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## Teacher of the Week (continued) Betty Louise Hershey

[continued from front page] because what we're trying to do is build up a child's self confidence.

"We try to help them see that school can be a fun, happy place, as well as a place where they can learn a lot of new things.

"I try to work at discipline from a positive stance. We play games to learn the school rules.

"I believe that the way a child experiences something may be more important than the actual experience itself. You can be learning a lot of new things, but unless it becomes personal to you, it doesn't have a lot of meaning.

"We try to teach the idea of treating other people kindly. That is why we baked cookies today. The children put into practice what they have been learning.

"That ties in with our whole emphasis on the Bible here, and learning to know God, not just learning Bible stories, but learning how to live out our faith.

"We don't believe so much in plastering the walls with Bible verses as living our faith. We do memorize verses, however.

"I found out that children won't listen to me at the beginning of the year. But they will listen to George. (Miss Hershey gets George out of her desk drawer. George is a hand puppet monkey, with very large ears. If the children are making too much noise, George will suddenly appear and hold his hands over his ears, like this. He also has a thing about people raising their hands if they want to talk.

"George stays here all the time. He lives here. He gets upset if the toys and games have not been put back straight on the shelves. He thinks everything in here belongs to him."

How does George sound? "He just changes his voice a little," says Miss Hershey, making her own voice a little squeaky. "We use him in the first month; then we don't need him so much. He goes on a vacation.

"The children make up their own stories behind the puppet stage. Behind the screen and changing their voices they are not as self-conscious and are more imaginative. I found out my first year of teaching that what the teacher was saying wasn't very important. It's more important what the children are saying.

"I have learned that the quieter I get with the children, the more quietly they respond.

"The need to affirm the children is a better discipline measure than using a lot of negatives.

"If the class is not sitting quietly, I pick out one child who is sitting quietly:

"Johnny, thank you for sitting so quietly."

"Children at kindergarten level want to be good to please the teacher.

"A teacher in a city school might not identify with that. We have good families here who support us. We have good relations between parents and school.

"We know we are working with the home to help the child to develop emotionally, socially, academically, and spiritually.

"I send notices home to each parent every two weeks. I encourage them to call me. I try to visit in the home of each child.

"When I come to their homes the children play host or hostess to me. They show me the things around their homes that are important to them: their bedrooms, a bicycle, or a pet, things that to them, are special.

"I have climbed up into haymows to look at newborn kittens.

"I have ridden around backyards in motorized go-carts, driven by one of my kindergarten pupils, sure that I would fall off.

"I have hiked through meadows with them and into their barns. They have told me their dreams, about their imaginary companions.

"I learn a lot when I see a

child in his home setting. At school when they talk about home, after I have been there, I can see it.

"I always wanted to be a

teacher for as long as I can remember. I used to teach everything in sight, from dolls to brothers and sisters."

## Letter to the editor

Dear Sir:

In 1961 a few parents got together and set up a football program for the youth of the Donegal area, namely Marietta, Maytown and Mount Joy. We adopted the title "Donegal Braves." The program takes boys and girls ages 8 to 13. We have four football teams and four cheerleading squads. In the past 19 years we have operated and maintained our program on fund raising projects, therefore diminishing the need for outside help.

Some of the expenses involved in operating this program being: uniforms, insurance, transportation, first aid and numerous other costs. These costs total about \$3500 a year to operate. Thus far we have been able to be self-supporting with lots of work and support from the parents.

This year due to a safety

rule we must buy approximately 100 new helmets at a cost of \$25 to \$30 a helmet. This change is necessary to enable our boys to play football. We must complete the change by the beginning of our 1980 season.


For the first time in our 19 year history, we the Donegal Braves must turn to business and industry for support. We're asking for your support and wish to "Thank You" in advance for any donation you feel you can give.

Mail all contributions to Mrs. Sandra Knicely, Treasurer of the Donegal Braves Midget Football, 37 North Gay Street, Marietta, PA 17547.

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Sincerely yours,  
**Mr. Gary Knicely**  
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