

**Onnela School.** About 1910 to 1942.

T54N R35 W SW ¼ of SW1/4 in Section 25. Near Jampsa/Harma



Still stands.

- Onnela School was built about 1910 as a one room school house for 10 grades (6 Grades near the end)
- The Larson children (parents were Andrew and Lillie) attended: Clara, Ellen, Rudolph, Raymond.
- Other farm families nearby: Jacob Juntilla, John Asumaa, Lampinen.
- Some teachers were: Katherine Kuru, Amelia Jampsa (farm nearby) in early 30's., Margaret McLean, Ellen Rashi.
- 1910 census. Teacher, Olga Tillberg (guessing Onnela) age 23, boards with Michael Jampsa family who was age 50. She was born in Wisconsin.
- As bus transportation came the school closed. By 1941 the building was sold to a nearby farm owner. First used as a home.

**School Board Minutes:**

August 1942 - As no teachers now seem available for Onnela or Perala School it now appears that these students will be schooled at Redridge and Heikkinen.

September 3 1942

- cut "juice" @ Onnela School. Close and board.
- cut "juice" @ Canal and not board up if Alex Olson is responsible for its well being.
- close Perala School and board up.

November 1942 - o.k.'s Onnela School be used for Election purposes.

Don Heikkila who grew up on Liminga road near N. Superior Road shares: The Onnela School was closed, but us car loving kids would meet there for the Crusaders Club and talk about our cars.

I finally found the info on the Crusaders Car Club and the Onnela School building I mentioned on our school tour – sorry it is so late.

The club organized on September 2, 1957. The club decided to bid on the school to the Stanton Twp School Board in September 1958. The first meeting held in the new facility was on October 15, 1958. Minutes indicate a purchase price of \$125 and after that, about \$5.47 remained in the treasury. The club had a letter written by a Houghton teacher sent to the Stanton Board in support of the group. The last set of minutes I had was April 19, 1960 but there was mention of buying paint to fix up the place so there must have been more minutes somewhere.

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1 YEAR POLICY

NAME Crusaders Motor Club

ADDRESS Rt # 1

Atlantic Mine, Mich.

Go John E Good

307 W. 4th St.

AGENT Doughton, Mich.

CREDITS \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ISSUED 1/20/59

Date of Policy	Renewal No. Insurance	Amount Insurance	Rate	Premium
1-20-59	22434	\$ 500:	.55	\$ 2.75
1-20-60	"	\$ 500:	.55	" <sup>55</sup>
1-20-61	"	\$ 500:	.55	" <sup>55</sup>

*[Handwritten signatures and notes in the table area, including "m", "1/20/62"]*

REMARKS: \_\_\_\_\_

FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE CO.  
OF OSKAR

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UNIFORM STANDARD

FORM NO. 18A  
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**BUILDING AND CONTENTS—SCHEDULE FORM**

Attached to and forming part of Policy No. 22434  
of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Oskar  
issued at its Houghton, Michigan Agency. Dated January 20, 19 59

ALL TERMS, PROVISIONS AND CONDITIONS HEREIN SET FORTH, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE BACK OF THIS FORM, ARE MADE A PART OF THIS POLICY.

George H. Nelson Agent.

NAME OF INSURED OR RISK Crusaders Motor Club

This policy being for \$..... covers its pro rata proportion of and on the following amounts:

**SCHEDULE**

ITEM NO.	AMOUNT OF INSURANCE	CONTENTS	OCCUPANCY	HEIGHT AND CONSTRUCTION	DIAGRAM NO. OR LOCATION
1.	\$500:	inc.	Club House (Former Onnela School)	one story, comp. roof, frame.	

Mr. Harma was the bus driver during my younger school days. The bus may have been stored in garage on his property.

Researched by Barb Koski, Osma Plat Road, Houghton MI 49931 in 2009.  
Submitted 2011. Contact Webmaster with other information.