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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

June 7, 1894

A visit to the Jacob Ries Bottling Works at any time of any day in the week reveals a busy scene. Their excellent beverages are always in demand wherever they become known, and new territory is constantly being acquired, so that even with the increased capacity the work are often crowded to fill orders on time. Mr. Ries informs us that May sales for this year were considerably heavier than for the same month last year, although last year's trade showed a big increase over previous years. This, in the face of "hard times" is a record in which the firm may take a very just pride.

June 14, 1894

Tie up the dogs during this hot weather, and furnish them with plenty of fresh water and but little meat. By so doing Shakopee may, happily, escape a mad dog scare. Some one of the many mongrel curs with which we are blessed is more than likely to go mad during the heat of the summer and sink his poisoned fangs into the body or limbs of a luckless child, perhaps bringing death in one of its most horrible forms into our midst. Too much care cannot be taken. Be on the safe side.

June 21, 1894

New Ice Cream Parlors will be opened Saturday in the west half of the Ring Hotel building on Second street, where ice cream will be served afternoons and evenings, Sunday included.

Mrs. C. F. Cook.

June 28, 1894

Work on the Athletic Park will be completed this week, and the Diamonds are in high feather. The amount of labor required to fence in an entire block with an eight foot high, closed board fence, remove the sod from the large infield, level off the rest for the outfield, erect seats, backstops, ticket office, etc. was by no means small. But all this has been done at last, and the first game of ball at "Shakopee Athletic Park," will be played next Sunday afternoon.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

June 6, 1919

Jos. Ploumen met with a peculiar accident Monday, resulting in a very sore eye. He was shooting blackbirds with a .22 rifle when the gun backfired and he got the cartridge

and the flash of the powder in his right eye. The injury is not serious, but it caused him some pain at first.

June 13, 1919

Organize Health Association

A meeting for the purpose of organizing a county health association in Scott county was called to meet at Jordan on Thursday, June 5, by Secretary Donald Childs of the Scott County Red Cross. The meeting was not largely attended, but much enthusiasm was manifested. The immediate purpose of an association in the county is to secure the services of a visiting nurse, and Miss Bray, who was present as a representative of the state association, reported that there was now available for that purpose a sum of approximately \$250, while an additional sum would be available in October...

June 20, 1919

Citizens Plant Willows

Several dozen of the public-spirited citizens responded to Mayor Mergens's appeal to plant willows along the dike road on Tuesday, June 17—Good Roads Day. A few of the enthusiastic ones worked all day, but many of the others put in from one to three hours. There was a crew who did the cutting while another force did the planting. In all several thousand slips were planted. As already the banks of the grade were pretty well grown over with willow sprouts it should not be long before a very fast root nest is established. Special credit is due to some for their faithful work. The boy scouts also did their share.

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Contractor McKilep has his graveling crew at work now. The gravel is being taken from the Louis Scharf and Sherman Turner farms by two tractors, each pulling two dumps. In a few weeks now the big job will be finished.

June 27, 1919

The Sunshine Soap company has been canvassing the city this week, and has placed a large number of packages of the product in Shakopee homes. Other territory will be canvassed when this is finished. This excellent powder is finding favor with the home people, and is now stocked by most of the home dealers. Additions to the working force have been made this week, as the demand is growing rapidly.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

June 6, 1919

Shakopee Secures New Enterprise

A new enterprise will be started here in the very near future or just as soon as the building lately occupied by the laundry can be equipped for operation. This new concern will be known and will do business under the firm name of the Sunshine Soap company of Minnesota...

The company will manufacture and wholesale a washing powder which will be known as Sunshine Washing Powder, and will be put up in various sized cartons. Sunshine soap powder is essentially a dirt destroyer and remover of the highest merit and saves time, labor and money, and is said to make clothes white as snow. It is claimed to be good for any purpose for which soap is used...

June 13, 1919

Real Estate Transfers

Real estate transfers of the week were the sale of the Jos. Huth and John Kopisca farms. Jos. Huth sold to Max Vogel 52 acres of his place at Reilley's lake, retaining 224 feet fronting on the lake near his present home on which he will build a cottage. The price was \$10,000. Ferdinand Marschall bought the Kopisca farm of 60 acres, paying \$115 per acre. Mr. Marschall is living on the farm at present.

