

37th Annual Re-union of Relatives

The thirty-seventh Annual Re-union of Relatives (Ranums and those who are related to them) was held in The Community Building at Arena Wisconsin, on Sunday June 27 1971.

That morning, the Secretary and his family were, like others, en route to attend.

However, when near Boscobel, the motor of the car stopped. The fuel pump had ceased to function, and gave up for good.

How to get the car into town, how to get a new fuel pump, and how to get it installed, was the problem on a Sunday morning.

For a time, it looked as tho we might be stranded for a day or two.

However, through the efforts of four different men who live in Boscobel, the necessary part was procured and installed.

As a result of that delay, it was mid-afternoon when we arrived at the Re-union.

Cousin Ben A. Ranum had presided at the meeting in my stead. Thanks to him for his efforts.

Since we had not eaten, we sat down to devour some food.

Marjorie (the wife of Ben A. Ranum) had brought mulberry pie. That, in anyone's book, in a rare delicacy. We were fortunate that it had not already been consumed. It was worth driving miles just to eat that one small piece of mulberry pie.

But, the reception that we had received, when we first arrived was such as to make it well worth while driving many miles to receive.

The day was fairly warm. And, for ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ one reason or another, the crowd left for home rather early in the day. In fact, they left UN-USUALLY early.

Those who came from considerable distances were:

Bert Ranum formerly of Evergreen Colorado, now of Gravois Mills Mo.

The Dunnagens of Terra Haute Indiana

Charles Goodnight & Son of Bricelyn Minnesota

Nora and Loyd Olson of Goldfield Iowa

Marilyn Tollund of Milwaukee Wisconsin

Karl Knutson & Wife of La Crosse Wis.

Ray D. Ranum & wife & son of Minneapolis Minnesota.

~~Says~~ This year, the attendance was one of the smallest on record. There was only 61 persons who signed the register.

The invitation was extended to return to the same place for the 1972 Re-union.

Because the Secretary had written ahead that he was going to TRY to make it, in spite of his weakened condition, caused by a heart attack a few months prior thereto, and because he failed to arrive as expected, there was a considerable amount of apprehension as to his welfare.

A card, that carried a beautiful thought, was passed around for signatures.

In addition to that a sum of money was gathered which amounted to \$28.40

All of this caused me to be so surprised that I became SPEECHLESS. I did not know what to say, or how to say it.

However, I am deeply appreciative of the beautiful thoughts and the "good-will" on the part of the many relatives. I hope to be able to continue to serve you all for many years yet to come.

Ray D. Ranum, Sec.

The next page contains a letter received from Cousin Stella (Ranum) Faville.

As some of you who attended the celebration know, an open house was held in Madison on May 30th in honor of Hazel and George Newton's Golden Wedding anniversary. Their son George, his wife and four children of Grand Forks, North Dakota, and son Roger, wife and five children of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, were all there, as well as a large number of other relatives and friends. We wish Hazel and George many more years of happiness together.

Congratulations to Nora and Loyd Olson whose Golden Wedding was celebrated last December 27th at Goldfield, Iowa. They have two daughters, Betty Lou Young and Darcia Christensen, and four grandchildren. Those from Wisconsin who attended the open house were Esther Tollund and her family, Janice and Andy Gay, Lyn Tollund and Robert Tollund, as well as another sister, Stella Faville. We all extend our best wishes to Nora and Loyd.

We are ~~happy~~ over the good progress being made by our senior member, Mrs. Josephine Ranum of Madison, who in spite of emergency eye surgery on May 17th was able to attend the Newton's Golden Wedding reception two weeks later. You can't keep a good woman, with a spirit like hers, down.

Mrs. Verna Goldman of Livingston returned home June 8th after spending about four weeks in the Platteville Hospital. Lois Goldman is at home taking care of Verna now that her responsibility as ^ateacher in the Madison schools is over for the summer. Sorry you can't be with us today, Verna. We all wish you a speedy and complete recovery.

Suggestion: Ask Vivian Ranum to tell about his mother who passed away last fall. (Unless he has put it in writing.)

Recently married are Greg Hilden, son of Mrs. Ruth Schmitz and the late Norman Hilden, and Diane Marie Dalles of Dodgeville. The wedding took place June 5th in Madison. Diane is enrolled in a practical nursing course in the Madison Area Technical College and will graduate in August. Greg attended the University of Wisconsin and the Madison Area Technical College and is display manager at Treasure Island. Diane and Greg are living in Madison. (~~5314 Fayette Street, Madison, 53713~~) Our congratulations and best wishes to them both.

Kathleen Young, who is a granddaughter of Nora & Loyd Olson, and a daughter of Dr. & Betty Low Young, will be married to Robert Tralton of Des Moines on July 31st at Clincon, Iowa. Kathy and Bob will live in St. Louis.

Stella (Ranum) Faville.