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

Jan. 4, 1894

Our popular restaurateur, J. B. Gellenbeck, entertained some twenty young men at dinner on New Year's Day. If the old saying be still true that the easiest way to affect the heart is through the stomach, the hearts of the young men who partook of the spread provided for that occasion must be very warm toward their host, who had certainly spared nothing in his efforts to make the menu attractive and the occasion an enjoyable one. That he succeeded goes without saying.

Jan. 11, 1894

The members of the new band, The Shakopee Cherubini have elected officers as follows: Pres., H. A. Zettle; Vice Pres., Geo. Hirscher; Sec., John Gentgen; Treas., Fred Spindler; Director of Music, Jacob Bierline. The members so far signed are Jacob Bierline, solo B cornet; Ernest W. Haack, first B; Fred Spindler, second B; Jos. Spindler, E clarinet; Adam Teich, first B clarinet; Bert Ketterer, solo alto; Fred Mueller, first alto; John Vierling and Joseph Bierline, first tenors; Rudolph Wengler and Sam Bierline, second tenors; Theo. Mueller, baritone; Wm. Uschman, B bass; Linus Vierling and Herbert Zettle, tubas; John Gentgen, tenor; and Geo. Hirscher, bass drum. There are yet to sign an E cornet, first B cornet and second alto. This will swell the membership to 20, a number sufficiently large to form an excellent brass band.

Jan. 18, 1894

John Reis is improving his store building by putting in a new stairway leading to Dr. Sabin's office. The rise is to be only six inches and the rests are much broader, making the ascent a much easier task.

Jan. 25, 1894

Prof. J. F. Parsons has succeeded in getting pledged nearly the amount required to secure for Shakopee a course of university extension lectures, and it is probable that the first of a series of six will be given within a week or two. A meeting for the selection of a local committee will be held at the Union School tonight at eight o'clock.

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

Jan. 3, 1919

The fire department was called out about 9:30 yesterday morning to extinguish a small blaze in the Veiht Bros. garage, caused by the explosion of a kerosene heater. Very little dam-

age resulted.

Jan. 10, 1919

### Police Matter Unsettled

At the meeting of the city council Monday evening, Mayor Lenertz appeared and further insisted upon the dismissal of Frank Miske from the police force and defended his position in the appointment of John Weinzierl some weeks ago to serve as nightwatchman. There is a sharp divergence in the opinions of the mayor and council both as to Miske's efficiency and as to the power of the mayor under our charter to make appointments, and the latter question, which is the important one, has been referred to City Attorney Southworth.

Jan. 17, 1919

William Kruppe of Louisville shot a gray wolf near his farm on Wednesday, receiving a bounty of \$10.

Jan. 24, 1919

### Miske Case in District Court

Mayor Lenertz, through his attorney, J. J. Moriarty, has instituted quo warranto proceedings in the court against Nightwatchman Frank Miske. The papers have transmitted to Glencoe, where Judge Tift is now holding court, and without doubt a writ will issue from the court citing Miske to appear and explain by what authority he exercises the powers of a police officer. As the Tribune understands it, this move on the part of the mayor has merely to do with Miske's police powers and does not affect his status as watchman. According to the statement of Alderman Collier, published in the Argus last

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week, the city has entered into a contract with Mr. Miske to perform certain services as a watchman, and this contract cannot be rescinded save by mutual agreement. There is nothing in the contract conferring police powers, which powers seem to be the matter at issue. It would seem that the matter is not beyond the bounds of amicable settlement.

**Jan. 31, 1919**

George Erkens bought the Finkelmeier implement store at Belle Plaine and had his household goods shipped there on Monday of this week. Mr. and Mrs. Erkens departed for their new home on Monday evening. They take with them the best wishes of a host of friends.

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

**Jan. 3, 1919**

#### **Reformatory for Women**

Shakopee may get another building that was not included in the original plan as indicated from the following recommendation:

The first building of the greatly needed Reformatory for Women, at Shakopee, the receiving hospital and administrative center will be ready for use by July 31, 1919. When the board made its recommendation urging such an institution to the legislature of 1915, as had previously been done, it was suggested that in time no women be sent to the state prison but to the reformatory. At that time it was thought wise to have a building for women prisoners at the prison, taking them out of their cramped quarters and utilizing the building for other purposes in case of their subsequent removal, and \$40,000 was appropriated for this purpose. This was never used. One cottage would be ample for this class, in our judgment, for a long time to come. We recommended that the \$40,000 originally appropriated, and unused, be re-appropriated for this purpose. For every purpose of confinement, of training and of care, the mature woman offender will be much better off at the reformatory.

**Jan. 10, 1919**

The new bus conveying the children of District No. 3 to and from school arrived Tuesday and was put to immediate use by Driver George D. Smith on his trips Wednesday.

