

New Gardener Has Huge Gourd Crop

By MARGUERITE SMITH

WHEN MRS. JOHN

PHIPPS, 3125 N. Tacoma

Ave., laid down a thin dime

last April and took a clerk's

advice to "pour boiling

water over these seeds and

let them stand overnight be-

fore you plant them," little did

she foresee the consequences.

For the Phipps' yard at the

moment is practically bursting

with gourds. Gourds of all

shapes, sizes and colors. Big

dippers crowd little dippers

over one side of the back fence.

Smooth ones try to overproduce

warty ones on the other side.

Little yellow and green ones

drip over the front door trellis.

Plain yellow and plain green

ones are a dime-a-dozen.

"I'm no flower grower," Mrs.

Phipps maintains, "but right

now I'm bragging. Some of

my friends said I wouldn't have

any gourds, but just vines."

The only way she can explain

her bountiful harvest is that

she used chemical fertilizer

under the seed rows, then "I

just let nature take its course."

Mrs. Phipps thinks she'd like

to have a few specimens of each

kind for providing the family

doesn't have to move out to

make room for the crop, of

course. But how to preserve

them?

Here's what Mrs. Charles

Wiltse, 6031 Guilford Ave., a

local gourd fan, says about the

proper procedure for anyone

blessed with these queer rela-

tives of pumpkin, squash and

cucumber. (Her advice, inci-

dentally, is perfect for those

squashes and pumpkins you

want to cure for winter stor-

age, except, naturally, you

won't wax the edibles.)

"Don't pick them too soon,"

says Mrs. Wiltse. "Leave them

on the vine until the skin is

hard to your thumb nail. Then

cut with a long stem. That

prevents bleeding. Spread

them out to dry, not touching.

Later you can preserve their

natural color by waxing, or you

can paint them."

QUESTION BOX — "When

should crocus and tulip bulbs

be planted?" asks a new gar-

dener. Plant crocuses any time

before the ground freezes.

Tulips, being adventurous, will

send up leaves this fall if you

plant them too soon. Better



GOURDS GALORE—Mrs. John Phipps, 3125 N. Tacoma

Ave., has more gourds than she knows what to do with. A novice

gardener, Mrs. Phipps poured hot water over the seeds before

planting them and produced a bumper crop.

FOR NEW gardeners: Rhubarb

will produce year after year

if you give it only a pleasant

look, once it's started. Plant

a root or two now. You'll get

fatter stalks if you pack it a

good lunch to nourish it. Com-

post, rotted manure, chemical

fertilizer or the high nitrogen

(law) type, mixed with good

garden soil, is what it likes.

If soil is poor, dig out a

bushel basket sized spot for

each root, fill in with the rich

mixture. Mulch with leaves to

keep moisture in. Clever gar-

deners with little room tuck a

couple of rhubarb plants into

flower borders.

Send all letters for the gar-

dener column to Marguerite

Smith, The Indianapolis Times,

Indianapolis 9.

IT'S TIME now: To get grass

seed sown (about next week

it's likely to have continuous

moisture for top notch germina-

tion, while the sun is not so

hot as to burn the tender young

plants while they get started);

to carry an extra basket when

you pick tomatoes (put all rot-

ten and diseased fruit in it,

spread them in the sun to dry

the moisture loving fungi that

would otherwise cause infec-

tion in next year's tomato

patch); to order roses and fruit

trees, except peaches, so you'll

have them to plant after they

have had one good hard frost

—about late October.

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Times Women's Editor

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gether" is the fall fashion ideal

for career girls as for all other

women. That was the idea

featured last night in a career

girl fashion show at Block's.

It was stressed by Miss Diana

Rutherford, associate merchan-

dise editor of Glamour magazine,

who emceed the show. And it

means that all elements of a

costume—hats, accessories, shoes

hosiery—should blend to make a

co-ordinated effect.

Hats are much smaller and fit

closely to the head, in keeping

with shorter hairdos which "are

here to stay." Fabrics are richer;

shoulder lines are rounding and

more nearly normal; costume

jewelry has a "real" look, and

soft or dressmaker detailing

characterizes all types of cos-

tumes—even the tailored classics.

The show will be repeated at

5:30 p. m. today.

Carrying out that rule on

blending of costume tones,

Block's next week will introduce

Schlaparelli nylon hosiery, an ex-

clusive with the store.

Super-sheer, the nylons will

come in proportioned sizes and

in eight colors: Black, black-

berry black, soft bronze, dark

neutral, mist gray, navy, vintage

wine and most green.

The packaging of the hosiery

will match its beauty. Even the

stock boxes are done in shocking

pink and black. In addition,

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