

The fifteenth Annual Ranum Picnic was held on Sunday, June 19, 1949, at the Daffodil Bee Farm, which is located about six miles south of Mt. Horeb, Wis.

This property is the "Old Homestead" of Grandfather, Nils K. Ranum. It was here that Gilbert M. Ranum grew into manhood, married, and raised his family. He still resides in a Bachelor's Cottage, located a few feet away from the main farm residence. He is as active as a man ten years his junior. He still is in the business of producing honey. Altho, his son Edward has taken over the farm and a large part of the Apairy. Edward and his wife Gertrude, very graciously, acted as hosts to "The Family", on this occasion. We, hereby, wish to thank Uncle Gilbert and Ed and Gertie for their warm hospitality.

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Again, it was a day for which the month of June is famous. It was, both "Rare and Beautiful". The spacious yard on the south hill slope, provided an ideal spot for such a gathering.

The old farm dinner bell was rang promptly at noon. Soon after that we bowed our heads as Ralph Lewis led us in our devotions. Then came the feast.

(After our stomachs had become filled, Mrs George Newton (formerly Hazel Hilden) took charge of the program. Hazel made a very fine President, and was asked to serve in that same capacity, again, next year. The Secretary And Treasurer has served for so many years that it seems no one thinks to vote him either in or out.

Gilbert M. Ranum told us a brief history of his parents, for whom we were holding a partial Memorium.

It had been desired to begin our Picnic by attending eleven o'clock church service at the Hauge Luthern Church, which is located about a mile or so south of the Farmstead. This was the church which Grandfather Nils K. Ranum so faithfully attended. But the minister had made previous engagements which prevented him from holding this service. So, that part of the Memorial had to be omitted.

In the church yard are buried several members of the family. There are Grandfather Nils K. Ranum and his second wife Marit (called Mary). (His first wife is presumed to have been buried somewhere near The Ottercreek Church). The two sons Bennie and Sherman, and a daughter-in-law Alice (Gilbert's wife) are buried near the grave of the ir father. His two brothers, Knute Maunum and Rev. Knute Hageseth are buried in the same churchyard. Those present at the Picnic were asked to make their visit to the cemetery, as part of their program for the day.

Milton Ranum was, again, present with his recording machine and public address system. A few words from various members of the family were recorded. The public address system made it possible for anyone in the entire farmyard to hear clearly, all matters of general interest.

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Several voted were required in the deciding of the location for next years Picnic. Those desiring to try Weyalusung State Park, near Prairie du chene, Wis., seemed to outnumber those voting for any other place. So, ~~it~~ it will be given a trial.

Two "Get Well" cards were circulated among the crowd, for signatures. One was addressed to Della Knutson, wife of Karl Knutson, living at LaCrosse, Wis. Della has been confined to her bed at home and at the hospital for several months, with heart and other complications. The other was addressed to Mrs. Ralph Lewis (Lucille Mable Ranum) of Milton, Wis. Lucille was at the Edgerton Hospital building up for a major operation, which took place on the following Wednesday.

At about six o'clock the party broke up. And so culminated the dream of the Secretary for several years, that of having one of our Picnics held at the Old Home Farm where Grandfather Ranum lived. It still is in the family, now being owned by the third generation.

The following persons who live outside of the state of Wisconsin, journeyed to the "Homestead" to be in attendance at the Picnic.

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| Peter Ranum | Eldon, Missouri. |
| Mrs. Anna Ranum | Joplin, Missouri. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Goodnight | Buffalo Center, Iowa. |
| Mr. & Mrs Ray D. Ranum & son Marlo | Minneapolis, Minn. |
| Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Knutson | Lisle, Illinois. |

Ray D. Ranum
Secretary.

*Two girls took the record
The lady that
in attendance was in
turned over to the Secretary.
It was thought to be
More than 100 persons present*