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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

May 3, 1894

John Thiem has sold to John B. Hoffman of St. Paul the Northwestern House property for a cash consideration of \$2,400. We understand that the new owner will conduct a hotel and saloon in the building.

May 10, 1894

During the heavy wind Monday the tent covering the "merry-go-round" was blown down. Luckily no damage was done, and the gaily caparisoned steeds seemed to move around even more merrily after their slight scare.

May 17, 1894

We learn that Henry Mathis will soon begin work upon a new residence. His present concrete dwelling he will tear down and upon the same site will erect a handsome two story brick house something after the plan of Henry Dieken's recently enlarged residence.

May 24, 1894

The front of H. H. Philipp & Sons' furniture store is adorned with large new curtains.

May 31, 1894

And still the good work goes on! Fritz Rohlf's is now at work on a set of plans for a handsome two story brick corner store for John McMullen. The plans will represent a store with a corner entrance and plateglass fronts on both First and Lewis streets.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

May 2, 1919

Resume Work on Road

Jas. McKillip of Faribault, the road contractor, moved his tractor grader over from Chaska late last week and resumed work on the dike road. This machine is considerably smaller than the line drag which was used last fall, but the work is also lighter, being mainly the job of filling low spots and surfacing.

It will yet be considerable time before the road is evenly graded, and after that will come the graveling. Some filling has yet to be done, and the earth for this may not be easily obtainable. The machine has been making good visible progress, but the contractor does not figure that the road will be completed much before the first of August.

The high water washed out some of the grading in spots, but the damage was not particularly serious.

May 9, 1919

Miss Beulah Bowdish is the happy possessor of a nifty gray racer, into which the family car was cleverly converted this week at the Walter auto shop. Jos. Klinkhammer is responsible for the finishing touches.

May 16, 1919

Service Men Organize Club

Elect Officers and Plan Social Events—Will Participate in Memorial Exercises

A service men's club for Scott county was organized Wednesday evening at the court house at a meeting called for that purpose. The organization was effected with the following officers:

George Scherkenbach, president.

Edward Buck, vice-president.

Harold Dell, sec'y.-treasurer.

An executive committee was also chosen, as follows: Peter Beckrich, chairman, George Condon, Ben Huth, August Delbow and Harold Ring.

The club will be known as the Scott County Service Men's club. Its objects are social, but potentially political. A committee is now making inquiries into the status and purposes of the new American Legion, and in all probability the club will be merged into this organization if the report of the committee is favorable...

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May 23, 1919

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hough arrived from Hutchinson this week to take over the Central Cafe, which Mr. Hough recently bought. It was reopened early this week, and already he reports a good business. He has the place nicely stocked with confections, fruit and tobacco. Ice cream, soft drinks and lunches will be served as under former managements. Mr. Hough has had many years of experience in ministering to the wants of the public in the refreshment line, and there is no doubt that he will find our people appreciative of the kind of service he is ready to give.

May 30, 1919

The driveway to the upper Catholic cemetery has been graded, and is now to be resurfaced with gravel as soon as the work can be done.

100 Years Ago: From the Scott County Argus**May 2, 1919****Change Mail Boxes**

Rural mail patrons are requested by the postoffice department to place their mail boxes on the right hand side of the road to secure uniformity and to facilitate the distribution of mail by the carriers as much as possible. This will also tend to lessen the danger of passing autoists colliding with the carriers where stops must be made to deposit mail. Patrons whose boxes are not located as designated will confer a favor by making the change at once.

May 9, 1919**St. Mark's to Undergo Big Improvements**

The church of St. Mark's of this city promptly responded to the call of the government to aid it in its reconstruction work by furnishing employment to the men from overseas by determining to expend large sums of money immediately in the improvement of St. Mark's church. The building committee of the parish met Monday evening, and after carefully examining the plans and specifications of the proposed improvements, unanimously approved and adopted the same and recommended that the trustees immediately enter into contract for the completion of such improvements.

The proposed improvements include: The replastering of the entire inside of the church; placing of three front entrances, with proper steps to same; erection of candelabras, equipped with electric light, in the front of the church; enlargement and strengthening of the gallery; decorating of all altars, statues, and all walls of the church, the decorations to be of white and gold; installation of statuary stations; installing of the very best art windows in all windows; installing of complete new pews, and hardwood floors throughout.

