

43rd Annual Reunion of the Descendants of
Nels K. Ranum and of his Brothers and Sisters

Sunday, June 26, 1977
at Livingston, Wis.

The meeting was called to order by Ray D. Ranum, secretary and presiding officer. Ben Ranum was called on to offer prayer. The hostesses of the day, all daughters or daughters-in-law of Clarence Munson and wife, were introduced:

Alma Munson Lund (Mrs. Wallace Lund)
Marilyn Munson Johnsrud (Mrs. Kenneth Johnsrud)
Gwendolyn Munson Moller (Mrs. Charles Moller)
Beverly Munson, (Mrs. Dean Munson)
Barbara Munson (Mrs. Lyle Munson)

Special recognition was given today to the sixth of Nels K. Ranum's children, Eddie O. Ranum. None of his descendants were present at this reunion. Eddie was born and raised a short distance from Livingston. He went to the state of Iowa where he met and married Mary Ann Beck. They raised their family near Rush City, Minnesota. A daughter died in childhood. Another daughter, Ruby Rehfeld, lives in Arizona. A son Hubert, now deceased, and wife Eleanor lived near Esanti, Minnesota. Your secretary, Ray Ranum, visited Uncle Ed on many occasions. There were beautiful farms and buildings in the area. Ed's wife was a wonderful cook and Ed "was a man that I was happy to be able to call my uncle."

The upper age group Wallace Lund, husband of one of today's hostesses, introduced his father, aged 94, as a guest at the reunion today. Aunt Josie (Mrs. Sherman Ranum) will be 95 this fall. She is in a nursing home and not doing very well. She is in no pain but is growing weaker. A letter from the daughter of Julia (Hageseth) Jylland, Madison, told of her mother who is up in her 90's. Julia lives in Madison with her daughter, Esther Beran. Cousin Verna (Mrs. Herbert Goldman), who was present at the reunion, is 86 years of age. She lives alone and is active.

Births Gwen Moller has a new grandson, born to Sally and Tony Rosemeier. His name is Stephen. Eric Ranum Tollund was born to Karen and Robert Tollund of Denver last July 9th. Mary and Alden Millard have a new granddaughter, Dawn Marie, born to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Millard on December 15, 1976. Vivian and Vera Ranum are the proud grandparents of two 1976 babies: A boy born to daughter Sherry on August 2nd, and a girl born to Ruth on August 15.

Marriages The Secretary read a poem sent in by Robert Smesrud of Mankato which includes the announcement of marriage of their daughter Barbara to Bruce Dale Stark on June 18, 1977. Ben Ranum's son, Ben Jr., has a daughter Margo who married Michael Helton on November 5, 1977. Rupert Ranum reported that his oldest daughter, Iris, remarried on June 4th, this year, and that she and her husband, Don Feese, left immediately for Hawaii. The couple will live in Lakeview. Address: P.O. Box 516, Lake Ozark, Mo. 65049. Iris has been working in a real estate office for two years.

Anniversaries Jan and Bob Gay celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary this year. Gerty Ranum's daughter Ruth and husband, Kenneth Melby, had their 15th anniversary.

Deaths Clarence Munson of Livingston passed away on December 4, 1976. He has 28 grandchildren, 24 of whom were present at the funeral. A letter from Mrs. LaVerne Ferris of Baraboo tells of her husband's death on December 24, 1976. They had celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary on August 5 and have three daughters. Andythe (Ranum) Kamin of Rhinelander, Wis. passed away on Feb. 2, 1977. Karen (Dysart) Tollund, wife of Robert Tollund, passed away in Denver on July 13, 1976, four days after giving birth to Eric Ranum Tollund, their first child. Gustave Johnson, husband of Lena (Hageseth) Johnson, Mt. Horeb, died June 20, 1977 at the age of 89. He was a World War 1 veteran. He had been a patient at the Ingleside Nursing Home, Mt. Horeb, for several years. His wife, Lena, is now a patient in the same Home. Mrs. Norman Hanson, Hollandale, passed away this past year. The Secretary read notes telling of the deaths of the following:

Helen Thelma (Smesrud) Tesch
 Russell E. Hanson of Marshall, Wis., son of Clara (Smesrud) Hanson
 Harry Knutson of Clear Lake, Iowa, son of Andrew Knutson

Travelers Mrs. Leland Hovde, daughter of Adele Goodright, is on her way to Norway. Maurice and Evelyn Ranum, Mt. Horeb, are traveling in Germany and Norway. Ben Ranum's granddaughter, Melba Dunnigan, and daughter Lynn Ann spent three weeks in Athens, Greece and other places and had a very interesting trip. Andy Vencel from Terre Haute is here today. Raleigh Ranum and wife just got back from Hawaii. Lucille Lewis reported that her son, Daniel, is in Philadelphia on business..

Greetings Estner Tollund told of a phone call this morning from Edith (Ranum) Wilcox of Jacksonville, Florida, who sent greetings to everyone here. She and her husband hope to attend the reunion next year. The Secretary told of a letter from Signe (Ranum) Tripp who lives in Florida with her daughter. Lena (Hageseth) Johnson, Mt. Horeb, also sent greetings, as did Karl Knutson's son Knut from his home in Oregon.

This reunion was scheduled to have been held in the Community Room of the Fire Station in Livingston but through error the facility had been rented to two different groups which necessitated our using the village park. Tables not already in use were hurriedly gathered together under shade trees at the south edge of the park. Due to the small attendance, these tables answered the purpose quite well and though it was a warm day, the south breeze kept us very comfortable. All in all, we were more comfortable than we would have been in the Community Room and we were saved the cost of rental, so the error on the part of city officials proved to be a blessing!

The Secretary read the financial report for the year, adding that today's collection amounted to \$42.25. Total attendance today - 68.

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Ray D. Ranum, Secretary