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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

March 1, 1894

Wm. Pinger got out Monday for the first time in some six weeks. He has been confined to the house with an obstinate ailment, and while feeling somewhat improved, he is still far from well.

March 8, 1894

It should be remembered that the American Express agency is now on the Omaha side of the depot. Those wishing to make use of this old reliable company should take note of the fact.

March 15, 1894

Grand Opening

Next Monday at the M. Berens building a New and Complete Stock of Millinery, Yarns and Hosiery, Knitting at wholesale and retail. Miss Celia Stiern will be in charge of the trimming department.

Mrs. C.M. Nachtsheim.

March 22, 1894

Plant a tree or two this spring. Half the acknowledged beauty of Shakopee is due to her many shade trees. Nothing will so embrace the value of property, pay such big returns on a small investment, as the planting of and caring for a few small trees.

March 29, 1894

Beginning with Monday, April 16, it is the intention of Capt. Brower of Minneapolis to run his new boat between Shakopee and the Twin Cities three times a week. It is to be hoped that the passenger and freight traffic combined will be sufficiently large to warrant the running of the boat throughout the season. The steamer will be a speedy one and it is thought the beautiful trip from Shakopee to Minneapolis can be made in three hours.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

March 7, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. J. Pond moved here from their farm last Saturday and are occupying the Busse home on First street for the present. Their farm was sold to George H. Esch of Jordan a fortnight ago, Mr. Esch taking possession March 1.

March 14, 1919

Our Linotype Running

The Tribune this week is set on its own linotype. Joseph W. Koltavy, one of the operators from the New Prague office, assisted by John L. Suel, set up the machine and got it to running, a job usually requiring the aid of a city expert. Later he came again and set the type for the paper. Upon Joe will rest the responsibility for our regular appearance until such time as some of the Tribune force can teach the monster to eat out of their hands.

March 21, 1919

Farmers Favor Organization

Wednesday's Meeting Brings Milk Producers Appreciably Nearer Agreement

In response to a call sent out by President J. C. Munsch of the new Shakopee local of the Twin City Milk Producers' association a meeting was held at the creamery building Wednesday afternoon for the purpose of discussing further the proposition of station and installing a cheese factory in the creamery building...

March 28, 1919

Draft Board Dissolved

Records Sent to Headquarters and Furniture Sold

Saturday of this week the local draft board will be officially dissolved. On Wednesday all the records were packed for shipment to headquarters and all office fixtures were offered for sale at public auction. As few knew anything about the sale in advance it did not cause much stir, and only a few articles were sold. The remainder will accompany the records

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for headquarters.

The dissolution of the draft board is a final token that the war is over, and with it the necessity for keeping machinery for manufacturing soldiers for Uncle Sam...

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

March 7, 1919

Memorial Proposed

It has been proposed to erect or establish a memorial in this city as a mark of appreciation for the signal services performed by the gallant boys of Shakopee and immediate community who in response to country's call, went forth to fight and die for country's cause.

It is true that nothing that we can erect or dedicate can, in any manner, be commensurate with the value of the noble services performed by those heroic fellows.

It lies in our power even with the moderate means at hand to erect a memorial in their honor which will be a constant reminder to us all of their sacrifices and our responsibility to God and country.

Such a memorial might be erected by placing a clock on the tower of the church of St. Mark's of this city in the place long vacant and fitted for same and illuminated by night visible to and its chimes announcing the hour heard by the whole city and surrounding community.

The expenses of this project could be raised by public subscription and it is one of the most ready and possible means at hand by which something noticeable in the way of a memorial for our boys can be readily accomplished.

CITIZEN.

March 14, 1919

The six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Raduzenz is in St. Luke's hospital where she underwent two operations for the removal of cancer, one on the hand and the other on her shoulder. The child is doing as well as could be hoped for but her condition leads to grave fears for her recovery.

