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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 1, 1894

Capt. R. J. Chewning has been appointed by the president postmaster at Shakopee. It remains now only for the senate to confirm the appointment and he will receive his commission at once.

Feb. 8, 1894

Eagle Creek

The Messrs. Kopp have filled their contract of packing ice for the J. Schank Packing Co.

Feb. 15, 1894

A social club is being formed by the young men of the town, and organization will probably be effected before the end of the present week. The scheme involves a club room or rooms to which the members may resort for reading, billiards, gymnastics, etc., and it is rightly meeting with marked favor wherever presented.

Feb. 22, 1894

It is hoped that the prompt action taken by the Board of Health has effectually checked the spread of diphtheria in this vicinity. The two deaths this week were the result of the first exposure, and no new cases have developed. Two houses, the Schmidt and Stephani, are still under quarantine and will be for a week or two. The health officer is quite hopeful that the spread of the epidemic has been checked, but he believes that there is still occasion for the most watchful care in the matter.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Feb. 7, 1919

Miss Ida Abel is supplying the 4th and 5th grades at the Union school for an indefinite period.

Feb. 14, 1919

Solons Consider Change

Bill Introduced For Prison For Women at Shakopee

The recommendation of the state board of control that female prisoners be removed from the state penitentiary at Stillwater has been taken up in the legislature.

Provision for the erection of the main building at the woman's reformatory, Shakopee for the commitment of all women sentenced to prison or reformatory and for the transfer of women convicts from the present state prison and reformatory is made in two bills introduced yesterday by Sena-

tor Frank E. Putnam of Blue Earth.

The first bill appropriates a total of \$90,000 from the state prison revolving fund for the erection of the woman's reformatory building. The second provides that all female convicts hereafter shall be sentenced to the woman's reformatory and that female convicts now in the state prison shall be transferred to the Shakopee institution upon its completion.

Feb. 21, 1919

Shakopee to Be on Wilson Trail

Pres. Moriarty Favors Merging Albert Lea Trail With Big Ely-El Paso Project

J. J. Moriarty went to Minneapolis Tuesday to attend a meeting called by the All-Minneapolis Good Roads council for the purpose of organizing the Minnesota division of the "Woodrow Wilson Way." This division includes towns Emmons, on the Iowa line, and Ely, in the northeastern corner of the state. The "Woodrow Wilson Way" will extend north and south through the country from Ely to El Paso, Tex., and has been thoroughly organized from Albert Lea to Kansas City. The main purpose of the Minneapolis meeting was to organize the trail from Minneapolis to Ely and to talk over the question of merging the Minneapolis to Albert Lea trail with the Wilson project..

The meeting at Minneapolis was a rousing affair, almost every town in the northern section being represented. Mr. Moriarty was elected president of the Minnesota division of the Woodrow Wilson Way. It is now proposed to have as

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much as possible of the way blazed and signboarded by May 1. The final organization meeting will be held at Kansas City about March 15, and a meeting for the Minnesota division will be held at Shakopee in the near future.

If Mr. Moriarty succeeds, as no doubt he will, in arranging for the merger, it will give Shakopee five famous trails: the Daniel Boone from St. Louis to Minneapolis, the Woodrow Wilson from Ely to El Paso; the Scenic Highway from Des Moines to St. Paul; the Saints' Highway from St. Louis to St. Paul, through St. Joe; and the Sioux Historic trail from St. Paul to New Ulm, by way of Chaska and Glencoe.

Feb. 28, 1919

Wanted:—Girl, at St. Paul hotel. Wages \$6 per week.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Feb. 7, 1919

Miss Elsie Spindler, who has been stenographer in the mill office, gave up her work there the first of the month.

Feb. 14, 1919

Mrs. Val Theis hauled lumber Wednesday from the Interior yard for a new barn on her farm at Marystown. Wm. Die-drich will be the carpenter.

Feb. 21, 1919

Hamm Brewing Co., Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Inc., and J. H. Ring are cutting ice on the lake below the Littly Fly to insure their summer's supply. The ice is of fair quality and about 15 inches thick. Veiht Bros. began cutting on the river Wednesday but the water overflowed the surface and they were forced to quit for the time being.

Feb. 28, 1919

Would Make Change In Names of Streets

An ordinance which will provide for the change of the name of Lewis street to Hennepin avenue and Sixth street to Victory avenue will be introduced at the next meeting of the city council.

