

NINTH ANNUAL RANUM PICNIC

The Ninth Annual Picnic of the Decendents of Nels K. Ranum was held in Centennial Park, Dodgeville, Wis., on Sunday, June 20, 1943.

About 7 o'clock in the morning a thunder shower came up, and we had considerable rain. It certainly appeared to be anything but Picnic Weather.

The Baptist Minister telephoned to the Secretary, and offered the use of the kitchen and dining room in the church basement.

However by 9:30 o'clock the sky started to clear. That gave us hope that we might still be able to "Picnic in the Park" if anyone ~~was~~ should come.

At 11:30 o'clock the Secretary arrived at the Park, not too optimistic, but hopeful. A few minutes later, he was happy to see the first load of folks drive up. Then another load, and another load and so on until about 12:30 when the last load arrived. Our President, Ralph Lewis presided at the Picnic.

The tables were ~~then~~ set, and after singing the Doxology, we all sat down to that Famous Ranum Picnic Dinner. We ate very generously, especially George Newton, who took a piece of every cake that passed his way, and used his persuasive talents to get those around him to do likewise.

Immediately after dinner Corporal Kenneth Ranum led us in a Salute to the Flag. At the same time Daniel Ralph Lewis ^{AND HIS FATHER} ~~lead~~ ^{RALPH LEWIS} us in repeating the Allegiance to the flag. Then we all joined in the singing of "America".

Each Family, having a member in the Service of our Country, gave a report as to their whereabouts.

Mrs. O. K. Ranum offered Prayer, making particular emphasis for those in the Service. We all joined in the "Amen".

Mrs. Verna Goldman read ~~an~~ an article found in The Minneapolis Tribune, entitled "Underground Newspapers lead ~~NEW~~ Norways Fight for Freedom".

Dallas, the young son of Alden & Mary Millard read a clipping from the La Crosse paper, concerning his cousin Knute Knutson, Seaman 2nd. Class, who is studying Radio at the University, at Moscow Idaho. Knute was on maneuvers in the mountains. A wild deer came his way. Knute made a grab, and caught him by the tail. Tail and deer soon separated, and it left Knute holding the tail. Yes he did get some kicks from the deer. The story sounds a bit fishy, but the writer had the pleasure of viewing the tail, which is on display at the home of his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Karl Knutson, La Crosse, Wis.

The following Boys are now in the Service of our Country.
George Newton Jr. Camp Grant, Ill.
Knute Knutson Moscow, Idaho.

Milton Ranum	Agusta, Georgia.
Kenneth Ranum	Camp Buckner, N. Carolina.
William Ranum	Puerto Rico
Curtis Knutson	Australia
Everett Knutson	Australia
Bertrand Ranum	Los Angeles California.
George Durand	Mines Field, Inglewood, Calif.

The Secretary read several letters sent in by relatives living at a distance. These were very interesting. We all appreciate the greetings sent us by those who cannot come.

Ed. Ranum who has been living at Rush City Minn. for many years is in very poor health. In April a stroke put him in bed. However, we are pleased to learn that he has since been able to be out of doors.

During the year, we lost three of our group. Our Honorary President and oldest living member, O. K. Ranum, passed on, following a stroke. One of our younger members, Mrs. Ruth Woerpel, nee Ruth Hilden, passed away in her early twenties. She, her husband and children were temporarily located near the Mexican Border. Mrs. Bertha Neckar of Darlington passed away shortly after being admitted to the hospital of that city, for observation and treatment. She fell asleep. It was during that sleep that she passed to the Great Beyond.

In contrast, the Stork has been active during the year. Little folks have appeared at the homes of;

Mr. & Mrs. Vivian Ranum	Mineral Point Wis.
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Ranum	Mt. Horeb, Wis.
Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Ranum	Cambridge, Minn.
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Woerpel	Madison, Wis.
Mr. & Mrs. Norman Hilden	Madison, Wis.
Mr. & Mrs. Alden Millard	Livingston, Wis.

The young daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Ben Ranum sang for us. She was accompanied on the guitar by her Uncle Russel Ranum.

As we all departed for our respective homes, we felt we had been wonderfully blest. We had a comfortably cool and partly cloudy, partly sunny day. We had a good dinner, an interesting program, and above all we enjoyed so much the visiting with our relatives, many of whom we see, only on such occasions. The departing ~~thoughts~~ message seemed to be, "We hope to see you here again next year".

Vivian Ranum and family brought their father Peter Ranum. They again called for him at the close of the Picnic. It was with deep regrets that they could not enjoy the day with us. But it seemed necessary that they go over to Richland County to see her mother who was seriously ill.

The present officers were carried over for another year.

O. K. Ranum has the distinction of attaining the oldest age of any known Ranum, to date.

The following persons signed the Register:

Ray D/ Ranum
 Mrs. R. D. Ranum
 Marlo K. K. Ranum
 Mrs. O. K. Ranum
 Esther (Ranum) Tollund
 Janice "
 Marilyn "
 Robert "
 Martin A. "
 Verna Goldman
 Lois Goldman
 Herbert Goldman
 Myron Neckar
 Jeanette "
 Joe "
 Peter Ranum
 Martha Hilden
 Gena Swenson
 Albert L. Farris
 Dorena Farris
 Lowell "
 Donna "
 LaVern "
 Alvin G. Ranum
 G. M. Ranum
 Mrs. Sherman A. Ranum
 Corporal Kenneth N. Ranum
 Robert "
 Russell "
 Ralph Lewis
 Lucille "
 Daniel R "
 Charles Drinkwater
 Ida Drinkwater
 Mildred Drinkwater

Knute Knutson
 Mary Ann Knutson
 Dallas Millard
 Edward Ranum
 Mrs. Ed. "
 Ruth Marie "
 Joan Gertrude "
 John Edward "
 Bernice Cook
 Mrs. Joe "
 Joe "
 George Newton
 Hazel "
 Roger "
 Cecil Munson
 Alfred Johnson
 Mrs. Alfred Johnson
 Alice Anne Johnson
 Willis Johnson
 Ben A. Ranum
 Ranum children } Ranum
 Ranum } Ranum

Total: 56

Ray. D. Ranum
 Secretary.