

### Learn a Word - Gynoecious



These handsome cucumbers are fruits of Spartan Valor, a new hybrid with female flowers only. A prolific yielder, it also is resistant to scab and mosaic, two common diseases.

For the past decade the word "gynoecious", meaning female, has been in common use among commercial vegetable growers. This year the home gardener needs to become acquainted with it because the only 1968 All-America Selections prize-winning vegetable is a hybrid, gynoecious (jeye-nee-shus) cucumber named Spartan Valor.

To the home gardener, growing this new variety will mean plenty of cucumbers from fewer vines using less space because Spartan Valor has only female flowers, thus bears more fruits.

Ordinary cucumber varieties always produce more male blooms than female and, of course, the male flowers cannot form fruits.

Since Spartan Valor, with all female flowers, also cannot form fruits when planted alone, seeds of a male cucumber are mixed with those of Spartan Valor or sent along in a separate container in the seed packet. Thus the pollen needed to set the fruits is available.

The way that Spartan Valor is treated to make it produce seeds is even more fascinating. Leaves of the all-female-flowered plant are sprayed with massive doses of gibberellic acid which somehow makes the plant

produce sufficient male blooms to pollinate itself.

This way of hybridizing, by producing male flowers on a plant with only female ones is a new and less expensive method of hybridizing plants which Dr. C. E. Peterson of Michigan State University feels will eventually be universally accepted. He is the breeder of Spartan Valor.

The new cucumber is a prolific yielder; is bred for resistance to the two serious cucumber diseases encountered in Northeastern and North Central United States, scab and mosaic. It is not recommended for other parts of the country as different diseases occur in other areas.

Dr. Peterson believes that, in due course of time, similar cucumber varieties will be available to all gardeners, each variety bred for a certain section and resistant to the diseases prevalent there.

## The Roundup

By WILBORNE HARRELL

The King is dead! Long live the Spirit of Brotherhood! . . . The senseless and violent slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King leaves one man dead and probably the death of a Cause. But, under no circumstances, must what King lived for and gave his life for, be allowed to languish. But we must not become a beleaguered nation, an armed camp. This is not a time for punitive measures, but a time for each man to search his soul. It is a grim commentary on the times that it may have taken this man's death to spur Congress into greater legislative action. If so, Martin Luther King did not die in vain. He may have wanted it this way—"I have been to the mountain top; I have seen the promised land!" These words of his may have had a premonitory

ring as they were uttered: even as he felt he may have to walk through the valley of the shadow of death. But this he knew, must be accepted as one of the many prices he must pay if he should achieve his "Dream." Many comments have come that this was the act of a mindless and sick society. "What kind of people are we?" asks Bobby Kennedy. And Billy Graham says this "indicates the sickness of the world." But I, for one, do not believe for one minute we are sick. These are times that try men's souls. We are undergoing a period of social transition; this is a time when our whole social and political order is taking on new shape. A New Shape that is being forged slowly, agonizingly slow, but sure. And this is what Martin Luther King called his "dream." A dream that me.



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would one day find this nation living as brothers should; a dream that would one day forge this nation into a vast homogeneous society. Then, and not until then, would we become Americans all.

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**Can't**  
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**VISITS BIRTHPLACE**—Robert Morgan, Democratic candidate for attorney general of North Carolina, during a recent campaign trip to Burke County, visited the birthplace of the state's first attorney general, Waightstill Avery. Avery served the state from 1777 to 1779. Morgan is carrying on a brisk campaign to become the state's next attorney general.

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Bond said the postage rate increase that went into effect January 7 increased the rate for mailing all greeting cards from four to six cents.

"Many mailers mistakenly think that since first class postage increased one cent, the postage for greeting cards also increased only one cent," Postmaster Bond said.

He pointed out that some cards have already been mailed with only five cents of postage. In those cases, one cent in additional postage must be collected from the recipient, he said.

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