

February 3, 1950

Mrs. Mabel N. Lybolt  
Thomas Hotel  
510 - Eighth Street North  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lybolt:

I note the questions which you raise about Religious Education. I do not recall that Bible courses have been taught in any other school in Loudoun County except those at Lincoln.

We have no uniform custom in the manner of Bible reading in our schools. Some of the schools have this and some do not. In a good many instances it is handled by each teacher in her own room and I think a large proportion do have an opening exercise that has to do with the Bible.

Very sincerely yours,

O. L. Emerick  
Division Superintendent

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January 30, 1950

Mrs. Mabel N. Lybolt  
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510 - Eighth Street North  
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lybolt:

We have your letter about Week-Day Religious Education. Just now Oscar is sick and will not be able to reply to your letter until later this week and maybe the first of next week.

I hope you are enjoying your stay in Florida.

Very sincerely yours,

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Ruth M. Emerick



Thomas Hotel  
510- Eighth St. North  
St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mr. O.L. Emerick, Div. Supt.  
Leesburg, Va.

Dear Mr. Emerick,-

The County Week Day Religious Education Committee has asked me to prepare a series of articles for publication in the County newspapers giving a history of what has been done along that line in the County and explaining the purposes and something of the methods being used in the courses being given at present.

I thought I had gotten most of the information I needed before I left the County but some bulletins on the Bible courses prepared by the State Board of Education just received raises some questions which you probably can answer.

Ralph Boring gave the courses prepared by the State Board of Education, or at least under its auspices at the Lincoln High School in 1923 and 1924, if my information is correct, and George Selleck did likewise when he was there for at least part of the time. (I have more definite information in my notes).

Now what I want to know is, is Lincoln the only high school in the County where these courses prepared by the State Board of Education have ever been given? If not, could you tell me where they have been given, when and by whom? I judge from the bulleting that they are still available for use in high schools. Do you know whether they are being used anywhere in the State or not? If not, why not?

Also I should like to know whether the schools in the County still open with a Bible reading in the morning. If not, why was the custom discontinued? (I am not criticizing - think it was too formal to be of much value) Do you know whether this custom of opening with a Bible reading began with the establishment of the public school system in the State?

Please accept my thanks in advance for any help you can give me in answering the above questions.

Most cordially yours,

Mabel N. Lyboet