

21st. ~~20th~~ Picnic cont'd.

A box, covered with gold paper, was placed near the Wedding Bouquet. Cards of congratulation were placed in it. Many of these cards (about 75) had enclosures of cash gifts. However there was one gift that was different from the rest. It was a piece of fancy china, trimmed in gold. The x cash gifts totaled approximately \$65.00

Pictures of the Bride and Groom appeared in the Baraboo paper and in the Madison paper.

Milton had his public address system and record player on the grounds for use all afternoon.

The news of the Family, as reported, was repeated over the public address system, by the Secretary. The theme being,
News to-day is History to-morrow.

One of the items announced was the passing away of Gilbert M. Ranum, . He was known to some as, Uncle Gib. His 83rd. birthday was in March. He was one of the few persons who lingered after the others had left the Picnic of ~~195x~~ 1935, and who was partly instrumental in forming what since then has been known as the Annual Ranum Picnic. He proved his interest in it by attending every Picnic until 1954, when his health prevented him from being present. He was also interested in the formation of a History of the Ranum Family. ~~This history was prepared by and maintained by a nephew, who has also served as Secretary and Treasurer, beginning his term of office with the first Annual Ranum Picnic. Uncle Gib's presence will be missed at these occasions for many many years to come.~~

(The actual preparation of the History was, however, accomplished through the efforts of his nephew, who, also, has served the Family in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer, from that time on to the present.) Uncle Gib, with his warm welcoming smile and sincere personality, will be missed at these Picnics, for many years to come.

Gena (Maanum) Swenson, another Pioneer and regular attendant of the Ranum Picnic, passed away during the year (1954).

~~William Binkert~~

William Binkert, (husband of Ethel Morrell, another Maanum,) passed away on May 15, 1955.

The marriages reported were:

- Beverly Plath (daughter of Norman & Florence Plath) to John Eldredge of Niagra Falls, N. Y. on Dec 18, 1954.
Alice Ann Johnson (daughter of Alfred & Ella Johnson) to Dr. Jalamsinh K. Punwar of Bombay India, on Jan. 15, 1955.
Dean Munson (son of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Munson) to Beverly Nelson, Apr. 9, 1955.
George Newton Jr. (son of Geo. & Hazel Newton) to Marion Keim, June 26, 1954.
Donna Mae Farris (daughter of Albert & Durena Faris) to Richard LaVern Michael 8/21/54.

The births reported were:

- ? - Stevie Torgeson to Joe & Delores Torgeson April 1, 1955.
? - Cathy Phillips to Robert & Ethel Phillips 1954.
Bryce Stewart Schmitgall to Mr. & Mrs Eldon Schmitgall Sept. 28, 1954.
? - to Mr. & Mrs Paul Edge Oct. 16, 1954.
Thomas Lee Knutson to Knute & Janice Knutson Jan 29, 1955.
Mary Ellen Reed to Wes & Della Reed Oct. 25, 1954.

Other Anniversaries celebrated within the past year were limited to ~~two~~ one. Mr. & Mrs. Ray D. Ranum 3116 Garfield Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn. celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary on Sunday, October 19, 1954. No announcements were made and no invitations were sent out. However about fifty relatives, neighbors and friends heard of it ~~via~~ through the ~~neighborhood~~ "grapevine", and came to their home. The dinning room table was occupied with a two-layer Wedding cake surrounded with twenty five shining silver dollars. There were , also, other dainty delicacies and coffee. A sister and a cousin of the Bride engineered the event in a very commendable fashion. Many cards, accompanied with cash gifts were left by the guests.

Other news:

Adele (Ranum) Goodnight is in the hospital at Mason City, Iowa. No reason was given and no other information was sent.

Mrs. Anna Ranum (wife of the late Ben J. Ranum) is at present with her daughter Marie, in Florida.

Orland Knutson (son of Mr. & Mrs. Sherman Knutson) is with the Marines and stationed at San Diego, Calif.

Kenneth Ranum who has been employed with the U. S. Army for some time, as cook, was with us, after an absence of several years. His wife accompanied him. They are now stationed in Georgia. At present, they are visiting with his mother Josephine and his brother William, near Arena.

We are glad that he could get his leave at ~~about~~ a time when ~~he~~ they could attend the Picnic. Kenneth Jr. was with his parents.

Paul Ranum, young son of Ben A. & Marjorie Ranum of Indiana was also visiting with Grandma Josephine and Uncle William. He was happy to be priveleged to attend the Picnic and the Anniversary celebration.

Those registered from states other than Wisconsin were:

Mr. & Mrs Richard Michael	Illinois
La Verne C. Faris	"
Lowel Faris	"
Mrs. Jas. Tidball & Mr.	South Dakota
John "	"
Alyce "	"
Allen "	"
Carl Knutson	Iowa
Harry "	"
Mary Hanna	"
Gary O'Daniel	"
Mr. & Mrs Kenneth Ranum	Georgia
Kenneth Ranum Jr.	"
Mr. & Mrs Ray D. Ranum & Marlo	Minnesota

The announcements mailed out carried the news that this was the FIRST Golden Wedding Anniversary ever to be celebrated within the Ranum Family. Mrs. Ella Johnson noticed it, and informed the Secretary of the error. The records revealed that Mr. & Mrs Knute Knutson of Livingston Wis. celebrated their 50th, and ~~xxx~~ also their 55th wedding anniversary. The Secretary had accepted the statement from the Carl Ranum Family and failed to verify it's accurateness. He offered his apologies for not having verified the statement. Milton Ranum offered his apologies for not being better informed in the matter.

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By ballot vote, the site chosen for the 1956 Picnic was Soldiers Memorial Park at West Salem, Wis.

By ballot vote Karl Knutson of La Crosse was chosen to serve as President.

By ballot vote Earl Knutson of La Crosse was chosen to serve as Vice Pres.

It was on Saturday afternoon, the day before the Picnic, that the Secretary and his family arrived in Baraboo. They secured accommodations at a local Motel, where they stayed until the following Thursday morning. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were ~~spc~~ spent in visiting with the Baraboo relatives and in sight-seeing at Devils Lake and at "The Dells".

On Tuesday evening, Milton, Freda & Family, Uncle Carl & Aunt Emma, Lucille Lewis, and Ray D. & Family went back to Ochsner Park for a picnic supper. Weiners were roasted, coffee was boiled, at the fireplace.

The Secretary was very happy that he and his family were part of the one hundred persons who helped Uncle Carl and Aunt Emma celebrate their
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Now we know, That is the SECOND ~~and~~ one in the family to be celebrated. It came nearly being the third, as, O. K. & Mary E. Ranum were planning to celebrate. But O. K. (Ole) passed away a few months too soon.

Ray D. Ranum
Secretary

100 Persons Present