June 20, 1919

C. J. Hartmann's building is having the finishing touches put on it this week by Peter Paul. With its new plate glass front, tiled show windows and fountain the Hartmann meat market is strictly up-to-date in appearance and when completed will be one of the finest businesses places in the city.

June 27, 1919

American Legion Post to Organize

Wednesday evening George Scherckenbach, president of the Scott County Service Men's local club, received a charter from the national executive committee of the American Le-

gion entitling the club to organize as Shakopee American Legion Post No. 2 of the state of Minnesota. A meeting for this purpose will be held Tuesday, July 8th, when the organization will be effected and officers elected. The post will start with more than 80 charter members.

St. Paul American Legion Post No. 1 is the first to receive a charter in Minnesota and Shakopee Legion has the distinction of being No. 2...

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

June 1, 1944

Because of poor health, William J. Ruetten has been obliged to give up his job as nightwatchman at the State Reformatory here.

June 8, 1944

Canning Plant Ready for Use

With all its equipment now in readiness and Mrs. Susan Unze fully trained and skilled in its use, the community canning plant at the Shakopee Area Trade school east of the city, is now in operation, it was learned this week.

Either the pressure or the hot water bath method of canning meats, vegetables and fruits is available in the plant and all residents of the area may use the facilities, J. A. Metcalf, school superintendent, said.

Mrs. Unze, who will supervise and instruct in the operation of the canning equipment, has just completed an exhaustive training course fully qualifying her to direct the use of the canning plant...

June 15, 1944

Believed Pictured in Photo of Wounded Yanks

Although there has been no official confirmation relatives here are certain that Ralph Lebens, son of Mrs. Peter Lebens of Shakopee, was one of the wounded United States infantrymen shown in a recent press picture of the first American casualties in the European invasion.

The soldier believed to be Ralph, was the first on the left in the group. His head, neck and right arm were bandaged, and the expression on his tired face clearly reflected the strain that must have been common to every fighting man engaged in the invasion.

Ralph is serving with the First Division and it was that outfit that spearheaded the invasion. He has been in Europe about 18 months, relatives said.

June 22, 1944

Students Who Failed in State Exams Must Pass Tests in August

Any student that failed in one or two of the state board examinations required to be given in all unaccredited ele-

mentary schools must take another examination and receive a passing grade before they will be permitted to come to Shakopee and register for high school work, J. A. Metcalf, superintendent, announced this week. The examinations will be given at the Shakopee public school during the last week in August...

June 29, 1944

Father Schiffrer Is New Pastor of St. Mark's Church

The Very Rev. Dean Valentine Schiffrer, recently transferred from St. Michael to Shakopee, began the duties of his new pastorate at St. Mark's church here Wednesday succeeding the late Very Rev. Dean M. Sava who had served the parish for 27 years...

50 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

June 5, 1969

Vandalism Reduces Archers' Clubhouse To Ashes!

Vandalism most deliberate and questionable motives was in evidence at the clubhouse of the Minnesota Valley Archers of Shakopee, with the frame structure now reduced to nothing but rubble and ashes.

The clubhouse, recently acquired by the new archery organization that includes several Shakopee residents and located just to the north and west of Bryan Rock Products on Highway 169 toward Jordan, and just past the Highway 41 intersection, was discovered burned to the ground by Darwin Cohrs of the Shakopee Red Owl, a member the archery group...

Also not long after the clubhouse was located in the area, it being one of the cabins from Shakopee's former NYA camp at the east edge of the city, just north of Highway 101, and moved to the site by the Minnesota Valley Archers, several windows were shot out, apparently by vandals using a .22 caliber rifle.

Cohrs reported when he checked on Wednesday the ashes at the site were cold, so the structure must have been burned down sometime Tuesday evening of last week...

The Minnesota Valley Archers plan to continue to use the area as a field target range as previously, but plans for acquiring another clubhouse at present are indefinite.

June 12, 1969

Dedicate Swimming Pool Sun., To First Open This Saturday

This Saturday, June 14, Shakopee residents will first use the newly dedicated Shakopee Municipal Swimming pool, dedicated last Sunday, June 8, at the site, 11th Avenue and Adams Street in southwest Shakopee, adjacent to Sweeney Elementary School on Marystown road. Mayor Ray Siebenaler in the 2 p.m. ceremony officially dedicated the new facility by pouring Rock Spring water into the pool from a bottle.

