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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Dec. 7, 1893

Deutsch & Zettel have displayed a whole lot of enterprise in the purchase of an up to date soda fountain which is certainly a beauty. The top is beautifully of carved oak and contains a large beveled plate-glass mirror while the fountain proper is of three kinds of granite and Mexican onyx, and trimmed with heavily plated silver. It has all the best appliances now out, including an apparatus from which to serve hot soda, and is a model of convenience as well as beauty. The cost of the outfit entire was \$825. It is now set up and on exhibition at their store.

Dec. 14, 1893

The Shakopee Cash Store, Gertrude Berens Proprietress, made an assignment to Henry C. Koerner last Saturday afternoon. The liabilities foot up to about \$4,000, while the assets will amount to some \$2,800 or \$3,000.

Dec. 21, 1893

The firm of Flaherty & Lies will continue business at the old stand and solicits the patronage of all as before.

Dec. 28, 1893

Leander Schaefer is now located in the Jacob Ries Building opposite the Bank and is prepared to do first class repairing of watches, clocks and jewelry at reasonable prices and satisfaction guaranteed.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Dec. 6, 1918

Don't forget to visit John Heinen's toy shop. Elegant new stock for your inspection.

Dec. 13, 1918

While skating on the road ditch last Thursday evening, some of the boys built a bonfire too near the ice, with the result that the ice melted and Edward Molke went in. It happened that the ditch at that particular point is nearly six feet deep and the boy had to be helped out.

Dec. 20, 1918

While splitting kindling wood last Sunday morning, John Velz had the misfortune to accidentally strike the top of his left hand with the hatchet he was using. The cords were severed and as a result he is nursing a badly mangled hand which will keep him from his duties in the barbershop for

some time to come. His son, Clarence, will have charge of the shop during his absence.

Dec. 27, 1918

Closed Down for Holidays

Shakopee's two largest industrial establishments are giving their employes a holiday lay-off. The Minnesota Stove company is taking the annual inventory and may be shut down for several weeks. The Shane Bros. & Wilson Mill shut down last Saturday evening, but will start up again Monday. The mill has been running steadily at full capacity for a considerable time, and the machinery is receiving some needed attention, or as manager Buchanan puts it, they are "giving the wheels a chance to cool off."

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Dec. 6, 1918

Towns Get Honor Flag

The chairman of the Scott county Fourth Liberty loan informs the Argus that each county unit has received as a recognition of the fact that each oversubscribed its quota.

Not a single unit failed to make its expectancy and more.

The percentage of distribution in each precinct is represented on their flag by stars. Where the distribution reached twenty per cent the flag contains one star, twenty-five per cent, two stars, and one additional star for every two and one-half per cent of added distribution, thereafter. The flag earned by the city of New Prague has eight stars, which is the largest

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number. Credit River and Eagle Creek have seven, Prior Lake village has six, Jordan and Glendale three, St. Lawrence two and the balance of the county one star each, except Belle Plaine Borough which did not quite reach the twenty per cent...

Dec. 13, 1918

Anton Hergott, formerly of Plentywood, Mont., has bought the hotel business of the late John Deller and opened it last week.

Dec. 20, 1918

E. H. Teich's team indulged in a runaway Wednesday evening when they became frightened and broke from a hitching rail at M. J. Berens & Sons' store. Racing down First street and across the bridge they struck a pole, when the harness parted and freed the horses. Mr. Teich succeeded in catching one but the other disappeared down the river road and could not be found. The buggy was undamaged except for a broken tongue.

Dec. 27, 1918

Lawrence Schlinker, the first of Shakopee's young soldiers to return from overseas, arrived here Monday morning, having been discharged from further service. Lawrence enlisted nine months ago as a mechanic in the aviation department and had been in England the past four months. He reached New York December 11th on the Adriatic, a 750-foot ship carrying 3,000 men. On account of rough weather the ship made the journey at slow speed to lessen the danger of accident. The trip occupied ten days, only one of which Lawrence suffered a touch of seasickness. He reports the climate of England warm with rains nearly every day at this season of the year. Like all of the boys he is overjoyed to get home and has found nothing to compare with the good old U. S. A.

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

Dec. 2, 1943

Meeting of Local Import Called by School Board

The Shakopee high school board is calling a meeting of all the people of the community who are or may be interested in the present status and disposal of thousands of dollars of NYA property.

This meeting to which every citizen of Shakopee, and every patron of the district are not only invited but urged to attend, is set to be held tomorrow (Friday) evening, December 3, in the high school building, at the hour of 7:30 p.m...

