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125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 5, 1894

The city treasury is feeling much braced up since Monday, when a \$4,500 dose of the gold cure was administered it in exchange for liquor licenses.

July 12, 1894

A lady by the name of Elizabeth Johnson was examined on a charge of insanity by Drs. Fischer and McCarthy at the Court House yesterday. It was found that she is suffering from depressant insanity, and she was taken to St. Peter this morning.

July 19, 1894

Last Tuesday noon a prairie fire secured some headway along the roadside near the Valley Cemetery, and before it could be extinguished the flames crept into the northwest corner and swept a greater part of the new addition, where several young trees were damaged. The fire was then confined to a narrow strip running diagonally from the center of the west side to the northeast corner, and here no damage was done save to grass and shrubs. Wm. Kurtz and son and Wm. Willson put in a hot afternoon's work extinguishing the fire.

July 26, 1894

See the home made stove in Kohler & Schwartz's window. It is to be given away.

100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

July 4, 1919

Picnic a Great Success

The Minnesota Stove Co. gave their annual picnic, June 28, in the grove of Frank Lenzmeier's farm. All kinds of games and amusements were arranged and a delightful time was had by all. A dance was held in the evening and special prizes were given to the best dancers. A ball game was played between the molders and the men from the rest of the shop, resulting in the defeat of the molders. Ice cream, peanuts, soft drinks and cigars were given free to the picnickers. Cars took them to and fro from the grounds. A large crowd were assembled to enjoy the many pleasures of the day.

July 11, 1919

Joseph Lenertz and family moved to their new home in South St. Paul on Wednesday.

July 18, 1919

St. Mark's Boys Happily Greeted

Big Crowd Turns Out to Honor Returned Warriors and Good Time Results

St. Mark's church featured a homecoming celebration for its returned soldiers and sailors Wednesday evening on the church grounds. St. Mark's sent 86 men to the colors, but the service flag contains five gold stars, so that 81 are either home or will return. The writer counted 28 men in uniform at the celebration but there were many more there in their civvies.

July 25, 1919

Jacob Gillen is having the north room of his business block remodeled and modernized. Interior repairs are being made this week, and plans call for a new front, and the work will be done at once.

100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

July 4, 1919

Buys Blacksmith Shop

Leo Huss, who returned from overseas service three weeks ago, has purchased his old stand from John A. Dean and will reestablish his blacksmithing business at his former shop. Leo followed his trade in the army and is better equipped than ever to give satisfaction to his patrons. He took immediate possession of the shop and hopes that his old customers will again favor him with their patronage.

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- Meet new people and share stories of a common interest
- Quarterly newsletter
- Quarterly meetings presenting:
 - Programs on the history of homes, families and businesses
 - Reports on research and preservation techniques
 - Research successes and failures
- Tour local historic sites

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July 11, 1919

An airplane passed over the city July 4th and 5th, south-bound the first day and headed for Minneapolis Saturday. A year or two from now a passing plane will probably have ceased to excite comment as they are becoming frequent sights.

July 18, 1919**Lightning Sets Fire to High School Building**

In a severe electrical storm which descended upon this locality about one o'clock Monday morning, lightning struck the high school building, setting fire to it, and causing damage to the extent of nearly \$1500. The bolt struck the flag staff of hollow iron pipe and ran down to the cupola, the dry wood catching fire instantly and the flames shooting up with great rapidity. Fortunately the fire was discovered at once and the fire department was soon at work, aided by a deluge of rain which prevented the flames from spreading to any extent to other parts of the roof. The cupola was completely destroyed and a number of holes were burned through the shingles, letting the rain into several of the rooms. The greatest damage was done in the agricultural department which was flooded; and the domestic science kitchen and a recitation room were also badly damaged by water. The fire department and citizens did good work and the fire was confined to a comparatively small space. On account of the storm, electric power furnished the city by the General Electric company was cut off entirely greatly hampering the department by lack of sufficient pressure to throw the water high enough to reach the cupola. Had it not been for this circumstance the fire would have been put out much sooner than it was.

The damage is fully covered by insurance and as soon as adjustment is completed by the companies the work for repairing the building will begin at once so that it will be in readiness for the opening of school at the regular time.

July 25, 1919**Barn Dance**

Everybody is invited to a barn dance at Frank Lenzmeier's farm next Wednesday, July 30. Music by Huber's orchestra. Lunch served at midnight. Good floor, good music, good crowd. Admission \$1.00. All welcome.

