



The future Miss Lancaster County at the age of five months



Gloria in first grade at Gandview School

Growing Miss Lancaster Co. on Donegal soil

Gloria Longenecker from Donegal country was crowned Miss Lancaster County a week and a half ago.

The surrounding pictures show Gloria at various stages in her life here.

She is the daughter of Mr. and the late Mrs. Linneaus W. Longenecker.

Gloria's mother died when she was only one and half years old, and she and her brother Robbie and her sister Sylvia (Mrs. Glenn E. Weaver) were all raised by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. W.L. Billow, 212 Fairview Street, Mount Joy.

Gloria attended Grandview Elementary School, Beahm Junior High School, and then Donegal High School.

When she was very small she began to show the first signs of her unusual musical gifts, which continued to develop throughout her school years here.

She is majoring in music at Lebanon Valley College and sang an aria from Verdi as her performance in the talent portion of the Miss Lancaster County pageant.

The story and pictures of Gloria's life clearly illustrate that the development of a Miss Lancaster County begins very early.



Gloria, 3, at front door of her house on Fairview street.



Miss Lanco in the fourth grade at Grandview.



This year's winner is crowned by last year's, Marlene Frank photo courtesy of Ephrata Review

Lester Hostetter explains art of growing prize mums



Lester Hostetter at his chrysanthemum bed

by Lester G. Hostetter

Chrysanthemum beds must be prepared approximately one month before the root cuttings are received, about the first of April. Choose a time when the soil is dry enough to work. To each 100 square feet of bed, add two inches of well-rotted manure, compost, leaf mold, phosphate, dolomite limestone, and complete fertilizer, which have all been combined. Dig in and mix well throughout the bed.

Most amateur growers prefer rooted cuttings. They are more disease resistant, grow more vigorously, and can be timed to bloom at a specific time. Mums root easily so most growers start them in late May or early June. After cuttings are received, I start them in rooting medium made of sand, peat moss, and vermiculite. They should be placed in a shady spot and watered often.

Between May 1 and 15 the cuttings will be well rooted and should now be placed in the bed 15 to 18 inches apart. Because mums are shallow rooting plants, do not plant them deeper than 1 or 1 1/2 inches below the surface.

Plants should be mulched

thereby conserving moisture, eliminating the need for cultivation, and keeping the soil cool to reduce soil-borne disease. Pine needles, buckwheat-hulls or horse manure may be used.

Now work is just beginning! During the growing season, other responsibilities need to be carried out at certain stages. These include staking, pinching, tying, spraying, black-clothing, and protecting the plants from adverse weather conditions.

If all of the above instructions are followed at the proper intervals, your efforts will be rewarded as you prepare to enter your blooms in the flower show which will be held this year at The Farm and Home Center, 1883 Arcadia Road, Lancaster. Sponsored by The Town and Country Garden Club and entitled "Discover Lancaster", the show is open to the public on October 11 and 12. If you cannot make it to the show, stop in at 315 N. Barbara St. in Mount Joy and enjoy the blooms at your leisure. This year's bed consists of a variety of plants including Incurves, Decoratives, Feathered or Lacinated, Spiders, Spoons, and Pom-poms.