

Box 874, Roundup -
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Dear Erlene,

Two of your letters arrived since I have written so time out for a few words from this section of the good old U.S.A.

Last week was another outstanding week - we done lots of trading & visiting non-Members also each of us loaned a Book of Mormon. Dehad another appointment left to fulfill on Sat but Friday night our District Pres. M Keith Woolley (from Fremont, Utah) & his companion called on us about 7:00 P.M. & told us to get ready to go with them to Lewistown & help them with ~~the~~ a funeral service.

It was certainly a grand experience to be present at the first funeral conducted by Mormon People at Lewistown. Elder Woolley gave a good long sermon on the Plan of Salvation then Elder Millett sang "Oh My Father", accompanied by an electric organ - there were maby 250 Persons present, some for to satisfy their curiosity & some to pay tribute to the lady who was a Morganite L.D.S. - you know their headquarters are in Missouri - At any rate

they heard something that gave them a lot a different and better slant on the "Mormon" folks.

After services one elderly lady came to Companion with tears in her eyes & asked for a copy of the song he sung & thanked him & told him in the depth of humility that that certainly was a good song.

Yes, I feel that the funeral services done a lot to crack the ice for the Elders that might be assigned that project in the future. The Paper gave a very high report of the services, also the fellow who runs the funeral home told Bro. Kalamish, who is Branch Pres. in Lewistown, that the services were certainly fine.

While in Lewistown I had the Privilege of meeting one of the most sincere fellows I have met. He has been a member for 2 years since then he has been married in ~~the~~ the temple & is now Pres of Lewistown Branch. A short illustration will show you how much he thinks of the Mormon folks. "He had a sum of money that had to be delivered in another city ^{within} in a certain period of time. He met a fellow who was going there

When he found that he was a Mormon gave
him \$500.00 to deliver for him.

'Twas a Sheep

'Twas a sheep, not a lamb, that went astray

In the Parable Jesus told:

'Twas a grown-up sheep that wandered away
From the ninety & nine in the fold.

And out in the hill-tops & out in the cold.

'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd sought,
And back to the flock, and back to the fold,

'Twas a sheep that the Good Shepherd brought.

Now, why should the sheep be so carefully fed
And cared for still today?

Because there is danger if they go wrong
They will lead the lambs astray,

For the lambs will follow the sheep, you know,
Wherever they wander, wherever they go.

If the sheep go wrong, it will not be long
Till the lambs are as wrong as they:

So, still with the sheep we must earnestly plead,
For the sake of the lambs today.

If the lambs are lost, what a terrible cost some
Sheep Will Have To Pay!

So you see & as you know the sheep are the
ones we are interested in mostly because very
few lambs will go astray ~~if~~ before they are
shown the way.

Thanks for the fine letters that you
send & also that that goes with them. I
certainly appreciate every bit of it.

May the Lord Bless you in your
labors that you will have health & strength
to continue sewing him.

Lovingly & Faithfully yours,
Elder Strand.