

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to the Frank Stoylas on the birth of a daughter at 8 P.M. on Sunday. The young lady weighed in at 5 lbs. 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Both mother and daughter doing fine.....The Francis Consolies also have a daughter born Sunday or Monday morning. Francis was so in a dither when he called that all Janice could make out for sure was that he had a daughter. Mother and daughter are also doing fine.

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

The Station extends its sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. James Lockett and Mrs. Charles Williams on the death of Mr. Charles Williams. Mr. Williams is Mrs. Lockett's father and he and Mrs. Williams have made their home with their daughter since May 1956.

MAIL BAG

The girls in the lab heard from Dr. Kertesz last week while he was in Vienna. The Kertesz's were leaving soon for Athens and have now probably arrived in Turkey where he will make his headquarters. Both are having a fine time.

SOCIAL NOTE

Friday afternoon the Food Science Department threw a farewell party for Dr. Ernest Sondheimer and presented him with a briefcase as a going away present. Ernie left this week for his new job at the School of Forestry in Syracuse.

COUNTRY LIFE

After living in apartments for the last ten years this writer purchased a 100 acre farm last fall and this spring is again becoming intimately acquainted with the business end of hoes, rakes, shovels, pitchforks, wheelbarrows, and last but by no means least, post-hole diggers. Included in this re-education process is the appreciation of the merits of barnyard manure for gardens and lawns, (a course which the wife flunked miserably), and a graduate course in the innate perversity of inanimate objects (mainly rocks and boulders).

Last Sunday afternoon, as part of the landscaping project it was decided to erect our martin house at one corner of the yard. This involved, just as a limbering up exercise, an hour's work with the post-hole digger. While this writer is sentimentally attached to this martin house and its telephone pole sized supporting pole (they were both shipped up from Virginia with the furniture), it is fervently hoped that this is the last time they will be moved. The martin house is roughly the size of a sofa, contains 32 apartments, 16 to a side, and weighs about 60 lbs. and the driftwood red cedar pole weighs another 200. In spite of a block and fall the 95 pound wife just didn't have enough heft to hold what the writer gained by heaving up on the heavy end of the pole. A short piece of 2 x 6 was obtained and a routine of ...heave...brace...take up the strain with the block and fall.....recuperate....was followed until the pole was raised enough for the block and fall to be effective and pull it up the rest of the way. Then all that remained to do was to shinny up the pole and pound the top with a hammer for ten minutes to settle the house firmly. Even the wife agrees that it adds to the appearance of the place, we walked half a mile down the road and back to get a good perspective.

We sincerely hope that New York martins will be as appreciative as Virginia ones. One thing is for sure, the starlings and English sparrows certainly are.