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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Nov. 2, 1893

A beautiful stuffed specimen of a native pelican is on exhibition at Deutsch & Zettel's drug store. It stands over two feet high and is of the purest white except on the tips of the wing feathers, where the color is shaded to a beautiful drab. The bird was shot, together with its mate, by Otto Zaum at Pleasant Lake. It is a valuable specimen, and well worth a visit.

Nov. 9, 1893

A decided improvement has been made on First street in front of Pat'k Condon's buildings, the old sidewalk having been replaced by a new and more substantial one.

Nov. 16, 1893

Messrs. Nicholas Berens and John Nachtsheim, who have for some years past been doing business under the firm name of The Shakopee Cash Store on Monday severed their business relationship, Mr. Nachtsheim retiring. Mr. Berens will continue the business here, while Mr. Nachtsheim will either open a general merchandise store in the How Block or accept a position with a firm in Minneapolis.

Nov. 23, 1893

C. Jos. Strunk received from Mr. Willson this week a big official envelope containing five cents, that amount being due him from his accounts of 1889, A. D. when postmaster here. He had remitted five cents too much on a money order, and the department has got up to '89 in its work and hence remitted the amount as stated. Mr. Strunk was obliged to write a receipt for the amount, which was duly forwarded to Washington.

Nov. 30, 1893

A skating rink has been made at the foot of Holmes street which will be owned and operated by Messrs. James Leyde, Michael Hartz, and Geo. Davis. The ice within the enclosure is in excellent shape and, if the institution can be kept running throughout the winter, it will prove a source of pleasure to the skating public and of profit to the owners.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Nov. 1, 1918

Schools Ordered Closed

The influenza epidemic seems to be far from checked so

far as Shakopee is concerned. On Tuesday the board of health and the school board judged it best to close the schools. This step was not taken owing to any outbreak among the children, but largely because many parents were keeping their children home, and the classes were pretty badly broken up. St. Mark's school closed the same day.

Nov. 8, 1918

Miss Helen Huth commenced a six months' term of school in the Kopp district in Eagle Creek on Monday.

Nov. 15, 1918

Shakopee Wild When Peace News Comes

Shakopee celebrated the surrender of Germany and the ending of the war as became a city which had sent more than a hundred of her young men into the service of the country. News of the surrender was first received in this city by W. N. Southworth shortly after 2 o'clock a. m. Monday morning, but he was unable to arouse anyone for a half hour. The operator at central who controls the fire bell was skeptical until Minneapolis had branded the report as official from Washington. Then the celebration broke loose. After the fire bell had sounded a few taps, the whistle at the stove works cut loose. St. Mary's church bell was next, then one after another the other vehicles of noisy rejoicing entered the arena of pandemonium. Although one of the last to begin, the bells of St. Mark's carried off first honors, for they can be heard for miles out into the country and it was their voices that carried the news to many a farm home hours before it would become

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known in the ordinary course of events. By 3:30 impromptu parades had been formed, and shouting crowds added their vociferations to the screeching of the whistles and the resounding of the bells. A bonfire was lighted at the corner of First and Lewis and the fire company turned out with the hose and ladder trucks. All day the bells and whistles kept up the fun, the whistles intermittently and the bells steadily. Trainmen added to the noise, and not a train came through that did not herald its approach with wild and prolonged "hip, hip, hoorahs" from its engine. One train on the St. Louis is credited with having tied open its whistle and maintained one long howl from Minneapolis to Albert Lea.

During the day several parades took place. Some of the girls staged one at 11 a. m. and in the afternoon the small boys turned out. The kids rode the Kaiser around in a garbage can, but the motto on their banner is better left unrecorded. In the evening a large parade was formed at the city hall. In this marched contingents from the local Red Cross, the Home Guard company, the Cadet band and other local institutions. In all probably 400 people marched. On one corner the Kaiser in his carriage of state, who had been the main feature of the parade, was surrounded by an armed guard soaked with coal oil and made to expiate his misdeeds in a blaze of fire, while J. J. Moriarty made a short address, the gist of which was a congratulatory encomium for Shakopee on her steadfastness and loyalty through the great days now past and hope that the temperature through which the Kaiser was just passing was not a fleabite to what he was going to get later on in the kingdom to which he will shortly be assigned. The individual celebrations lasted late in to the night. So much for the noise.

