



PAM SCHLOAD, shown watering a pot of display plants, commutes every day from Lititz to work in the retail sales room at Girvin's. L. F. Photo

Flowers

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tory heating job so far. All the flowers at Girvin's are raised from seed, bulbs, or cuttings. Each variety generally requires some little variation of treatment or handling. Hyacinths, for example. The bulbs are brought in from Holland in the Fall. They are individually potted and stored on racks in a barn which has very little heat. Then, in early Spring they are moved out of the barn and "torced" for the Easter holiday. Chrysanthemums are another example. Cuttings are planted in open beds in the greenhouse in late March. These are punched back about mid-April, and will bloom about the first week in August. But between planting and blooming the hours of light have to be closely regulated. First the new cuttings are forced with four hours of artificial lights each night until May 1st. Then, at the end of June, a black plastic cover is put over the plants between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 a.m. each day. When this process is discontinued in early August, the Mums are in bloom.

For each plant variety Girvin's produces, they find individual problems. But for each problem they have found a satisfactory solution, and indications are they will continue to solve these production problems as they arise, and will continue filling Lancaster County with beauty.

GROW DISEASE-FREE VEGETABLE PLANTS

To grow disease-free vegetable plants such as cabbage, tomatoes, peppers, and egg plants, treat seed or buy treated seed. Then, grow the plants in sterilized soil to control soil-borne disease organisms and weeds, says Allen H. Bauer, extension plant pathologist at Penn State University.

County Farm Women Plan Spring Doings

The Lancaster County Society of Farm Women at its board of directors planning meeting this week again chose the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation as its county project.

It was announced that the Spring Rally will be held April 21 at The Chalet Restaurant at Dillsburg, York County. Societies 10, 15 and 6 will provide buses for transportation.

Spring Homemakers' Day will be observed April 27 at the Meadow Hills Dining Room from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets will cost \$2.50, and reservations may be made by contacting the county extension office.

Societies 1 to 13 will provide food and paper products for the U.S.O. on May 14 at Moose Hall, Lancaster, it was announced.

County home visits were scheduled for Societies 11 and 12 in April, Societies 13 and 14 in May, and for Societies 15 and 16 in June. In each case these visits will be made on the third Thursday.

Other events announced were community council banquet, April 26, Societies to provide 30 waitresses for the Heart Haven Bazaar on April 26, next directors' meeting on June 7 at Octorara Church near Quarryville.

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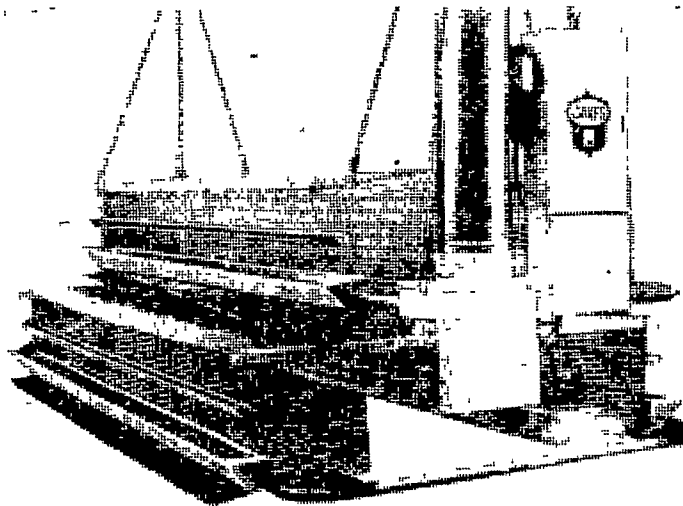
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