

[Bliss, Ralph P.]

RALPH P. BLISS, 74, DIES, RETIRED BORO EDUCATOR

Ralph P. Bliss, retired high school teacher, died at 9 a.m. yesterday in his home, 2312 Quentin Road.

He had been president of the association of chairmen of the Department of Mathematics of New York City from 1939 to 1941 and a member of the Standing Committee for Mathematics for the city.

Born Aug. 7, 1875, in Syracuse, he was the son of Randolph and Elizabeth Bliss. He came here in 1901 and became a teacher at Commercial High School, now Alexander Hamilton High School. He founded the Boys Book Club there and was chairman of the mathematics department until 1942.

Thereafter, until his retirement on Sept. 23, 1945, he taught at Richmond Hill High School.

He graduated from Colgate University cum laude and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

On Aug. 6, 1902, he married Agnes Brown of Syracuse. She died Aug. 27, 1945. He is survived by a foster son, Gustave Wiedeman.

Since May 24, 1929, he had been a deacon of All Souls Universalist Church, where services will be celebrated for him at 1 p.m. Saturday. Burial will be in Syracuse.

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