Gourds, no longer the ugly duckling, have become a thing of beauty and enthusiastic interest. These prize specimens were

So lovely it is hard to believe that they really are go-urds! But then times have changed and with change has come the ornamental gourd. The Jim Penny's of Rose Hill grow then as a hobby. They starred a few years ago with the turban squash, also known as an Alladin Gourd.

Then they added the Devils Crown. These proved so interesting other species were added and now they grow so many species it is hard to keep up with them. Among their prize poses-

Gourds Suggest Fall



Personals

Miss Cindy Pridgen spent Saturday in Clinton with Mr. and Mrs. John Royals

Mrs. Donald Whitfield and girls and Mrs. Carl Ginn and Cindy shopped in Goldsboro Wednesday. Mrs. Carl Ginn attended the

Golden Wedding Anniversary of her Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Batts at Wallace last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Whit

field and girls spent the week end at Topsail Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve English and children of St. Louis Missourl returned to their home on Saturday after a visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. James whitfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Rifton Batts of Youngtown, Ohio and Mr. and Mrs. Rob Batts of Wallace visited Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ginn

Friday night. Mrs. Forrest Cavenaugh and Michelle of Warsaw visited Mr. and Mrs. George Pridgen on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lewis

also have tangerines, oranges, pears, apples and watermelon Other prize varities gourds. include the Goose Egg and Golf Ball gourds. If the Penny's bring home all the blue ribbons from the

grown by Mrs. Jim Penny of Rose Hill.

annual Cary Gourd Festival next month, don't be surprised.

Completed Naval

Science Institute

Charles Marshall Ingram, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Ingram has recently completed the summer Naval Science Inand girls of Leland and Mr. stitute at the University of Noand Mrs. Tommie Riley of Frrth Carolina at Chapel Hill, emont spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Sanderson. Students at the Institute were selected on a nationwide com-Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Johnpetitive basis. son and children of Charlotte

During the six-week period of instruction, intensive mili-tary drill and physical training are combined with academic courses in Naval Orientation, Naval History, and Naval Weapons to prepare the students for entry into the Navy's Two-Year Contract NROTC Program and eventual commissioning as an officer in the U.S. Navy or

U.S. Marine Corps. This fall, Mr. Ingram will be enrolled as a Midshipman 2/c at the NROTC Unit of University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

them from working up. In ch-ildren's sweaters, a turn-back

ph Veach and children on Sunday night. Mack Pridgen spent Sunday night with Mrs. John Royals in Clinton.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wallace and children of Albertson vi-sited Mr. and Mrs. Odell Brock and family on Friday night.

The black-tailed jackrabbit in the speediest animal, except for the pronghorn, on our western prairies.—Sports Afield.

Preseason scouting to find doves can be more interesting if you combine your scouting with crow shooting .-- Sports Afield.

If you fish a sult-water buit lying on the bottom, it may be eaten by crabs or small fish. It's better to rig it just off the bottom, where only the more ven-turesome and larger specimens will find it.—Sports Afield.

The reason Africa has so many more species of animals than North America is that Africa did not experience an ice age. —Sports Afield.

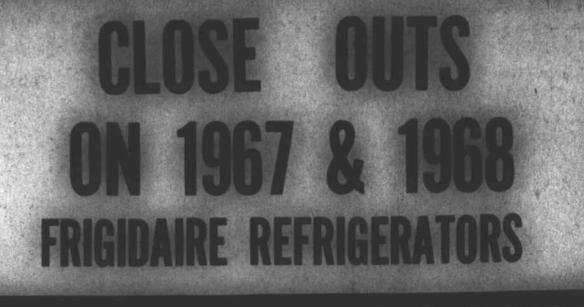
Q -- My son will be getting out of service soon. He enlisted right out of high sch-ool. I have heard that there is a new program in which a veteran can work for the gov-ernment and still go to school, Can you tell me anything about it?

A - A recent Presidential A - A recent Presidential Executive Order permits Fed-eral agencies to give Viet Nam era veterans transitional ap-pointments to positions at grade GS-5 or below. To be eligible for these transitional appoint-ments in the first five levels of Educational appointof Federal employment, a Viet-Nam era veteran must: Have served on active duty in the Armed Forces for at least 180 days (unless disabled in serdays (unless disabled in ser-vice), some part of which was after August 4, 1964, Have com-pleted less than one year of ed-ucation beyond high school or its equivalent, Agree to take an approved program of ed-ucation or training for at least one full year while he is work-ing. Full details on the proing. Full details on this program may be obtained from the nearest U. S. Veterans Assistance Center, Veterans Ad-ministration or Civil Service Commission Office.

Q -- My widowed mother receives a pension based upon my father's military service. She is now confined to a nursing home. Is she entitled to an

increase in payments. A - Recent legislation per-mits the Veterans Administra-tion to add \$50 monthly to a widow's pension award received by a person who must be kept in a nursing home. The VA office handling your mother's claim should be advised of the fact that she is in a nursing home and entitled to the added benefit payable to widows requiring aid and attendance. Q -- As an unremarried

widow of World War II veteran who died of a service-connected disability, am I still eligible for the Veterans Administration guarantee on a G. I. loan? A -- Yes, you are. The Veterans' Pension and Read-



Frost-Proof Refrigerator

155-lb. size freezer for extra freezer space





and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kor-

negay and children of Wilming-ton spent Saturday night with

their mother Mrs. Bessie Sa-

Richard Ginn spent several days with his grandmother Mrs. Rosa Ginn in Mt. Olive. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lewis

and girls of Lelean and Mrs.