March 21, 1919

Charles Kuhns has sold his farm to John Vierling, the price being \$213 an acre. The latter will take possession about May 1st. The many friends of the Kuhns family will be glad to learn that they do not contemplate leaving Shakopee at present and will continue to reside here until their plans for the future are more definite.

March 28, 1919

Spring will bring many changes among the householders of the city, some having bought or sold homes, while numerous renters will move. E. J. Pond has purchased Mrs. E. Jasper's home adjoining Dr. Newell's on First street and Mrs.

Jasper will go to Minneapolis to reside with her children. R. C. Kline has rented Mrs. H. J. Peck's residence and the flat now occupied by him has been taken by the Chas. Coons family. Ed Leibold will move to the former Thos. Donlon home and his present residence will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Walsh, while Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dierberger will take the home vacated by them.

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

March 2, 1944

Legion To Meet In New "Dugout" Monday Night

All servicemen, whether Legion members or not, are invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Shakopee Legion Post, Monday night, officers said.

The meeting is to be held in the organization's new quarters, dubbed the "dugout," formerly the "Recreation" on Lewis street. The session, scheduled to open at eight o'clock, promises to be an interesting one in which local Legion activities will occupy much of the discussion.

Lunch and refreshments will be served following the meeting...

March 9, 1944

Mrs. Gussie Klemenhausen returned Monday evening from the Twin Cities, where she had spent several days visiting at the homes of her daughters. Mrs. Klemenhausen is the manager of the O.K. lunch room, which was being moved from Holmes street to First street the past week. The new place will be ready for business the latter part of the week.

March 16, 1944

Organizations Continue Youth Program Talks

Continuing the discussion, launched by the American Legion, relative to the needs for and problems incident to a youth recreation program for Shakopee, representatives of local church, civic, fraternal and service organizations held their second meeting in the high school library, Monday night...

The conclusion (reached at the first meeting) that parents and homes were chiefly responsible for the care of their children and to a large degree were at fault if the children were delinquent, was again voiced Monday night. This position was augmented by the general conclusion that the children themselves had definite responsibilities and should be made conscious of them.

With the assembly agreed on those two points discussion centered about the types of recreation sought by the youth, and the most satisfactory method of providing the desired recreation.

The idea of a youth recreation center to be opened "downtown," if not completely abandoned, found no support

at the session, and was definitely discouraged when Ray Siebenaler, president of the City Council told the group he was confident the City council would not favor opening a building for a recreation center.

Alderman Siebenaler expressed the view the council would cooperate in providing winter sliding hills in several sections of the city, and would undoubtedly take steps to reopen Holmes park in West Shakopee as a playground for the children in that section of the city.

Results of a questionnaire, prepared by J. A. Metcalf, school superintendent, and submitted to the high school students, showed a preponderance of student support for dances in the school. The questionnaire answers also indicated no little interest in hobbies and movies, although many students indicated they had no hobbies...

To simplify and facilitate the job of getting a recreation program under way the group resolved itself into a committee, composed of one representative from each of the organizations thus far interested in the project.

It will be the task of the committee to formulate a plan based on the ideas and suggestions expressed at the meetings. When prepared, the plan is to be presented at another meeting of the original body for approval or alteration.

March 23, 1944

To Consider Formation of Sportsmen's Group

Residents of the Shakopee area, urban and rural, interested in the organization of a Sportsmen's club are urged to attend a meeting to be held in the Legion Dugout on Lewis street at 8:30 Friday evening.

Fourteen men, it was learned, have already indicated their interest and willingness to form a club and are anxious to determine how many sportsmen are interested.

March 30, 1944

Bowling Contest Event of Interest at St. Paul House, Evening of Apr. 5

The St. Paul House bowling alleys will have a match game on Wednesday, April 5, at 7:30 p.m., between the St. Paul House teams bowling in the Minneapolis and St. Paul Classic leagues...