**Jan. 17, 1919**

Joseph Jasper has been appointed a member of the board of education of Independent District No. 1 to fill the unexpired term of W. S. Newgard, resigned.

**Jan. 24, 1919**

Misses Blanche Gelhaye and Lena Kurvers will go to St. Paul next week to begin work in a wholesale millinery house as trimmers.

**Jan. 31, 1919**

#### **Rousing Good Roads Meet At Prior Lake**

The good roads meeting called to be held at Prior Lake last Tuesday drew enthusiastic road boosters from every section of the county. About two hundred were in attendance, each one of whom manifested the keenest interest in the various matters presented for consideration. We are told that the Scott County Good Roads association had not held any meetings for several years, in fact, not since the meeting at Savage three years ago.

Jos. A. Ring, a former president of the Scott County Good Roads association, informs us that he called the meeting for the purpose of having it determined whether or not the old organization desired to "carry on." Mr. Ring tells us that the gathering at Prior Lake Tuesday was a representative one and that the sentiment was unanimous that the organization go forward...

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

**Jan. 6, 1944**

#### **New Reformatory Head Appointed**

Miss Mary Ann Toner, for the past eight years educational director at the State Reformatory for Women here, has been appointed acting superintendent of the institution during the absence of Miss Estelle Jamieson, who has been granted a year's leave...

Miss Jamieson leaves Friday for San Francisco, where she will begin her new duties as a home service representative of the American Red Cross; her mother, Mrs. Charles Jamieson, will go to Los Angeles to make her home with her sister.

**Jan. 13, 1944**

#### **School News of Shakopee Public School**

It has been inevitable for some time that the combined seventh and eighth grade with 48 students, would require adjustments. At the November school board meeting the school board voted to employ an additional teacher.

Mrs. Adolph Sandbakken, teaching on a part-time basis in high school, and doing excellent work, was well qualified for the upper grade position. On December 13, Mrs. Sandbakken was employed as full-time teacher of the eighth grade only. Miss Eulalia Kowalczyk will continue teaching the seventh grade. Now that these two grades have been developed the quality of instruction will increase measurably.

Mrs. Betty Buck Sevenants recently returned to Shakopee when her husband was transferred to overseas duty. Mrs. Sevenants has had several years of very successful teaching experience and was elected by the school board to fill the vacancy created by the promotion of Mrs. Sandbakken...

**Jan. 20, 1944**

**Recreation Program To Be Topic at Meeting Here in February**

Inaugurated by the Shakopee Post of the American Legion, a movement is now on here to formulate a supervised community recreational program for the youth of Shakopee.

Through the efforts of the Legion all civic, fraternal, parish and service organizations in the city have been urged to appoint committees to represent their respective groups as members of a master committee which is to meet for a general discussion of the project February 14. The meeting is to be held in the city hall...

**Jan. 27, 1944**

**Buy a Bond; See a Movie Free!**

Instead of a \$25 bond for children and a \$100 bond for adults as previously planned, the admission to the movie, "Yankee Doodle Dandy" has been fixed at a \$25 bond per person whether child or adult, it was announced Tuesday.

The movie, starring James Cagney, is to be shown at the Shakopee theatre at 8 p.m., Feb. 3, in cooperation with the County War Bond committee. Admission may be gained by signing a bond purchase pledge at the ticket office or by presenting a bond purchased during January or February this year.

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

**Jan. 2, 1969**

**John Rosen To Broadcast From Vietnam Post**

Friends of E-3 John R. Rosen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Rosen, 704 West Sixth, Shakopee, may hear his voice from Vietnam over radio station KNUJ, New Ulm, Minnesota.

Rosen will be heard on KNUJ on Thursday, January 16 at 3:15 p.m.

He was interviewed in Vietnam recently by KNUJ reporter Gene Rodewald. Rodewald's trip to Vietnam to interview area servicemen and the special radio programs being aired daily at 10:15 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on KNUJ AM and at 9:30 each evening on KNUJ-FM, featuring these area servicemen was made possible by Supersweet Feed dealers and Rural Electric Co-operative.

**Jan. 9, 1969**

**Figure Skating Lessons Now Being Held At Swimming Pool**

Free figure skating lessons for interested boys and girls began Saturday afternoon, January 4 at the Swimming Pool Skating Rink in Shakopee, sponsored by the Shakopee Recreation Board. This popular program has been made possible by a generous grant from Shakopee Ford, co-sponsor of this annual program.

Instructor is Miss Nikki Howland, a Figure Skating Gold Medalist who recently placed fifth in Senior Ladies Competi-

tion in the Midwest Section of the United States Figure Skating Association...

**Jan. 16, 1969**

**Citizens Committee For School Bond Issue On Feb. 11 Organized**

Organized at a meeting held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 9, in the Shakopee Senior High School Library was a Citizens Committee to promote Shakopee School District No. 720's current building program plans and the pending \$2.1 million bond issue to finance the three-stage program.