Jack Boney of Warsaw visited Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Jones on

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Saddler

of Des Moines, Iowa visited her parents Mr. and Mrs.Ral-

nderson.

Sunday.

sions a r e a variety of gou-rds shaped like fruit inclu-

(Photo by Ruth Wells.)

The time to get at next sp-ring's weed problems is now, before the seeds that will contribute heavily to the next weed crop mature. "Farmers can reduce the po-

tential of the next week crop by mowing every weed in sight before cool weather comes and the weed seeds mature," commented Dr. A.B. Rogerson, ex-tension weed control specialist at North Carolina State Univer-

"Not allowing the weeds to go to seeds won't eradicate next year's weeds, but this practice, coupled with normal use of herbicides and cultivarion, can give excellent control of most weeds," the specialist added.

The importance of removing weeds before they go to seed is suggested in this example cited by Dr. Rogerson. A sin-gle pigweed plant -- a common weed in North Carolina -- produces an estimated 117,000

"Not all of these seeds will germinate and grow," Rogerson pointed out, "but even if only a small percentage of them did

eld in one season."

Needs Need Mowing Now

Timing is important. August and early September are ab-out as late as a farmer can wait to remove weeds before they go to seed. Rogerson suggests cutting the

that need mowing twice a year. "This not only reduces the week seed crop," notes Dr. Rogerson, "but it also redu-ces the sources of pollen whhay fever. ich affects sufferers."

Another timely weeding tip: hand pulling such weeds as cohand pulling such weeds as co-cklebur and Johnsongrass out of cotton, peanuts and soybe-ans can be well worth the ef-fort at this stage of the season when it is too late to cultivate A few seeds of these weeds farmers.

Choose The Right Sweater

Linda Carter Greenwood 4-H Club

Sweaters go everywhere th-ese days. Because they are so popular, it is important to give some thought to their selection.

when you plan to buy a sw-eater, think first of all of wh-ere it will be worn. If it is able to be worn to school, the able to be worn to school, the favorites are always the slip-on and the cardigan. For sportswear, with slacks, sh-orts, or skirts, there are tur-tle necks, V-necks, and long-sleeved slip-ons as well. If the occasion calls for a dress-maker styles, those with a sp-ectal touch a the neckline, bo-lero sweaters, and many kinds of skiry decorated sweaters. when choosing, do remem-her that a slip-on is versa

at a alig-on is versa-at can double for many due if a pretty necklace list is added. A car-

develop, you can easily see how 10 or 12 plants could multiply the pigweed problem in a fi-

Long sleeves come to the wr-ist have slight ease that keeps

weeds twice a year, once in early summer and again in late August, Ditch banks, edges of fields and roadways, and pa-stured are some of the sites

cuff allows for growth. Fit through body is easy, with slight fullness, no strain. Front opening stays neatly cl-osed, with no gapping or pul-ling between button. Line around lower edge is Rib-knit at lower edges and wrists fit neatly.

in a harvested crop can result in heavy economic losses for

digan can also double as an extra wrap. With an extra to-uch either of these sweater tyuch either of these sweater ty-pes can be worn almost around the clock, while a rhinestone studded, or scoop neck sweater is limited i n its use. Always check the size of any sweater you buy to be sure that you have a good fit. Sweaters that cling too tightly aren't pr-etty and are soon out of shape. To look and feel right, a sw-eater must fir correctly. Be-low is a checklist for a good

low is a checklist for a good fit.

Neck line fits snugly and com-fortable... is shaped so that it lies smooth and flat...does not ride up on the neck.

Shoulder seams set well.... shoulders do not sag. Armholes are comfortably large...do not bind. Sleeves set neatly to arm-hole lines....do not pull on the shoulder....have ample width, especially through upper arm.

justment Assistance Act of 1967 extended your period of entitle-ment to July 25, 1970. Q -- My husband has a \$10,000 National Service Life

Insurance policy. In March of 1967 he converted from a term plan to modified life. He received a very small dividend in 1967 and none in 1968. Is the VA paying a dividend in 1968?

A -- Yes. The VA is pay-ing dividends in 1968 on those policies that qualify for the di-vidend. The small dividend your husband received in 1967 was for the number of months the term policy was in force since the previous anniversary date prior to conversion to the modified life plan.





"Bartlett Pears Alaska" is a new version of baked Alaska, us-ing pears instead of cake. You fill the centers of fresh California Bartlett pear halves with cremé de menthe or mint jelly, add ice cream and frost with a green, mint-flavored meringue before baking. The luscious Bartletts California produced this year merit this elecant treatment.

If you are counting calories, eat your pears plain. There are about 95 calories in a California Bartlett of medium size.

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pears Dash salt	2223 24
1 tablespoon cremé de menthe 1/4 cup mint jelly	A State
or mint jelly 1 pint vanilla ice	cream

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