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ACCORDING to a writer in the Wagge Wagga "Daily Advertiser," the "flying saucer" mystery has not yet been solved. Since January of this year, some mysterious force has thrown all kinds of movable objects all over his farm. The greatest weight thrown about was a 65lb. half dray axle, which fell on the driving shaft and made a noise like distant thunder. He has chained everything movable down to prevent it flying about. Bolts were useless, as they just spun out, he claims.

IN addition to the many commonly known varieties of fruit susceptible to fruit fly attack are the flowering peach, ornamental plum and wine palm (*Cocos yatay*). These latter varieties frequently are heavily infected, and hence able to unsuspectingly breed much trouble for growers.

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As the peaches and plums are often planted for their flowering or colour effect, it is thought that their potential danger in breeding fruit fly is too frequently overlooked. This probability can be eliminated by a realisation that if those trees have all shoot removed which have flowered, the subsequent season's growth will have a better distribution and display of blossoms than is possible with little or no pruning, and, in addition, pruning removes the possibility of any setting of fruit.

HERE'S a tip.—In Bangkok nearly everyone rides a bicycle. They decorate them with dozens of tiny coloured lights, each one trying to outdo the other. The effect at night with the lights darting in all directions is quite unbelievable. Kevin Healy, a young Australian actor who worked his passage to England by air, told listeners to the B.B.C. programme, "Calling Australia," about this unique trip.

TRAINING HOUSEWIVES

IN Plymouth, in the south of England, slum areas have been cleared, and spick and span little houses built by the local corporation. The city council is

The city council is now considering a scheme which has been prepared by the housing committee and which, if adopted, will be put into effect before the new houses are occupied. The idea behind the scheme is to give the housewives who have been living in old, shabby houses for so long, special courses in home management.

Women instructors will call every day and advise on matters of hygiene, cookery, tidiness, care of furniture, economy and, in fact, will generally supervise the running of the home. When the instructors are satisfied that the "students" will make good tenants, their own furniture, cleaned and fumigated, will be brought out of store and taken into a new home.

Everything will be done with the greatest tact, and neighbours will not be told that training is being given in the next-door house.

Training will not cost the new tenants anything.

I CAN live for two months on a good compliment. (Mark Twain).