Following is an excerpt from some memories of early Shoreview contributed by Doug Jenness

“We moved into our house on Oak Ridge Avenue (then a dirt road called Margaret Street) on Labor Day weekend in 1945.....

There was no Shoreview then. What is now the incorporated City of Shoreview was part of Mounds View Township in rural Ramsey County. There were still a number of farms in the County, including in the area we lived. (Ed note: south end of Turtle Lake) In addition to the Hansen farm..... there was Karth’s farm on the SE corner Hwy 96 and Lexington Ave and Gordy Anderson’s farm N of Tanglewood. Both were dairy farms.

There were also specialty farms. The Sampson’s had a fur farm at the NE corner of Hansen & Tanglewood, where they bred....foxes, mink and chinchillas. Stu Cohen operated a pigeon farm......In later years he also raised Muscovy ducks, mallards, pheasants and guinea fowl.

...many sites were know by the people who lived on or near them: Karth’s Field, Trudy’s Gulch and Schmid’s Woods.

The nearest store was Annie and Pete Tobin’s (former site of Kozlaks). That’s where we went to get ice..... and milk. .........the Seablooms opened another grocery on the NE corner of Hodgson and 96 (North Oaks Center).

District 4 was a one room school. (located n of 96 on Arsenal property) When I started in 1948, there were 6 grades- each grade a row. .........The parents were responsible for everything—hiring the teacher and maintenance of the building and its grounds. Every fall there would be a mobilization of parents some Saturday to put on the storm windows, scrub the building and paint it when it was needed.......

In celebration of the SHS 25th Anniversary in 2016, we are collecting YOUR memories of Shoreview. To submit, email: jaccikrebsbach@comcast.net
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