



THE DISPLAY GREENHOUSE to the right of this picture produces brilliant symphony of color, inviting customers to come in and find nearly any flower, or floral assortment, they might desire. L. F. Photo

● Flowers

(Continued from Page 1) trucks deliver orders as far away as Allentown, Pottsville and Baltimore.

Roses are Girvin's bread and butter "crop", Mrs. Girvin said

as she worked her way through though hyacinths and lilies are several big piles of them, grad-probably the most popular ing each according to size of flowers for Easter with Gir-blooms and length of stem vin's customers, roses are not Three and one-half of the far behind. eleven greenhouses at Girvin's One very large problem, and expense, in such a vast greenhouse setup is heat. In the last full heating year John Girvin said his fuel bill was about \$13,000. In an effort to reduce that he installed a gigantic central oil burner last November. The unit has a capacity of 8,375,000 BTU per hour. To generate this amount of heat it takes 56 gallons of fuel oil per hour. Unfortunately, even this great output is slightly below what the greenhouses and work building could require under peak-need conditions. But Girvin said it had done a satisfac-

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**Dairymen Warned On Garlic Odors In Milk**

When you turn your cattle out this Spring, beware of the wild garlic, warns associate county agent Victor Plastow. He suggests spraying pastures to eliminate this troublesome weed which annually causes milk-odor problems.

Milk inspectors will be on guard for off-flavor milk, and with the bulk tank system, a dairyman's whole supply can easily become contaminated.

If there is a great deal of wild garlic in the fields, Plastow suggests a dairyman might pasture his heifers on the worst areas first.

Another Springtime hint

he offers that dairymen take time to inspect their cattle's hooves, and trim them if necessary. Serious lameness could develop in the bred heifers and milk cows if this chore is neglected, Plastow said.

Other suggestions offered by the extension man are:

- 1—Breed heifers now for fall-freshening.
- 2—Before placing heifers on pasture, have a veterinarian check them for pregnancy.
- 3—Lead feed high producing animals.
- 4—If reduced hay feeding and pelleted grain rations are causing low butterfat tests, try increasing roughage intake.



YVONNE BURKHOLDER, on vacation from Cedar Crest College in Allentown, keeps busy by working at Girvin's. She is one of the few extra employees the firm has added to meet the Easter rush for flowers. L. F. Photo

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