

## Gloria Longenecker is Miss Lanco

Last Saturday evening, amidst the cheers and applause from both audience and fellow contestants, Miss Gloria Louise Longenecker of Mount Joy was crowned

"Miss Lancaster County 1976". Gloria, a 19 year old sophomore at Lebanon Valley College, presented as her talent the vocal solo "Visi d'Arti Verdi" from

"Tosca". Having participated in last year's pageant and placing as second runner up, Gloria said she felt it provided much valuable knowledge and experience.

Gloria, along with Kim Lauver of Mount Joy and Ramona Sell of Marietta, performed to a capacity audience at the Ephrata Senior High School. Because this was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the pageant, eighteen former title holders were present to see Gloria receive her crown. Gloria will participate in the "Miss Pennsylvania Pageant", which is held in Altoona each spring.

Kim Lauver and Ramona Sell also received honors pageant night. Kim was awarded the "Most Talented Non-finalist" trophy, and Ramona placed as a finalist in the position of third runner up.

Congratulations Gloria, Kim and Ramona, and best of luck, Gloria, in your reign as "Miss Lancaster County 1976".



Gloria Longenecker



## Marietta's trash cans get bi-centennial look

Marietta Boro employees painted all the trash cans in town red, white, and blue last week. All materials were supplied by the Marietta Lion's Club. Shown above, from left to right, are Glen Shank, Steve Tucker, William Breckline (supervisor) and Harold Mauss.

## Flowers bloom in Vo-tech greenhouse

Fall has arrived, but flowers are just starting to bloom in the greenhouses at Mount Joy Vo-Tech.

The juniors in Dan Helwig's floriculture class just finished potting bulbs for Easter. They are also starting poinsettias and chrysanthemums for Christmas.

Seniors are working on corsages and centerpiece designs.

Student Vicki Bair, from Bainbridge, won first place in the Pa. FFA floral design contest this September.

She will go to Kansas City for a national FFA contest and convention.



Lu Ann Eichler works on centerpiece.



Ngoc Dinh La and his family.

## Laos family settles in Mount Joy

by Hazel Baker

A family of six have moved to 35 Donegal Street, Mount Joy, from Communist dominated Laos. Members of the group include three brothers, a cousin, wife of one brother and their eight year old son.

Ngoc Dinh La was employed by the United States government in his native Laos and when the Communists overpowered the regime he thought it time to move out. An accountant, La brought five additional members of his family of which he is the oldest. He speaks and writes English and French, which he learned in school.

The group is learning the American way with instructions daily from Mrs. Glen Weaver. They attend Eng-

lish classes each Tuesday night at the Chiques United Methodist Church with instructors Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Dave Brubaker.

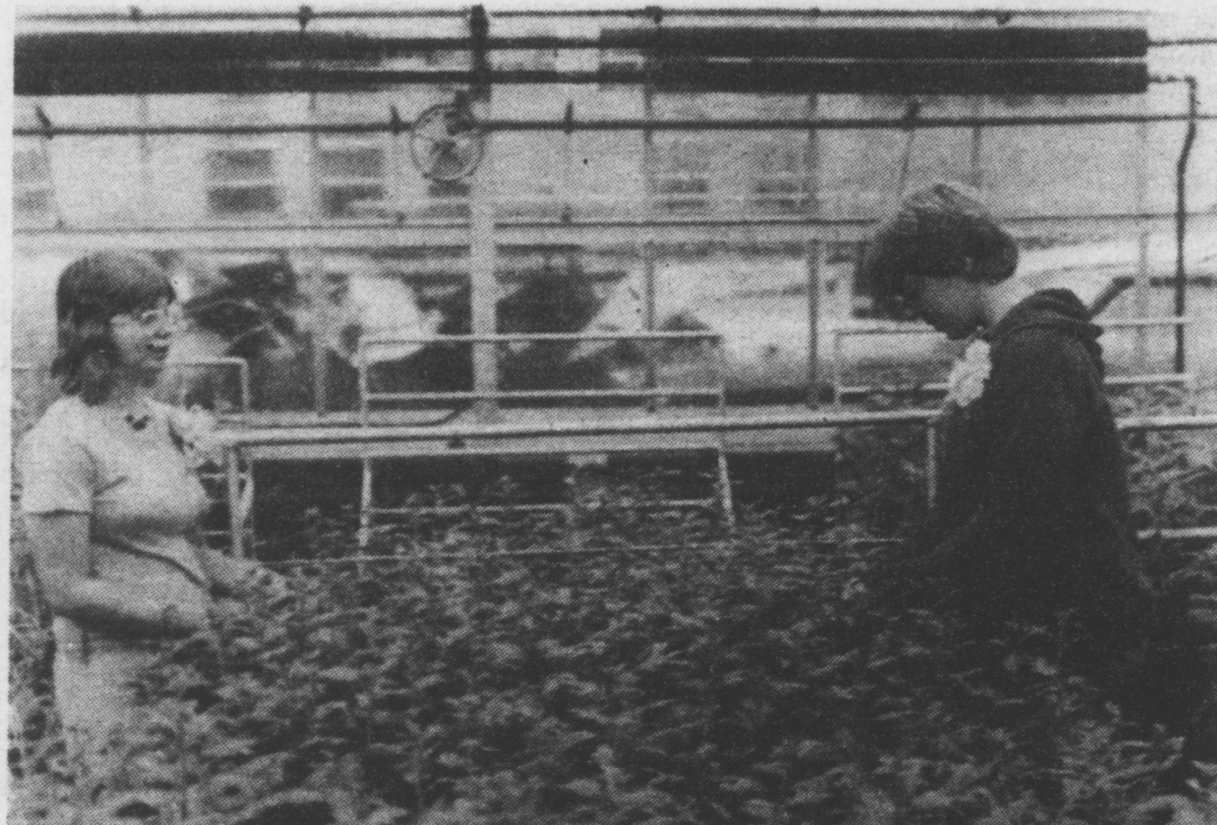
The Florin Church of the Brethren wanted to sponsor a family (refugee) of no more than six and applied to the World Church Service through the Church of the Brethren. These brothers expressed a desire to come to Pennsylvania and were flown to Harrisburg airport from Arkansas, where they were met by members of the congregation. Originally, the group flew to Thailand, to the Philippine Islands, to Guam and then to Arkansas. The air trip to the U. S. took about one month.

There are 13 brothers and sisters in the Dinh La family. The father, who is a plumber, provides for his

children in Laos. Hoang Dinh La is a plumber like his father and can lay brick, while his brother Ngoc is an accountant. They are unemployed and if anyone can hire them, he can contact the Florin Church of the Brethren.

Ngoc feels his former homeland is similar to America, with electricity and plumbing available. The main crops of Thailand are corn, rice and tobacco.

Other members of the family, in addition to the older brothers, Ngoc and Hoang, are Khuog Thi Phung, wife of Hoang, their son Manh Dinh La, a brother Sang Dinh La, a seventh grade student, and Van Dinh La, a sixth grade student. All the brothers and their wives have had correspondence with their families in Laos.



Renee Husband (left) and Bonnie Baker (right) disbudding mums in the greenhouse.