

34th RE-UNION

The Thirtyfourth Annual Re-union of Relatives (Ranums and others) was held on the FOURTH Sunday in June in 1968.

The Secretary had had surgery twice in less than one year of time. The first was minor, in nature. But, the second was, ~~was~~ ~~not~~ not minor, in nature.

He did manage to get the cards mailed to the relatives announcing the holding of the re-union. But, that was all that he could do, at that time.

What seemed to him to be of interest to the group was mailed to Esther Tollund, with the request that she serve in his stead.

As you well know: what Esther does, she does well, very well.

The Secretary was told that she had a loud speaker. It was not a mechanical one, but rather, it was a LIVE one. It was Cousin Ben Ranum who spoke FOR her.

(This is a quote from Esther.)

"Greetings sent to the group, by Ray, were read."

"A moment of silence was held in honor of three of our group who had passed away during the past year. They were Norman Hilden, his mother Mrs. Martha Hilden, and Herbert Goldman."

"New arrivals, during the year, were announced. They were:

- (1) James Charles, born to Major & Mrs. Charles Johnson (She was Joyce Ranum - daughter of Maurice & Evelyn.)
- (2) Bryan Lee, born to Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Wilkan (She was Jean Ranum - daughter of Maurice & Evelyn.)
- (3) Delena & Delilia (twins) born to Mr. & Mrs. Don L. Millard. (Don is a grandson of Knute Knutson)
- (4) A grandson born Jan 18, 1968" - but to whom and what is his name ?
- (5) A great ~~grand~~ grandson born Sept 7 1967" - but to whom and what is his name ?

(Please note: complete identification plus date of birth is necessary for registration.)

"On June 8, 1968, Sally Young (daughter of Betty Lou & Dr. Young) was married to Ronald Smith of Rochester."

"Communications ~~xxxxxxxx~~ from Edith Wilcox and Joe & Helen Knutson were read."

"Members of the various Ranum families stood and were introduced."

"It was decided to have the re-union in 1969 on the fourth Sunday in June, and at Brigham Park near Blue Mounds."

"The Hosts and Hostesses will be Mr. & Mrs George Newton and Mr. & Mrs, Roger Newton."

"Thanks were given to Mr. & Mrs Cecil Knutson, The Gilbert Knutsons, and to Mrs Ed. Ranum for making coffee and cool ade."

(End Quote)

Mrs. Stella Faville reported that 103 persons were present.

Robert & Janice Gay were scheduled to serve as hosts & hostess. However, because of business, Robert was unable to attend.

Janice came, on Saturday, to Mt. Horeb. But, that night, her son Andrew became ill, and she was unable to attend.

The FEATURE of this ~~re~~ re-union was the projecting of pictures on the screen, by Maurice Ranum and his wife Evelyn. These pictures were taken by them while they were on a trip to Norway, and other parts of Europe, in ~~it~~ 1966. This was regarded as being an excellent opportunity to acquaint one's self with the area from which our ancestors came.

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The weather, in the shelter house, was reported to have been hot, very hot. As a result, many who had come to see the pictures chose to sit out-of-doors in the shade, and thereby, forgo the opportunity of seeing those wonderful pictures.

The report, also, was that for several days thereafter, the weather was rainy and definitely not conducive to the holding of picnics.

And, so it would appear that this ^{day} ~~year~~ was the lucky ~~year~~ day weatherwise, for picnics.

Now, I would like to express my sincere thanks to cousin Esther and to cousin Ben for serving you in my stead on this occasion.

Ray D. Ramon
Secretary.

The thirty-fourth Annual Re-union of the Ranums and their relatives was held in Stewart Park in June of 1968.

Because of a recent operation, the Secretary was unable to attend.

Thursday, June 27 1968

Dear Dorothy and Ray,

I really couldn't picture a Ranum reunion taking place without you and kept expecting you to show up any minute. It was ~~not~~ only after the day was over that I had to believe it. You hadn't told us about having had surgery, until one of your recent letters to Esther, so I had been visualizing you in your usual state of good health. Hope you can make the reunion next year.

It was a good day in every way, I think. A bit hot but no rain such as has been pestering us so much of the time. 103 people registered - and I hope I got everyone. Ardythe Kamin came from Elgin, the Goodnights from Missouri, etc., etc. Clarence and Verna Munson came for the first time since their accident - she in a wheel chair and quite touched by the welcome she received.

With all of this rain we've been having, I'm threatening to go back to California. I was there all of April and May. Every day there is sunny and moderately warm - just as comfortable as can be. Wisconsin's weather is either too hot, too cold, too wet or something. One never can plan ~~something~~^{any} without adding "If the weather is right." Some of us want to go to Milwaukee for a polo game Sunday but I'm afraid the ground will be too wet for playing.

Esther will be sending you the registry book, the minutes, and everything one of these days soon. She has been pretty busy -- Nora and Loyd just left for home yesterday and Jan and Andrew are there for the whole week.

I do hope you'll be improving fast now, Ray, and can get back into stride again.

Best wishes to you all,

Stella