June 19, 1969

Vandalism Hits Parks; Tombstones Overturned

A wave of vandalism hit the Shakopee parks, as well as St. Mark's Cemetery adjacent to Sweeney Elementary School on Marystown road, with Shakopee police investigating.

At Holmes Park, between Fourth and Fifth and Pierce and Shumway Streets, deliberate destruction was in evidence, as picnic tables were overturned along with refuse cans with debris scattered over a wide area. Also residences in this area were vandalized.

Tuesday evening of last week, June 10, vandalism was again in evidence at Memorial Park, at the east edge of the city just north of Highway 101.

At this park, again picnic tables were overturned, some of which were collapsed and debris was scattered with refuse cans overturned and rolled several feet from their original locations.

Prior to this, the most wanton act of all was the pushing over of tombstones in St. Mark's Cemetery, located just to the south and rear of Sweeney Elementary School on Marystown Road...

June 26, 1969

Council Passes Resolution To Merge Shakopee, Eagle Creek

Resolution To Be Forwarded On Consolidation

Members of the Shakopee City Council unanimously approved a resolution calling for the merger of Eagle Creek Township with the City of Shakopee Tuesday night of this week, June 24, in the most recent move to consolidate the two governments.

The resolution came after Shakopee's Council members met with the board of Eagle Creek township last week, according to Shakopee Mayor Ray Siebenaler...

The merger, if approved by the MMC and accomplished, would result in a new City of Shakopee, a result favored by the council's resolution...

Under the plan, the whole of Eagle Creek township would be consolidated with Shakopee, making a community of roughly 40 square miles in size.

There has been a previous action by some Eagle Creek residents, who circulated a petition calling for the township to become incorporated itself, with this also to be presented to the MMC...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

June 2, 1994

Federal highway fund transfer to help bypass

The Shakopee Bypass is not scheduled to be completed until 1997, but it came one step closer May 25 when between \$2 million and \$4 million earmarked for the Bloomington

Ferry Bridge project was tentatively transferred to the bypass account.

U.S. Rep. David Minge, D-Minn., announced the bypass funds were authorized, as was funding for the continued upgrading of Highway 212 in the Chanhassen-Chaska area...

June 9, 1994

TP vandalism

Shakopee police received a report at 2:13 a.m. Friday of youths decorating trees with toilet paper on most of 10th Avenue between Marschall Road and Shakopee High School. About 60 properties were littered with tissue paper. Police estimate 10 to 30 youths were involved. The names of three have been referred to the city attorney for possible charges.

June 16, 1994

School shuttle approved by board for one year

The Shakopee School District will provide a shuttle bus between Sweeney and Pearson elementary schools for the 1994-95 school year to provide for students attending a school outside the attendance area of their residence or day care.

The shuttle was approved by the School Board Monday. It is expected to cost \$7,000, which will come from the district's transportation fund...

Based on a survey by the district, approximately 60 families expressed an interest-in having their children attend the school outside their attendance area. About half of those indicated they would do so with or without transportation...

June 23, 1994

Ries among state's best, will play in all-star series

The images of a dejected Mitch Ries, his head in his hands, are almost indelible. After a standout season for the Shakopee High School baseball team, the Shakopee High School senior deserved a better fate than to give up a decisive home run in the first game of the sectional playoffs.

But Ries will get another chance to represent Shakopee High School. It's an opportunity he has earned, a chance to be

counted among the state's best players. Ries has been named to the Metro West team in the 20th Annual Lions All-Star Baseball Series. Play in that tournament begins tomorrow (Junk 24) at Chaska's Athletic Park...

June 30, 1994

Over 400 helmets sold at bike rally

Over 400 helmets were sold at the Bicycle Safety Rally Saturday, June 4 at Lions Park. The event, sponsored by St. Francis Medical Center, drew nearly twice as many people this year as last.

Aimed at children in grades kindergarten through six, the rally included an obstacle course, safety education classes, bicycle maintenance checks and the distribution of bicycle helmets at discounted prices. In addition, two bicycles were given away, along with restaurant coupons and bicycle accessories.

Other sponsors of the rally were the Shakopee Police Department, the American Red Cross, Scott County Public Health, and Shakopee Community Education.

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