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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

April 5, 1894

Postmaster Chewing has improved his office in appearance and convenience by the addition of thirty new lockboxes which occupy the space formerly taken up by the money order window. That department has been removed to the counter next to the wicket. Nearly all the new boxes have been already engaged.

April 12, 1894

M. Berens maintains that summer is coming, and has backed his opinion by purchasing and putting in place a new white awning for the eastern half of his block.

April 19, 1894

The front of the Heidenreich Block is resplendent with a new and tasty coat of paint, dark green in color.

April 26, 1894

Dr. H. P. Fischer, a graduate of the Detroit College of Medicine, has located here, and will be established in the pleasant office rooms over Deutsch & Zettel's drugstore within a day or two. Dr. Fischer is a competent physician, speaks German fluently, and is, withal, a very pleasant gentleman to meet. As such he will be welcomed to the professional and social circles of the city.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

April 4, 1919

Hoodlums Paint Mayor's House

Also Break Into Garage and Damage and Deface Automobiles

Without exception, the most disgraceful piece of work that has ever been perpetrated in this town was last Saturday night's outrage on the house and property of Mayor Joseph Lenertz. A few low-lived hoodlums, no doubt aided and abetted by others just as ill-intentioned but less bold, defaced the home of Mr. Lenertz with yellow paint, and broke into his garage and wreaked their stupid vengeance for imaginary grievances on his two cars. The tires of the Ford were punctured with some sharp implement, the cushions were cut open and the stuffing thrown about, the upholstering slashed, and the tonneau scratched and daubed with paint. The big Winton suffered more yet; the mohair top was slashed to ribbons, the heavy leather upholstery was cut and torn, and the tonneau was gouged, cut and smeared with paint. The tires were cut but the casings resisted the implement...

April 11, 1919

Control Board Make Inspection

O. K. Completed Building and Choose Sites For Others to Go Up Soon

Messrs. R. W. Wheelock, Chas. E. Vasaly and C. J. Swendson, members of the state board of control, Engineer Wallace and Assistant-Architect Nelson were in Shakopee Wednesday for the purpose of inspecting the recently completed main building of the women's reformatory...

The board and the accompanying experts made a thorough inspection of the new building. They were enthusiastic, and had no hesitancy in declaring it to be the most perfect of its kind in the state, and a model for others to follow.

The board carefully examined the grounds belonging to the state adjacent to the building, with a view to selecting the sites which the two proposed cottages would occupy. After mature deliberation it was decided that these cottages shall be erected one to the southeast and one to the southwest of the main building, the three to compose a harmonizing architectural group. The penal cottage, which will house the female prisoners transferred from Stillwater, has already been authorized, and an appropriation of \$50,000 made for it. The budget, which is yet pending in the senate, carries \$45,000 for the reformatory cottage. It was the opinion of the board that both of these would be commenced within the current year.

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April 18, 1919

The fire department was called out at six o'clock on Monday morning to extinguish a blaze in the rear of the John Dean home several outbuildings being on fire. Loss is estimated at \$150, practically covered by insurance.

April 25, 1919**Council Still Deadlocked**

The adjourned meeting of the city council was held at the council room Tuesday evening. The principal matter of business was the renewal of the balloting on health officer. On the first ballot or two the vote stood as before, 4 for Dr. Fischer and 4 for Dr. Reiter. Then Henry Schroeder was nominated in the hope of breaking the deadlock, but he also failed to get the necessary five votes. After several more ballots the job was again abandoned, and Dr. Reiter still holds over...

100 Years Ago: From the Scott County Argus**April 4, 1919**

Dr. J. G. Newell has moved his dental offices into the rooms above Deutsch's drug store.

April 11, 1919

Carl Plekkenpol of Route 3 came in Monday and marketed a 2-year-old hog for which he received a check for \$111.25 from Manager John Doyle of the Farmers Livestock Shipping association.

April 18, 1919**Hotel Changes Hands**

The St. Paul hotel was sold Tuesday to John Abeln, the former proprietor, J. E. Jones, having purchased the St. Elm hotel at Hopkins where he took possession yesterday. The St. Elmo is the largest hotel in Hopkins and Mrs. Jones' experience in the business promises a first-class hostelry for that city. He has conducted the St. Paul House successfully for two years and leaves Shakopee with the best wishes of all for continued prosperity. He extends a cordial invitation to Shakopee friends to call on him whenever they may be in Hopkins. Mr. Abeln will conduct the St. Paul as a rooming house only until such time as he can find some one to take charge of the regular hotel business with dining service in connection.