In every home, especially in those from which boys had gone out to do battle for civilization, there was rejoicing just as fervent of a quiet and prayerful kind. As Christian people who have prepared to make every sacrifice required for the cause of country, civilization and humanity, our people turned to their God in the hour of victory and though public worship in the churches was unadvisable owing the epidemic, many a thankful prayer was offered in the family circles that the horrors of war had been lifted from the heads of loved ones on land and sea.

Nov. 22, 1918

Shakopee Wants Cannon As Trophy

The war is over and Shakopee has given proof of her loyalty and devotion to the cause by the enthusiasm with which every war effort was supported as well as by her manhood contribution, many of whom joined the colors before the selective service act went into effect. Therefore the Tribune feels that the town should be presented with a public memorial of her activity in the cause of victory, and what could be

more appropriate than that the United States government should present us with a cannon, to be placed in some public place, either the city hall yard or the court house grounds, to be a permanent memento to these memorable times. A captured German gun would, perhaps, be preferable as a war trophy, but one of the field pieces which helped to drive the Hun back to his lair would also be highly desirable...

Nov. 29, 1918

A Boon to School Children

One of the happy results of the road grading job just north of the bridge which was not mentioned in the contract specifications is the gift to the schoolchildren (and the rest of us, too) of an artificial skating pond three-quarters of a mile long and twenty to forty feet wide, reaching from Riverside Park past the new cement trestle. Heretofore parents have had to worry over their children skating on the river, or on the lakes. But here is a skating pond close at hand and perfectly safe for the smallest children, the water being nowhere deeper than a few feet. Just now the ice is as smooth as glass, and it would be hard to find a better winter pleasure ground for the youngsters.

100 Years Ago: From the Scott County Argus

Nov. 1, 1918

Home Guard to Cloquet

Orders were received at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from Major Williamson of the M. H. G., commanding Company F to go to Cloquet to relieve other companies who have been on duty in the fire-swept region and to assist in the distribution of clothing and money for the refugees. Company F will also have its first experience in standing guard. Twenty-six members left on the evening train for Minneapolis where they were joined by Company A of that city and proceeded at once to Cloquet.

Nov. 8, 1918

Airplane Visits Us

Shakopee was "bombed" about noon last Saturday when a Curtiss biplane from the United States army air service mechanics school at St. Paul, manned by two aviators came wherring across country and gave an exhibition of aeronautics for the edification of the populace which was not slow in making its appearance when the presence of the machine became known. The aviators sailed low, barely missing the housetops and scattered literature broadcast, advertising the need of mechanics for air service. The driver circled the city and performed numerous stunts for about ten minutes before he headed for the twin cities and was soon lost to view. The same machine is reported by the twin city dailies as having visited other nearby towns.

Nov. 15, 1918

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bromann have moved to Minneapolis. Their home in this city was purchased by Chris Geisler who will move here in a week or two to reside permanently.

Nov. 22, 1918

Suffragists Organize

Under the direction of Miss Grace Randall of Minneapolis an equal suffrage club was organized in Shakopee Tuesday.

Miss Randall is one of the organizers for the Minnesota Woman Suffrage association. She is appointing committees in various towns to do the final work in making Minnesota women full citizens...

The following ladies were chosen as a ratification committee in Shakopee: Mrs. H. P. Marx, chairman; Mrs. W. F. Duffy, Mrs. Eli Southworth and Mrs. Henry Schroeder.

Nov. 29, 1918

Will and Ed Veiht have rented the Condon block on First street and will start a repair shop and garage. The work of remodeling the building to suit their needs will begin in about two weeks.

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

Nov. 4, 1943

140 Donors Gave Blood Monday

Bringing to 756 pints the total volume of blood gathered in Scott county by the Red Cross mobile blood-gathering unit, 140 points were taken in Shakopee Monday Mrs. William A. Pomije, chairman, disclosed...

Nov. 11, 1943

FOR RENT.—6-room house; immediate possession. ANTON BOEGEMAN, Shakopee.

Nov. 18, 1943

Short Wave Radio Employed by Telephone Company During Storm

Now that telephone communication has been restored to normal, and the damage caused by the recent snowstorm has been repaired, officials of the Northwestern Bell telephone company disclosed this week that a short wave radio transmitter had operated in Shakopee while lines were out of order.

