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Guess Who Just Turned 90?
by Harry Vanderpool

Here are some clues:

--He earned his degree in Forestry at O.S.U.

--He served our country for four years as a smoke jumper, parachuting into forest fires and training others to do the same.

--After he was released from smoke jumping he bought a Harley-Davidson 900 and rode up and down the west coast until he landed a job as Director of Field Operations in a fairly large bee operation.

Any guesses??

He is known as the, “Johnny Apple Seed” of Northwest Beekeeping; of course, we’re talking about Oliver Petty!

In 1950 after working for several years for other beekeepers, Oliver closed a deal on 500 colonies of bees, hives and all for $5.00 each. Doesn’t that sound like a good deal? Well, it gets better! When he showed up to pick up his bees, the seller announced that all of the colonies had been split and that there were dividers in each hive! He left with 1000 colonies at a cost of $2.50 each.

Oliver and Connie were married that year and experienced such a spectacular honey crop, that they were able to put a down payment on the farm that they still own.

In 1951, Oliver attended his first American Beekeepers Federation convention in California. Later while attending an A.B.F. meeting in Chattanooga, he raised the question of holding a convention in Oregon. Quite a commotion erupted over the idea of a convention held “out in the sticks” in Oregon.

The next morning, the officers awoke to find “Wanted posters” with their pictures fastened on their hotel doors. The posters read, “Wanted: Dead or Alive at a conference in Oregon”.

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President’s Message
by Kenny Williams

Once again it is Fall in Oregon. Many beekeepers will already have their honey off and mite treatments under way. It is also a time to prepare for the 2004 OSBA Fall Conference taking place this year at Newport, Oregon on October 28, 29, and 30.

Please pre-register early as this makes planning a lot easier.

This year we will have some first-rate people from the research community, such as Dewey Caron, Marla Spivak, Steve Sheppard, and James Tew, as well as Oregon’s own Mike Burgett and Lynn Royce. There will also be a sprinkling of local beekeepers sharing the Oregonian side of beekeeping, including Tory Johnson, Thom Trusewicz, Chuck Sowers, and George Hansen, with other speakers as well.

And I would also like to emphasize, as I usually do, that we all have the incomparable opportunity, at no extra charge, of schmoozing with fellow beekeepers, making plans, comparing practices, and swapping lies. I look forward to seeing everybody there. (P.S. Don’t miss the bonfire on the beach — you heard it here first.)

OLIVER PETTY, continued from Page One

Now, who do you suppose went and did that??!

That morning, he was allowed to address the convention on the issue. He walked up onto the stage and displayed a gallon jar. He unscrewed the lid, waved it at the crowd and said, “I think things are a bit stuffy in here so I brought along some fresh Oregon air.”

The next convention was held in Portland Oregon. Oliver and Connie have helped many beekeepers get their start since then.

Several years ago at a large turnout at the Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association, it was noticed that every single person in the room was a product of Oliver’s training, either directly or indirectly. Oliver has held O.S.B.A. office for a total of 30 years. He is an O.S.B.A. and W.V.B.A. Honorary Lifetime Member.

Next time you see Oliver, thank him for the decades of tireless contribution to our industry. For now, let’s all extend a happy 90th birthday to our great friend, Oliver Petty.
OSBA 2004 FALL CONFERENCE AGENDA

Thursday, October 28
7:00 pm Kick-off Wine and Cheese Social
Best Western Conference Center

Friday, October 29
7:30 am    Registration
8:00 am    Silent Auction Begins
8:15 am    Welcome & Announcements
            Kenny Williams, OSBA President
8:30 am    Africanized Honey Bees
            Dr. Dewey Caron
9:15 am    Selecting for Hygienic Behavior
            Dr. Marla Spivak
10:00    Break
10:15 am   Oregon Agriculture In Transition
            Ms. Katy Coba, Director, Oregon Department of Agriculture
11:00 am   2003 Oregon Pollination Survey
            Dr. Mike Burgett
11:30 am   Oregon Beekeeping News
            Dr. Lynn Royce
12:15    Lunch on your own
1:15 pm    Subject not confirmed
            Dr. Steve Sheppard
2:00 pm    Bees Across America
            Ms. Brenda Kellar
2:45 pm    Break
3:00 pm    Cliff Thomas Queens
            Mr. Tory Johnson
3:45 pm    O.S.B.A in the 21st Century
            Mr. Thom Trusewicz
4:00    Silent Auction Ends
4:30-5:45 pm State Business Meeting
6:00 pm    Social Hour
7:00 pm    Banquet
            Keynote Speaker: Dr. James Tew
O.S.B.A. Benefit Auction

Saturday, October 30
7:30 am    Registration
8:15 am    Welcome & Announcements
            Kenny Williams O.S.B.A. President
8:30 am    Attractants For Pollination
            Dr. James Tew
9:15 am    Recollections from Hobbyist, Sideliner, & Commercial Beekeeping
            Mr. Chuck Sowers, Sowers Apiaries
10:00    Break
10:15 am   New Approaches In Integrated Pest Management
            Dr. Dewey Caron
11:00 am   Subject not confirmed
            Dr. Steve Sheppard
Noon:    Luncheon
            Honey Bee Workshops
            Mr. George Hansen
1:15 pm    Kona Queens
            Mr. Gus Rouse
2:00 pm    Successful Queen Introduction
            Dr. Marla Spivak
2:45 pm    To be announced
3:30 pm    Question & Answer session
            Panel of Experts
4:30 pm    Adjourn
Ms. Brenda Kellar is a historic archaeologist specializing in *Apis mellifera* L. You might do well to remember her name.

