

Teacher Ends Ten Year Love-In With Students

By ELIZABETH WISSMAN

She is retiring this year but for 10 years Mrs. Mary Layton had a love-in going over those years with 600 to 700 kindergartners at Farmington's Alameda School.

Mrs. Layton's creed in making small children enjoy school is: "Try to give each child as much time and affection as you can. With small children, you must love and be patient with them -- but most of all love them."

Mrs. Layton believes a youngster's attitude toward his entire school life is determined in that first important kindergarten year.

"You have to make kindergarten interesting enough so that he will like school and himself in a school situation," says this expert.

"The teacher has done this with such varied projects as making cookies and butter, having a circus, playing Indian and observing every holiday possible to observe."

Mrs. Layton estimates she had at Alameda 10 years ago the first kindergarten class she is now in the ninth grade. She has had whole families of children and has a record of teaching five children from one family.

Because she knows that tiny tots can be shy their first days in school, this lady who loves tiny tots says: "With the shy ones, I talk to them as soon as they come in the door -- we talk about themselves and their families -- things they know about. This makes them feel important and sure of themselves because they're talking about something they know."

She laughs and adds, "I had one little boy this year who wouldn't talk at all. I guess you could call him my success -- the other day I had to send him to his seat because he was talking too much."

MRS. LAYTON isn't tired of successes like this, but after living 30 years in Farmington, she and her husband have moved to Brighton and she doesn't like the long drive from there to Alameda, especially in the winter.

Anyway, she has three grand-children to help fill the gap that will be left when she isn't greeting and loving 50 new kindergartners at Alameda next fall.



FIRST AND LAST -- Mrs. Mary Layton, at left, is retiring after 10 years teaching kindergartners at Alameda School. Debbie Burken, at right, was in the teacher's first class, and Matthew Jurosek is her youngest pupil this year.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Edgar of Oakland Ave. and daughter Mrs. Paul (Debby) Brammstein, also of Oakland left for a scenic vacation by train on the Canadian National for Edmonton and British Columbia for a six week trip. On their return trip home they expect to visit their son, John W. Edgar in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kelly of Farmington Rd. spent the winter at their home in Pompano Beach, Fla.

PVT. Richard Miller, who finished boot training at Fort Knox recently spent 2 1/2 weeks leave at home with his wife Gail in Detroit and father Winston Miller and grand-children Mr. and Mrs. William R. Miller of Hillcrest, Farmington before leaving for his new assignment of 18 months in Germany.

Mrs. Joyce Foster of Lilia, Floral Park, Farmington was hospitalized recently in Harper Hospital, Detroit. Her son David, who is stationed at Fort Knox, arrived home recently to visit his mother.

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