



photo by Judy Stoltzfus

Mrs. Toppin and her kindergarten class at the tree-planting ceremony

## Teacher to retire from Seiler

by Judy Stoltzfus

Mrs. Marian Toppin's kindergarten class planted a tree April 30 in honor of her teaching career. Mrs. Toppin will retire at the close of this school year. The weeping cherry tree was purchased by the present kindergarten class at Seiler. A stone, beneath the tree says "Mrs. Marian Toppin. For teaching service Kindergarten class of 1976." The stone was paid partly by the kindergarten students

and partly by the Seiler and Home Association. The weeping cherry tree was from the Mount Joy Vo-tech. The tree was planted in front of the school on the right hand side of the driveway.

Mrs. Toppin first started teaching at Newtown School grades 1-8 in 1936-39. From 1939-42 she taught at Sportinghill grades 1-4. Consequently, in 1942 she left education and worked at Armstrong as a private secretary for 3 yrs. Return-

ing to education in 1950, she opened her own private kindergarten in Mount Joy. In 1953 she started teaching for Donegal School District and she has been ever since. In 1934-36 she attended Elizabethtown college and studied Elementary Education. Mrs. Toppin received her Bachelors Degree in 1960.

Mrs. Toppin is a very well-liked and respected teacher. She is now teaching students who have parents that had her for a teacher.

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