Voters are to ballot on the school bond proposition on Tuesday, February 11.

Named co-chairmen of the Citizens Committee were Dr. A. A. Spagnolo and Mrs. Carlos Luis, and George Muenchow was named secretary-treasurer at this initial meeting last Thursday evening...

**Jan. 23, 1969**

**Cormac Suel Heads Scott Library Board**

Cormac Suel, Shakopee postmaster, was named president of the Scott County Library Board at its organizational meeting held Tuesday evening, January 7, in the Board of Commissioners room at the Scott County courthouse in Shakopee...

**Jan. 30, 1969**

**Offer Consolidation Plans For St. Mark's, St. Mary's**

Three separate plans to provide a co-operative system of education between St. Mark's and St. Mary's Parochial Schools in Shakopee were introduced to parents and other interested citizens at the St. Mark's Home School Association Meeting on Tuesday evening of this week, January 28, at 8 p.m. in St. Mark's Hall.

Dr. Roland Pistulka, president of St. Mark's Board of Education told the capacity crowd that the choice was either to make the most possible use of both schools on a co-operative bases, or phase out the Parochial school system in Shakopee altogether.

Plan one, explained by Dr. Pistulka, calls for a unification of the two schools, which are only five blocks apart. St. Mark's would provide 20 classrooms for an estimated 600 students in grades one through five, with no more than 30 students per class, and St. Mary's would provide 12 classrooms for an estimated 325 students in grades six, seven and eight...

The Reverend Leo Huber, assistant pastor at St. Mark's, outlined plans two and three. He said that this region, under the recent Archdiocesan Reorganizational program, consists of St. Mary of the Purification Parochial School in Marystown, St. Mary's and St. Mark's of Shakopee, and St. Michael's of Prior Lake...

Plan two calls for the closing of St. Mary's as a regular

school and having only grades one through six at St. Mark's. Although this would mean that there would be no Parochial Junior High school in Shakopee, the money saved could be used for a more adequate CCD program, including regular release periods twice a week from the public schools for high school students...

Plan three calls for the best of plan one and two according to Father Huber. It calls for consolidation of grades outlined in plan one, with grades one through five at St. Mark's and grades six through eight at St. Mary's, plus setting up of a religious education center at St. Mary's for senior high students and adults, with the hiring of two professional religious instructors...

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

Jan. 6, 1994

### Trial on ownership of track begins

The battle for ownership of Canterbury Downs began in Scott County District Court Tuesday, with attorneys representing Twin Cities financier Irwin Jacobs and Fargo, N.D. businesswoman Susan Bala each declaring their client has the only valid agreement to buy the failed Shakopee racetrack...

Jan. 13, 1994

### Jacobs gets track

Scott County District Court Judge Michael Young ruled Wednesday that Twin Cities financier Irwin Jacobs holds the only valid contract to purchase Canterbury Downs. Young issued his decision in a 39-page document.

In his decision, Young ruled that North Dakota racing executive Susan Bala failed to prove that a contract existed between her company, Canterbury Holding Inc., and track co-owner Ladbrooke Racing Inc., and that even if a contract did exist, it did not contain all the essential requirements for a real estate transaction under Minnesota law...

Jan. 20, 1994

### Outage – school and electricity

Frigid temperatures closed Shakopee public and private schools Tuesday, and caused outages in the Shakopee area Saturday morning, leaving hundreds of homes without electricity and heat, some for more than four hours.

About 2,000 Shakopee Public Utilities customers were without power for varying periods of time Saturday when two poles holding electrical lines shared by the utility and Minnesota Valley Electrical Cooperative (MVEC) in Jordan snapped in the bitter subzero temperatures.

Power was restored gradually after the 7:05 a.m. power failure, and service was completely restored by 11:30 a.m. Temperatures at the time of the power outage ranged from 25 to 30 below zero...

Jan. 27, 1994

### School Board hears concept for 'new look' classrooms

Home economics courses are now being called life sciences. And what used to be shop is now technology preparation, or tech prep.

But giving the departments different names is just the tip of the iceberg, according to instructors and other staff in the Shakopee School District.

The classrooms themselves will be transformed from rows of desks and equipment areas to work stations that resemble a business office, should the district decide to go with a "synergistic" lab.

On Monday night, Beth Schneider, a personal and family life science teacher at Shakopee Junior High, and Ken Rood, director of instructional programs, showed the School Board pictures of a trip they took to a middle school in Omaha, Neb., that was using the setup.

They pointed out the synergy labs' arrangement, in which students were paired off and worked in circular modules. Besides using computers and videos, the students got hands-on experience in technology and life-management by working with such things as robotic arms, audio broadcasting equipment, microwaves and sewing machines...

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