

## FIFTH ANNUAL RANUM PICNIC

The Fifth Annual Ranum Picnic was held in the Livingston City Park on Sunday June 18, 1939.

We are all familiar with the poem which starts with, "What is so rare as a day in June?". "Then if ever come perfect days." The weather was most certainly ideal for a picnic. Cold lemonade surely tasted good, and a gentle breeze kept us feeling very comfortable throughout the entire day.

At a few minutes past noon, the signal was given that all was ready. We then passed around the table and took helpings of sandwiches, meat pie, salads, jello, pickles, cookies, cake, pie, strawberry shortcake, lemonade and coffee.

After all of the appetites had been thoroughly satisfied, a short program was staged. Martin A. Tollund, who was acting for our President, Alvin Ranum, gave a short address of welcome.

The minutes of the previous picnic were read by the Secretary..

Ben J. Ranum gave a short talk, which was enjoyed by all.

Last year special recognition was given to the oldest member of the group: O. K. Ranum. This year special recognition was given to the youngest "Ranum" in the group. Marlo K. Ranum, a grandson of O. K. Due to the fact that he was but six months of age, no speech was given, but a generous amount of smiles greeted those who came to see him.

Norman Ranum favored us with a short talk, in which he brought out the fact that from descriptions by his parents, he had formed certain pictures of Wisconsin in his mind. Now that he was here in person, those pictures were all verified. Like his father (B. J.) Norman is an interesting speaker and we enjoyed having both he and his father with us, also his wife, Fairie and daughter, Suzanne.

Suzanne favored us with one of her favorite recitations. She makes a hit with everyone.

Donna, Helens and Lila Knutson favored us again this year with a vocal selections, accompanied by the guitar. We surely enjoy their talent.

After the formal procedure of voting, the Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for each of the following elected officers, for the ensuing year.

President	-	Gilbert M. Ranum
Vice President	-	Karl Knutson
Sec. & Tress.	-	Ray D. Ranum

Fifth Picnic, Continued.

It was voted to hold the next picnic in Vilas Park, Madison, Wis. The date, as always, is to be the third Sunday in June.

News had leaked out that there was in our midst a certain person who had passed up a very rare and unusual opportunity, in order that he might be present at the picnic. After the Secretary had told the group of the fact, Martin A. Tollund responded by telling us that he had an invitation to dinner with the Attorney General of the United States of America. This was declined, that he might be with us, on this annual occasion. We, individually and as a group, appreciate such a sacrifice made by one of our members. Such decisions lead us to believe that our picnics are really worth while.

Gilbert M. Ranum read a letter, received from his brother Peter, in which he and his wife sent greetings to all, and expressed regrets that they could not be with us in person.

Following the program, a trip was made to the "Old Farm" in Wolf Hollow. The Ranum Boys, now all grandfathers, escorted the younger folks on a tour around "The Bluff", and told many interesting stories of how they gathered there, in the olden days, with the neighbor boys and girls, and played tag, hide and seek, and other games, among the massive rocks.. Also, they told of how one would climb out on "Standing Rock" and preach a sermon to the others who gathered below as an audience.

Those coming a distance of two hundred miles, or more, are; Mr. & Mrs. Ray D. Ranum and son Marlo, Minneapolis, Minn.  
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Ranum & Suzanne, Joplin, Mo.  
Mr. Ben J. Ranum Knob Noster, Mo.

Meeting adjourned.  
Ray D. Ranum  
Secretary

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Present*