Known as station KBRZ, the transmitter, generating its own operating power, was bridging a gap between Shakopee and Gaylord, where another station, KBRY, was in operation. Gaylord was isolated by the storm.

All calls coming into the Shakopee exchange and destined for the Gaylord exchange, were transmitted via radio from Shakopee and similarly calls leaving Gaylord were radiocast on a fixed wave-length and all times under the direct control

of the long distance operator sitting at her switchboard...

Nov. 25, 1943

Eagle Creek Farm Sale Recently Made

Another farm sale of recent days was that of Alton L. Peterson, who sold his farm located immediately east of Shakopee in Eagle Creek township, to Lawrence Boeckman of Jordan. Mr. Boeckman is planning to take possession on or about March 1...

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Nov. 7, 1968

Valley Cues Included In Firms' Acquisition Plan

A. C. Buehler, chairman, Victor Comptometer Corporation, Chicago, and Earl Feddick, president, Valley Manufacturing & Sales Company, Bay City Michigan, this week announced an agreement under which Victor plans to acquire Valley Cues, Inc. of Shakopee on an "exchange of stock basis."

Gene Hullander, Manager of Valley Cues, Inc., 240 South Shumway, also announced that the personnel at the Shakopee plant would be retained and that there are to be no changes in management.

Nov. 14, 1968

Settle Old Mill Jury Case Just Prior To Trial

Settled out of the court, just prior to a jury trial in Shakopee District Court yesterday (Wednesday), November 13, with Judge John Fitzgerald of New Prague, presiding, was the civil action of City of Shakopee vs. Kopp & Associates, a condemnation suit regarding the old mill building located behind Montgomery Ward on Lewis Street.

In the settlement the city acquires 12,750 square feet of property in a partial taking of the old mill site, including a right of way for the extension of Levee Drive. Settlement figure is reported to be \$24,000 plus the city paying costs allowed by the District Court.

The settlement gives three and a half commercial lots to Kopp & Associates, similar to a proposal made at the special meeting of the Common Council held Tuesday evening of last week, November 5...

Nov. 21, 1968

John Ries, Jr. Fire Chief

Shakopee Volunteer firemen held their annual election to name officers to serve during the 1969 year at a meeting held Monday evening of this week, November 18, at the Shakopee Fire station, Second and Scott, with John Ries, Jr., named chief to succeed Anthony LaTour, Jr...

Nov. 28, 1968**Shakopee High School Students Host First Regional DECA Meeting**

The Shakopee chapter of the Distributive Education Clubs of America was host of the first Regional meeting held Monday evening of this week, November 25....

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News***Nov. 4, 1993****Loan for Murphy's falls through, county is told**

Murphy's Landing has yet to resolve some of its biggest money worries.

Commissioner Ray Foslid of Shakopee last week told the Scott County Board that he attended the most recent meeting of the Minnesota Valley Restoration Project (MVRP), which oversees Murphy's operations, and learned that Murphy's would not qualify for a low-interest loan from an organization that specialized in lending money to non-profit agencies...

Nov. 11, 1993**City to acquire land for water tower, well**

The Shakopee City Council Nov. 3 voted to direct staff to pursue the acquisitions of property that would be used as the site for a water tower and well, which would be constructed by Shakopee Public Utilities.

On Nov. 2, the utilities commission voted to acquire the

property near County Road 17 and the Timber Trails subdivision. Although the utility would own the water tower and well, the city must obtain the property through condemnation.

The process of acquiring the land will include an offer to the property owner based on the land's appraised value...

Nov. 18, 1993**Warehouse for firm being built here**

Construction has begun on a 299,600-square-foot warehouse for American Can Co. on a 16-acre site in the Valley Green Business Park in Shakopee.

The warehouse, scheduled for completion Feb. 1, will be American National Can's primary food-can storage center for the Minnesota market, providing a key element to the company's commitment to serving food-processor customers...

Nov. 25, 1993**Church with rich history celebrates 125th anniversary**

A Shakopee landmark will be celebrating its 125th anniversary Sunday, Dec. 5.

The special occasion is for St. Mark's Catholic Church, the building with the spire that is a distinctive part of the Shakopee skyline. Its congregation will have special liturgies during Masses at 9:30 and 11 a.m. A beef and sausage dinner, open to the public, will be held after that in the school cafeteria, with serving until 2:30 p.m...

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