75 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Argus-Tribune**July 6, 1944**

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hogan and family who had previously lived in Shakopee but more recently were residents of St. Paul have returned to Shakopee where they have purchased the Dr. J. A. Malerich home on Shakopee avenue. The family moved into their new home here last Saturday. Mr. Hogan is employed in the payroll department of Northwest Airlines

with offices in St. Paul.

July 13, 1944**N. W. Bell Telephone People Buy Bonds To Buy Bomber**

The local Northwestern Bell Telephone people were jubilant today when word was received that the company-wide goal of \$250,000 to buy a bomber in the Fifth War Loan drive had been reached.

The "Buy a Bomber" campaign was sponsored by the joint union-management committees in Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska and North and South Dakota. It was agreed that the fund for the quota was to come out of additional payroll allotments and cash purchases of extra war bonds during June and July. The quarter of a million dollars represents the amount paid for the bonds and not their maturity value. It is in addition to the \$3,360,000 of war bond Northwestern Bell Telephone workers have been buying annually on payroll deductions.

The bomber will bear an inscription that the plane was sponsored by the men and women of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company.

July 20, 1944**W. P. Sauber of Prior Lake Coming to Shakopee Soon**

W. P. Sauber, for many years a substantial citizen of our neighboring town of Prior Lake, has bought the Walter Monnens house on East Fifth Street, now occupied by Robert Jaspers and family. The folks of Shakopee will greet the Saubers whom we are sure will be good neighbors and a welcome addition to our citizenship.

July 27, 1944**St. Louis Cardinal Scouts To Be in Shakopee Today**

When this item was written scouts for the St. Louis Cardinals were expected to arrive in Shakopee Thursday for a two-day stay in our midst. It is expected they will remain here Friday and Saturday. According to information furnished the Argus-Tribune the Cardinal representatives will include Tony Kaufman, Walter Shannon and Joe McDermott. They are former baseball players and are coming to Shakopee for the purpose of conducting a survey of boys of this community interested in the great national game of baseball and who might be prospects as players.

They have sent out to a list of boys in this community letters inviting them to come to Riverside Park during the two days the gentlemen expect to be in Shakopee. Those boys who respond to the invitation will be put through their baseball paces for the purpose of determining if they have latent ability which might be developed...

50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News

July 3, 1969

'Weight Watchers' Open Classes in Shakopee

Weight Watchers, a million-and-half-member organization dedicated to helping men, women and children lose pounds, has opened classes in the VFW Hall, 132 E. First St. Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

July 10, 1969

Nevin Is Rotary District Head

Passing of Rotary gavels and banners was the highlight of the regular meeting of the Shakopee Rotary club Tuesday noon of last week, July 1, at the Shakopee High School cafeteria on Tenth Avenue, as Shakopee became the home club of the District Governor and the Shakopee Club embarked on the 1969-70 year with a new president.

Present from Alexandria was Past District Governor Joe Perino who presented the new District Governor. Dr. Paul F. Nevin of Shakopee banners that pronounce the Shakopee club as "home club of the District Governor," along with the lapel pin to be worn by Shakopee Dentist Nevin, now presiding over the activities of the Rotary district...

July 17, 1969

24 Scott County Buildings Meet Fallout Shelter Minimum

During the past year, the Scott County Office of Civil Defense has made a great effort to get buildings surveyed and designated as fallout shelters by the U.S. Corps of Engineers and stocked with shelter supplies and radiological kits, according to C.O. Director W.H. Williams.

As of June 1, 24 buildings in the county now have a protection factor of 40 or more and are able to shelter at least 50 people, minimum requirements for federal stocking.

Of these 24 buildings, 22 owners have signed licenses agreeing the building may be stocked with supplies and used as a shelter if needed. Some 18 of these shelters have been stocked and supplies have been ordered for the others.

Shelters that are stocked or about to be stocked will protect 8,447 people or about one-third of the population of Scott County. Food stocks are based on a 14-day radon period.

Locations of these shelters are:

SHAKOPEE – State Reformatory for Women – 130 spaces; St. Francis Hospital – 793 spaces; Shakopee Junior High School – 905 spaces; First National Bank – 122 spaces; Northwestern Bell Telephone Co. – 63 spaces; Rahr Malting Co. 631 spaces plus 1,470 spaces, which would be used in time of national emergency and the total close down of mill operations; Jacob Ries Bottling Co. – 62 spaces...