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

March 6, 1969

Open Intensive Care Unit At St. Francis

St. Francis Hospital of Shakopee officially opened its new Coronary and Intensive Care Unit on Monday of this week, March 3, Hospital officials announced...

The two units, located in an open-type ward situated around a nursing station, can accommodate three coronary patients and three intensive care patients at once. One of the

intensive care areas can be converted to coronary care in case of emergency.

Each coronary care area is equipped with its own monitor, which is similar to an electrocardiogram, enabling constant observation of the patient's heart condition from the central station. Each unit is also equipped with oxygen, suction and any other equipment necessary for intensive or coronary care.

March 13, 1969

Knights Of Columbus To Kick-Off Fund Drive This Sunday For Hall

The Shakopee Council No. 1685, Knights of Columbus, is to kick-off a fund drive for the proposed new Knights of Columbus Hall for Shakopee, to be located at the east edge of the city on Scott County Road 82 (East Fourth Avenue), this Sunday, March 16.

Proposed is that \$20,000 be realized for the construction of this new facility.

The Shakopee Knights of Columbus Hall, as planned, has an estimated cost of \$70,000 with a program of donated labor from Knights of Columbus members included in the new facility project.

Included in the proposed new hall are accommodations for banquets, wedding receptions and dances, Plans include a Community room on the lower level for general meetings and other uses; a lounge for Knights of Columbus members and friends; a meeting room, and a recreation room.

It is planned that the new hall and adjacent kitchen facilities will be ample to accommodate 400 persons and that some 350 autos may be parked on the three and three-quarter-acre site.

The Shakopee Council Building committee, in announcing the fund drive to get under way this Sunday, said that it is hoped construction would begin early in the fall of 1969, with completion scheduled by mid-winter of this year.

Site for the new facility is approximately a half-mile east of Scott County 17 (Spring Lake Road) on Scott County Road 82 (East Fourth Avenue). The three and three-quarter-acre site has ample fill and no apparent drainage problems. Proposed is a road on the west side to run north and south, as well as space for some 350 cars.

The proposed new Shakopee Knights of Columbus Hall is to be constructed of concrete block below grade and of lightweight or aglite blocks above grade.

Concrete floors are planned for the basement and hall areas. Spancrete with concrete topping is to be used in the lounge and kitchen areas. The hall, kitchen and storage areas are to be covered with floor tiling, and tentative plans include carpeting for the proposed lounge area. The roof is to be of

truss frame rafters with 3-12 pitch and covered with asphalt shingles. The ceiling in the hall is to be suspended, having good acoustical value.

The over-all structure is 10,000 square feet, which the committee reports as considering quite adequate. The committee also noted that this 10,000 square feet would cost an estimated seven dollars per square foot or an estimated total of \$70,000 for the structure.

The main hall is to include 3,744 square feet with this large area so constructed that the end wall may be removed and additional space to be gained by future construction...

The kitchen area is to have 408 square feet plus a storage room, and has been planned by professionals, so as best to serve any type of lunch, banquet or dinner and serve up to 400 persons, the committee added.

The proposed lounge is to have 1,150 square feet and its main use, according to the committee, would be for Knights of Columbus members, their wives and friends. This lounge is to be operated as a bottle club with the only charge to be for set-ups and locker storage...

The recreation room is proposed to include 600 square feet and be large enough to accommodate pool and ping pong tables. The committee emphasized that this particular facility would not only be used extensively by Knights of Columbus members, but also be available for use to youth of the community.

The general meeting room is proposed at 1,054 square feet and will be available for meetings, private parties and other occasions, and would be made available to all organizations.

March 20, 1969

Two Applicants Seek Position Of City Recorder-Administrator

Two applicants have indicated an interest in the position of City Recorder-Administrator of the City of Shakopee, the position to be filled in April, Shakopee Mayor Siebenaler announced this week...

The two seeking the position in response to the advertisement are Robert C. Martin, presently assistant to the City Manager at St. Louis Park, and Robert LaBrosse of Cottage Grove, Minnesota, who is presently executive secretary and office manager of The Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Northern Pacific Committee...

