

There are more adventures to gardening than you may think—and to succeed with raising your late crops, you may have to fool Mother Nature

If you want to lengthen your growing season, make it cooler or warmer, wetter or drier, provide more sun or special protection from the wind, there are some tested ideas which can help you

From the new Ortho book, *Weather-Wise Gardening*, now available at local garden centers, here are ingenious tips for the gardener who wants to "cheat the season:"

Reflective Panels

Problem: You are intent on planting corn in a shaded back yard, but the sun is blocked in both morning and the afternoon.

Solution: Use panels of reflective metalized plastic, glued to plywood panels, and hinged to a wooden frame. Placed on the east and west sides of the planted area, the panels can effectively intensify solar energy and help produce food in an otherwise shady place. Panels with an adjustable angle of reflection are more efficient than simply using

aluminum foil, stapled to plastic.

Trellis Training

Problem: You want to make the most of a small amount of space, get the most out of the sun and, in turn, out of your fruit trees or vining vegetables.

Solution: Draw on the experience of European gardeners and train your fruit trees against a wall, preferably a light colored wall. From the reflected light and increased heat by the wall, fruit will ripen that will not mature in the open

Trellis training of plants (with walls, fences or free-standing panels) helps conserve precious space. It also makes the most efficient use of light and heat. As *Weather-Wise Gardening* says: "The idea that you can enjoy 3 or 4 varieties of dwarf apples on a 15 foot long trellis makes good space saving sense. . . Many gardeners are successful with standard trees for this type gardening. However, the dwarf varieties are more adaptable to trellis training." And as an added bonus, trellis training also helps expand the growing season by placing plants where there is more light and heat

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T-shirts have always been popular and for something new in the T-shirt line there are now iron-on decals available from pattern manufacturers especially for use on T-shirts. To make the shirt even more unique, it can be dyed after applying the decal and it will truly be one-of-a-kind. Another way to use T-shirts is to add trim, either hand crocheted edging or lace, around a sleeveless men's T-shirt. This will certainly make an interesting wardrobe addition for a teenager.

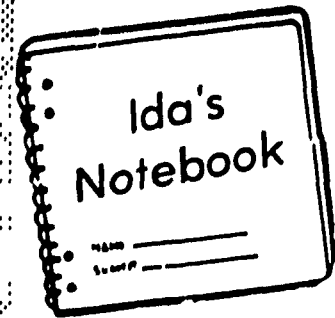
Long dresses frequently become a problem after several years. If you have several in your closet, consider shortening them and removing sleeves or adding a shawl of contrasting material. Or perhaps they could become a long skirt and take on a new look.

Cheryl's advice as you look at your clothing and plan, "No one person can tell you what to do. Check every outfit as you go through your wardrobe. If you're not presently wearing it, look at it for possibilities for recycling either for yourself or for some other member of your family."

Be especially mindful of wardrobe coordination, Cheryl said, and mix and match whenever possible for the greatest variation of your wardrobe. Cheryl advises, "Stretch your clothing dollars by recycling your clothes - remaking them where possible."

She says, "Save things - they might have possibilities." But she adds with a laugh, "You can't keep everything, but certainly some things will come back - like wide ties. So don't be too hasty in throwing things out - you may have a brainstorm and you can revitalize your wardrobe."

But perhaps the best advice of all was "to purchase less faddish, more classic tailored garments." If you do this, Cheryl said, "You'll be able to wear them for years."



Ida Risser

May is one of the birthday months for us. I planned a supper party to surprise my husband and a bigger surprise party for my mother's 80th birthday. At her party we were all pleasantly surprised to have our sister from Michigan walk in with her daughter to help celebrate.

Now, today is my birthday and I expect to have a wonderful day just attending Jeffrey's graduation from Penn State. He has gathered many honors along the way and we naturally are proud parents. There are a few

sugar peas to pick and a few red strawberries but they shall just have to wait till next week. Today is his day and mine.

The other week, we brought our daughter home from college and although the car wasn't as full as some other peoples which had not only a bicycle on top but skis sticking out the windows, ours was full as the last minute we got an unexpected passenger. Judy lived on the 5th floor and oh those steps. How will I manage in 10 years when our youngest goes to college? Maybe there will be an elevator.

While waiting for her to take her last test at Mansfield we tried to buy a needed dairy item at the local store. They didn't have what Allen wanted but they had plants and trees so I had to check them. To make a long story short we bought a white birch tree and stuck it in with everything else.

