

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL RANUM PICNIC.

The seventeenth ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ consecutive annual ~~RANUM~~ Ranum Picnic was held on the 17th day of June ~~1950x~~ 1951. The place was Wyalusing State Park, n which is across the river to the south of Prairie du Chene, Wis.

It was a day when one could enjoy to the fullest extent, "God's Great Out-of-Doors". We did just that. We enjoyed it, thoroughly.

We, also, enjoyed the beautiful scenery. Words cannot be found to express fully the vastness and the grandness of the panoramic view to be had from this picnic grounds.

All picnics have food. This, too, was enjoyed. In addition to several baked dishes, the writer was privileged to sample one of Lena (Hageseth) Johnson's angle food cakes and one of Evelyn Ranum's banana pies. There just were no seconds. After being passed once, there was no more to be had.

But the greatest enjoyment of all was to be found in the companionship which existed among those present. Virtually every relative (both laws and inlaws) seem to be full of conversation at these picnics.

Uncle Peter Ranum was on hand with his usual smile and outstretched hand. He came up from Eldon Missouri.

Aunt Annie Ranum was present, again. She came up from Joplin Missouri. It is always good to see her. Her christian character has been reflected in the lives of many persons.

Bert and Freda Ranum came to Wisconsin for a four day stay. We were very glad that ~~theyxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ they could time their trip so as to spend one of those days at the picnic. This was their second trip. The other was in 1946.

Alvin and Inez Ranum also drove from Denver Colorado for the occasion. With his western type Stetson hat, Alvin looked like a prosperous cattle man. However, he informed us that he was following the carpenter trade. He said that he ~~was~~ has been building houses in the mountains for the millionaires.

Orrin Knutson came up from Downers Grove, Ill.

Joseph Knutson came up from Lisle Ill.

With these two brothers came a visitor, a Mr Olson who said that he was from Norway.

Viola Hanson, Now Mrs Norman Warren came with her husband from Rockford Ill.

The Secretary was present, having come from Minneapolis Minnesota. His wife Dorothy could not come because in her family there was an elaborate church wedding that very afternoon, at Soldiers Grove, Wis.

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It is believed that all others present came from the Badger State (Wisconsin).

Mrs. Anna Ranum led in the devotions.

The Secretary read an interesting account of how people in general got their names. This account has been placed in the book containing the History of the Ranum Family. In that way it will help us all to understand more fully why we bear the name Ranum.

Norman Hilden was elected to serve as our President for the coming year.

Edward Ranum was elected to serve as our Vice President for the coming year.

Mt. Horeb was chosen as the location of the next Picnic.

The following deaths were reported as having occurred during the past year.

Mrs Christine Hageseth, wife of the late Rev. Knute Hageseth of Mt. Horeb, Wis. Her age was 92.

Joe Cook, husband of Josephine Munson Cook, passed away at his home in Montfort after having been confined to his bed for several months, with a stroke.

Clarence Morrell of the Maanum Family passed away at the age of 53. He was brought home from the west coast. Burial was made on the family lot at Hauge Church near Daleyville.

The only illness reported was that of Mrs. Gena Swenson, of Madison, Wis. She was confined to a local hospital for some illness which she had contracted.

~~The~~ The following marriages were reported.

Eldon Schmidtgal of Prairie du Chene. He was present with his wife of one week.

Sherman Knutsons daughter was married on the night before the picnic. Sherman & Floy were able to attend the picnic. But there was no report concerning the newlyweds.

William David is the new son reported as having been born to Mr. & Mrs Vivian Ranum.

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The following persons acknowledged their presence by signing the register.

Edward Ranum
 Gerty "
 John "
 Joan "
 Ruth "
 Shirley Kellogg *
 John Zurfluh *
 Lois Goldman
 H.H. Goldman
 Verna Goldman
 Mary Ann Knutson
 Lula Knutson
 Lucille Lewis
 Daniel Lewis
 Karl Knutson
 Orrin "
 Louise "
 Mary Lou "
 Bill Egner *
 Mr. Olson *
 Alvin Knutson
 Mary Munson
 Peter Ranum
 Frank Schelmidine
 Myrtle "
 Mrs Josephine Cook
 M. A. Tollund
 Robert R. Tollund
 Gus Johnson
 Lena "
 Bert Ranum
 Freida "
 Alfred Johnson
 Ella "
 Willis "
 Gilbert Ranum
 Alvin "
 Inez "
 Beverly Plath
 George Newton
 Hazel "
 Cecil Munson
 Anna M. Ranum
 Mrs Martha Hilden
 Murel Munson
 Roger Munson
 Norman Warren
 Viola "
 Ed. Hanson
 Mrs. Ed. "
 Harold E. Saether
 Norman Hanson
 Mrs .Norman "
 Diane "
 Donna "

Carl Thompson *
 George Booth ###
 Mrs. "
 Allen "
 Sherman Knutson
 Mrs. "
 Donna "
 Orland "
 Maurice Ranum
 Mrs "
 Joyce "
 Jean "
 Tommy "
 Mrs Dorena Farris
 Lowell "
 Donna "
 LaVerne "
 nRichard Knutson
 Joe "
 Ray Baumgartner
 Mrs. "
 William H. Ranum
 Charles Drinkwater
 Ida "
 Mildred "
 Violet Farris
 Eldon Schmidtgall
 Mrs "
 Mrs. Freda "
 David "
 Duane "
~~Bert Ranum~~
~~Mary~~
 Vivian Ranum
 Thomas "
 Larry "
 Earl Knutson
~~Orrin~~
 Ray D. Ranum
 Josephine Ranum

Total 92 Present

Ray D. Ranum
 Secretary.