Dec. 9, 1943

Seal Sales Now \$163.30

Mrs. M. L. Regan, local Christmas Seal Sales chairman, reported that up to Wednesday \$163.30 had been received

here. Additional seals, Mrs. Regan said, may be purchased in the drug stores or bank in Shakopee.

Dec. 16, 1943

Schools Reopen; Sickness Still Checks Attendance

Almost back to its normal daily student attendance the Shakopee public school had but 43 absentees listed at noon Wednesday J. A. Metcalf, superintendent disclosed.

When the grade and high school closed last Tuesday afternoon because an epidemic of severe colds and influenza, 146 pupils were on the sick list. With the re-opening of school Monday, 60 were absent and by Wednesday noon the absentee total had been reduced to 43.

St. Mary's school which also closed last Tuesday with 35 pupils ill, reported this week that the number of absentees had increased and at noon Wednesday 48 were listed as sick. One room, it was learned had 20 pupils absent.

An increase in absences was likewise reported at St. Mark's school Wednesday. A week ago 20 children were out of school because of illness. This week 45 were on the absent list. This school did not close because of the epidemic.

Dec. 23, 1943

Benefit Basketball Game Here Tonight

A benefit basketball game, sponsored by the Letterman's club of the Shakopee high school, is to be played in the school gym here tonight.

Coach Sanford's team will be opposed by the undefeated Monroe high school quint of St. Paul and that should make for another thrill-packed game.

Proceeds from the match will go toward defraying the medical and hospital expense resulting from the injury received by Norman Pink in a football game last season...

Dec. 30, 1943

Jap Flag on Display in Post Office Window

An honest-to-goodness banner of the "land of the rising sun" made its appearance in Shakopee this week and for several days will be on display in the post office window.

It came with the arrival of Robert Wampach who just returned from naval duty in the South Pacific. The Jap flag, Bob said, was taken by an Australian soldier in the initial landing on Finschaven, an engagement in which the Shakopee sailor participated.

Japanese inscriptions on the red and white banner supposedly are the names of the men composing the Jap unit to which the flag belonged.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Dec. 5, 1968

Teens Begin Own Center Project Tomorrow Eve

Faced with the prospect of Shakopee not having a place for teens to go, a group of enterprising Shakopee Senior High students have taken matters in their own hands and now have found their own place.

Tomorrow (Friday), December 6, at the new Shakopee Public Utilities facility at Fourth and Naumkeag, between the hours of 8 p.m. and 12 midnight, the teens of Shakopee will prove that they can self-operate and supervise a center of their own.

This center will offer a place for youth between the ages of 13 and 19, inclusive. The event tomorrow (Friday) night will be an experimental teen center activity, and if all goes well, this project is to continue until the City of Shakopee can provide something more adequate...

Dec. 12, 1968

First Action In Proposed 3-Stage School Project

As the first move in a proposed three-stage building program, with activity proposed for each of the next three years, the Shakopee Public School District No. 720 board of education at its regular meeting Monday night of this week, December 9, authorized the architectural firm of Armstrong, Schlichting, Torseth and Skold, Inc. of Minneapolis, to proceed with plans for the remodeling of the present Junior High building, Fifth and Lewis.

The estimated \$160,000 remodeling of the Junior High building is in the first stage of the three-year expansion program, it is to be instituted next year.

The proposed construction time table, as presented by Architect Ken Skold Monday night of this week includes an estimated \$775,000 new Elementary building, to be located in East Shakopee in 1970 and the expansion of the present Senior High facilities on Tenth Avenue, to include a second floor for classroom, a 600 capacity auditorium, and a shop addition, to be completed in the fall of 1971. Estimated cost, as presented by the architect, for the Senior High expansion is \$781,000...

Dec. 19, 1968

East First Center Seeks To Expand

Proposed expansion of the Shakopee Shops Shopping center on East First to the west, to include the four lots in the south half of block seven, was revealed at a public hearing held by the Shakopee Planning Commission on rezoning five blocks along each side of East First from present multiple dwelling to commercial shopping district. Following the hearing, the Planning Commission approved recommending to the City Council that the five blocks involved be rezoned...

Dec. 26, 1968

Old Utilities Now Teen Center

Teen-age center plans for the youth of Shakopee now include the use of the former facility of the Shakopee Public Utilities Commission located at the foot of Lewis Street, with the youth who organized the activity receiving the support of Jaycee members and city officials.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Dec. 2, 1993

Retired firefighters

Two veterans of the Shakopee Fire Department have each retired after 30 years of service. Gene Pass ... joined the department in September 1973 and is past president of the Shakopee Fire Department Relief Association. He retired in October. Charlie Ries, a former chief who also held the posts of captain and training officer, and first and second assistant chief, retired in November after serving since June 1973. The department thanks them for their service to the community, said a spokesman.

