



Maria Soliz at work on a fireplace she is making for Christmas at Kraybill School

## Maria Soliz travels from home in Bolivia to teach at Kraybill Mennonite in Mount Joy

Maria Soliz, age 22, of Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America, loves the children with whom she comes in contact at the Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy RD1.

Maria is in Pennsylvania through the Mennonite Central Committee Training Program. She will stay in the area for one year, living as a guest with Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Brubaker of Rheems.

Maria has come to Lancaster County to learn of life in the United States and to take this information back to her native Bolivia.

Maria has a college degree in accounting, from Bolivia's Commercial Superior Institute. She spent six months following her graduation working in the office of the Bolivian Baptist Union, a clearing house for the Mennonite and Baptist churches. She functioned as an accountant. "I majored in accounting since math is my best subject," Maria

tells us.

During her stay in the U.S. Maria is working as a volunteer teacher's aide at Kraybill, but hopes to return to her chosen profession upon going home to Bolivia.

Senorita Maria is one of nine children, the daughter of Assunta and Paulino Soliz.

Her father, a retired soldier from the war with Paraguay, cures alpaca skins as a hobby. The furs are brought down from the mountains, where the animals, very similar to the llamas, are numerous.

Her one brother owns a factory that produces rugs and products made from fur. Many of the products travel to his two outlets in Chicago and New York. Much of the work is done with the fur from the Merino, another animal of Bolivia.

Maria is not the first accountant in her family. Maria has a brother and sister in the accounting field.

Her mother has a shop in

her residence where she sells glass and kitchen items. The home is in the downtown business district of Cochabamba, which is the second largest city in the country.

"Our country is very different from America," notes Maria. "The value of the currency has depreciated, and the government spends so much money on elections. We have already had two elections this year, and another one must still be held to determine the future rulers of the country."

Maria tells us that most people grow fresh fruit in their gardens as a main source of food. Sugar is grown and processed, the main industry of Bolivia. Shoes and cooking oil are manufactured, and tin is mined. There are rumours of an automobile factory locating there in the future.

The population of Bolivia speaks Spanish, and Maria had help with her interpreter, Mrs. Susan Godshall, during this interview. Mrs. Godshall is also an aide at the Kraybill School.

Maria told us that there are three nations of Indians living in the Andes mountains of Bolivia. "Our Indians don't wear feathers," says Maria. Each tribe has its own language, and some of the children come down from the mountains to attend schools.

As a hobby Maria likes to explore art. She is always busy at the school with projects requiring painting and drawing.

Maria likes her stay in Lancaster County, but she is looking forward to returning to her home in August of 1981.

Not only was Sherri named MVP, but her Elizabethtown team won the tournament.

E-town defeated Randolph-Macon College, 66 to 32, on Friday night, and Messiah College, 68 to 51, on Saturday. Gettysburg College was also in the tournament.

Sherri is one of six freshman on the E-town

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## Donegal's Sherri Kinsey b-ball tournament MVP

Sherri Kinsey, the first Donegal High School basketball player to score more than 1,000 points, has found college ball much to her liking.

Sherri, who now plays for Elizabethtown College, was named Most Valuable Player at a tournament held at Messiah College last weekend. She was also named to the tournament All-Star team.

## MABA organizes for upcoming year

The Marietta Area Business Association recently held an organizational meeting at the Railroad House Ltd. where the following officers for 1981 were elected: president, Tom Lavin of Chateau Art; vice-president, Judy Nissley of Nissley Vineyards; secretary, Rosemary Patterson of The Rosemary Shop; treasurer, Bud Kell of Mabus Marketing Inc. Nancy Bromer of Susquehanna Times & Magazine will be MABA representative at board meetings of Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry, with which MABA is affiliated.

