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## 125 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Sept. 6, 1894

Last week Rev. Fr. J. J. Girimondi baptized four from the resident band of Sioux Indians, one, eighty-one years old, under the name of John Baptist Joseph, another, aged seventy, took the name of Mary Anna, a third, aged forty-nine, was given the name of Mary Elizabeth, and the fourth, thirty years of age, received the name of Ellen Magdalen Rose. Father Girimondi hopes soon to have a few others among the Children of Israel.

Sept. 13, 1894

An ice famine is on locally and Mr. Kauth has been compelled to ship in carloads from St. Paul during the week. The extremely hot, dry weather, coupled with somewhat faulty packing, are responsible for the shortage.

Sept. 20, 1894

A new and expensive "Scalper and Grader" was put in at the mill the first part of the week. The inventor and manufacturer, J. L. Wilford of Minneapolis, was on hand Monday to see how well it accommodated itself to its new quarters. Its work is satisfactory in every respect.

Sept. 27, 1894

Geo. W. Smith of New Market was a business visitor here on Tuesday, and, in company with Surveyor Simar, looked after some dividing lines at Marystown.

## 100 Years Ago: From the *Shakopee Tribune*

Sept. 5, 1919

For Sale—My home, consisting of 8 large rooms with closets, attic and good basement, suitably arranged for one or two families. Large cistern and barn. Will sell house with or without adjoining lot. Mrs. M. H. Fitzpatrick.

Sept. 19, 1919

Herman Plekkenpol is building a fine 34x66 barn on his farm south of town which he recently bought from Jos. Linhoff.

Sept. 26, 1919

Theis Thielen has sold his residence on west First street to Martin Lenzmeier, who, however, does not expect to occupy it himself this year. Mr. and Mrs. Thielen are intending to move to Minneapolis just as soon as they find a place that suits them.

## 100 Years Ago: From the *Scott County Argus*

Sept. 5, 1919

Miss Elizabeth Jaspers of Chaska has returned to Miss Emma Busse's where she is learning the millinery trade.

Sept. 12, 1919

Ed Schesso of Jordan, who recently returned from military service, has re-opened his garage in the Jasper building on First street. It is reported that he will build providing he can secure a suitable location.

Sept. 19, 1919

Supt. and Mrs. L. A. Clark have moved into Miss Ida Busse's home on First street.

Sept. 26, 1919

The Jacob Ries Bottling Works, Inc., are busy this week installing a new sterilizer and bottle washer with a capacity of 3600 bottles per hour. The company will also rearrange the entire bottling department as soon as possible and put in an automatic labeling machine. The improvements are costly and extensive but will increase the capacity of the works from 50 to 60 per cent.

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

Sept. 7, 1944

### In Business Here Over 60 Years

John M. Velz has layed down his scissors and his home and after more than 60 years that have taken him from the

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era of the mustache cup and the personal shaving mug through the period of the wind-blown bob and the heinie he has retired from the business of barbering.

He recently sold his shop building to E. V. Mertz, who on September 1, transformed the tonsorial parlor into an insurance office.

It was way back in early March, 1883 that Mr. Velz began to "learn the trade," working in shops in the twin cities. Two years later he opened his own shop in Shakopee and from then until his retirement, continued in business here.

He still recalls, with a glint in his eye, the "Sunday shop" he operated at Savage during the boom years of 1902 to 1907 while the Dan Patch race track was under construction and later in operation there. He made his weekly trips to Savage on his bicycle.

That Mr. Velz rendered a desirable quality of service throughout his many years is verified by the fact that his list of patrons at the time of his retirement still included many of the "old timers" that had been with him from his first year of business here.

Now at 80 years, he reluctantly put down the implements of his trade chiefly because he knows he will greatly miss the weekly visits with the "old timers," and because he knows it will be a little disconcerting for them to change their routine.

Many are the tales of the sins and sorrows of the community that were unraveled to him as he stood beside the chair these 60 odd years. His must be a rich memory of the time when the barber shop was a man's realm; of busy Saturday nights which stretched their smoke drenched hours into Sunday mornings.

**Sept. 14, 1944**

#### **Residential Property in Strong Demand Here**

That the demand for residential property in Shakopee is continuing strong was indicated again this week with the consummation of two transfers.

The Lindberg house on Holmes street was sold to William Anderson, and the William Engel house on East Second street was sold to M. E. Ferguson.

Both houses are now occupied and the present tenants are seeking places into which to move so the new owners may move in.

Other sales of houses and property are also reported to be in process this week.