People are needed to be trained to operate these shelters now they are stocked. Radiological monitors and shelter managers are also needed. Courses on these positions are offered

by the State Department of Education.

Shakopee needs 28 radiological and 14 shelter managers...

Williams urges anyone completing a new building, particularly school boards, is to contact their local Civil Defense director about incorporating shelter space in the building. Free architectural advice is supplied by the Office of Civil Defense...

July 24, 1969

Shakopee Knights Break Ground...

A happy group of Shakopee Knights of Columbus members witnessed a groundbreaking ceremony held Friday which marked the beginning of construction for Council 1685's new club rooms to be built on East Fourth Ave. in Shakopee. ... The new 10,000 square foot building will be constructed on two levels and will include recreation areas, club rooms, and a hall. Partial completion is scheduled by December of this year, with total construction due to be finished by the spring of 1970.

July 31, 1969

Log Barn Rises On Historic Site

From Highway 101, it looks like a gigantic woodpile, and were it not for a plan and some dedicated individuals, that is all it would be.

But the wood is special wood. The huge sturdy maple beams, with their notched ends, came from a farm in Blakely, and were recently dismantled there, coded as to position and transported to the site of a historic complex being constructed at the east end of Memorial Park by the Scott County Historical Society.

The barn, of Pennsylvania Dutch architecture, is being constructed anew by a small band of workmen led by St. Louis Park man, Ken Sander. He, his son and two Shakopee teachers worked in the blistering sun last week lifting, fitting, preserving, slowly raising the walls to look once more like they did when the structure was built in 1840.

The barn will soon be followed by another barn, and a farm house, all of the same era, and all to be a part of a panorama of the rich and colorful history of the Minnesota River Valley during the 19th Century, from Indian Village to pioneer settlement.

Mrs. Margaret MacFarlane, who serves as coordinator on the total project, said Tuesday the project was on schedule. Completed, it will chronologically paint a picture of life during the 1800's, with a reconstruction of an Indian Village, the original Faribault home, the farm complex, pioneer village.

The nucleus of the project is the restoration of the Pond Grist Mill, built by the Rev. Samuel Pond in 1847. Pond served the Sioux who camped here, built the mill and his home...

Also a part of the total project will be nature trails and arboretum areas on the 289 acre site...

25 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Valley News*

July 7, 1994

Teachers aim to master higher education at summer school

For most Shakopee students and staff, the school year ended June 8.

But 16 teachers from Shakopee, and six from New Prague, were back in the classroom the following Monday (June 13) – only now, they're the students, and their teachers come from St. Mary's College in Winona.

That's because the teachers are working on their master's degrees in education through a special off-campus program coordinated between St. Mary's and the Shakopee School District...

July 14, 1994

Shakopee Valley Printing expanding

Shakopee Valley Printing is in the process of adding 10,000 square feet to its plant in the Valley Green Industrial Park.

The addition will house state-of-the-art equipment, including a new four-color web press, a new stitcher/trimmer and updated equipment in the firm's prep room.

The \$6 million expansion is expected to be completed in August. The company said it may add 20-30 employees with the expansion.

July 21, 1994

Arson possible cause of Monday fire

The state fire marshal's office is investigating the cause of a fire early Monday that heavily damaged the living room and furniture in a Shakopee fourplex, according to Fire Chief Frank Ries.

The fire, at 1101 E. Bluff St., was reported at 12:12 a.m.

The building has been unoccupied in recent weeks, Ries said.

July 28, 1994

Shakopee youths participating in Black Hills adventure

Ten Shakopee High School students are participating in a week-long wagon train adventure in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The trip originates at Atlantic Mountain Ranch, an ELCA Bible camp located outside of Custer, S.D.

The students, along with their adult advisers, John and Cynthia Koopmann, will spend the week in horse-drawn covered wagons on horseback, and on foot, exploring the old logging trails of the Black Hills. Daily emphasis on Bible study, group discussion and worship will be accompanied by outdoor adventure, activities and open-fire cooking...

Third Annual Pathways of Shakopee History Fundraiser & Silent Auction

Presented by the Shakopee Heritage Society

Thursday, Aug. 1, 2019

Turtle's 1890 Social Centre

112 S. Lewis St., Shakopee, MN 55379

\$40 (includes dinner)

5:30 p.m. Social • 6:30 p.m. Dinner,

Followed by silent and live auction

Special presentation by renowned historical artist, David Geister
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