The improvements will cost approximately \$25,000. Contracts will be let within the week and it is expected that all the work will be completed by October 1st.

In addition to the above, contracts have been let for the construction of cement curbs and boulevarding of Fourth street and Scott street abutting the church block.

May 16, 1919

August Dorn of Spring Lake has purchased from Herman Boehmer his residence occupied by Geo. O'Laughlin. The price paid was \$2200. Mr. Dorn will take possession in August and become a permanent resident of Shakopee.

May 23, 1919**Bridge Breaks Under Auto**

While crossing the bridge over the Minnesota river at Bloomington Sunday morning, John Buckingham's Acme truck broke through the approach and narrowly escaped going into the river. Two hours of hard work were required before it could be pulled out and scores of automobile parties were stalled on both sides of the bridge because of the accident. All traffic was stopped for several days before repairs upon the bridge were completed. The truck was not badly damaged and fortunately the driver Claude Buckingham escaped injury.

May 30, 1919**Banner Received**

In recognition of Shakopee's patriotic showing on the Victory Loan, Chairman Joseph Lenertz of the local committee this week received a handsome flag from the Ninth District Liberty Loan committee which was turned over to the city officials and appeared in the Memorial day parade.

75 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Argus-Tribune**May 4, 1944****Take Part in Music Meet at Excelsior Friday**

Shakopee's school band and Girl's glee club were among the seven schools participating in the Eighteenth District Music festival held at Excelsior, Friday afternoon and evening..

During the afternoon portion of the festival the participating units were heard in individual renditions while qualified critics jotted down evaluations and constructive criticisms which are to serve as a means of bringing improvement and progress to school music.

A portion of the afternoon was also given to rehearsal of the mass bands and choral groups in preparation for the evening concert in which all of the bands and glee clubs joined in providing an exceptionally fine musical program.

May 11, 1944

Saturday, May 27th Designated As "Poppy Day" in Shakopee

Saturday, May 27, has been selected as "Poppy Day," it was announced this week by officers of the Legion Auxiliary, the organization which annually conducts the sale...

May 18, 1944

Shakopee Flyer Held Prisoner of Nazis, Capture Card Reveals

Previously reported "missing in action since February 28 over France," First Lieut. Arthur P. Hoen, brother of Mrs. E. A. Rademacher, of Shakopee, has since been reported a prisoner of war in Germany.

A capture card from Lieut. Hoen and a telegram from the War Department, both received last Thursday, advised Mrs. Rademacher of her brother's situation...

May 25, 1944

School Commencement Exercises Friday Evening

Tomorrow evening, Friday, will be a gala occasion in the life of 47 Shakopee high school graduates. It will not only be a gala occasion but it will be a highly important event in the young lives of the members of the class of 1944.

It is one of the largest, if not the largest class of graduates to come forth from Shakopee's institution of learning, and we want to make the observation that it is one of the finest groups of boys and girls you would want to see...

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

May 1, 1969

Dedication Day At Municipal Swimming Pool To Be June 8

All indications point to there being a long and hot summer facing us in this area, and if this proves true, thousands will be flocking to the new Shakopee Swimming Pool to seek relief and enjoyment.

This is the pool that was designed with the family in mind. Sunday, June 8, has been scheduled as Dedication Day, with anyone invited to come and see for themselves this new concept in swimming pools - an artificial lake with a built in re-circulation, filtration, and purification system.

The time will be 2 p.m. In case you are not familiar with the location of the pool it is adjacent to the Sweeney Elementary School at Eleventh Avenue, South, and Adams Street in southwest Shakopee.

The water area is roughly the same size as one-third a football field with a very gentle slope from the perimeter to the middle making it an ideal facility for the small children. Divers and other action seekers will enjoy themselves in the diving area which includes two - one meter boards and one - three meter board.

The Shakopee Recreation Board has been designated by the City of Shakopee to operate the pool and a staff of 16 per-

sons has been hired to make this facility "click" in a pleasant and safe fashion.

Co-managers of the pool will be Joe Mischel and Ron Kolb, instructors at Shakopee Senior High School, experienced men who have managed other swimming facilities. Any time the pool is open, one of these men will be in attendance...

