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Membership dues are based on a calendar year starting with the date of enrollment. The expiration date of your membership is shown on your membership card. If renewal of the dues is not received by the expiration date a reminder is sent. The reason for this is twofold. First and foremost we value your membership and hope you continue to support us. Secondly, our Bylaws state that a member in arrears 30 days after the anniversary date shall be removed from the rolls. Please keep in mind that one reminder only is required in this same section of the Bylaws and is sent in hopes that your membership continues without a lapse. If any member has a question regarding this please feel free to contact us.

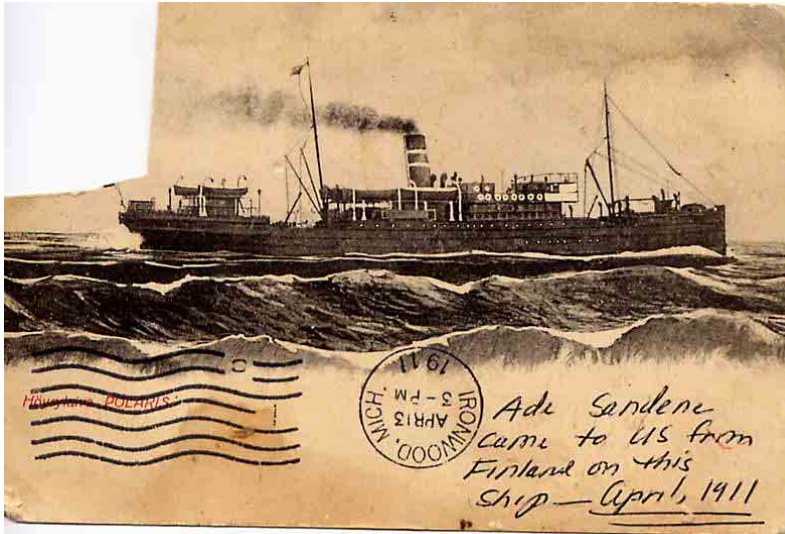
Thanks for your continued support.

## Father's Journey to a Better Life By Eddie Sandene

Father was born in Kuru, Hamé, Finland on March 9, 1877. His parents, Johan Ferdinand Sandén and Malvina Mickelsdotter Hankuri had 8 children but father was the only one that emigrated to America. His Grandfather, Johan Jacob Sandén had been a *Lukkari* for the church in Kuru. This was not an ordained position but was considered a relatively important position in the church at that time, second to the Priest. The duties included the Parish clerical and bell ringing duties. In the mid 1800's his Great Grandfather , Jacob Johan was listed on the church records as an Lb.b, which meant that he was a landowner. In 1793 when Jacob Johan was born his father Matts Sandén is listed on these same records as *nybygg* which means settler. I suppose he settled the property and Jacob was then listed as the owner.



Father married Maria Ahola on December 28, 1903 and they had one son, Verner Edvard, born on August 13, 1904. They chose to immigrate to America and did so in 1911. I have a picture postcard showing the ship "Polaris" which is what they sailed on from Finland to England. It was sent to his brother-in-law, Taavetti Ahola, in Aurora Location in Ironwood. (He was known as David Aho here). Father writes, in Finnish of course, that he will be leaving from Hanko on March 27 and will be coming directly to Ironwood. The card is postmarked in Ironwood on April 3, 1911 so he mailed it some time prior to leaving.



The Polaris was "appropriated" by the Russian Government in 1914 and the name was changed to the S/S Kretchet. In the latter part of 1941 she was in the Harbor at Hong Kong. She was sunk during a Japanese air raid on December 25 when Japan was invading Hong Kong. Remember Pearl Harbor?

He sailed on the Ivernia

from England to America. The Ivernia was 528 feet long with a 64.9 ft. beam. She was built in Newcastle, England in 1900 and the owner was Cunard Steam Ships Co. LTD. The port of Registry was Liverpool. The Ivernia was sunk in 1917 while carrying troops, by a German Uboat.



