

## TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL RANUM RE-UNION PICNIC.

The 28th Annual Ranum Re-union Picnic was held at ~~Sixxaxt~~ Stewart Park, Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin, on the SECOND Sunday in June, in 1962 A. D.

The vote, <sup>o</sup>n the previous occasion, had been to change the Re-union Picnic, ~~XXXXXX~~ from the third Sunday in June, to the SECOND Sunday in June.

The Purpose of the change was to cause a, possible, increase of attendance.

On this, the first year of the change, the attendance was increased by ONE person.

That one person was a VISITOR from Norway.

We are glad to have "visitors", especially from such far away places.

But, it should be noted that the number of Relatives, present, remained the same as on the previous year, when the attendance stood at 85.

Attention should be directed to the fact, that, for a quarter of a century, the Re-unions were held on "Father's Day". Now, they are being held on "Children's Day". That day, too, seems to be an appropriate day on which to hold a Re-union Picnic. We are ALL Children, or GRAND children, or GREAT grandchildren, or GREAT GREAT Grandchildren of Nils K. Ranum.

We wish NOT to predict. But, it is possible that, at some time in the future, the date may, again, be changed. If so, it might be changed to Mother's Day, maybe ? ? Who knows ? ?

The weather, on this second Sunday in June, was conducive for Picnics.

Kenneth Norman Melby (a neighbor of the Ed Ranum Family) had been keeping company with Ed's daughter (Ruth) for some length of time.

This year, it was, for them "Mr & Mrs". Their marriage had taken place just a few days before the Picnic.

Since he was studying for the Ministry, he was asked to conduct the Invocation.

Because of ~~xxxxxxx~~ the second, in a series, of strokes, Norman Hilden was confined in a Madison Hospital. His warm personality was missed by all.

Letters, from other persons who could not attend, were read.

Milton Ranum wrote <sup>abo ut</sup> a suspected case of a heart condition. (Later, it turned out to be a diabetic condition).

His sister (Freda) ~~x~~ wrote about her SECOND Matrimonial Venture.

Thus, was ended, her widow-hood. She was married to Chester Madsen, who operates a Clothing Store, in Scooby Montana.

Her son (Eldon), also, lives in Scooby.

In fact, it was HE who brought the two together.

Ruth Livingston, of Portalas, New Mexico, sent a "thank you" note for having received the announcements of the Re-unions for so many years.

Joe Knutson, and Family, sent Greetings from Westminster, Colo.

Mrs. Marie (Maanum) Stennes was, now, a widow with two young sons. Her husband (Sylvester) had passed away a year or two before.

She had been receiving the announcements year after year. This year she decided that she would make the effort, necessary, to attend.

It was a long journey from Hendrum Minn. But, she and her sons (Gary & Kent) made it.

She felt rewarded for her efforts, and we felt rewarded for having her with us on this important occasion.

The writer had not seen her since she was a little girl, riding a poney about her father's farm (near Ada Minn).

Mrs. Stella (Ranum)Faville read to us the News that had been reported on the slips of paper and slipped into the box at her (the Registrar's) ~~desk~~ desk.

These items of news of births, of marriages, and of deaths, are, then, posted in the History of the Ranums and their Relatives.

A few persons availed themselves of the opportunity to show pictures on a screen, in a darkened room (the shelter house)

For the most part, these pictures were of Relatives and Friends and Activities in which they played a part. These were of much interest.

Janice (Tollund) Gay, and her husband (Robert) were the Host & Hostess, ~~if~~ for the occasion.

They did an excellent job in providing our every need for the occasion. We are looking forward to a repeat of same.

The invitation to come to Livingston, in 1963, was received. It was accepted.

Ray D. Ranum

Secretary