

New to the Tripp Collection



1. 1970 – 2013 SAUK PRAIRIE STAR NEWSPAPERS

44 total. Completes the gift given to SPAHS in 1974 of editions of the *Sauk County News* (1900 to 1952) and *Sauk Prairie Star* (1953 to 1969). From left to right: John Gieck, SPAHS volunteer, and Mike Carignan, Editor of the *Sauk Prairie Star*, are seen in this April 2015 photo preparing to move the hardbound copies to their new home at the Tripp Museum. From photos of local people, to colorful advertisements and the latest breaking news of the day—it's easy to get lost for hours at a time both uncovering new details and reconnecting to familiar stories of life along the Riverway.



2. DEATH CLOTHES

Two thin, long boxes were discovered during remodeling of the Dresen and Littel Furniture and Funeral Home in Sauk City. Inside? Two dresses—one grey and one cream. They are “die sind toden kleider” or death clothes. Funeral homes would have kept these on hand for people who needed nice clothing for burial. The dresses were made by the Buckstaff Company of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, in business from 1880 to 1920. The gray dress, labeled “Estelle,” has an original price of \$18.00 and comes complete with a handsome rhinestone belt clasp.

3. SAUK PRAIRIE ANNUALS

The Sauk Prairie STAR donated their collection and boy are they a treat! Within their pages are all of our favorite locals before they were famous. Stop by the museum Tuesdays, 9:30 to Noon, or Fridays and Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m., to take a TRIPP back in time looking through these page-turners. The Adeline Anderson Research Library on the 2nd Floor of the Tripp is home to the STAR collection and additional Sauk Prairie annuals, the earliest from Prairie du Sac, 1904.



Sauk Prairie graduates Julie Wollersheim (far left) and Rebecca Maier (center) are two of many familiar faces to be found in the 1980s and 90s. At right, the 1904 graduating class of Prairie du Sac with “special student” Angelo Class, bottom right, who illustrated the annual.

