

Schmidt's Corner Bar

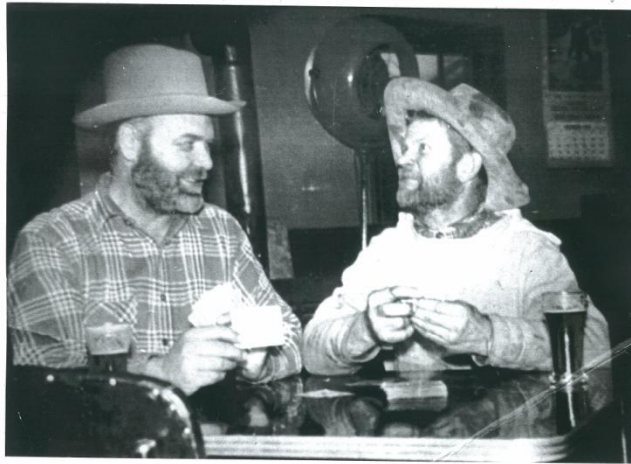


Schmidt's Corner Area.



Schmidt Corner Bar.





Wally Jolie and Eppie Ruohonen

Son to Aleksi Garnell, Henry, shares on his 1977 WMPL Heritage line interview: There were no saloons in Oskar. Only 1 booze license was allowed in Stanton Township. There was a saloon in Redridge before Schmidts area had the bar.

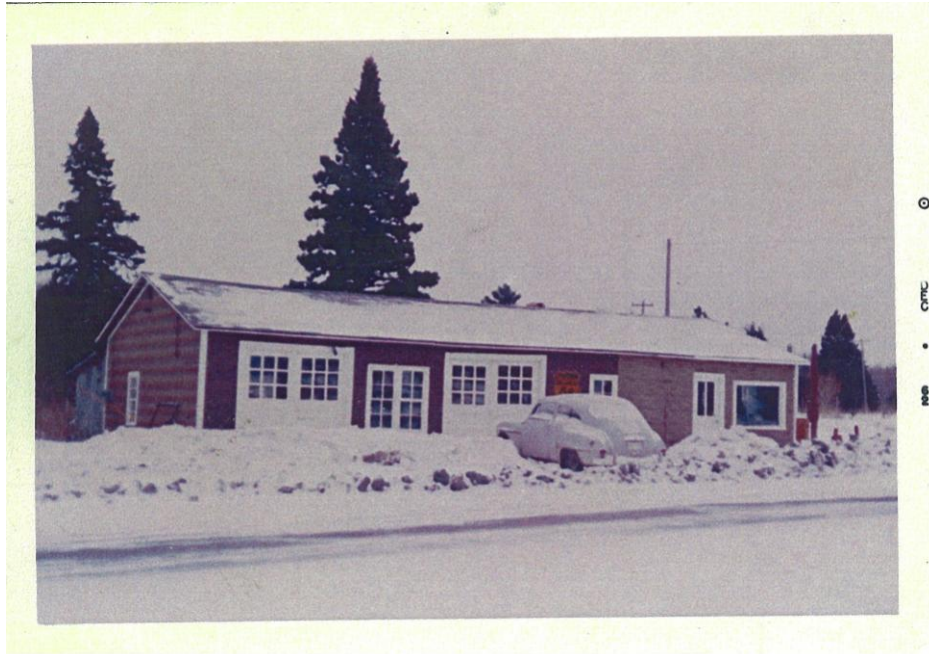
Maybe there was one on the Blue Top Cabin Road once too, owned by Victor Kuru when the canal was being built. He did not operate the bar, the building was on the property.

On the Bar menu in 2010 the history on back says: In the 1920's the "Schmidt's Corner Bar" was a store selling pop, candy, and bootleg liquor below the counter. In the 1930's the bar license moved from Harry's Bar in Fred to a tar paper shack on Ernie Schmidt's property at corner of Liminga Road and Houghton Canal.

Owners.

- Bruce and Kelly Coponen. They live near Obenhoff Lake.
- Henry Lantto (no relation to Adam Lantto nor descendants) had a farm in Obenhoff. Jody is a granddaughter of Henry, and she is now the owner of Schmidts Corner Bar, unless rumors are true and she has sold it.
- Bill Traub
- Ken/Noni Ruohonen.
- William Heikkila owned the bar right after prohibition. There was candy sold in the bar for the kids who came with their parents. The mining company in Freda did not want a bar in the town area. But didn't want workers coming home from other towns.. so allowed a bar on outskirts of town.
- Pictures attached have owner Wally Jolie. He lived according to a fire insurance policy at 934 Ethel Ave. Hancock in 1948. He insured his home and contents from 1948 to 1951 with Oskar's Farmer's Mutual Fire Insurance Company.
- George Nelson.

The garage in pictures of Schmidt's Corner belonged to John Ruohonen. He did repair work there after Wm. Heikkila had the bar.



From the vault at the Stanton Township hall comes this information:

Stanton Township Treasurer paid \$42.50 for a license fee distributor voucher to Liquor Control Commission on Sept 2, 1937. George H. Nelson Licensee 6 months. Tavern code E 84.

Wallace Jolie had Liquor Law Enforcement Inspections on form in 1952, 1953, 1957, and 1958 in the vault.

Inspection on 9/29/1952. Licensees were Leonard Colombe and W. Jolie. Deputy Sheriff doing the inspection was Ernest Schmidt. The same for 10/25/11/25/12/20 of that year.

Inspection on Jan 19 and Feb 14, 1953, was Colombe and Jolie. On March inspection form just Jolie was listed as licensee. Schmidt was Deputy Sheriff doing the inspection.

Inspections in March thru December 1957 licensee was Wally Jolie. In March Arthur Lantto was Deputy Sheriff. Then April thru Dec was George H. Nelson.

Inspections from Jan. thru Dec. 1958 licensee was W. Jolie.



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This photo taken Sept. 28, 1973 just east of Cole's Creek enroute back to the BOSCH BREWERY shows the wagon with horses and a tractor pulled wagon loaded with celebrants who had spent the afternoon at the SCHMIDT'S CORNER BAR where the last keg of beer of the BOSCH BREWING COMPANY was dispatched.

The driver of the team of Belgian draft horses was Dale Soumis and his wife, Penny of Chassell driving the team for the HOLIDAY RANCH of Dollar Bay. The names of the well-groomed Belgians were Queen and Blanche.



On Sept. 28, 1973, the BOSCH BREWING COMPANY of West Houghton, Michigan poured its last keg of beer culminating 99 years of brewing processing in Michigan's Copper Country. The last keg of beer along with several other barrels of beer were ceremoniously escorted by wagon drawn by a team of Belgian horses to the SCHMIDT'S CORNER BAR in Oskar where it was officially recieved by tavern manager and operator, Kenneth Ruohonen. As sson as the beer was on tap, Ruohonen put up this sign reminiscent of the turn of the century when beer sold for 5¢ per glass.

In this photo are from left: Edwin (Eppie) Ruohonen, Mrs. Abe (Rosie) Luoma, Manager Kenny Ruohonen and his wife Nona.

The tavern for that afternoon and evening was so jammed with celebrants that if anyone had fainted he would have been unable to fall to the floor but would have been braced up while still unconscious.





Standing from left: Rudy Darnell, Vincent "Mickey" Mowen, George Quokonen, Paul Burkman, Joel Martella, Seated from left Wallace "Snokey the Bear" Joki, John R. Quokonen, Photo taken at Schmidt's Bar Nov. 15, 1957

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John Walstrom

Leo Martella

Joe Eidsa

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du Burkman (Paul's brother)



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