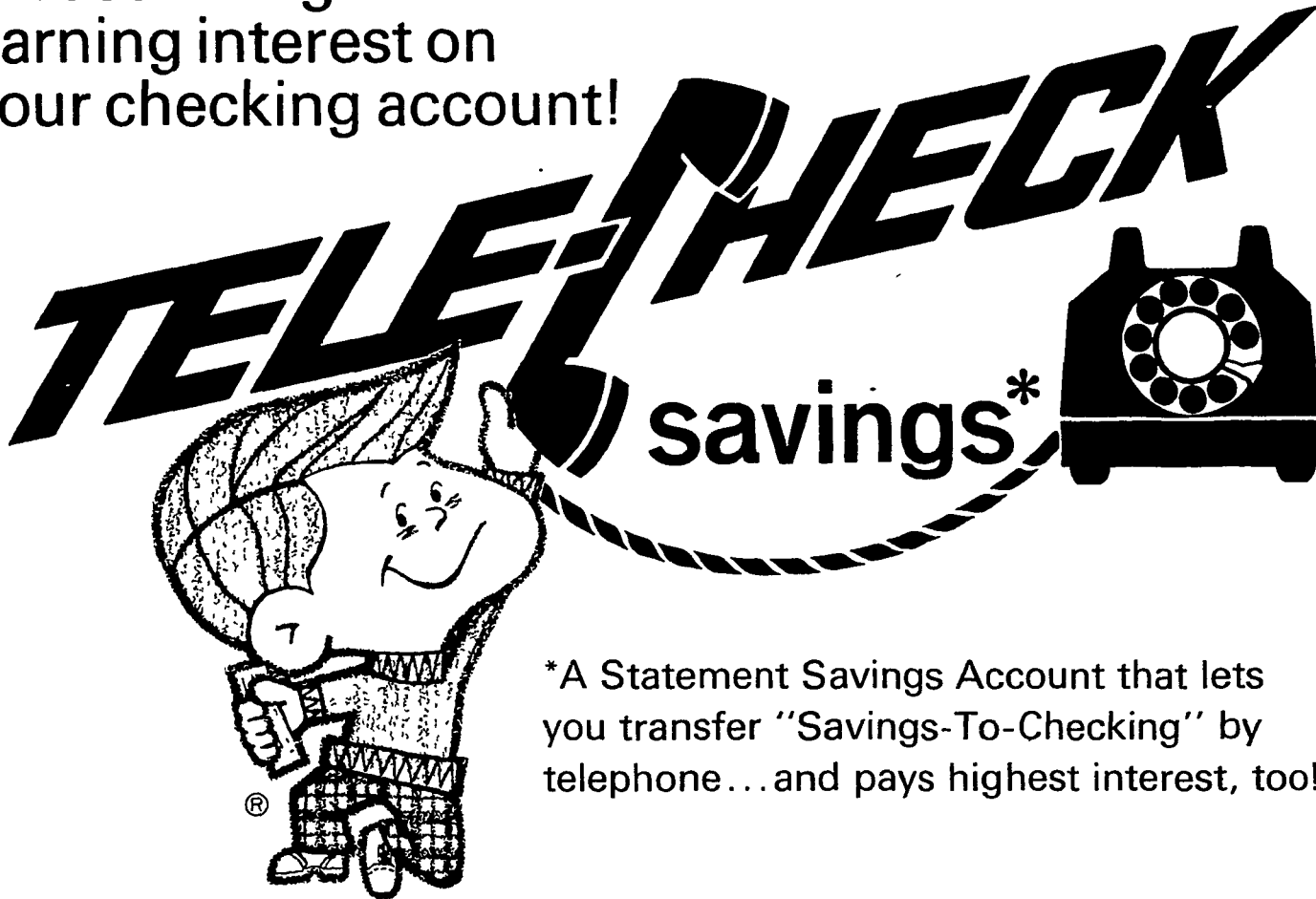
Honey Market

The U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has expanded its Market News service to the beekeeping and honey industry to make weekly price information available by telephone at all times.

A recorder phone, recently installed in the headquarters market news office of the Fruit & Vegetable Division of USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service, gives the prices being paid to producers for unprocessed bulk honey, beeswax and pollination services in major honey producing states. Import prices are also included when available. The market information message is updated each Friday morning and can be reached 24 hours a day by dialing (area code 202) 447-2599. This is a toll call everywhere except the Washington, D.C. area. Since the message is available 24 hours a day, users can take advantage of low night phone rates.

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