April 25, 1919

Miss Gertrude Jasper came up from Minneapolis Thursday of last week to assist her mother in packing her household goods preparatory to moving and to remain until the latter leaves for Minneapolis to reside. Mrs. G. H. Wagner and sons Clarence and George of the latter city were visitors here Sunday and Monday.

75 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Argus-Tribune**April 6, 1944****Shakopee Raises \$3,300 in Red Cross Fund Drive**

Conclusively proving their appreciation of the sacrifices and suffering endured by the men and women in military service, Shakopee residents and business houses dug deeply into their pockets and contributed \$3301.76 in the annual Red Cross War Fund drive, it was learned this week. Shakopee's quota was \$1800.

April 13, 1944**Homemade Sausage Supper Sunday in St. Mark's Hall**

A cafeteria supper will be served Sunday, April 16, in St. Mark's school hall, under the auspices of the ladies of the parish.

Homemade sausage, sauerkraut and baked beans will be among the many tempting foods on the menu.

Serving will begin at four p.m. and will continue until all have been served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

April 20, 1944

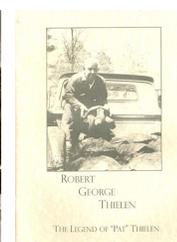
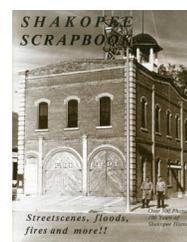
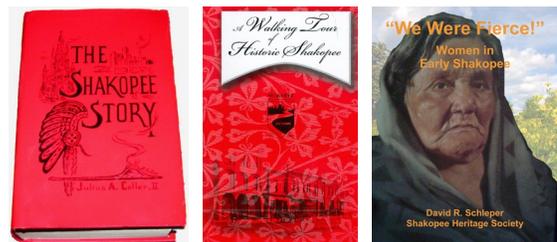
Mrs. Reuben Groll, chairman of the Red Cross sewing division, urges more ladies to assist in this work. Sewing rooms in the City Hall are open every Friday afternoon and the help of many workers is solicited.

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April 27, 1944

Valley Sportsman Club To Hold Meeting, May 2

The Valley Sportsman Club is scheduled to meet Tuesday evening, May 2, at the Boy Scout Cabin, and all members and others who may be interested are urged to attend.

Officers of the club say the meeting will be chuck-full of interest for all true sportsmen concerned in the propagation as well as in the conservation of fish and wild game.

Paul Farrell, game warden of this district, has promised to be on hand to discuss the various phases of wild life. Tuesday evening, May 2 is the date—Shakopee Boy Scout Cabin is the place. Members are asked to mark their calendars accordingly.

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

April 3, 1969

To Introduce Bill On Merger Soon

The bill, seeking permissive legislation to effect the proposed merger of the City of Shakopee, Eagle Creek township and possibly the Village of Prior Lake and a portion of Spring Lake township, is now in the hands of the Reviser of State Statutes Joe Bright, City Attorney Julius Coller reported yesterday.

April 10, 1969

Egypt Comes to St. Mary's

A complete Egyptian meal – from lentil soup to Egyptian cookies – was prepared and presented by S. A. Sidholm at a dinner honoring Parish lecturers, ushers and choir members of St. Mary's Parish last Thursday evening, April 13.

Sidholm, graduate of the school of Ministry and author of a cookbook, "5,000 Years Of Good Eating", featuring recipes of the Middle East and the Holy Land, served a five course meal, including such things as lentil soup, Egyptian bread, salad made of chopped vegetables and cracked wheat, eggplant in meat sauce, and ground round steak rolled in cabbage leaves. All the foods were laced with Egyptian spices, and served with background music from the Holy Land.

The dinner, and a short program of slides of the Holy Land and a display of silver and olive wood jewelry made in the Middle East is, Sidholm feels, a practical way to transmit Middle Eastern culture to America. He plans to return to the Middle East as a missionary as soon as the situation in that area becomes more peaceful...

