

FOURTH ANNUAL RANUM PICNIC

The Fourth Annual Ranum Picnic was held at Centennial Park, Dodgeville, Wis., on June 19, 1938.

The weather was quite ideal. It was cool enough for those who wished to wear a coat, and warm enough for those who preferred to enjoy the beautiful out-of-doors in their shirt sleeves.

Prayer was offered by O. K. Ranum. Then everyone devoured sandwiches, salads, cake, cookies, pie, strawberry shortcake and other goodies to their hearts content. A superior blend of coffee was served, also the finest of lemonade.

After dinner had been completed, all joined in singing, "The Old Rugged Cross". This was selected because it was is a favorite of O. K. Ranum. Then "America The Beautiful" was sang. No explanation was given for choosing this song, but, without doubt, it was an inspiration of some one present who appreciated the beautiful setting for the picnic.

Those who had come from a distance of one hundred miles, or more, were asked to stand. There were several. Ben A. Ranum and family of Leavenworth Kansas, held the honor of having come the greatest distance. Nora Olson, Adelle Goodnight & Carl Ranum's came distances of from 200 to 300 miles.

The two musical daughters of Sherman Knutson favored us with several vocal selections, accompanied by their guitar. This was very much enjoyed by all present.

Ralph Lewis gave an impersonation of a "Country Doctor". With his chin whiskers, little old hat, cane and satchel, nothing was left to the imagination. No actor could have played a more perfect part. He was rewarded by a generous handclap.

Verna Goldman read a portion of the Family History. This was an event, to which many had been looking, for the past two years.

Esther Tollund read, in the Norwegian language, a poem composed by the late Rev. Knute Hageseth. This was a special treat to the older members who could understand the language. Gilbert M. Ranum offered to translate the poem. So that next year, it could be read in the English language. Then all can ~~President~~ understand it.

President, Martin A. Tollund made a speech. In it, he brought out the fact that we have with us the oldest living Ranum, who has also attained the greatest age of any Ranum, with the exception of his father, Nels. K. Ranum. And it is hoped that he may attain and exceed the age of his father. We quote Martin's words, "It is only fitting that we elect Mr. O. K. Ranum as Honorary President for the balance of his lifetime". He was unanimously elected to the exalted office.

* O. K. was then asked to give a talk. He did so, and expressed his appreciation of the respect granted him, and, of the History of the Ranum Family, which had been compiled, and, of the

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annual get-together, in the form of a picnic.

Gilbert M. Ranum gave a short talk on the early life of his brother O. K. Gilbert always has something of interest to tell to his many listeners.

Carl Ranum gave a short talk on the past, the present and the future of North Dakota. After living in the state for thirty two years, he should know something about it. We all enjoyed listening to what he had to say.

The President, M. A. Tollund, stated that the families of the brothers and sisters of Grandfather Ex Nels K. Ranum, feel a close relationship to us, and would enjoy gathering with us on our picnics. He suggested that we invite them to join with us on our next annual picnic. Motion was made and carried to that effect.

The City Park in Livingston Wis. was chosen for the next Picnic, which comes each year on the third Sunday in June. The purpose of selecting Livingston, is to enable us as a group, to visit the Old Homestead in Clifton Township. The Ranum Brothers are to act as guides and tell of their childhood experiences.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

President	Alvin G. Ranum
Vice President	Gilbert M. Ranum
Sec. & Treas.	Ray D. Ranum

The meeting was adjourned. All went home, happy to have spent such a beautiful day, in such a beautiful park, with their many relatives.

Those present were ;

Mr. & Mrs. Ray D. Ranum	Ray D. Ranum	
Mr. & Mrs O. K. Ranum	Secretary	
" " B. A. Ranum & 3 children		Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Hilden & 1 Child
" " Nora Olson & 2 "		" George Hilden
" " Alfred Johnson & 1 "		" Ruth Hinman (visitor)
" " Adelle Goodnight	* Ruth Hinman	* Ann Worpel (visitor)
" " Geo. Newton		Ruth Hilden
" " Merle Munson & 1 "		
" " Herbert Goldman & Lois		
" " Knute Knutson		
" Sherman Ranum & 4 children		Total present 75.
" " Albert Paris & 2 "		
" " Ralph Lewis & 1 "		
" " Alvin Knutson & 4 "		
" " S. O. Knutson & 2 "		
" Alvin Ranum		
" " Chas Drinkwater & 1 "		
" " Joe Cook & 1 "		
" Martha Hilden &		
" " Paul Worpel		
" " Edward Ranum & 1 "		
" " M. A. Tollund & 3 "		
" Stella Ranum		
" " Norman Hilden & 2 "		

Ray D. Ranum Secretary