

32nd Re-union of Relatives

The 32nd Annual Re-union of the Ranums and their Relatives was held in Brigham Park, north and east of the Village of Blue Mounds Wisconsin on Sunday June 12, 1966.

Since reservation of the grounds could not be made, Edward and his son John slept in the camper, on the grounds, that night.

Rainshowers had prevailed throughout the area that night and on the day before. So, on that morning, it was really wet.

To add to the discomfort, it started to drizzle at about noon and continued to m drizzle for about three hours thereafter.

However, the tables were under a roof, plants and flowers were used for purposes of decoration, and the electric lights were on. This all made for one bright, cheery and dry spot in an otherwise dark, dismal and wet area.

Part of the report of the Secretary was read by Daniel Lewis, and the other part of it was read by Nora (Ranum) Olson.

On July 3, 1965, Joyce Ranum was married to Charles Johnson

On October 1965, Thomas Ranum was married to Dianne Kahl.

On October 9 1965, Daniel R. Lewis was married to Barbara Dienne of Green Bay Wis.

Mrs. Anna Ranum, who was in her upper eighties, passed away at the home of her daughter, Marie, in Florida. She was laid to rest beside the body of her late husband, Ben, in the Hauge Lutheran Church-yard in Exira Perry Township. Many of the children found it possible to journey to Wisconsin to attend the funeral. A letter from them was read.

Norman Hilden passed away after having had several strokes, one in 1963, ~~xxxxxxix~~ and one in May 1966. Thus, we lost one of the best supporters of these Family Re-unions.

Ben A. Ranum and his son Paul favored us with vocal music.

Recognition was made of Claire Ranum and his wife Violet for having come the greatest distance for the express purpose of attending the Re-union. He told us that when he started with T. W. A. (Transworld Airlines) he was one of three people. To-day, he supervises between 70 and 80 people who work for the Company. His department is that which is in connection with the wheels of the plane.

His wife told us about her work with the Mentally Retarded.

Those who traveled the second greatest distance for the express purpose of attending the Re-union were ~~xxxx~~ Daniel Lewis and wife. They traveled from Merrill to Milton to get his mother, then to Blue Mounds, and finally home again to Merrill in one day. That was a distance of about 500 miles.

Recognition was given to Mrs. Clarence Munson and to Mrs. Sherman Knutson for their physical disabilities.

A story of "Yesteryears", ~~xxx~~ written by the Secretary, was read by Mrs. Claire Ranum.

A letter written by Mrs. Clara Hanson was read.

The Livingston Group invited us to meet in their city for the 1967 Re-union.

81 persons were present.

Ray D. Ranum
Sec.

THIRTY*THIRD RE-UNION of RELATIVES.

The thirty-third Annual Reunion of Relatives was held on the second Sunday in June in the year 1967.

The City of Livingston had, recently, erected a shelter for use in the Park in case of rain.

And, again, rain became a problem.

It had rained. And, the cloudy and threatening, no drops fell throughout the morning and for a very brief spell after-noon.

Then, a strong wind, accompanied by heavy rain, drove us into a huddle in one end of the shelter.

In the previous summer, Herbert Goldman had presented the Secretary with a copy of his article written for the Grant County Historical Society, and published by the Fennimore Times.

He had requested the Secretary to do likewise in regard to The Ranums as they ~~had~~ played a role in the early history of the State of Wisconsin.

This story was in the process of being read when the rain came.

Hastily, the vote was taken to have same published so that copies would become available for those who wished same.

And, hastily, the vote was taken to change the date of the Re-unions to the fourth Sunday in June.

Hastily, the invitation was extended to come to Mt. Horeb for the 1968 Re-union.

Gilbert Knutson, together with the other relatives who live in Livingston, served as Hosts. (wife. Also, Cecil & wife)

They failed to submit bills to the Treasurer. And, when re-payment for expenses incurred was offered, it was declined.

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86 persons were present.