He landed in Boston, instead of Quebec like Mother had. From there he apparently traveled by rail directly to Ironwood. He bought forty acres near Black River road, on the road to what is now Powderhorn Mountain. The house that is on the property is still in use and has been since he sold it to move to what was our home in North Bessemer.

He did some farming and also worked in the woods like so many Finns did. I recall a story about a couple of experiences he had while hauling cordwood along what is now Black River road. At this time it was only a woods road leading toward the Harbor. One experience was late on a winter day when he was returning home with his team of horses and a sleigh loaded with cordwood. He could hear a pack of wolves howling and soon they appeared on the road behind him. He said they followed at a distance until he got near to their farmhouse at which time they decided to go elsewhere. Another time he saw a young deer floundering in the snow and he skied over to it. He touched it lightly with a ski tip and the deer died on the spot. It was apparently weak and easily overcome because I know that he would not have done anything to cause this. He never even deer hunted as far as I know. Another story was told to me by a neighbor who also worked in the woods. He told

me that while skidding tie cuts which were used in the mine Father would bundle up as much as the horse could pull and then he would carry a couple on his shoulders. He would always end up with a bigger pile at the end of the day than the others.

His wife Maria died on July 13, 1927 at the age of 41. He remained single until he married my mother on February 3, 1929. He then sold his property near the Powderhorn Mountain ski area and moved to North Bessemer where mother lived. He started a new life and family, which is the story of my beginning. This will be another story describing what it was like to grow up in a Finnish community with Finnish as my first language,

(To be continued)

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## REMEMBER WHEN?

Ironwood had 3 movie theaters, the Ironwood Theater, the Rex and Morgan theaters, Hurley had the Range Theater. There was the Bessemer Rex, the Ramsey Rex and Wakefield Strand theaters.

**STRAND—Wakefield**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH  
**“ADAM and EVIL”**  
Featuring LEW CODY and AILEEN PRINGLE

What did we watch?  
There was Gene Autry,

Roy Rogers, Ken Maynard, the Cisco Kid, the Durango Kid, and the Lone Ranger.

Movies were cheap (25 cents for adults and 10 cents for kids) as was the popcorn.

These ads were from an April, 1928 issue of the Ironwood Daily Globe.

**REX-Bessemer**  
SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH  
(Matinee at 2:30)  
CLARA BOW In  
**“HULA”**  
*The Original Ukulele Lady*  
You will want to meet her!  
Wed., Thurs., Fri., Apr. 11-12-13  
“BEAU GESTE”

**Ramsay Rex**  
Last Time Tonight  
JOHN GILBERT  
IN  
“Twelve Miles Out”  
Also a comedy “Kicked Out”  
Sunday and Monday  
“NIGHT LIFE”  
WITH  
Alice Day—John Harron  
Also the 11th Series of  
“Bill Grimm”  
Matinee Sunday at 2:30  
Evening 7:00

If YOU have a suggestion for “Remember When”, send Joe an email at [grampa@thecarlsonclan.com](mailto:grampa@thecarlsonclan.com). We’ll put it in our next issue!

## WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON THE RANGE?

### **APRIL 1928<sup>1</sup>**

- Here's an item from the April 3, Daily Globe:

#### 4 YEAR OLD BOY FEELS URGE TO TRAVEL MONDAY

Spring is the time of the year when the urge of the wanderlust is strongest in the heart of man, so when the call of the open road came to Leighton, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jacisin, 203 Balsam street, Monday morning, he answered it.

Mounting his little "kiddie car" he set out to see strange places and things, while his mother thought he was simply going to play in the vicinity of the home.

