



It took two photographs to show the entire Passion Flower plant of Mr. Barto.

## Passion flower blossomed in Passion Week

A Passion Flower, one of the most complex and beautiful flowering plants in the world is growing in the living room of William F. Barto, R. D. 1, Mount Joy.

A small plant when Mr.

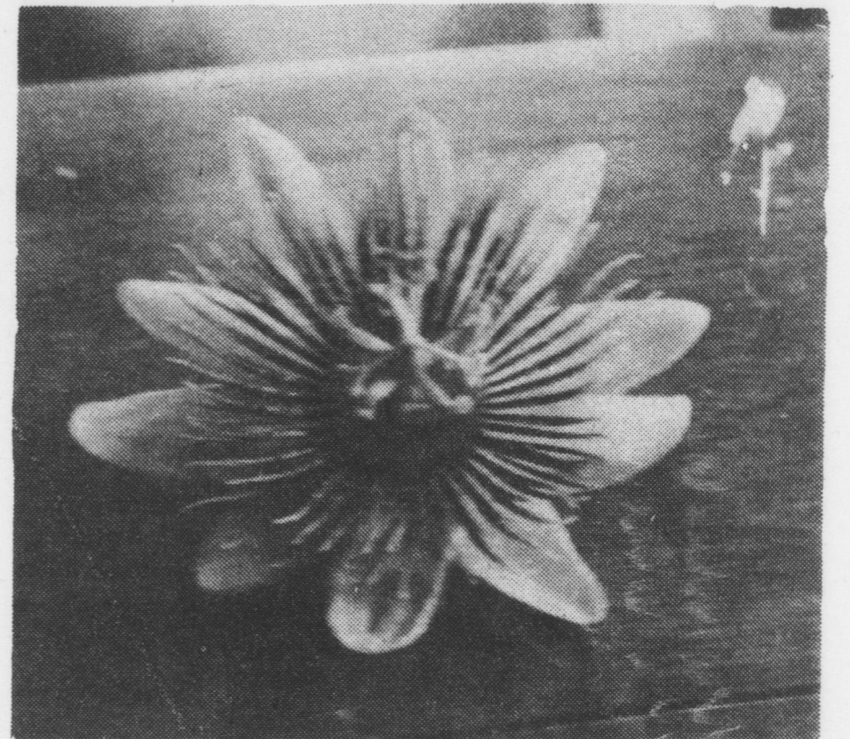
Barto started it a few months ago, it now goes almost half-way around his living room. He has had to tape it to the walls.

Interestingly, this flower with meaning for Passion

Week started blossoming indoors shortly before Easter. There were three blossoms during Holy Week.

Native to America, the plant and its flowers fascinated early Christian mis-

sionaries. In its intricate blossoms they saw the apostles at the crucifixion, the crown of thorns, and even the crosses of Christ and the two thieves who died with him.



The ten petals of the flower represent the ten apostles present at the crucifixion, the 72 purple filaments symbolize the crown of thorns, and the three stigmas represent the crosses of Christ and the two thieves.

### LEGISLATION TO PROTECT THE FARMER

Rep. Kenneth E. Brandt, R-Lancaster, said that legislation to protect the farmer from mismanagement of their Cooperatives and insure a stronger voice in collective bargaining in the marketplace, is under consideration in the House.

"According to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, average farm prices have dropped 17 percent nationwide during the past year. In the past three years Pennsylvania has lost about 4,500 dairy farmers alone because of unfavorable economic conditions," Brandt said.

"Mismanagement of some farmers' cooperatives has added to the problem. Last year some 940 members of the Lehigh Valley Farmers Cooperative were assessed \$3.8 million to pay a debt about which most of them were unaware."

### MOUNT JOY WELCOME WAGON MEETS

by Wendy Gentile  
The Mount Joy Welcome Wagon Club enjoyed an evening of fun, Wednesday, March 19, playing bingo and sampling all the delicious desserts brought in by the girls.

Candidates for next year's officers were announced and gave speeches. The Club will vote at the next dinner meeting, April 23, at the Mount Joy Legion. It is

important that all members try and attend. We wish to thank the nominating committee for a job well done.

Anyone who wishes to attend the "Sweet 16" Dance, April 12, please contact Teresa Rissmiller or Lois Phalen. Cost is \$5.00 per couple to be paid to either ladies before April 12. The dance will be held in St. Peter's Hall, Washington Ave. Elizabethtown from 8:30 to 12 p.m.

Crafts will meet April 10 at 8 p.m. in the home of Sharon Oldfather. String art pictures will be made. Persons interested should bring their own kits.

Tickets are now available to the Royal Wild West Circus, May 7 at Kunkle Field - just call the Welcome Wagon member nearest you. Advanced tickets are \$1.50 for children and \$2.50 for adults. All proceeds will benefit the Mount Joy Library and Playground.

Craft groups are being organized to work on next year's bazaar: Ruth Moore's, first Monday of each month, 1 - 3 p.m.; Sharon Oldfather's, third Tuesday from 1 - 3 p.m.; and Judy Miller's, first Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m. Your support will be appreciated.

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