

## FIRST ANNUAL RANUM PICNIC

Ben Ranum (Shermans's son), was home on a vacation. He and Alvin Ranum conceived the idea of having a picnic, and ask all of the Ranum Family to attend.

The road to the top of Blue Mounds had just been made useable for automobiles, and the place was open to the public for use as a picnic grounds. So, that site was selected.

The picnic was held August 18, 1935. By noon time, the tables had been piled full with good things to eat, and everyone ate with a ravenous appetite. (The Ranums are noted for their fine cookery.)

Shortly after dinner, the strains of a guitar were heard. Every one turned their attention to the young artist, Vern Karras from *Finley* North Dakota. He was a visitor, being a nephew of Ralph Lewis. A group of four fellows, sitting around the lad, started the formation of a quartet. Soon the quartet turned the program into a Community Sing. Of course, this was all impromptu.

Dinner had been served near the big spring, which is half way up the Mound. It was then decided that everyone go up on top of the Mound and there would be a Kitten Ball game. The Married men played the Single men. The results of the game have slipped our memory. But it was a good game and enjoyed by all.

After the game, everyone drifted back to the tables and it was not long before different ones started for home. There were a few remaining, who were discussing the sumptuous dinner, ~~praising~~ the adeptness of the grounds, the idealness of the weather, and the wonderful time enjoyed by all. It was here that a decision was made that officers should be elected and that the picnic should become an annual event.

The officers elected ~~we~~ were ;  
President - Herbert Goldman  
Secretary - Mrs. Ida Drinkwater

It was decided that the next picnic should be held on June 28, 1936, at the same place.

Meeting adjourned.

Ray D. Ranum,  
Reporter.

(see next sheet for list of persons attending)

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE PRESENT AT THE  
FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC;

A. Sherman Ranum  
Josephine Ranum  
William Ranum  
Kenneth Ranum  
Robert Ranum  
Russell Ranum  
Durena Paris  
Lowell Paris  
Donna Mae Paris  
Bennie A. Ranum  
Marjorie Ranum  
Melba Joan Ranum  
Bennie A. Ranum Jr.  
Peter Ranum  
Myrtle Ranum  
Vivian Ranum  
Vera Ranum  
Rupert Ranum  
Violet Ranum  
Iris Ranum  
James Ranum  
Gilbert Ranum  
Alvin Ranum  
Edward Ranum  
Maurice Ranum  
Miss Swiggum  
Alfred Johnson  
Ella Johnson  
Alice Anne Johnson

Ranum

Andrew Ranum  
Martin A. Tollund  
Esther Tollund  
Janice Tollund  
Marylin Tollund  
Ole K. Ranum  
Mary E. Ranum  
Ray D. Ranum  
Dorothy A. Ranum  
Ralph Lewis  
Lucille Lewis  
Daniel R. Lewis  
\* Verne KARRAS  
Herbert Goldman  
Verna Goldman  
Lois Goldman  
Charles Drinkwater  
Ida Drinkwater  
Mildred Mae Drinkwater  
Joe Nechkosh  
Bertha Nechkosh  
Myron Nechkosh  
Janet Nechkosh  
Muri Murel Munson  
Mary Munson  
Albert Mallum

Total 56 persons. 28 "Ranum's"

\* indicates a visitor.