April 17, 1969

Scott Board Interviews Five For County Administrator

Five applicants, including one woman, for the post of Scott County administrator, recently authorized by the Scott County Board of Commissioners, were given half-hour interviews at the board's regular meeting Tuesday of this week,

April 15, with no action taken pending further consideration.

Applicants interviewed were in order, Donald J. Kes of Prior Lake, Oliver Bortness of Jordan, Scott County Auditor Joseph F. Ries of Shakopee; Karen Drescher of Prior Lake, and Melvin Lebens of Shakopee, former City of Shakopee administrator...

April 24, 1969

City Chief Triple 'Good Samaritan' During Flood

Shakopee Police Chief R. G. "Pat" Thielen, who has been most active during the flood conditions in this community, was "good samaritan" via his runabout navigating three times in one 24-hour period, as three emergency hospital cases presented across the river transportation problems.

One for an appendectomy victim was at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday of last week, April 16. By coincidence, there was another similar emergency on this same date, along with another involving a needed flood water boat ride for getting a person with a nervous breakdown to the hospital.

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

April 7, 1994

Half of Scott County work force goes on strike

250 AFSCME members start picketing Tuesday morning

The union representing nearly half of Scott County employees went on strike at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, after rejecting a final labor contract offer Monday night. Apparently, it is the first strike in county history...

April 14, 1994

Video about sisters' mission is available

"To Live the Gospel Simply and Plainly Among the People" is the mission of the Franciscan Sisters of St. Paul and the theme of a video produced by Kevin Donovan and his team. The video tells the story of the sisters' life and mission.

The Franciscan Sisters are former owners of St. Francis Regional Medical Center. The hospital, and Sisters Johanna Metzen and Antonice Delury are in the video...

April 21, 1994

Council authorizes hiring of full-time assistant attorney

The Shakopee City Council on April 14 authorized the hiring of a full-time assistant city attorney after City Attorney Karen Marty informed them that Pat McDermott, a part-time assistant city attorney, plans to leave his position.

On April 12, the city council voted 5-0 to increase the part-time assistant city attorney's position to full time. Marty cited the ever-growing demands on the city's legal department. Councilors also approved making a part-time legal clerical position full time.

The increase will cost approximately \$38,400 a year,

which will come from the general fund. The current budget for the legal department is \$151,000.

Marty was hired in 1990 as Shakopee’s first full-time city attorney. Soon after being hired, the Scott County Attorney’s office announced it would no longer handle gross-misdemeanor criminal cases for cities, doubling Shakopee’s criminal-case workload, Marty said. In 1991 Marty handled an average 39 court appearances a month. The average increased to 53 a month by 1992, and this year, the department is handling an average 84 appearances each month.

In addition, civil court matters have greatly increased in number, Marty said.

April 28, 1994

School Board approves phone contract

Installation of districtwide system expected by next fall

Getting a call through to Shakopee schools will be a little easier once a new telephone and computer cabling system is in place.

The Shakopee School Board on Monday awarded a contract for a new telephone system to Fujitsu Business Communications Systems, Minneapolis, based on a low bid of \$228,086, along with 5 percent for contingencies...

The board also awarded a contract for internal cabling for the system to Americable, Eden Prairie, which submitted

the lowest bid in a field of five vendors, at \$121,976. Ron Ward, school district administrative services director, told the board that sales tax may be added to the bid amount, which would increase the total. Other bids ranged up to \$248,590.

Ward, along with Gary Elert of Elert and Associates, the consultants assisting the district with the purchase, spoke to the board about the decision-making process, and what the new system will entail...

Elert presented information about the current phone system, and what the new one will provide.

Right now, district buildings have the following number of phones: Central Elementary, 46; high school, 27; junior high, 21; and Sweeney and Pearson elementary schools, 13 each.

The problem now is not so much the number of phones, but the extensions, said Elert, which tend to jam up between buildings.

The new system, as proposed, will provide the following number of phones: Central, 50; high school, 72; junior high, 68; Sweeney, 55; and Pearson, 50.

There will be increased channels between these buildings, said Elert. There will be the possibility that calls may be placed directly to a classroom, he said. The phone channels may also be used for computer lines...

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