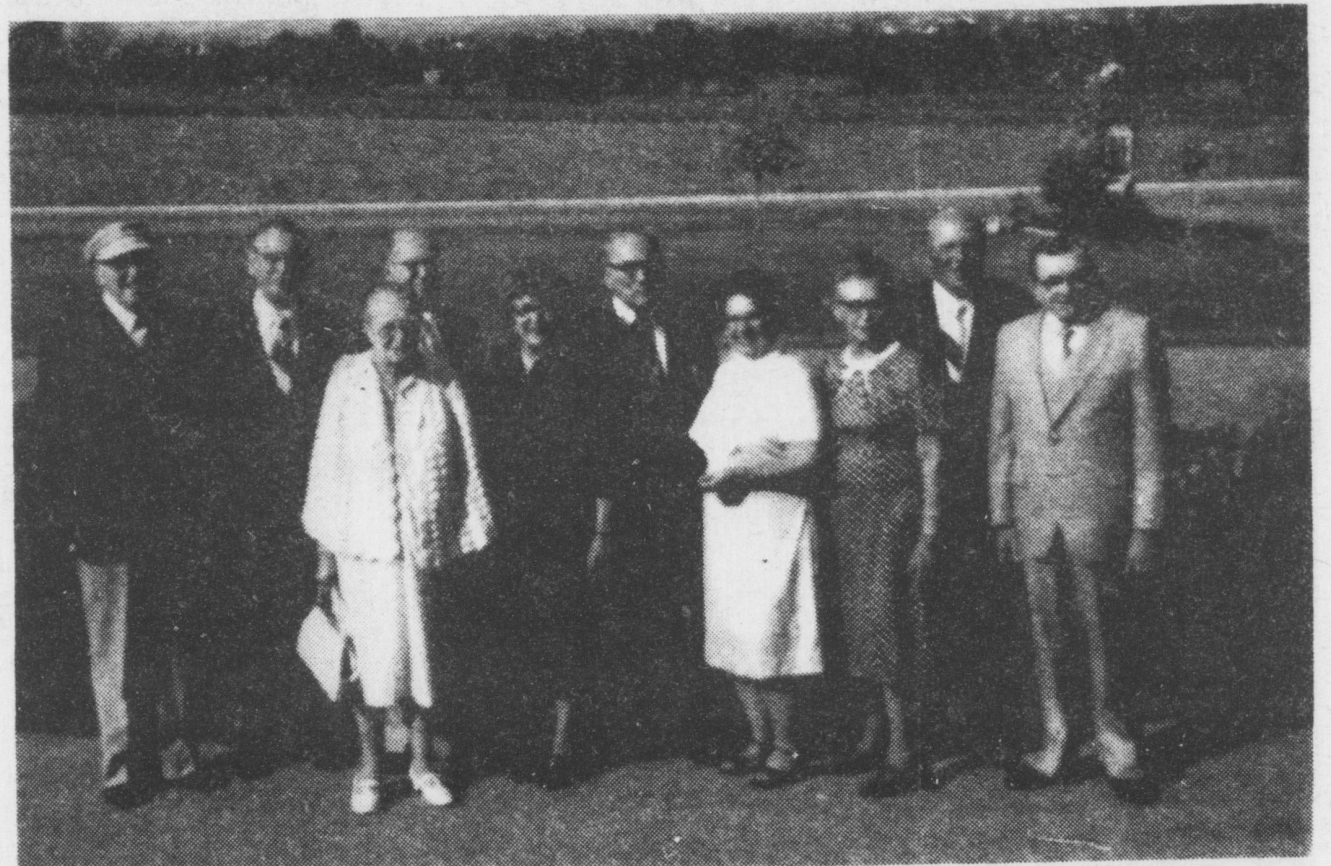
The meeting was followed by a social hour at which Marietta area business

people and government officials were guests.

Marietta Mayor Flanagan spoke briefly to the group on an upcoming Borough Council meeting which will address pollution problems.

James Huber, chairman of the Lancaster County Commissioners, spoke on his concerns relating to farmland preservation, water runoff control, housing (he complimented the Marietta Restoration Associates on their influence on adaptive use of old structures) and the growing problem of the disposal of solid wastes.

President-elect Lavin spoke briefly on the business future of the Marietta area and invited all local business to participate in MABA programs.



Members of the Mount Joy High School class of 1925 get together for reunion and photographs. Pictured here, left to right: Fred Diffenderfer, Guy Meyers, Mrs. Paul Dick, Joe Shaeffer, Mrs. Ray Strickler, Joseph Moore, Mildred Way, Mrs. Harry Engle, Alois Heilig and John Eshleman.

## Mount Joy High class of 1925 meets for 55th reunion recently

Fifty five years have come and gone since that memorable day in 1925 when eleven boys and nine girls took their diplomas and went out from Mount Joy High School to the world awaiting them.

The class recently held its 55th reunion at the Historic Strasburg Inn.

Class members attending the reunion were Guy Meyers, Joseph Moore, John Eshleman, Fred Diffenderfer, Alois Heilig, Joe Shaeffer, Mildred Way, Mrs. Ray Strickler, Mrs. Paul Dick and Mrs. Harry Engle.

Guests at the reunion were Dr. and Mrs. D.L. Biemsderfer and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Kettering.

What did class members do and talk about after 55 years? They looked at the class photographs and school materials on display and took lots of pictures. Each member also took a few minutes to tell the group what happened during the past year.

Of the twenty members who graduated, sixteen are still very much alive and enjoying life, according to class research. Members of the class who have died are

Albert Booth, Ralph Byers, Olga Hyson and Mary Peoples.

Members who could not attend the last reunion are Walter Becker, Mrs. Paul Arndt, Mrs. Paul Forney, Earl Shaeffer, Charles Siller and Mrs. A.H. Weidman.

The Mount Joy High School class of '25 colors were purple and gold, the class flower was the Ophelia Rose, and the class motto was "No Reward Without Labor."

The next reunion is scheduled for September 19, 1981, at Historic Strasburg.