



Bob and Libby Kettering

## Bob and Libby Kettering keep on singing together

Rev. Robert D. Kettering, pastor of the Florin Church of the Brethren, met his future wife, then Libby Rainbolt (daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rainbolt, former publishers of *The Mount Joy Bulletin*) when they were both students at Elizabethtown College.

Bob, as everyone calls him, decided in college to become a minister in the Church of the Brethren, although he was raised in the Evangelical Congregational Church. He chose the Church of the Brethren because he was a pacifist and because he believes in "believer's baptism," that is voluntary baptism chosen by a mature person, as opposed to infant baptism.

Libby, a Presbyterian, was not convinced she wanted to change her denomination and become a preacher's wife.

So when Bob went off to study at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries in Elkhart, Indiana, Libby also attended the seminary "to find out about Anabaptist roots, and discovered I was going to enjoy not only being Bob's wife, but also being a pastor's wife."

They had met each other in the concert choir at Elizabethtown College. Bob was also organist at Spring

Creek Church of the Brethren and organist and director of the children's choir at the Masonic Homes in Elizabethtown while still a student at the college. These positions paid his way through college.

Music was the meeting ground for the Ketterings. "we sang together then," says Libby, "and we're still singing together." They go around to other churches and organizations singing duets. They have sung for the Mount Joy Rotary, the Schock Home, and the Neffsville Home.

Bob is also in a quartet with other ministers: Dale Engle, Nate Showalter, and Lamar Dourte.

After receiving his degree of Master of Religious Education, Bob became associate pastor of a church in Harrisonburg, Virginia. He was also minister of music there.

In 1976 the Ketterings came to the Florin Church. He was only 25 when called to serve here.

The Florin Church of the Brethren is a youthful church. Not only is its pastor young; four out of five members of the executive committee are under 30. Even the older members are youthful in their thinking, open to new ideas.

The congregation of 285

members is active; average attendance is 226.

They are generous too. Outreach giving to missions equals local expenses at the church.

The church is "strong on service." They help in disaster situations by going to the sites and rendering help personally. Members of the congregation have gone to WilkesBarre, Mississippi, Guatemala, wherever there's trouble. They also help in local disasters like rebuilding the Balmer's burned down barn. Youth went out and caught runaway chickens.

Rev. Kettering points out that the Brethren's foot-washing rite is a strong reminder of the idea of Christian service.

The congregation has their own Emergency Hospitalization Plan which helps to pay hospital expenses for ill members.

The church has helped a large number of refugees from foreign countries to settle in the Mount Joy area.

Rev. Kettering describes the Brethren as conservative and evangelical in theology, but as "progressive in communicating the gospel."

Bob Kettering is creative himself in getting his

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## Coach Gayne Deshler says he's heartened by teamwork vs. L-S

Coach Gayne M. Deshler was "extremely happy with the defensive game" his Indians played last Friday night in their 20-10 win over Lampeter-Strasburg. "It was the best defense we've had in years," he said, and added that a lot of credit must go to Dennis Iezzi, defensive coach.

"We held them to 78 yards in both rushing and passing and only five first downs."

Offensively, the team needs improvement. Deshler feels the offense is "inconsistent. Still, the offense came up with 'the big plays' Friday. They scored three touchdowns against a team known for their defense, a team which had permitted only two touchdowns before meeting Donegal.

The team is young, says Deshler. Frank Brommer is the only veteran in the offensive line.

John Haugh, the center, was injured and couldn't play. Jeff Kauffman, guard, played Friday, but due to an injury, couldn't practice the previous week. Phil Spickler, tackle, pulled a muscle in the first quarter. The second string tackle was on a vacation with his parents. Then the third string tackle was hurt in the second quarter with a broken thumb. Deshler didn't know until the last second whether the doctor would let him play or not. When the doctor decided against the tackle playing, Deshler was forced to "grab a kid out of the crowd," who had never played tackle and tell him, "Come out of the line and hit somebody."

The coach is very pleased with the teamwork shown last Friday. Football is not like basketball or baseball where an individual can star and win games. Football, he believes, demands teamwork more than most sports, and teamwork is what had been lacking in Donegal's playing before last Friday. All week Deshler was telling them they had to develop some unity. During the week he saw that unity developing. By Friday they were ready to go—as a

team. There was a good chance the game would be postponed on account of the rain, but Deshler saw that new spirit in the team, and wasn't sure it would last over to Saturday if the game was postponed. He wanted the game Friday, no matter what the weather.

The game was played Friday, the day Donegal was ready. They finally played like a team.

Frank Brommer blocked very well on the offense. He took two passes for a total of 73 yards and set up the first touchdown. He played what Deshler called "an outstanding game on defense." He made six solo tackles and eight assisted tackles.

"considering he was an end, not in the center of plays, that's good," said Deshler. "This was Brommer's best game defensively."

"Leonard Mummau made six solo tackles and eight assisted tackles also. Two times he sacked the quarterback—very important action. This was by far his best game this year," said Deshler. Switched from halfback to fullback, Mummau carried the ball 17 times for 90 yards, scored on touchdown. "He made the big play for us," Deshler said.

The L-S game lifted the coach's and the team's

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## Booters start strong, finish weak in 2 games

Last Tuesday the Donegal soccer team took a 3-0 lead over Solanco by halftime. By the end of the normal game, however, Solanco had tied it up at 4-4, and the game went into overtime. Donegal lost, 4-6.

The Jayvees tied Solanco 1-1.

Thursday Donegal faced McCaskey; the game was tied at the half, 1-1, but was lost at the end, 1-4. The

Javees lost also, 0-7.

This Wednesday the booters play E-Town here. On Friday they take on Penn Manor, away.

On Thursday October 18, the elementary soccer teams will vie for the soccer cup under the lights on the high school field. Rain date for this event will be October 19. On either date the competition will begin at 7 p.m.

## Tennis team defeats Hempfield 5-2

The Donegal girls tennis team defeated Hempfield last week 5-2.

Beth Keffer and Sheri Kinsey lost their doubles match in the county tournament to Elizabethtown. Playing alone Beth lost in the third round of the districts to a girl from

Reading and Sheri lost in the 4th round to Levering of McCaskey. This was further than any players for coach Kitty Jo Etsell had ever gone in the districts.

Next week the team takes on Manheim Township Tuesday and Penn Manor Thursday.

## Hockey team beats Cocalico and ELCO

The DHS hockey team defeated Cocalico 3-0 last Wednesday, then on Thursday they beat Elco 1-0.

This Wednesday they play Lebanon there and Friday Warwick here. Fri-

day will be Parent Day with a ceremony and refreshments. Mr. West will make a few comments for the occasion. The ceremony will begin around 3:45, the game at 4:00.

## Junior High beats Wheatland

Beahm Junior High football team beat Wheatland last week 20-0.

Bill Miller, with an

inflamed knee, was out of school all week. A running back had to be converted to quarterback. With a re-arranged team, Beahm lost

last Thursday to E-town, 0-16.

Next Wednesday Beahm meets Columbia.

## Jr. Hi booters lose to Wheatland, beat Pequea Valley, have 5-4 record

Beahm Junior High soccer team lost to Wheatland last Tuesday 1-2. Beahm missed two penalty kicks, which cost them the game. The team had previously

missed a penalty kick against Hempfield.

Thursday they beat Pequea Valley, 4-0.

The team now has an overall record of 5-4, a

league record of 4-4.

Brent Strickler, 7th grader, scored three of the four goals. He went to France last summer and picked up a lot of soccer skills there.