It will be urged among other things that the name of Lewis street should be changed to Hennepin avenue because this street leads directly into Hennepin county and too as a compliment to the people of the county for their very substantial financial assistance in building the road to our city. In that connection it will also be urged that Mr. Lewis after whom the street was named was here in the early days only as a member of the surveying crew, and never acquired any property; never had any interest in the city's welfare or onward march, and as matter of sentiment or otherwise we owe him nothing.

Then it is proposed that Sixth street should be changed to Victory avenue in honor of the one hundred and seventy-five boys who were called to the colors from the city of Shakopee,

and to more fully carry out the purpose of the dedication it will be urged that elm and American basswood trees, one to represent each boy be planted on either side of the avenue to the Womans reformatory. Such an effort if carried out would serve a two fold purpose, first, a dedication of the street in honor of the boys and second, to build, improve and beautify the street to the reformatory. The last mentioned purpose is very necessary in any event.

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

Feb. 3, 1944

Missing Aviator Awarded Medals

In a letter from the War Department, J. J. Schaefer this week was informed that his son, Captain Robert L. Schaefer, missing in action over Europe since November 5, has been awarded the Air Medal with two Oakleaf clusters.

The awards, announced this week, are in addition to citations previously received by the young navigator. As a first lieutenant, Schaefer was wounded in action June 22, in a flight over Germany. Following that raid he was awarded the Air Medal, the Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

Feb. 10, 1944

Shakopee Optometrist To Preside at State Convention in St. Paul

War industry's visual problems will have first attention of the Minnesota State Optometric association's 1944 convention on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, in the St. Paul hotel, St. Paul.

Dr. H. B. Kollofski of St. Paul and Shakopee, state president, will preside. Dr. Joseph Tiffin, eminent Purdue University psychologist, will discuss "Visual Problems in Industry," in the first address of the session...

Feb. 17, 1944

More Men May Now Take Farm Machinery Course

Four or five more men may now be accommodated in the class in repair and maintenance of farm machinery being offered at the Shakopee Area Trades school, it was announced this week.

Registrations will be received in the office of the Shakopee high school, J. A. Metcalf, superintendent, said.

Feb. 24, 1944

FOR SALE—House on West 3rd St. Also two rolling doors, 10x10; Iron rods, 12 ft. long. If interested—call at 421 West 5th St., Shakopee.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 6, 1969

For Teen Center

A public pancake breakfast with proceeds to be in support of the Teen Center for the youth of Shakopee, will be held Sunday morning, March 2, under the sponsorship of the Shakopee Rotary Club.

Feb. 13, 1969

Immediate Library Need Told City Council By Directors

Seek To Locate Headquarters In Shakopee

With all members of the Scott County Library board of directors present, along with Scott Commissioner George J. Mingo of Glendale township, liaison to the Scott Library board, an urgent plea was made to the Common Council of the City of Shakopee at its regular meeting Tuesday night of this week, February 11, that consideration be given to the immediate need for expanded facilities for the City of Shakopee branch library, as well as temporary offices for the Scott County Library System headquarters.

Also presented was the consideration 7,000 to 7,500 square-foot facility, possibly as a joint county-city project to serve as an adequate library for the city as well as headquarters for the Scott county system, but stressed was "we need something temporary immediately."

Presenting this plea was the Scott County Librarian Mrs. Robert Morgan of New Prague, introduced by the Scott Library Board Chairman Cormac Suel of Shakopee. Board members present included James McCoy of Savage, A. G. Sirek of New Prague, LeRoy Scheffler of Jordan and Mrs. Karl Mickus of Prior Lake...

Chairman Suel said that under the operation the city would furnish the structure, along with the heat, utilities, air conditioning and janitorial services, while the Library system would supply the books, furniture and shelving...

In the discussion that followed, need for a facility near the business perimeter was presented; possible sites of the Frank Strunk property on Holmes and the former Presbyterian Church on East First, the latter having been offered on a rental basis, were suggested; the financing of a new library building either through a bond issue or lease-purchase arrangement was suggested, and that the city has property that possibly be considered as a future site was also suggested...

Feb. 20, 1969

Touch-Tone Calling For City Phone Patrons Beginning Mar. 3

Starting March 3, Touch-Tone Calling will become available on an optional basis to one and two-party telephone customers in Shakopee whose numbers start with "445" prefix.

L. L. Von Kreuzhof, Shakopee Northwestern Bell Telephone Company manager, said the Touch-Tone Calling, with its push button phones, is an entirely new way of placing

calls, enabling telephone users to "tap" out the number they are calling twice as fast as by dialing.

