

### Ole! Mexican food at Maytown!!

Last Friday Miss Tyndall's 2nd grade class at Maytown School prepared and ate a Mexican lunch as the culmination of their Spanish studies this year. Rice, tacos, and Mexican versions of hot chocolate and banana dessert were on the menu.

The class is shown above. In the front row are [l-r] Lance Mansell, Tom Hoffmaster, and Jamie Kendig; 2nd row, Julie Armold, Paula Weaver, and Heather Hughes;

3rd, Nona Nace, Karen Esbenshade, Becky Brown, Aaron Drager, Stacey Richards, and Janelle Weaver.

In the next to last row we see Brian Derr, Ellen Palmer, Lora-Lynn Rice, John Stroup, Eric Witgenstein, Todd Barclay, and Barbie Gutshall; in the rear are Shayne Eckerd, Tim Keck, Chris Hall, Paul Zink, Jamey Shirk, Mike Mihajlov, Sherri Libhart, and Tricia Landvater.

The grownups are [in no order] Mrs. Weaver, Miss Tyndall, Mrs. Tyndall, Miss Gestawitz, and Mrs. Brown.

# Surprise party for retiring Mary Martin

Mary Martin, a teacher with 42 years' experience, was suddenly summoned to the office at Grandview Elementary School last week.

"Now that you are about to retire," the principal said, "I think you should review the teaching goals you've set for yourself over the past 27 years in the Donegal system, and evaluate how well you've met those goals."

That is not a direct quote, but it reflects the gist of his instructions to the dismayed Mrs. Martin, who found herself hefting a huge sheaf of forms off to a lonely desk in the office area.

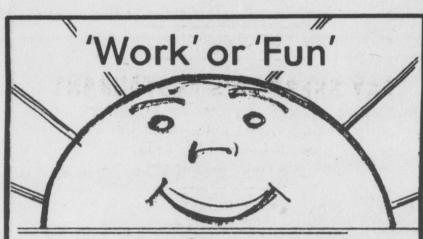
While Mrs. Martin attacked the miniature mountain of paperwork, her third grade classroom was invaded by the mothers of her students and reporters from local newspapers. Cupcakes bearing letters were arranged into a "best wishes" message. Punch was poured.

When Mrs. Martin finally was allowed to escape from the office, her face wore an expression which was less than cheerful: but when she walked into her classroom, and the kids yelled, "SURPRISE!" her mood improved a hundred percent in the space of about three seconds.

For many weeks the kids had kept the big secret. Each of their mothers had been sewing a single square of quilting to represent her child in the big "friendship quilt" which the mothers finally presented to Mrs. Martin at last week's surprise party.

Mrs. Martin also planted a tree in the grove behind Grandview School, where all retiring teachers get a tree of their choice. She chose a linden.

Mrs. Martin lives in Elizabethtown with her husband, Roy W. Martin. They have four grown children and eleven grandchildren.



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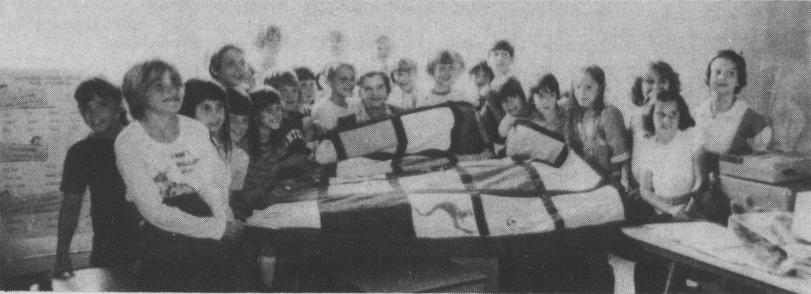


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Teacher Mary Martin holds up her new quilt.



Mrs. Martin's class