

1974 Re-union

The 40th Annual Re-union of Ranums, and those persons who are related to them, was held on Sunday June 23 1974, at the farm home of Marilyn (Munson) Johnsrud and her husband Kenneth Johnsrud.

The directions to get there read as follows: Travel Highway #18 to County Trunk Q, which is a couple miles west of Montfort Wis. Turn north. Travel to County Trunk Q. Turn west. Drive down hill and across two bridges, into lower Castle Rock. Stay on black top. First farm on the left. Watch for rock wall with initials K. J. in it. Watch for rock garden with a white fence along the road. White house on the hill. In case of rain, come to Castle Rock Lutheran Hall.

These directions seemed to accomplish the purpose for which they were intended. There were no problems in finding the right place.

~~Tables~~ Tables were set on the spacious lawn. Since the day was cool, we avoided the shade and set them in the sun.

There was an interesting talk by Ella (Ranum) Johnson. She told about her trip to Norway.

Births reported - grandchild to Marilyn & Kenneth Johnsrud.

Deaths " - George Hilden

Marriages to be - Robert Tollund Because of this pending marriage, it was necessary that his mother and his two aunts be absent from this re-union.

Oldest person present - Mrs. Josephine Ranum. Age 92 years.

Remarks - by Thelma Evelyn (Ranum) Currence. She told of how she and her husband (Estel Currence) left their home at Eldon Mo, at 6 P. M. on Saturday. They drove straight through, stopping only for gasoline for the car. They arrived at about 10:00 A.M. That appeared to be perfect timing. From the re-union, they drove on to Monroe Wis. to visit with her brother Vivian and wife.

Mr. & Mrs. George Newton of Madison are regular attendants at these re-unions. However, this year, Hazel's health was such that her doctor advised her to stay for not more than one hour. Since George is now "leaving the driving to others", some friends were prevailed upon to bring them to the re-union. They enjoyed that hour very much. And, we appreciated the effort that they made in order to be present.

A letter from Mrs Loyd Olson of Goldfield Iowa was read. She admonished us to stay LONGER after the meeting and thus to give others the opportunity to visit MORE with us. (Thanks to Nora for the suggestion).

As in previous years, Special Recognition was given to one of the children born to Nels K Ranum & wife, and to the descendants thereof. This year, the fourth such child (O. K. Ranum) and his descendants were so featured.

This year, only 49 persons were registered as having been in attendance.

Lois Goldman served as Registrar and as Recorder of Events.

Attached hereto is a clipping taken from The Dodgeville Chronicle.

Ray D. Ranum Sed.

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