

Twenty-seventh ANNUAL Ranum Re-union Picnic.

The twenty-seventh, ANNUAL, Ranum Re-union Picnic was held on the third Sunday in June, as usual. It was Father's Day. And, it was the 18th day in June, in the year 1961. A. D.

It was held at the Bee Farm. The Bee Farm is located about six miles south of the City of Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, U. S. A.

This Farm was the home of the late Nils K. Ranum, and Family. Later, it became the home of his son (Gilbert M. Ranum), & Family. Still, later, it became the home of Gilbert's son (Edward), and his Family.

The idea of holding this particular Re-union, at this particular place, was that of a member of the FOURTH generation of Ranums to live on this Farmstead. That is John E. Ranum, the young son of Ed and Gertie Ranum.

As we drove into the yard, that sunny Sunday morning, two antique automobiles greeted our eyes. They were model T. Fords.

The one was the vehicle that brought Maurice A. Ranum, and his wife (Evelyn) to the Re-union.

The other was the vehicle, on which, there was a Honey Display. This second vehicle had been used in the Centennial Parade, in Mt. Horeb, on the previous day. This vehicle, and its display of honey, was used to represent the "Old Timer" method of packaging and transporting, honey. To this we might add that, to represent the "NEW Timer" method of packaging and transporting of honey, a 1961 model truck, loaded with honey, packaged in the latest model containers, was used.

Both of these antique automobiles were included in the photography conducted by John Eldredge, and others.

The three Ranum Brothers (Alvin, Edward & Maurice), together with their sister (Ella), and Ella's husband (Alfred) wore typical "Old Timer" costumes. These included beards and mustaches which had been grown for the occasion, ~~xxx~~ of the Centennial Parade,. Also, it included garments of antique origin.

All of this proved to be a very interesting part of the Re-union.

The food, for the dinner, was placed on spacious counters, in the Honey House.

THIS Honey House was the NEW Honey House. It replaced the OLD Honey House, which was a few feet away. The OLD Honey House is, now, being used for the storage of bee supplies.

This NEW Honey House is the ultimate in modernization and in sanitation. It contains counters, sinks, hot and cold running water, forced air heat, forced air ventilation, latest type bottling equipment, etc, etc, etc.

If, for nothing other ~~than~~ than to see this new Honey House, ~~the~~ the trip to the Bee Farm would have been well worth while.

The Secretary reminded the relatives that, NEW HERE, honey could be bought by the ton, and, that, by the ton, the cost, per pound, is less.

Aunt Josie (Mrs Sherman Ranum) had the distinction of being the first one (according to memory) to bring that famous Norwegian delicacy, known as Rømmegrøt, to the Re-union.

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Another attraction, at the Re-union, was the young goats that were enclosed in a pen near to the area in which the Re-union was being held.

The subject of changing the Re-union, from Father's Day, to some other day, was brought up, AGAIN.

Of course, there were points in favor of making the change.

But - there were, also, points in favor of RETAINING Father's Day.

However, it seemed that the majority were in favor of making the change, at least, temporarily.

As a result, for the time being, the SECOND Sunday in June will ~~xxxx~~ replace the third Sunday in June, as being the day on which the Re-union will be held.

Janice Tollund (who is, now, Mrs. Robert Gay) extended, to ~~us~~ us, the invitation to come to Stewart Park (in Mt. Horeb) for the 1962 Re-union.

Since, with such an invitation, goes the ~~Ranum~~ Responsibility of serving as Host, or Hostess, she accepted that Responsibility, for the year 1962.

Her husband, Robert, was not known to have raised any objections, to this. So, while it is presumptuous, we have included him in the sharing of this Responsibility,.

It is inspiring to notice that in TWO instances, the younger generation have, ~~many~~ now, taken an ACTIVE interest in these Ranum Re-unions.

Stella (Ranum)Faville served, again, as Registrar. She succeeded in getting eighty-five persons to sign the Register.

And, so, another SUNNY ~~Sundayxxxxxxx~~ Sunday, in June, was well spent.

Ray D. Ranum,
Secretary.