Dec. 9, 1993

Shakopee woman to seek Scott County attorney's post

Citing a "soaring budget" in the county attorney's office and a corresponding reduction in services to county residents, a Shakopee woman has announced that she will run for the office next November.

Anne Tuttle, 41, a general practice attorney with the Belle Plaine and Shakopee law firm Jaspers, Moriarty and Walburg, said Tuesday in making her announcement that current County Attorney Jim Terwedo is not adequately representing county residents...

Dec. 16, 1993

White House called and man's angel took flight

It took nearly three days to put 8,000 ornaments on a Christmas tree.

And you think you have a lot of decorating to do.

That's because this particular tree is over 19 feet high and stands in the Blue Room of the White House...

The tree in the home of Todd Anderson of Shakopee is just a wee bit smaller, but it does have something in common with the one in the White House: a custom-designed angel ornament.

This is not just any angel, like those that blink on top of the tree. This one is handcrafted in maple, cherry, walnut and zebra wood, and appears to be flying with stars, including one clutched in her hand.

One flew all the way to Washington as part of "The Year of American Craft: A Celebration of the Creative Works of the Hand," which is the theme for the decorations on the indoor tree at the White House this year.

But the whole story starts back in September, when An-

derson, who was caught up in his woodwork display at the Renaissance Festival in Shakopee, was too busy to open his mail right away.

The letter from the White House was merely one in a stack on the table in his living room. "At first I thought it was junk mail," Anderson said. "I let the letter sit a couple of days in my 'to look at later' pile."...

He opened up the letter, which came from Ann Stock, White House social secretary. The letter invited Anderson to contribute to "The Year of American Craft" display, which asked artisans from throughout the U.S. and its territories to design "angel" Christmas tree ornaments.

There were guidelines to follow...

Anderson received approval for his mobile-type angel later in September, and was required to have it shipped to the White House by Oct. 30...

Anderson isn't sure how the White House got his name...

Dec. 23, 1993

Growing with the community

The congregation at Calvary United Methodist Church has been making maximum use of its building on First Avenue the past 21 years.

An adult class has been meeting in the sanctuary. After worship services, a children's choir meets to rehearse there. And in the educational wing, folding chairs and tables are put up and taken down, along with wall dividers, depending on what activity is taking place.

The secretary and the church's pastor, the Rev. Norman Lidke, share an office. Parking is at a premium. When the church has dinners, meals are served in shifts. And some of the larger weddings are held elsewhere.

There is hope in sight, or more specifically, at a four-acre site on Vierling Drive, east of Marschall Road.

The 150-member congregation recently sold the 102-year-old former Lutheran church it has occupied at 705 First Ave. E. to the Flood Brothers (Gary and Jeff) of Jordan, with

office space being added for Mystic Motors.

The church will lease the facility until it can move to its new building, which is expected to be completed in September. A ground-breaking service is being set in April...

The 6,600-square-foot building will include a sanctuary that will seat up to 190 people, six classrooms, offices, a kitchen, narthex, and fellowship hall.

Construction costs are expected to range from \$350,000 to \$490,000 and include materials, labor, architectural fees, interior furnishings and outdoor landscaping. The church is working with Sessing Architects Inc., a St. Paul firm, that helped with preliminary plans...

Dec. 30, 1993

65-room Holiday Inn Express planned along Marschall Road

A Holiday Inn Express hotel may be built next to the Super 8 Motel at 581 S. Marschall Road by one of the owners of the Super 8.

Developer Murray Williamson, a former U.S. Olympic hockey coach who resides in Edina, owns the Super 8 motels in Shakopee and Chaska as well as Bemidji. He has formed a new corporation, MinTag Limited Liability Corp., to buy the Holiday Inn Express franchise.

Holiday Inn Express is a step lower than a full service hotel, but a step higher than an economy hotel such as the Super 8, Williamson said. The three-story, 65-room hotel will have a swimming pool, whirlpool and breakfast bar, but no restaurant or bar, he said...

The new hotel will be located on 1 1/2 acres of vacant land along Marschall Road. Williamson declined to say how much he paid for the property...

"Rather than expand the Super 8 we decided on this project," he said...

If the city gives its approval, ground could be broken in February, he said. If the corporation does not receive approval in a timely manner, construction will be delayed until after the busy summer tourist season, he said.

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