Minneapolis was awarded the contract with a base bid of \$6.4 million. The School Board voted an additional \$462,000 to be spent on contingencies, including folding partitions for classrooms at Pearson, corridor carpeting at Sweeney, and air-conditioning at both buildings, for a total project cost of \$6.86 million...

Oct. 14, 1993

Names differ, but grocers strive to provide Super Valu

Workers from Lyle’s Sign Co. drove into the parking lot at Cleve’s Red Owl in Shakopee recently and removed the big red owl face which at one time represented 400 Red Owl supermarkets across Minnesota. It was a face that looked out to First Avenue since 1965.

In its place now is the name “Cleve’s Super Valu” — a name that store owner Dick Cleveland has long wanted to call his own. After remodeling the store and putting up the Super Valu name, Cleve’s held its grand opening Oct. 3.

Cleve’s Red Owl was the second to the last Red Owl to remain in business since Super Valu Inc. bought the wholesale chain about four years ago...

Oct. 21, 1993

St. Francis, HealthSpan reach accord

The affiliation of St. Francis Regional Medical Center in Shakopee with HealthSpan Health Systems Corp. of Minneapolis was made official last week.

Officials of Benedictine Health System (BHS) of Duluth, which owns and operates the Shakopee hospital, had been

negotiating with HealthSpan over several months before a final agreement was reached Oct. 13.

St. Francis joins one of the largest health services systems in the U.S. and the largest in Minnesota, with more than 16,000 employees.

HealthSpan becomes half owner of St. Francis, which has more than 400 employees and is affiliated with about 200 physicians. The hospital has existed since 1938, and besides Shakopee, serves Belle Plaine, Carver, Chaska, Chanhassen, Eden Prairie, Jordan, Prior Lake and Savage.

Under the agreement, HealthSpan will be responsible for day-to-day operations at St. Francis.

A new 13-member board of directors will be formed for the hospital, and include community members, physicians, and representatives from St. Francis, HealthSpan and BHS.

Other details of the agreement were not released.

Oct. 28, 1993

Word circulating that track will be sold soon

Reports are circulating among the Minnesota horse racing industry, legislators, and local officials that Canterbury Downs may soon have a new owner.

Rick Reichow, vice-president and chief financial officer of Ladbroke Racing Corp., the Shakopee racetrack’s co-owner, declined comment when asked whether there were negotiations underway for the purchase of Canterbury. Reichow did say that should a buyer emerge, it would be the new owner — not Ladbroke — that would make the public announcement.

Dick Krueger, executive director of the Minnesota Racing Commission, acknowledged that much discussion has been generated concerning an offer for the track. As of Tuesday, the commission had not received any information on any buyer, he said.

Sources within the racing industry, who asked not to be identified, said a deal for the track is near, but that nobody wants to jeopardize negotiations by making a premature announcement...

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