**Sept. 21, 1944**

#### **Surgical Dressing Work To Resume Here Friday**

Workers in the surgical dressings department of the local Red Cross will resume work on Friday morning September 22, in the rooms designated for this work in Masonic hall. Materials have been received for the new quota.

Past workers are again urged to assist in this fine work and new workers will be very welcome.

**Sept. 28, 1944**

#### **County Athletic Conference Set**

Superintendents and coaches from Shakopee, New Prague, Belle Plaine and Jordan have organized the four Scott county high schools into an athletic conference, it was announced this week.

The new setup will in no way interfere with the present district or conference plan in-as-much as the schools ordinarily play each other in football and basketball during the regular season, so only a few additional games will be necessary, it was explained.

The purpose of the league, authorities said, is to further the relationship between the Scott county schools and to give added incentive to these schools which have about the same athletic caliber. A trophy is to be awarded the champions of each of these sports...

#### **50 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News**

**Sept. 4, 1969**

#### **Ambulance Service Now In Operation**

The Shakopee Ambulance Committee has announced that all insurance requirements have been met, equipment has been safety checked, and the ambulances of the Odenwald Ambulance Service are now back in service.

The ambulance service was forced to terminate services recently when financial difficulties became apparent, and since that time various civic organizations have donated money for current operations to see if, after a six-month period, the service will be able to support itself on a private basis.

**Sept. 11, 1969**

#### **Board Asks Permanent Library**

*Take the Bull By the Horns...*

During a discussion of the problem facing the city and the county Library Board in providing housing for the Shakopee branch, Library board member Cormac Suel asked the City Council to begin thinking in terms of a permanent library facility for the community within the next few years.

Suel said the current situation, in which the Shakopee Library would be without a building in Shakopee by the first of the year, indicated the problem called for both a temporary solution and a permanent one.

The library building, which has been rented by the city of Shakopee since 1959, was sold this summer to the First National Bank of Shakopee, which has plans to raze the building in an expansion program.

Suel said he had learned from the bank that the library would not be forced to move until the end of the year, but

County librarian Mrs. Elsie Morgan has indicated she would not like to make the move during the winter months.

Presently being considered for the library quarters is the lower level of a former church on East First Avenue in Shakopee at the intersection of Fillmore. Mrs. Morgan said it could be suitable for a library use if remodeled.

Under the county library system, communities provide quarters for the books and staff. The present Shakopee Library has 1200 square feet, and contains 14,500 books.

Suel said that minimum requirements for a library in the city should be 3500 square feet with 15,000 books. "And if it is to be the county headquarters, that size should be doubled." The proposed location has approximately 2500 square feet.

The building under consideration belongs to Brendan Suel, Cormac Suel's brother, and he was hesitant to say anything about the Suel property as to its suitability because of the relationship. He asked councilman to search for sites and make a decision on a building with the entire library board...

**Sept. 18, 1969**

### **Three Areas of City Rezoned by Council**

Zoning on three large tracts of land in east Shakopee adjacent to corporate limits has been changed as a result of City Council approval at its meeting last week.

The changes, recommended by the City Planning Commission, will make possible development of multiple dwelling in an area bounded on the north by County Road 82, the west by County Road 17, and on the south by Shakopee Avenue and on the east by the present corporate limits...

The most northerly area rezoned, from County Road 82 south to County Road 16, was changed from industrial zoning to R-3B, or multiple dwelling.

The other multiple dwelling area, south of County Rd. 16 and north of Shakopee Ave., was changed from R-1 (one family-large lot sizes) to multiple. The third area, also zoned as R-1, was changed to R-2 zoning, which is less restrictive in that it doesn't require lot sizes of 100 foot width, but rather 60 feet. The area rezoned to R-2 is bounded on the north by Shakopee Avenue, on the west by County Road 17, and on the other sides by corporate limits.

A fourth area, which the planning commission has recommended be zoned as R-2 is the area bounded by Shakopee Ave. on the north, County Road 17 on the east, city limits to the south and the extension of Minnesota Street on the west.

This is the area in which the new elementary school will be built, with construction due to begin this year. At present the land is open residential zoning. The council is deliberating over the definition of that zoning as R-2 or designating a part of it as multiple dwelling.

**Sept. 25, 1969**

### **Hospital Staffers Design Emergency Treatment Unit**

Members of the St. Francis Hospital staff have designed and constructed an emergency care unit which can be taken to the patient in the event the heart stops or a pulmonary failure occurs.

Two identical units, both mounted on carts for portability, and containing all necessary equipment and medications for treatment of such emergencies are now in use at the hospital, according to administrator Roland Graff.

