

TWENTIETH ANNUAL RANUM PICNIC.

The twentieth Annual Ranum Picnic was held on the 20th day of June 1954. It was held at Blue Mounds Park, Blue Mounds, Wis. This is the same location as the first Picnic, except that this time it was held on the very top of the Mound. Whereas the first picnic was held on the east slope and near the spring.

The weather was mild and very humid. Thunder showers and showers without thunder were prevalent ~~thru~~ throughout the day. They were also prevalent for a few days prior to and a few days thereafter. This condition prevailed ~~thru~~ throughout several states in this area. However we were very fortunate. From 6 A. M. to 6 P. M. no rain fell on the grounds where we were picnicing. All showers went around us.

The Secretary and family arrived at exactly 10 o'clock, as per schedule. Maurice Ranum, Norman Hilden and others were already there, making ~~pre~~ preparations for the occasion.

At noon, Mrs Joe Knutson led us in the singing of the Doxology.

Then we ate.

Maurice Ranum, the President, was head usher at the Daleyville Lutheran church, who was having a two day celebration of it's 100th Anniversary.

The Secretary called the meeting.

Robert Tomlund read the account of the previous Picnic.

The treasurer read the report of the financial condition of the Picnic.

Herbert Goldman passed the hat to collect money to defray current expenses of the Picnic.

Freda Schmitgall told us that uncle Carl & aunt Emma Ranum plan to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in June 1955. She extended to us the invitation to come to Baraboo for the next Picnic and to combine the two events.

The offer was accepted.

The oldest person present was uncle Peter Ranum.

The youngest person present was Mark Alan, son of Ed. & Gertie Ranum.

Those ~~one~~ who came from other states were:

Peter Ranum	-	-	Missouri
Ben Ranum & Family	-	-	Indiana
Joe Knutson & Family	-	-	Illinois
Carl & Harry Knutson & friends	-	-	Iowa
Ray D. Ranum & Family	-	-	Minnesota

Births, marriages and deaths were announced, Greetings sent were read. Special items of news were announced.

The deaths were

Alvin Knutson

63.

Stanley Durand (husband of Marie Ranum) about 55.

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The marriages were: Jean Rarum (daughter of Vivian Rarum)
Lyle Munson (son of Clarence Munson)
Geo. Newton (to be married on the following Saturday)

The Births were Stephen Lund , Mark Alan Rarum, Karen Lee Dunnagan.

Other News:

Donald Knutson of LaCrosse accepted a position as program director and staff news announcer for Radio Station K. S. C. B. at Liberal, Kansas.

Knute Knutson of LaCrosse accepted a position with the Boy Scouts of America, at Lincoln, Ill.

Officers elected for next year were:

President Milton O. Rarum
Vice Pres. Ben A. Rarum
Sec. Treas. & Historian not voted on.

Some of the younger set used the baseball diamond for entertainment and pastime. Others were busily engaged in getting acquainted and in keeping acquainted with the relatives, who they seldom, if ever, see on other occasions.

The more than one hundred persons who were present were ~~all~~ well paid for their ~~at~~ efforts of coming.

The more than one hundred who could have come, and did not come, missed another opportunity to bring happiness to others, and to themselves ~~xxx~~, as well.

*More than
100
Persons
Present*

Ray D. Rarum
Secretary