"Bill" Carter, crossing watchman on Suffolk street, first noticed Leighton as he came piloting his vehicle across the tracks from the north side. A police officer took the little wanderer in tow and brought him to the police station, where, by dint of much questioning his identity was finally learned and he was taken home to his mother, who had started searching the neighborhood for him.<sup>2</sup>

- On April 2, twenty-six students received diplomas at the exercises which were held at the Anvil School last Friday night. The exercises were attended by a large audience. The class is now ready to take the final test which is given to those who desire to become American citizens.
- The Ironwood police arrested Albert Martin, one of the proprietors of the Sandwich Shop at 213 E. McLeod for "...violating probation terms as a result of a visit made by a city and a county officer last Saturday night. The officers seized a bottle of wine and a small quantity of moonshine, they reported."

The court heard evidence against the owners of the Hakala and Katalus poolroom on Suffolk Street and against poolrooms and soft drink parlors in Wakefield owned by Lawrence Viviano and Nelson E. Morris.



**The Palace Hall was on Pewabic Street in Ironwood.**

<sup>1</sup> Ironwood Daily Globe

<sup>2</sup> On April 6, 1928, a few days after Leighton's excursion, a three-day snowstorm dumped 24 inches on Ironwood, breaking the record.



## The Easter Chapeaux

The charm of all the world of fashion is reflected in the unusual collection of new hats assembled for the Easter presentation. The Hindu turban, the flower toque, the Parisian bandeau and the Gainsborough picture hat all are represented.

The medium hat in Baku and felt is similar to other hats that may be chosen in ballbuntl ann felt, tuscan or leghorn with felt. All are moderately priced.

\$1.95 \$3.50 \$5.95 \$8.00

\$10.50 \$16.00

St. James Hotel Beauty Shop

Phone 228.

Edna Boehme

Ironwood

**The St. James was on Suffolk Street in Ironwood. It still exists as Taconelli's Towne House. It was a "premier" establishment and has a long history dating back to the late 1800's. The name, "St. James" was drawn from a hat.**

**EASTER SPECIALS**  
BIGGER AND BETTER VALUES

**MEATS**

Premium Hams, whole, small, lb. ....	27c
Whole Pork Loins, lb. ....	18c
Small Pork Shoulder, lb. ....	14c
Potato Sausage, lb. ....	15c
Spare Ribs, 2 lbs. for ....	25c
Veal Stew, rib, 2 lbs. for ....	25c
Veal Shoulder, lb. ....	18c
Pork Butts, lb. ....	18c

**GROCERIES**

Strictly Fresh Eggs, doz. ....	35c
Fancy Rice, 5 lbs. for ....	35c
Jello, 3 pkg. for ....	25c
Bananas, good ripe, 3 lbs. for ....	28c
Pears, lg. can ....	25c
Macaroni, 3 pkgs. for ....	25c
Brooms, good quality ....	40c

WE DELIVER ANYWHERE—ANYTIME

**William Walter**

TWO STORES

WAKEFIELD PHONE 15	HURLEY PHONE 54
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## Good Used Cars

WITH AN O. K. THAT  
COUNTS

Several used cars with a new car guarantee: (These cars have been taken in trade on 1928 Chevrolets and will be sold at the right prices.)

1925 Star Coach  
1927 Chevrolet Landau  
1927 Chevrolet Sedan  
1926 Chevrolet Coupe  
Buick 4-Door Sedan

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We also have several 1927 NEW Chevrolet Sedans, Landaus, Coupes, Coaches, and Imperial Landaus which we will dispose of at a large reduction on straight deals!

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We do expert Chevrolet overhauling and repairing and will give you 24 hour service on any job.

## Hanson Bros.

CHEVROLET SALES &  
SERVICE

PHONE 21 WAKEFIELD

"The Home of Goodyear and  
Firestone Tires"

**William Walter's store was on Sunday Lake Street in Wakefield. He lived in Hurley at 58 Maple Street along with his wife and Joseph and Gust. All three Walter men were butchers. Martha Walter was a teacher.**

