

TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL RANUM RE-UNION PICNIC.

The twenty third annual Ranum Re-union Picnic was held in the City Park at Fennimore Wis. on Sunday June 16, 1957.

During the very early morning hours thunder storms covered the entire south west Wisconsin area. This ended by day break. From 10:00 A. M. till 6:00 P. M., and for several days and nights thereafter, the skies were partly cloudy and partly sunny. The day was both beautiful and warm. Later we learned that in mid-afternoon the thermometer had reached 90 degrees, or better.

Each person was provided proper identification to wear.

Following the dinner the News Session was conducted by the Secretary.

The deaths, births, weddings anniversaries and other news was reported. ~~A record was made of same by a very able assistant. But the record seemed to be missing; further when the Secretary came to prepare this account of the activities.~~

The feature of the Picnic was THE PRESENCE OF PEARL.

Pearl Riley was born to James and Julia Riley. Julia was a niece of Grandfather Nils Knute Ranum. Pearl married Mat G. Woelky.

Her married name was not known. Neither was her address. For years the writer searched for Pearl.

She was located just a few days prior to this picnic.

She and her husband journeyed all of the way across the state from Racine to Fennimore to attend this Picnic.

Tears of joy came to her eyes as she met this one and that one to whom she was related.

~~At this time she was assisted by her husband and her~~

~~relatives.~~

She and her husband had recently retired from operating a Book Store in Racine.

They have purchased property in Florida, where they expect to ~~reside~~ live.

We are happy that she spent those few hours with us before moving to far off Florida.

There were 119 names on the register. Fully fifty more people were anticipated to have attended. Those fifty or more people who could have been there, and were not, missed an opportunity to bring happiness to their many relatives. In bringing happiness to others we find happiness ourselves.

Daniel Lewis consented to serve as President for the coming year.

Milton Ranum consented to assist Daniel in any way in which he could.

Ray D. Ranum

Secretary.

*119 Names
Present*