May 8, 1969

Pool Memoriam In Honor Of Jagt Youth

One of the highlights of the Public Dedication of the new City of Shakopee Municipal Swimming pool to be held, beginning at 2 p.m. Sunday. June 8, will be the dedication of a flag-pole and flag, donated by Mr. and Mrs. David Jagt, 673 Jackson, Shakopee, as a memoriam to their son, David Brian Jagt.

He was killed on July 13, 1968, at the age of nine years, when he was struck by an auto while pushing his bike across Sixth Avenue, 200 feet west of Jackson Street...

May 15, 1969

Gets \$5,000 Rahr Grant

Announced this week was that the Rahr Foundation has presented a \$5,000 grant to the Scott County Historical Society for use in this organization's restoration project in Memorial Park, east edge of Shakopee along Highway 101.

May 22, 1969

Reflective Tape To Light Bikes In VFW Program

Free reflective tape will be applied to youngsters' bikes in a "Lite-A-Bike" program to be conducted here by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4046.

Tape will be applied to bicycles at the First National Bank Parking Lot on May 24th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Strips of reflective tape will be put on the rear fender, and front forks of the bicycles, making each bike visible after dark from all angles...

May 29, 1969

South 169 By-Pass, County Bridge Endorsed By Council

Approval of Resolution No. 357 Tuesday night of this week, May 27 gave endorsement to the Corridor "A" system of the three proposed in the Interim report of the Minnesota Highway Department on the total concept design approach to the relocation of Highways 41, 169 and 212 in the immediate area, to indicate unified support of this community.

This particular system "A" has also received the endorsement of the Scott County Commissioners, the Shakopee Chamber of Commerce and the City of Shakopee Planning Commission.

This plan of future area highway construction includes the recommendation of a Minnesota River bridge at the Bloomington Ferry (Scott County Road No. 25 and Hennepin County Highway No. 18) location, and a south by-pass for Highway 169 to skirt the city limits of Shakopee...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

May 5, 1994

Racetrack reopens on Friday

The Minnesota Racing Commission on April 27 unanimously approved licenses for Canterbury Park Holding Corp. to conduct both telercing and live horse racing at the Shakopee racetrack...

Canterbury reopens Friday at 10 a.m. with live racing being simulcast from four major race tracks – Churchill Downs in Louisville, Sportsman’s Park in Cicero, Ill., Hollywood Park in California and Aksarben in Omaha, Neb.

Live racing will not return to Canterbury until summer 1995. The owners and horsemen have already reached an agreement on 50 days of live racing next summer...

May 12, 1994

Medical campus construction in city could start early next year

A preliminary agreement for the joint construction of a medical campus in Shakopee that could start early next year was announced by its prospective partners Monday.

St. Francis Regional Medical Center and its owners, HealthSpan Health Systems Corp. and Benedictine Health System, along with Park Nicollet Medical Center, announced preliminary plans for construction of the medical campus located along County Road 17 (Marschall Road) in Shakopee.

The campus would include, in addition to a hospital, a new Park Nicollet clinic and a medical office building.

Although preliminary plans call for breaking ground early next year, no date has been set for construction of the hos-

pital. However, Park Nicollet wants to have its clinic operating by December 1995, said St. Francis spokeswoman Theresa Johnson...

May 19, 1994

Work on Co. Rd. 18 project delayed by court injunction

A judge’s ruling in a lawsuit filed by opponents of a project to widen County Road 18 likely will postpone the project for this year.

Scott County District Court Judge Eugene Atkins issued a permanent injunction to halt the project, which was to include widening County Road 18 from two to four lanes from County Road 42 to where it would meet the Shakopee Bypass and Bloomington Ferry Bridge...

May 26, 1994

Downtown reconstruction project OK’d by council

The Shakopee City Council approved the plans for the second phase of the downtown reconstruction project at its May 17 meeting and authorized staff to advertise for bids.

The plans are about 90 percent complete and were described by Public Works Director David Hutton...

In deciding whether to proceed with the project, councilors considered several issues. For example, the current design does not take into account the possibility of future redevelopment of two downtown blocks on the north side of First Avenue — where the former city hall is located and the next block eastward.

However, a memo from Staff Engineer Dave Nummer to the council said most of the First Avenue reconstruction will not be affected by future redevelopment of the blocks...

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