

PERSONAL BACKGROUND He was born on June 2, 1891 in Dennison, Goodhue County, Minnesota. He has eight brothers and sisters. All the children were born at home.

PARENTS William Ramstad was a farmer (grain/threshing machine). His mother's name was Josephine Ohnstad Ramstad.

GRANDPARENTS BACKGROUND Paternal grandparents were from Østlandet near Oslo. His maternal grandparents were from Aurland in Northern Norway.

MINNESOTA Minnesota was his early place of residence in the Norwegian community and with a Swedish community nearby. He spoke Norwegian until school.

English was spoken at home after marriage.

SCHOOL DAYS Confirmed. Started high school, lived with aunt and uncle. Attended St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He experienced problems. He missed school when working on the farm. He graduated ahead of his class.

GLACIER PARK Summer employment as a dishwasher and he was later head porter.

Employed in the Auditor's Office in St. Paul, Minnesota. He was bored with it so he quit.

Attended seminary the next year in St. Paul. He met his wife there, Emma Helen Kvindlog. They married and graduated. He became the minister at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle, Washington (formerly the Bethel Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church). He discussed housing and the changing of the name of the church.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE He was elected a board member then nominated as a teacher.

IMPORTANCE OF CHURCH LIFE Language in the church, the congregation's children.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE Arrived in 1925 and taught anything. There were 85 students. **TEACHERS AT THAT TIME:** Xavier, Stuen, Kreidler, and Hauge. **PAY:** No pay for teachers at that time. **HOW THEY EARNED MONEY:** Stuen worked at Parkland Light and Water Co.

STUDENTS Where they came from. They were local. He was the Girls Basketball Coach. He discussed sports at PLC.

ANDERS Started the first football team at PLC.

PARKLAND Early day impressions. Mostly Norwegians

BUSINESSES Two stores owned by Mr. and Mrs. Hans Dahl and Mr. Lehmann. F.B. Ellingson owned Parkland Light and Water Co.

PARKLAND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES Ladies Study Club, Kiwanis, and Rotary.

TRANSPORTATION Streetcar from Spanaway to Tacoma.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN Difficult getting groceries for the students. The Boarding Club. In 1917, the PLC reopened, three churches helped. The Everett and Spokane schools became children's homes.

Instructors and families lived in dorms. They had a cow at the college. Farming in the area is discussed.

Norwegian language faded when the old folks died. Taught English school for Norwegians.

LANGUAGES OFFERED AT PLC Norwegian, Latin, and German.

DEPRESSION No raise in pay if paid. Started getting regular pay when Eastvold came in 1943 with money from the church.

GARDENING Produced enough to eat. Sold milk in exchange for a tailor made suit.

Teaching Chemistry at PLC. The first lab became a restroom.

EARLY PARKLAND He discusses church life specifically Parkland Lutheran Church and the languages at the church.

OUTSTANDING CHANGES IN PARKLAND : Pacific Avenue was paved. Parkland Light and Water Co. He worked off his bill when he was short of money.

PAN-A-VIEW(?) MOVIE SCREEN His invention. Hollywood took it over.

NEW INVENTION Square root theory.

RETIREMENT Age 70, worked for 36 years at Pacific Lutheran. He discussed the classes he taught. The students changed, all nationalities were represented. He always liked to teach.

SONS OF NORWAY Not a member.

KIWANIS CLUB Very active member.

ANDERS AND HIS KNITTING MACHINE Learned to knit at age 11. Amusing knitting machine story.

Parents were both born in the U.S.. They are deceased.

HOBBY Golf. He arranged for retired PLC workers to use the PLC facilities.

Two trips back to Norway. In 1935, he taught one year at Franklin Pierce High School and made money for the second trip. Describes the trip.

NORWEGIAN TRADITIONS 17th of May, a big day.

CHILDREN'S NAMES See lineage.

SPEAKING NORWEGIAN For fun sometimes.

TRADITIONAL NORWEGIAN FOODS Flatbrød.

IMPORTANCE OF NORWEGIAN HERITAGE Glad he's a Norwegian. Describes Norwegians as workers.

SPOKEN NORWEGIAN Says the Norwegian Table Grace.

THOUGHTS ON PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY TODAY Good reputation.

CHURCH He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church.