

Canning Vegetables, Fruits From Backyard Garden Will Effect a Saving in Family's Food Budget

By MARGUERITE SMITH
HOW MUCH money does a backyard vegetable patch save you? In these days of high prices, it's probably a lot more than you think.

The 21-year-old Milwaukee college girl who won the National Garden Institute first prize kept garden records from 1943 to 1947. She made a yearly profit of more than \$700 from a plot a little over 50 by 100 feet. She did most of the work herself, raised flowers, fruit and vegetables. In addition she canned more than 500 quarts a year.

Many local gardeners can match that canning record. Mrs. Carl Koch, 1414 Main St., Beech Grove, to mention just one, averages 500 cans a year. Fruit and vegetables in variety make up her yearly quota. She says it's "a great convenience as well as a money saver to have canned food in the house in winter."

She and Mr. Koch "work in the garden summer evenings." Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Stewart, both in their eighties, lend four capable hands to the shelling of beans, husking corn and the other preparations necessary for canning.

TWO questions ask about dividing plants. One describes an African violet, a gift plant, "full of flowers but it seems crowded." The other concerns daffodils, "budding but with so many plants crowded together. Would it hurt them to move them now?"

When any plant is doing well, give thanks and let it alone. Never move a plant while it's in bud or bloom. Wait until



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it's taking a natural resting period.

In the case of narcissus, wait until the leaves have matured (yellowed naturally), showing that the bulb has prepared itself for next year.

IS IT better to plant Irish potatoes now or later? "How can you be sure of a good crop?" asks Mrs. Lloyd Brown,

307 N. Bradley St. Early potatoes, planted as soon as the ground is dry enough to work, do better in our climate where summers are often very dry. But many gardeners plant late (May or June) potatoes and overcome this maturing difficulty by mulching heavily. Chief reason for potatoes going to tops instead of building

spuds, is lack of potash in so much of our soil. Use complete chemical fertilizer under the rows and you'll be sure of potash.

Dig the trench extra deep, work one handful of the fertilizer into five feet of row, cover with untreated soil before setting the seed potatoes.

HAPPY thought for backyard gladiolus fans: "Don't worry too much about disease," says Leo Matthews in the Gladeland News. Rotate your glads to a different spot each year. Examine them for disease before you plant.

Be careful of bulbs you buy from open bins... they're sometimes diseased when sold. Earliest treatment to insure success with glads is dusting the bulbs with Arasan before planting.

Or (less expensive) soak them for three hours in a Lysol solution (1 teaspoon of Lysol to each quart of water). Drain for 30 minutes. Plant while still wet.

DOUBLE duty shrubs: If you're choosing shrubs to beautify your yard, don't forget that certain flowering crabs (the Hops, for one) and the high bush cranberry produce edible fruits that make fine jelly.

MID-APRIL chores: Burn dead iris and peony stalks you've trimmed off. They're great disease carriers... Mark your lawn flowering crocuses with tall sticks so the foliage doesn't get mowed before it's matured next year's blossoms.

Wood ashes will supply potassium on rows of root vegetables (carrots, beets, potatoes) and then need it. For well-balanced table onions, plant sets in a deep trench, cover lightly. Fill up the trench as soon as growth begins.

The Doctor Says—

Fatal Diarrhea Believe Caused By a Virus

By EDWIN P. JORDAN, M. D.

DURING the past 15 years or so, a serious disease has occasionally struck newborn infants in hospitals. This is called epidemic diarrhea of the newborn. It is a highly fatal condition and has caused much concern.

The first signs strike suddenly. The baby is likely to appear drowsy and if awakened makes a short cry. The temperature is not especially high. Within a few hours the infant begins to have loose, watery, yellowish bowel movements which tend to come more and more frequently. He loses weight with great rapidity. Loss of a pound a day, which is not uncommon, cannot go on for long in a newborn infant.

SIGNS of lack of fluid, which is caused by the loss of water in the bowel movements, soon develop. Death may occur in a day or two; only about half of those stricken seem to recover. Germs have not been discovered to have any relation to the disease but at least five epidemics a virus has been discovered. Thus it seems quite certain that one or more viruses is responsible for the disease.

The best treatment of this condition is to prevent it. Strict protective measures in the nursery and in the room that the food is prepared is of greatest importance.

If epidemic diarrhea should break out in a hospital nursery, preventive measures should begin at once. Admissions must be stopped, visitors must be excluded, and healthy babies must be isolated and observed carefully for any signs of the disease. This disease is so serious that the strictest precautions are amply justified.

For purchases which promise longer wear, take tips from clothing and textile experts of the U. S. Agriculture Department.

If your little stem-winder has been bursting out of blouses with button on the waist, put him in blouses with tails. These blouses or shirts yield better to strain when the boy stoops, jumps or flings out his arms.

Boys' shirts with open necks or convertible collars and short sleeves are not outgrown as quickly, experts claim, as shirts with buttoned-up collars and long sleeves.

If there are metal eyelets or lacing used on the boys' shirts that you contemplate buying, see that these fastenings are securely clamped. It is also wise to check on the fabric which holds such fastenings to see if the weave seems tight enough to resist pulling out from the metal eyelets or lacing.

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New Drapes Are Economical And Sturdy

Fill the Gap Between Paper, Woven Fabric

A low-cost cotton and rayon ready-made drape has been put on the market by one of the country's leading producers of cotton goods. It's designed to fill the gap between paper draperies and present day ready-made woven fabric ones. The draperies are being introduced now at Ayres' and will be available at other department stores in a month.

Pairs come in 72 and 60 inch widths and are 2 1/2 yards long with rod channel and heading. They're sold with matching backs.

The economy angle is present because of production money-saving devices. To manufacture the new draperies, several layers of carded cotton fibers are put together to form a strong, bulky backing. Next, several layers of carded rayon fibers are put together on top of the cotton to give the finished fabric a surface sheen and a fine, clear texture.

The combination then is treated with a special patented process which quickly forms a solid piece of soft, strong, durable fabric. The result is a new fabric that combines the sheer beauty of satin-finished rayon, the bulk of pure cotton, the strength from combining rayon and cotton and the brilliant colors and soft tones of modern dyeing and printing.

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Mrs. Raymond S. Price, program chairman, will present Dr. Sheldon, and Mrs. A. P. Humphreys is in charge of the music. Tea will be served by members of Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi Sororities and the Faculty Club.

Butler Council Will Elect

The Butler University Mothers Council will meet at 2 p. m. Friday in the School of Religion to elect officers. Dr. O. L. Sheldon, Dean of Religion, will be the speaker, and Miss Jane Esterline and Miss Mary Ann Webley will present a musical program.

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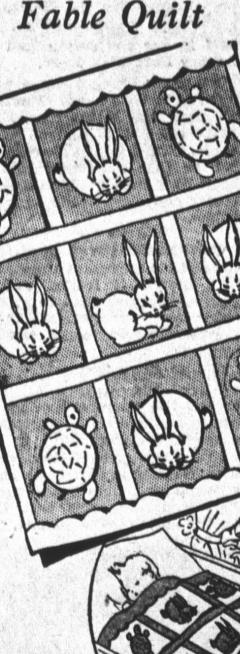
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