



Royal R. Pleam, Principal of Marietta High School from 1888 to 1895.

Former Mta principal authored school text

Back in 1891, the principal of Marietta High School composed a book of religious music and scripture for the opening exercises in public schools.

Royal R. Pleam, principal of Marietta High from 1888 to 1895, hoped his booklet would provide a set of standard introductory exercises in the nation's schools. There is little chance that his dream will come true.

Organized prayers are now illegal in public schools.

A copy of Pleam's book was recently discovered in an Anville Attic. The person who found the book sent it to Donegal School District Superintendent Ragnar Hallgren. The book will be included in the school archives.

The preface of the book reads "Realizing the demand for a suitable opening exercise for the use of our public schools. I have compiled this volume of 20 exercises. Only choice gems have been selected from the Bible, such as may be easily understood by the children and at the same time have an influence upon the morals and deportment of the school.

The exercises have been arranged in such a manner as to produce variety. The music, with few exceptions, is familiar to teacher and pupil. To give some recognition to the Creator is a most fitting opening for our schools."

Born in the 1880's, Royal R. Pleam attended Lebanon Valley College between 1897 and 1899, completing Latin and scientific courses and was recommended by the ex-president of the institution, E. Benjamin Bierman. The late teacher was qualified to teach algebra, geometry, book-keeping, elements of Latin, botany and philosophy.

Pleam met and married Kathryn Mae Rudisel and the couple had one son, Lloyd, who died in 1918 in the flu epidemic. Two granddaughters are living in the area: Mrs. Margaret Hinkle, Wrightsville, R.D. and Mrs. George Wolpert, Jr., Columbia.

Upon retiring from the teaching profession, Professor Pleam returned to Marietta to spend his final days in the river boro. Perhaps he returned to read his Bible daily and attend the church of his choice.

Teen group to hold discussion sessions

Family and Children's Service of Lancaster County will offer teenage group discussion sessions beginning Monday, October 4. The sessions are focused on problem-solving, personal growth and awareness. The teen group will meet for eight sessions, one and one half hours in length, weekly.

Ms. Rosa Cunningham, M.S.W. and Bill Leino, M.S.W. will act as co-leaders of the group. These sessions are open to teens, aged 13 to 17 years of age, with parental consent.

The fee for eight sessions is \$16.00. For additional information please call 397-5241.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Lee Oakes (Jeanne Hyman) Trout Run Road, Mount Joy, a son at General Hospital, September 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene J. Thomas (Ethel Kershaw) Mount Joy R.D. #1, a son at Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, September 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Berrier (Bonita Hoffman) Holtwood R.D. #1, a son at General Hospital, September 21. Mrs. Berrier is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hoffman, Mount Joy, R.D. #1.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ashcraft (Patricia Mason) Mount Joy R.D. #2, a son at St. Joseph Hospital, September 24.

Mr. and Mrs. John

Lighty (Crystal Nagle) 134 West Market Street, Marietta, a daughter at St. Joseph Hospital, September 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Myers (Nancy Teter) Mount Joy, R.D. #1, a daughter at General Hospital, September 25.

It was 1925 . . .



Mark McCollough

And in that year, Tennessee school teacher . . . John Scopes, defended by Clarence Darrow, is prosecuted by William Jennings Byran and is convicted for teaching The Darwinian theories of evolution. Mrs. Nellie Taylor of Wyoming is inaugurated as the nation's first woman governor, and a fever for land in Florida erupts into the country's largest land stampede.

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