## Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



Our daughter flew from California to Philadelphia Airport with her five week old son, David, and we picked her up there. It was a bit different to have a baby in the house again.

We hunted the bassinet and brought it from the attic and attempted to repair it as over a dozen children from several families have used

When the time came for them to leave, we decided to drive them to the baby's other set of grandparents in New York State. And while we were that far from home concluded that we might as well spend a few extra days traveling through the White Mountains of New Hamp-

We arrived at the top of two of the highest mountains by entirely different methods of transportation. After paying admission, we drove eight miles, almost to the summit of Whiteface Mountain which is 4867 feet above sea level. Then we struggled up the last boulder strewn path on foot.

It was the same as climbing our 80 foot silo sixteen times without stopping to rest-don't know if we could make it ten years from now. Then Mt. Washington was conquered, not by us, but by a slow moving cog railway engine and car that burned one ton of soft coal and used 1000 gallons of water to drag us to the top. The area there is similar to the tundra and has a weather observatory

at the top of this highest

mountain in the New

England states.

Another memorable experience was our three hour cruise through the Thousand Islands in Ontario, Canada. Some of the smaller islands are completely covered by a house as large as themselves. Others are used all year and have schools, post offices and shopping malls.

One of them has a very large uncompleted castle which is open for inspection for a price. Over \$2 million already was spent on it in 1904 when work was halted by the death of the owner's

We had no trouble getting accommodations as motels were not full and we could travel late into the night before stopping

And now, back home to the blueberry and raspberry

### New director named at Beltsville center

June 30 - Paul A. Putnam has been appointed Director of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center His appointment was effective June 29.

The appointment was announced by Dr. Steven C. King, Administrator for agricultural research in the Northeastern Region of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Science and Education Administration.

The Beltsville Center is internationally recognized as one of the world's most important agricultural research facilities. As such, it is an important part of a network of research locations administered by SEA. The Center covers more than 7000 acres, and several Federal agencies other than SEA use the facility. The Center employs about 2,700 employees, of which approximately 1500 work for SEA, including about 350 research scientists.

Putnam has been Assistant Director of the Beltsville Center since 1972. From 1957 to 1972, he served



Center's animal science program. As a research scientist, his main interest has been nutrition of dairy and beef cattle.

dairy farm in Vermont He Cornell University in 1957.

BELTSVILLE, Md., in several positions in the received a B.S. degree from the University of Vermont in 1952, an M.S. degree in dairy science from **Washington State University** nd beef cattle. in 1954, and a Ph.D. in Putnam grew up on a animal nutrition from

Putnam and his wife Elsie have four children. Their home is in Adelphi, Md.

Putnam's immediate predecessor in the position, Angus A. Hanson, has retired from Federal ser-

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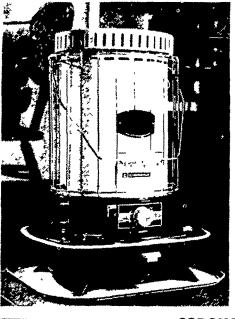
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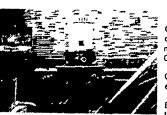
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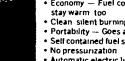


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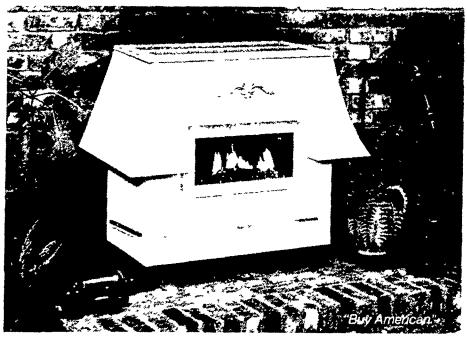


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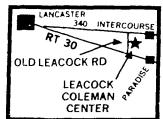
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