



22nd. Picnic continued.

This year, the idea of making it more of a vacation event, entered the mind of Norman Hilden. He, his wife and family, his mother Martha, his sister Hazel and family, his aunt Josephine came to West Salem on Saturday, the day before the Picnic. He had made reservations in May for three, four person units in a Motor Court. That made a party of twelve. Norman reported that the extra time and the added recreation made it a well worth while event.

Those present from states other than Wisconsin were:

- Peter & grandson Don Ranum, Eldon Missouri
- Herman Snesrude & daughter & son-in-law Mr. & Mrs Julius Tesch  
Mason City, Iowa.
- Walter Snesrude & Wife & Son ~~and family~~, Robert, & family  
Mankato, Minn.
- Joe Knutson & wife Lisle, Ill.
- Harry & Carl Knutson & friend Clear Lake ~~and~~ Iowa
- Ray D. Ranum & Wife & son Minneapolis Minn.

Mrs Elsie ~~Warn~~ (Warn) Baumgartner invited us to hold the 1957 Re-union - Picnic in the park of her city of Fennimore, Wis. She, her sister Martha (Warn) Watson and her brother Elmer Warn offered to serve us as host and hostesses for this event. The invitation was gladly accepted.

At the close of this, the 1956 Re-union \* Picnic, we, individually, expressed our thanks to the hosts and the hostesses (Karl & Della & Earl Knutson and the Shelmidines) for providing so very well for our every need on this glorious occasion on this glorious day in 1956.

This is a TRUE story. It tells of the experience of the sister of the Secretary.

She is Lucille M. (Ranum) Lewis. She lives in an attractive ~~little bungalow in a choice location, in Secretary Milton, Wis.~~

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Other commitments for that day prevented Daniel from bringing his mother to the Ranum Re-union Picnic.

However he purchased for her a round trip ticket by bus from Edgerton to West Salem.

The bus was due to leave Edgerton at 5:30 A. M.

Earlier that morning there had been an electrical storm. It had knocked out the local electric service for about an hour.

The alarm rang at the time set. But it was close to an hour late in going off, due to this storm. That was a case where the wrist watch was right and the electric clock was wrong.

They dashed off to Edgerton, a distance of about ten miles.

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The next town was Albion.. Could they overtake it there?

Alas - too late. The bus had left.

The next stop was Stoughton, a distance of about twenty miles.

For the third time they were too late. The bus had just left.

They were gaining on it. There was a possible chance that they might catch it at Madison, as the Stop was for a longer time.

Sure enough they caught it at the Fourth Stop ( Madison).

Lucille then continued the balance of her two hundred mile journey to the picnic, by bus..

At West Salem she was met by her brother and family. They took her to the Picnic at Veterans Park

The return trip was by way of the Newtons to Madison and the bus back to Edgerton and her son Daniel back to their home in

Milton.

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For Lucille it was an interesting experience, a four hundred mile ride, and a Family Picnic all in one nineteen hour day.

The ~~is~~ ironical part of it is that a few days before she had written to her brother that she was not planning to break a leg to get there, but that it would be almost worth it.

Ray D. Ranum

Secretary.

*82 Persons Present*