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SHELLINGER, JOE

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Joseph Shellinger was born January 18, 1864 at Wayne, Wisconsin, son of Fidelis and Barbara Shellinger. He attended early schools of Intermediate and Senior type and then worked as an apprentice to the carpenter trade. At the conclusion of his apprenticeship he entered the carpenter contract business.

In 1886 he married Sophie Gales daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gales Sr. Miss Gales was born May 1, 1865 at Wayne, Wisconsin. This wedding was a double wedding held at Saint Anthony Church. Rev. John Decker officiating. A brother of Miss Gales marrying a sister of Mr. Shellinger's at this wedding. Incidentally at the time of this writing, May 1936, both couples are still alive and preparing to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. This is a decidedly rare incident in realization that a double wedding concerning only two families and both to celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary.

In 1886 Mr. and Mrs. Shellinger moved to Kohlesville, Wisconsin and Mr. Shellinger worked as a carpenter there for one and a half years.

They came to Saint Cloud in 1888 and erected a home at 121 Fourteenth Avenue South. Mr. Shellinger started as a carpenter contractor, and was engaged in that line until his retirement several years ago. They have six children: Leo, of Saint Cloud; Otto, of Fon-da-La, Wisconsin; Albert, of Glasgow, Mont.; Joe, of Saint Cloud; Rose, of Saint Paul. There are _____ grandchildren.

Mr. Shellinger taught his sons the carpenter trade and they have been partners and succeeded him in his business.

Mrs. Shellinger remarked about wages and automobiles. She stated, "When we first came to Saint Cloud wages were from 75¢ to \$1.50 a day. I think the young people are getting too high a wage scale. They lose the real value of a dollar. Also why should they invest these dollars

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in speed? I can remember how Mr. Shellinger always rode to work on a bicycle. He has even gone as far as Spring Hill and Elrosa to work and always on his bicycle."

Interviewed: Joe Shellinger
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