

Cindy Murphy is new instructor at Willow Street

By JOANNE SPAHR
WILLOW STREET, Pa. - She's honest, open, and forthright, which is a combination her students seem to like - already she is called "Mom" by some of them. "She" is Cindy Murphy, the new floriculture instructor at Willow Street Vo-Tech.

The position Miss Murphy has filled was really just created this year. Prior to

this, James Kerr was the only floriculture-horticulture instructor at Willow Street, and he taught both subjects with the help of a teacher's aide. This year, however, the enrollment was so high that horticulture and floriculture were separated and a new, two-teacher program was created. Kerr now primarily teaches horticulture and Miss Murphy teaches floriculture.

All told, Miss Murphy's class is comprised of 37 young adults - 22 arrive for the morning session and 15 for the afternoon. The students come from many of the schools in the county including McCaskey, Solanco, Lampeter Strasburg, Penn Manor, and Pequea Valley. They are bussed to the Vo-Tech school where they get three hours of vocational training.



One of the many skills Miss Murphy teaches her students is how to make sand pourings. Here, she instructs

Jody Moore of New Providence, Pa., on proper technique and color variations.



Cindy Murphy and one of her morning pupils, Randy Snyder of Penn Manor High School, look over this year's poinsettia crop.

Miss Murphy's program is a two-year course with the first year students taught basically greenhouse propagation, or greenhouse care, and the second year students learning floral design.

"I really try to recreate a shop atmosphere," she says, "because that is where many of them will be working." As a result, much of the learning takes place in an informal teaching atmosphere.

Miss Murphy's basic set up

is to have a "theory" or lecture segment during part of the three hours, and a corresponding lab for the remainder of the session. Some of the various arts she teaches the students are sand pourings, dish gardens, fresh arrangements, and dried arrangements.

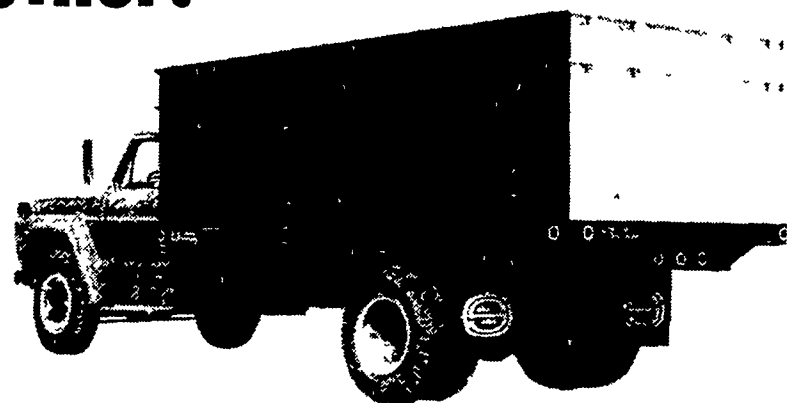
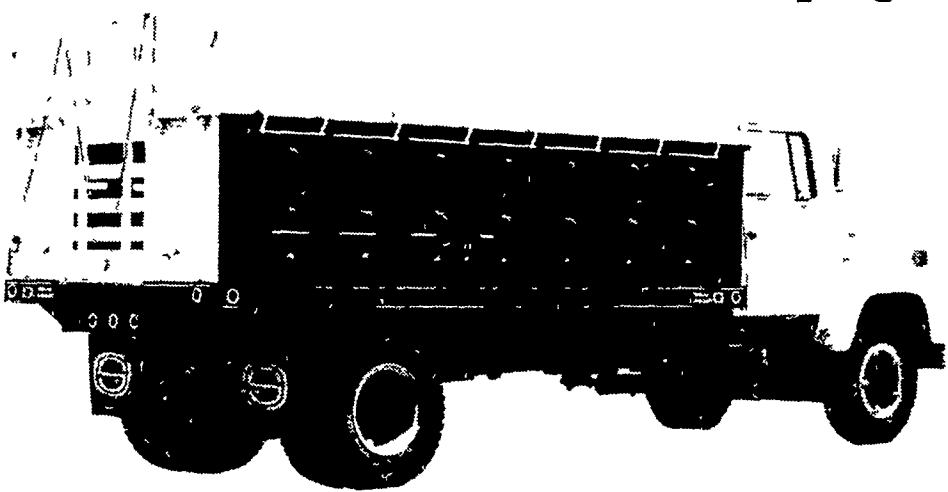
A 1976 "Bicentennial grad", as she puts it, from Penn State University where she majored in ag education and specialized in horticulture, Miss Murphy is only a few years removed

from the age bracket of the students she teaches. But, unlike many beginning teachers who see this as a liability, Miss Murphy sees it as a point to her advantage.

"I'm closer to their age so I can identify with their feelings and attitudes, she says with assurance. She can also identify with their desire to work with plants, because she has held many summer and vacation part-

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