

10 Interview with Mr. Hankalen by Dawn Raisanen.

Q. Where were you born? A. National Mine on Brooks' Hill.

Q. When were you born? A. ^{Ah,} April 23, 1912.

Q. How many brothers and sisters do you have? A. I have two older sisters, I had one brother that died when he was 18 months old. Q. So you're the youngest? A. I'm the youngest.

Q. How old were you during the Depression? A. Oh, I was around 20 I think or 18 the Depression had already started.

Q. What kinds of things did it do to you? How did it affect your family? A. Well, times were poor for gettin' work. We farmed a little bit we had our own food, milk and meat and...

Q. Do you think it was President Hoover's fault? A. Well... it wasn't Hoover's fault. But sure was poor times for no war.

Q. Do you think that FDR's programs like the WPA and CCC helped? A. You bet.

Q. Was there a WPA around here? A. Yes.

Q. Who worked on there from your family or that you know?

A. Well, I worked for a year on the WPA.

Q. What kind of things did you do? A. Make roads and

Q. Does National Mine look the same as it did then?

A. It's changed somewhat.

Q. What kinds of businesses were in National

2. Mine at that time? A. The only one I can really think of is Annala's store and the post office Tom Clayton was the postmaster but then he died.

Q. Why did they call National Mine Winthrop?
A. That I don't know.

Q. Did you work in the mine at all?

A. Ya, after I came out of the army at the Mather A and I worked at Bulker Hill in Negaunee and at the Humbolt mine. Q. How

were the mines doing at that time? A. Doing pretty good. Q. What mines were in operation?

A. But that wasn't during the Depression time, that was after I came from the army, I-I didn't work in no mines during the Depression.

Q. What mines were in operation around the Depression time? A. Well they were working — days a week ... I think the Negaunee Mine was working ... very few men.

Q. What kinds of things did you do for amusement during the Depression? A. Well (laugh) I don't know?

Q. Did you ever listen to President Roosevelt's "Fire side chats"? A. Oh ya on the radio.

Q. Did you ever go to the Grange Hall?

A. Oh yes.

30 Q. what was it used for?

A. Oh... the Grange.

Q. who owned it?

A. The Grange owned it really... members.

Q. was there special members?

A. I don't know the Lawer's were the heads of the Grange Hall. We weren't member we just went there for the picnics.

Q. so anyone could go there then?

A. Ya they used to have dances there too.

Q. what was it before it was the Grange Hall?

A. That's why it was built, for the Grange.

Q. what other clubs or things like that were around here?

A. Well the only one I know was the Northwoods club was started.

Q. um, what kinds of nationalities lived around here?

A. Well the Swedes, Finns, and cousin Jack's^{10th} (English)

Q. what were hunting and fishing seasons like? about the same?

A. about the same ah... the fishing season was not you didn't need no license.

Q. was there a hospital around here anywhere?

A. Oh ya.

Q. what kind of doctors were around? well there was the Ishpeming hospital and you could take any doctor you liked?

Q. You got to pick what doctor you wanted?

4. A. Ya.

~~Q. What kinds of diseases were widespread around that time?~~

A. Everybody I think had the measles around that time. I started working for the ~~company~~ mine and I got all the free medicine the medicine was all free. The doctors they were all free too. For a dollar a month then it went up to a \$50 and it's pretty high now.

Q. Um, do you think we might be headed for another depression?

A. Well it kind of looks like it sometimes.

Q. ~~What~~ what kinds of things do you think you learned from that experience?

A. Well it was a good experience because you learned to handle your money. And the value of it.

Q. What did um your father do for a living?

A. Well he started working for the company the — company he worked a couple months a year but before he worked for the company he worked in the lumber camps. Then he sold wood to people in National Mine and we farmed here and sold rutabagas and other vegetables.

Q. Did many people resort to canning and farming during the depression?

A. Oh yes my mother canned vegetables and apples apple sauce.

Okay I think we've covered pretty much
Thank you.