



#### MEETINGS COMPLETED

Elwood Fisher, extension pomologist from Ithaca, and Otic Curtis have completed a five day series of meetings with growers in western New York counties. They finished up the series with a meeting in Niagara County on Monday.

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#### GRAD STUDENT

Earl Antes, a graduate student from the University of Connecticut, has been appointed Graduate Assistant in the Pomology Department. He will be working with Dr. Cain. Earl will enter Cornell in the fall for course work as a graduate student in pomology.

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#### RESIGNATION

Don Wilson will be leaving the Station Staff shortly. August 31 Don takes on a new job with the Pet Milk Company. Don will be Chief of Technical Services in the Product Development Division at their research center in Greenville, Illinois. His work will deal with processes engineering, packaging research, and pilot plant research. We're sorry to see the Wilsons leave but wish Don every success in his new position.

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#### MAIL BAG

We have a letter from the County Extension Director at Michigan State University thanking everyone concerned for the excellent tour given a group of Michigan County Agents on July 25th. The Extension Director writes, "It was a highlight of the trip."

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#### WEDDING BELLS

Dorothy Lee Mack and Robert Lambert were married in Trinity Church last Saturday morning. After a wedding trip the newly weds will settle in Roslyn Estates, Long Island. Dorothy will teach in Roslyn High School this fall and Robert will do graduate work at NYU.

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#### HOME FROM NORWAY

Mrs. Skinner arrived home in Geneva last Saturday. She has been visiting her home in Norway for the past six weeks. Dr. Skinner confesses he didn't make use of her absence to become a good cook, but took advantage of the American canned foods.

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#### CONDOLENCES

To a certain young man in Pomology who waded out into the Genesee River up to his light meter.

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#### COUNTRY LIFE AT THE TRAIL FARM

The two abandoned chimney swifts that fell down our chimney at the farm have finally been put back up the chimney to join the rest of the colony. We had them for about three weeks. As babies they were extremely ugly—eyes closed, covered with pinfeathers like a porcupine. They have clinging, not perching legs and would not sit on a flat surface or in a basket but would crawl up on something. Their favorite spot was about halfway up a matchstick shade. From where they noisily greeted anyone stirring in the room (they sound like a nest of rattlesnakes). They thrived on a diet of mealworms and grasshoppers and in two weeks were fully feathered out and flying around the kitchen. I opened one of the fireplaces and put them in the opening. Then I took some mealworms and got on top of the house and called them to the top of the chimney and fed them there. They stayed in the chimney all day and I fed them at the top of the chimney again that night. The next morning while I was in the yard they came out. The minute there were in the air the rest of the swifts joined them, chattering encouragement, and after several shaky turns they seemed to fly as well as the adults, gliding and veering with the rest. When they tired they went down the other chimney to rest. They both came down the chimney to the fireplace where they hollered to be fed. They flew some more and then one came down the chimney to be fed again. I fed him, and took him outside and tossed him into the air. Immediately out of nowhere came the rest of the swifts to chitter encouragement. They haven't been down to be fed since so I guess they are on their own now.

This time of year is an excellent time to collect the larval stages of moths and butterflies and as usual one of the shelves in the kitchen is accumulating a motley assortment of jars and plastic containers all full of caterpillars. The kids are industrious collectors and there is usually a new specimen or two to identify every evening and housing arrangements to be made. Dot's last minute instructions these mornings are apt to be: "Don't forget to feed and water the roosters and get some fresh leaves for the caterpillars, tomato leaves, lilac leaves, honeysuckle leaves and ash leaves for the hornworms; black walnut leaves for the luna moth larva, and zinnia leaves for that unidentified green one, and oh yes see if you can get a cricket for the dragon-fly nymph."

We also have another interesting collector on the premises, this one is a tree toad who stalks moths on our picture window every night. With his suction cup toes he's quite at home on his vertical hunting ground.

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