**Elmer Hanson lived on Harrison Street. Apparently he owned an adjoining grocery store.**



<b>CARLSON'S</b> <i>Self-Service Market</i>		Mill and Pine Ph. 553 or 554 We Deliver!
Swift's Premium FULLY COOKED		
<b>HAMS</b>	Cooked and made tender without loss of flavor. They're ready to eat. Whole or thank.	<b>59<sup>c</sup></b>
13 lb. avg. and up lb.		
<b>GROUND BEEF</b>	39 <sup>c</sup>	<b>LEG O' LAMB</b> 58 <sup>c</sup>
We grind only choice steer cuts. You'll notice the difference. lb.		Premium The "Crown" of the spring crop lb.
<b>SLAB BACON</b> <small>Lean, Not sweet. By the piece</small>	39 <sup>c</sup>	<b>LAMB BREAST</b> 29 <sup>c</sup>
Swift's Choice		A Change and a Treat lb.
<b>SIRLOIN</b> <small>A Man's Choice</small>	49 <sup>c</sup>	<b>LAMB CHOPS</b> 59 <sup>c</sup>
Swift's Premium		Children Love Them lb.
<b>PEPPERONI</b> <small>Italian Style</small>	69 <sup>c</sup>	<b>PREMIUM DAISIES</b>
<b>RING BOLOGNA</b>	29 <sup>c</sup>	Just the right size for a family meal lb. 69 <sup>c</sup>
<b>FRESH DRESSED FRYERS AND STEWERS</b>		
<b>SAUUSAGE</b> <small>Fresh POTAJO</small>	36 <sup>c</sup>	<b>BOCHALA</b> lb. 69 <sup>c</sup>
<b>EGGS</b> <small>All White Grade A Large Right from the farm</small>	58 <sup>c</sup>	<b>LARD</b> 2 lbs. 25 <sup>c</sup>
<b>CODFISH</b> <small>Book Style</small>	39 <sup>c</sup>	<b>Margarine</b> 98 <sup>c</sup>
		Blue Bannet--Parkay 4 lbs.
<b>HILEX</b>	gal. 49 <sup>c</sup>	<b>KEN-L-RATION</b> 3 cans 45 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Kraft Dinner</b> 2 pkgs.	29 <sup>c</sup>	<b>JELLO</b> <small>All Flavors</small> 3 pkgs. 25 <sup>c</sup>
<b>STUFFED OLIVES</b>	37 <sup>c</sup>	<b>COOKIES</b> <small>6 Varieties</small> lb. 29 <sup>c</sup>
<b>Frank's KRAUT</b> 1 ga. can	19 <sup>c</sup>	<b>BISQUICK</b> 1 ga. 49 <sup>c</sup>
<b>MAZOLA OIL</b> qt.	73 <sup>c</sup>	<b>MILK</b> <small>Morning Glory</small> 3 cans 44 <sup>c</sup>
<b>FRUITS &amp; VEGETABLES</b>		
<b>POTATOES</b> <small>U. S. No. 1 Just Arrived</small> 50 lb. bag	1.49	<b>ORANGES</b> <small>California</small> 2 doz. 59 <sup>c</sup>
<b>NEW ONIONS</b> 3 lb. bag	29 <sup>c</sup>	<b>LETTUCE</b> 2 hds. 33 <sup>c</sup>
<b>CARLSON'S</b> <i>Self-Service Market</i>		Mill and Pine Ph. 553 or 554 We Deliver!

And I couldn't resist this one --- My family owned the store. It was moved in 1947 to the corner of Mill and Pine. In early 1960, it moved downtown. ---Joe Carlson

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?**

There are over 1,000 active and guest members from all over the world in our database.

A membership report of our active, dues-paying membership by State and Country and got these results: There are 27 States and Canada represented in our membership. The majority comes from Michigan and Wisconsin with Illinois a close third. The rest of our members range from one to seven per state with several from Canada.



### **Our Officers are**

**Gary Harrington, President**

**Diane Egan, Vice President**

**Pam Bretall, Secretary**

**Eddie Sandene, Treasurer**

**Our meetings are held at the Bessemer Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from 10 am to noon**

**Everyone is invited to attend.**

**If you are from out-of-town, please stop and visit us.**