Although very compact, the emergency carts are expensive, mainly because of electronic gear which is mounted on them.

Atop each cart, is a machine called a defibrillator, which uses an electric impulse to jolt the heart back into operation.

One of the units is kept constantly in the hospital's coronary care unit, according to Graff, while the other is kept on call for emergencies in other areas of the hospital.

Now that the second machine is in operation, hospital personnel are being trained in its use. According to Terry Cox, a registered nurse who is a certified anesthetist and a key figure in the instruction process, the machine is one of only a few being used by hospitals...

In designing and constructing the unit, hospital staff members saved substantial money, as well as being afforded the luxury of getting a unit which is more complete than one which can be purchased. Graff said the emergency cart was constructed for about \$3,000, but that if it were bought it would cost \$5,000.

The cost of the unit was given to the hospital by the Rahr Foundation, Graff said...

The mobile emergency system has been in development for approximately one year, he said, and is now in its final stage...that of a constant training program so all hospital personnel take refresher courses in proper use of the machine, as well as insuring that new personnel are oriented in hospital emergency procedure...

## **25 Years Ago: From the Shakopee Valley News**

**Sept. 1, 1994**

### **Ashland Oil to expand**

Ashland Chemical Co. broke ground Aug. 24 on a \$3 million warehouse and distribution center at 4401 Valley Industrial Blvd. S. ... The 80,000-square foot warehouse, scheduled to be completed in January, will serve as a storage and distribution center. Ashland expects to employ about 30 people in Shakopee in the near future.

**Sept. 8, 1994**

### **Vaughan field dedication plans set**

Shakopee High School's new sports complex will be named in memory of longtime coach and instructor Dale Vaughan in a dedication ceremony Friday, Sept. 16.

The new football/soccer/track complex, located south of the high school, will be the new home of the Shakopee Sabers football and track teams. The stadium will honor Vaughan, who died of a heart attack June 1, 1993 as he was administering a sectional softball tournament in Shakopee, six days before he was to retire after 30 years, during which he was an educator, football coach and activities director at the high school.

The two-part ceremony involving the complex and dedication will take place prior to the Saber football team's 7:30 p.m. home opener against Hutchinson. The ceremony will start at 7:10 p.m. and will include several speakers who will recognize people instrumental in the completion of the facility...

The dedication ceremony will immediately follow. Scheduled speakers in this portion include Bob Mayer, retired superintendent of the Shakopee School District, and Grady Rostberg, longtime Hutchinson High football coach and good friend of Vaughan's. Joe Vaughan, Dale's son, will speak for the family. Dale's wife, Nancy, their eight children and some of their grandchildren are expected to attend...

**Sept. 15, 1994**

**Betting parlors proposed for bars, restaurants by horsemen**

If state voters approve a constitutional amendment allowing off-track betting in November, the owners of Canterbury Downs and horsemen groups will propose to the Legislature next year that betting parlors be placed in existing bars and restaurants.

Horsemen groups have suggested that about 25 betting parlors – rooms with TV screens, a teller to take bets and communications equipment – be placed in bars and restaurants, and phased in over a three-year period, with most in outstate Minnesota...

**Sept. 22, 1994**

**County administrator returns to work**

Scott County Administrator Cliff McCann returned to work last week after being on a leave of absence since early July.

McCann was back on the job Sept. 12 after being granted a paid leave of absence...

**Sept. 29, 1994**

**County hires firm to gather more data on area office sites**

The Scott County Board has hired a Minneapolis-based real estate company to gather more information on seven sites, one of which may one day house future county offices...

On May 31, the County Board accepted the final report of a 15-member Site Evaluation Committee that examined seven possible locations for future county offices. Committee members recommended three sites – two in Shakopee and one in Spring Lake Township...

After the recommendations were made, County Board members said they needed more specific information about all seven sites, prompting the hiring of Towle Real Estate Co. Under the contract, the company's consulting fee will not exceed \$5,000...

The seven areas under consideration:

- \* County Road 17 and the new bypass in Shakopee.
- \* The current courthouse site in Shakopee and contiguous blocks.
- \* The area of highways 13 and 282 and County Road 17, located in Spring Lake Township, east of Jordan.
- \* County roads 16 and 83 in Shakopee.
- \* Fourth Avenue behind Canterbury Downs in Shakopee.
- \* Area of the Shakopee Bypass and County Road 18.
- \* Area near county roads 18 and 16...

In the past two years, the county has set aside \$2 million in its capital improvement plan for the purchase of the land. "Originally, it was scheduled to be purchased in 1994," McCann said. "Now, it will more likely be 1995."...

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