Twelve electronic push-buttons replace the customary dial, arranged in four rows of three. Nine of the buttons carry the same number and letter designation found on the conventional dial. In addition, one button is for "Operator" and two others, one marked with an (*) and the second with a number sign (#) are reserved for future uses of Touch-Tone services...

Feb. 27, 1969

School Board Approves Junior High Plans

Unanimous approval was given the preliminary plans for the remodeling of the Junior High School Building, Fifth and Holmes, and the architect was directed to get approval of these plans from the State Department of Education School Planning department by the Shakopee Public School District No. 720 Board of Education at its regular meeting held Monday night of this week, February 24, in the Board room at the Senior High school on Tenth Avenue.

This is the first stage of the three-stage expansion program of the school district to be financed by the recently approved \$2.1 million bond issue.

Action on these preliminary plans was taken after representatives of the architectural firm discussed with District No. 720 board members the remodeling of the present combination auditorium-gymnasium at the Junior High building into an expanded gym facility, the remodeling of the third floor science area, the remodeling of the Home Economics area, as well as plans for installation of proper lighting throughout the building to include classrooms and corridors...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

Feb. 3, 1994

Terwedo proposes countywide teen curfew

Scott County Attorney Jim Terwedo is proposing a countywide curfew for minors as a way to curb escalating juvenile crime...

Under the proposal, juveniles under age 16 would have 10 p.m. curfew Sundays through Thursdays, and a 10:30 p.m. curfew on Fridays and Saturdays. Those who are 16 or 17 years old would have a 10:30 p.m. curfew on week nights and a midnight curfew on Fridays and Saturdays...

Feb. 10, 1994

MVRP told county will give funding for Murphy's in 1994

Two representatives from the Minnesota Valley Restoration Project (MVRP), the organization that operates Murphy's Landing, received reaffirmation from the Scott County Board Tuesday that the county will continue to fund the museum in 1994.

The \$40,000 county allotment will help fund a new exec-

utive director position...

Last week the Shakopee City Council unanimously voted to enter into a new three-year operations contract with the MVRP after rejecting a \$325,000 offer from an unidentified group to purchase the site.

The new contract is subject to several performance standards, said City Administrator Dennis Kraft.

Manahan told commissioners that the 1994 schedule was still on track, and that the marketing program was doing well at the site. A business plan will be established when the new executive director comes aboard, he said.

Feb. 17, 1994

Ferry Bridge contract OK'd; board gets project updates

The Scott County Board Tuesday awarded the contract for stage five of the Bloomington Ferry Bridge project to Lunda Construction Co. of Black River Falls, Wis., for \$13,394,633.

The stage-five portion of the bridge includes the Shakopee Bypass construction at the County Road 18 interchange. The bid came in about \$3 million lower than estimates, according to county Highway Engineer Brad Larson.

Lunda was one of eight bidders for the project, which is on a federal-aid contract. Larson said the large number of bids was due to the \$300 million in highway construction cuts made by the Minnesota Department of Transportation recently...

Feb. 24, 1994

If city moves house, Stans will donate it

Shakopee city councilors, meeting as the Housing and Re-development Authority (HRA) on Feb. 15, directed city staff

to attempt to find a location for a house that will be donated to the city if it agrees to pay to move it.

The city received a request from the Stans Foundation to pay for moving the house at 135 Third Ave., after which the foundation would donate the two-story structure to the city.

The house, owned by the foundation, needs to be moved by April to make way for a Stans Museum, which will be located on the property.

Maurice Stans is a Shakopee native who served under two presidential administrations, as secretary of commerce and postmaster general. He has been a major benefactor to several entities in Shakopee over the years.

Speaking for the Stans Foundation, Marjorie Henderson told the HRA that she had advertised bids on the house, but received little response.

Neither the HRA nor the city has a site available on which to put the house. However, HRA member Bob Sweeney said he would like to see the HRA do "more of the H, than the R," and that such a house could be used to help the city provide affordable housing for a family. HRA Chair Lynch also suggested the house could be used for transitional housing, or as a home for a non-profit agency, such as the Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women.

Henderson said the foundation will still consider bids from private developers, but that time is running short before the house needs to be moved.

The three-bedroom home is in excellent condition. The kitchen has been updated, and the home contains maple and oak woodwork. A little stairway leads to a third floor attic.

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