

RANUM RE-UNION

Part 1.

The ~~Ranum~~ ^{First} thirty-third Annual Ranum Re-union Picnic was held at Oschner Park, Baraboo Wis., on Sunday June 13 1965.

Milton and Helen Ranum served as Hosts. Milton was asked to serve, also, as Master of Ceremonies.

Ray Ranum explained that he had to leave early in order to make a speech at a Golden Wedding Anniversary. (See Part 2.)

The crowd sang Happy Birthday for Helen. (It was her birthday.)

Special mention was made of those who had come from a considerable distance in order to be present.

1. Gilbert & Adele Goodnight - Miami Florida
2. Raleigh Ranum - Mission Kan. (near Kansas City)
3. Freda (Ranum) Madsen - Scobey Montana
4. Doris Hovda (daughter of Gilbert & Adele) Leland Iowa

Ben Ranum read the account of the 1964 Picnic. He, also, read letters that had come from Signe Tripp and from Joseph Knutson.

The report of the Treasurer was read by LaVerne Farfis.

Credit was given to the Host and to the Hostess and to LaVerne Faris for the work which they did to-day.

Credit was given to Grandpa Zurfluh for being here.

Mention was made that Milton and Helen will celebrate their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary in the summer of 1966. (A check of the exact date revealed that it will be on August 10th.)

The Host (The Master of Ceremonies) called on a representative from each of the Original Ranum Families to report.

1. Julia (Mrs. Thore Smesrud) No one present to report.
2. Sena (Mrs. Sever Munson) Her daughter Verna reported.

She reported that the wife of her brother Clarence had been in the hospital for more than a year following an automobile accident.

3. O. K. Ranum His daughter Luville Lewis reported.

She reported that her son Daniel and his lady friend were present. She, also, reported that her brother Ray had celebrated his 70th birthday.

4. Andrew N. Ranum His daughter Esther reported.

She reported that her daughter Janice and her family live in Madison. And, that her other daughter Marilyn works in Milwaukee.

And, that her son Robert is with the Personnel Dept of the University of the Colorado Medical Center located at Denver.

She, also, reported that her sister Nora and husband who live at Goldfield Iowa are present. (They have two daughters).

She, also, reported that her sister Stella is employed in the office of the State Board of Health at Madison Wis.

5. Mary Ann (Mrs. Knute Knutson) No one present to report.

6. Ed. O. Ranum No one present to report. But, a letter from his daughter Ruby was read.

7. Gilbert M. Ranum His son Edward reported.

He reported that Ruth & Kenneth Melby & little David are present.

~~xxxxxxx~~ Kenneth will be ordained into the ministry at the Daleyville Church on June 27, 1965.

He, also, reported that his daughter Joan & family live in Ala.

And, that his son John is in partnership with his father in the Bee Business. And, that his son Mark is present.

He, also, reported that his brother Maurice & wife were not present.

And, that their daughter Joyce will be married on July 6, 1966.

And, that their daughter Jean is married and lives in Decorah Iowa where her husband is attending college.

And, that their son Thomas was married about a year ago and lives in California.

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Edward, also, reported that his sister Ella and husband are present. And, that their daughter Alice Ann & family are present.

8. Peter Ranum His son Raleigh reported.
He reported that this was the first Re-union that he had attended in twenty-six years. He has no children.
He, also, reported that his brother Rupert has five children and lives in Eldon Missouri.
He, also, reported that his brother ~~ka~~ Bertrand lives in Evergreen Colorado, and has no children.
He, also, reported that his sister Thelma has one child and lives in Eldon Mo.
He, also reported that his brother Vivian now lives in Apple River Ill., and that he has several children. Four daughters are working in Chicago, one boy is in Germany in the Service, and three boys are at home.

9. Carl W. Ranum His daughter Freda reported.
She reported that she lives in Scobey Montana, and that she arrived in Baraboo just the evening before. And, that her daughter Delores and family live at Aurara Ill. And, that her twin sons had just finished their first year of college. And, that she is a step mother. Also, she reported that her brother Milton and family live at Baraboo Wis.

10. Ben J. Ranum His daughter Adele reported.
She reported that she & husband live in Miami Florida. And, that her daughter Doris & husband live in Iowa. And, that she has a total of four children (3 boys and 1 girl). On June 11 she and Gilbert had their 38th Wedding Anniversary.

11. Sherman Ranum His widow Josephine reported.
She reported that she will be 83 yrs old on her next birthday. And, that her son Russell has two sons and lives in Deleware.
She, also, reported that her son Robert lives in Madison and has no children. Also, that her son Kenneth who has one son lives in Germany. He expects to retire from the Service in the fall.
She, also, reported that her son Ben has four children and is present. And, that her son William & wife got a new baby boy the night before. And, that her daughter Dorena has three children.

12. Martha (Ranum) Hilden Her daughter Hazel reported.
She reported that her mother is the youngest child of Nils K. Ranum & wife, and that she is the last survivor of the twelve children. She is now 84 yrs of age. Martha had seven children, six of whom are living. Hazel (herself) ~~ka~~ and husband have two sons, one of whom in North Dakota. Her sister Florence and family (including Beverly) are present- . (and family)
She, also, reported that her brother Norman & wife and some grandchildren are present.

Herbert Goldman (Director of Grant Co. Historical Society) stated that he had written some material on the life of his grandfather and would like to have some of the life of our grandfather (Nils K. Ranum) who at one time lived in Grant County.

After more or less deliberation, the decision was to hold the 1966 Re-union Picnic at Brigham Park which is near ~~Ex~~ the village of Blue Mounds.

Ed and Maurice Ranum together with Martin and Esther Tollund will serve as Hosts.

Mrs. Stella (Ranum) Fayille
recording for the Secretary

See Part 2.

(Thanks, Stella. You did a good job.

Ray.)