March 27, 1969

Outstanding First For Girl Scouts; Many Turn Out For Father-Daughter Banquet

It was an outstanding first for the Girl Scouts of Shakopee last Thursday evening, March 20, at the Shakopee Senior High School cafeteria on Tenth Avenue.

Event was the first Father-Daughter banquet at 6:30 p.m., so well received that last-minute accommodating, along with an expression of Shakopee Neighborhood Chairman, Mrs. Rosemary Spandl, "flabbergasted at the turn-out despite the fact that the state basketball tourney is on television", were prompted...

25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

March 3, 1994

Scholarship to honor memory of Dale Vaughan

A scholarship has been established in the memory of Dale Vaughan, longtime Shakopee High school educator and coach who died last year.

The establishment of the Dale C. Vaughan Memorial Scholarship was announced last week by Shakopee High School and the Vaughan family. The scholarship will first be awarded at high school graduation time in June, and will be given annually to graduating seniors who have demonstrated leadership and service to school and community and who have participated in school activities...

March 10, 1994

Met Council asks Legislature for radio system moratorium extension

The Metropolitan Council is asking the state Legislature to extend a moratorium to reserve 800-MHz channels for a metropolitan-wide radio system that would be used for police, firefighters and other emergency personnel as well as local governments.

The Met Council and its appointed radio planning committee are proposing a regionwide system for government agencies. Plans call for a phased approach, building on an initial system proposed for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, which allows for communications across jurisdictions in the metro area...

Under the plan, at least 90 new 800 megahertz (MHz) channels would be pooled together and shared by the local governments, along with towers and other equipment. The Met Council said that the new system would save money for local governments, since they would no longer need to maintain separate, and sometimes overlapping and incompatible systems.

Some local government officials in Scott County have opposed the system, claiming that they are not having radio capacity problems and that all metro counties will be paying for a system that is needed by Minneapolis and St. Paul, and Hennepin and Ramsey counties.

March 17, 1994

City hopes to entice entrepreneur to redevelop two blocks in downtown

The Shakopee City Council on March 8 approved an interim ordinance that will prohibit development on the north side of First Avenue between Holmes and Sommerville streets to allow the city time to seek private parties willing to redevelop the two blocks as a mix of commercial, retail and possibly multi-residential housing...

The new ordinance will also provide time for-city staff to obtain appraisals – estimated to cost \$50,000 – for acquiring the 14 parcels in that area either through friendly acquisition or eminent domain proceedings, securing purchase agreements, evaluating the feasibility of moving any of the structures, and amending a tax increment financing plan as a possible means of funding the project.

The ordinance will permit the Community Development Commission (CDC) to move ahead with the overall downtown redevelopment proposal, which includes the now-completed downtown mini-bypass, the two phases of the downtown renovation project, and the city’s rehabilitation program...

March 24, 1994

Track in hands of proven businessmen, unlikely risk-takers

...Life for the gentle, blond, 35-year-old Randy Sampson

of Eden Prairie is not as easy as it was one week ago when a majority of his time was spent getting mares foaled, horses to racetracks and building a new home in Chanhassen.

“I haven’t slept since this deal was closed,” he said.

The deal was last week’s purchase of Canterbury Downs. Twin Cities wheeler-dealer Irwin Jacobs sold the 380-acre track to Sampson and his father Curtis Sampson, who lives in Hector, about 90 miles west of the Twin Cities...

March 31, 1994

Council tables action of proposed county curfew

A proposed countywide curfew received lukewarm response by Shakopee city officials during a public hearing March 22, after which the City Council tabled action on the matter until other county cities have the opportunity to consider the idea.

About 20 people attended the hearing on the proposal by Scott County Attorney Jim Terwedo. Of the four people who offered testimony, only one said he whole-heartedly supported the proposal...

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