Until now, entomological material has been largely ignored by historical archaeologists. Ms. Kellar, on the other hand, believes that, not only *Apis mellifera* L., but all entomological species can teach us about our past, about the way humans and the environment interact, and about the function of symbolism in human cultures.

Ms. Kellar earned her master’s degree from Oregon State University in Applied Anthropology. For her thesis she used historical archaeological methods to track the honey bee as it spread across the area that would become the contiguous United States. Additionally, she defined some of the honey bee’s many impacts on human cultures and the natural environment.

Ms. Kellar has participated in several colonial digs, analyzing many soil samples in her determination to uncover the path of the honey bee as it crossed the North American landscape.

Put yourself on the leading edge of this emerging scientific discipline. Don’t miss the presentation at this years’ conference, “Bees Across America” by Ms. Brenda Kellar, a pioneer in the discipline of entomological historic archaeology!

Waterloo, Ohio residents saw one of their neighbor’s homes go up in smoke. The neighbors were trying to get rid of a hive of bees under the house, so they used gasoline to start a fire. They figured the smoke would drive the bees out. Unfortunately, it drove everyone out, because the house caught on fire. The local fire chief noted that it “wasn’t a very good idea.” Only minor damage was done, and no one was hurt. And the fate of the hive? Firefighters got rid of it by flushing it out with water.

The *Camden Chronicle* recently reported that a man named Denver Blanton has successfully formulated an ointment that stops the pain and quickly reduces the swelling associated with bee stings. After getting a particularly nasty wasp sting, Blanton, an amateur beekeeper, set up a work station. He began to put small amounts of different engineering and electronic compounds on his skin. Suddenly, he stumbled across a combination that worked. He reported that, within seconds, the pain had stopped and the swelling had gone down. The resulting product is called Denver’s Sting Stopper, and Blanton has recently enjoyed great success with his product, which was patented and marketed in Tennessee and is now sold across the country and overseas.

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Proposed Amendments & Alterations to Bylaws & Constitution

In accordance with Article IV of the O.S.B.A. Bylaws and Article IX of the Constitution, 30 days notice is hereby declared of proposed changes to specific language therein. These changes will be voted upon at the State Business Meeting, to be held on October 29th at 4:30 pm at the annual convention.

In particular, the following specific changes will be brought to the floor:

Proposed Bylaws Language:

1) Article I, Section 2 (A); Proposed change is to update the dues to $20.00. The membership at an earlier meeting voted to raise dues to $20 but a newer printed version of the Bylaws was never printed to reflect that change.

2) Article I, Section 2 (C); Proposed change is to delete the section, because anybody who might pay for a Beeline subscription becomes an OSBA member anyway, and will receive the newsletter.

3) Article III, Sections 1 - 10; Proposed elimination of the existing sections except those establishing the Fairs and Exhibitions Committee and the Public Relations Committee, which would become Sections 1 and 2 of this Article.
   New sections to include:
   
   Section 3. Honeybee Workshops

   Section 4. Other Committees to be established as directed by the president and executive committee.

4) Proposed elimination of gender specific language such as “he” or “his”, to the neuter (change “the neuter” to “gender neutral language”) such as they or “theirs” (change to “he/she etc.”) (consider Article II, Section 1, where the president is referred to as “he.” We would not change something like this to “they.”

Proposed Constitution Language Changes:

Changes to Article V, Section 3 would be in line with the changes proposed for Article 3 of the Bylaws (see number 3 above.)
NORTHWEST BEEKEEPING TIPS - October
by Harry Vanderpool, WVBA

• Remove miticide strips on schedule. Remove Apistan strips when they have been in the hive between 42 and 56 days. Remove Check-mite strips when they have been in the hive between 42 and 45 days.

• Do not place honey supers back on the hives for cleaning of the wet comb until Apistan strips are removed. With Check-mite, you must wait for 15 days after the strips are removed to plop the honey supers on for cleaning.

• Feed all light colonies with a saturated sugar solution (two parts sugar to one part water). Get this done soon during the remaining warm weather to avoid dysentery and other problems. Also, never feed poor grades of honey in the fall.

• You can still medicate with Fumigillin, if the weather is warm enough for the bees to consume the feed quickly.

• If you do not have auger holes in your supers for ventilation, place a small twig about 3/16” in diameter, under the rear of your covers after any inspections.

• As the weather cools, limit your number of hive inspections to the bare minimum and as brief as is necessary.

• Hive covers must be secured in one fashion or another. Fiberglass straps are cheap and strong. Most shipping/receiving departments throw armfuls of these away on a regular basis. Ask them to save them for you. Consider returning the favor with a dab of honey once in a while.

• Continue to take precautions against robbing. Smaller colonies may need an entrance reducer for the next month to effectively defend their hive. Remember to replace the reducer with a mouse guard when things cool down.

• Store comb in a cool, dry place and use paradichlorobenzene to fumigate, not old-fashioned mothballs.

• Make a to-do list for fall and winter. Your truck, trailer, extractor, apiary, marriage, etc., all need attention. (not necessarily in that order) Make a list and review it often.

• Yard-rent honey is due. You may consider delivering this honey in decent containers this year instead of the cheapy jugs. 2 ½ pound plastic queen-line jars with no label would be an inexpensive upgrade.

• Get your lumber and woodenware in hand before the cold weather sets in. The cool mornings ahead are perfect for hive construction. Stock up on coffee!

• Make plans to attend the O.S.B.A. Fall Conference. You are an important member in the agricultural community of beekeepers. Do not pass up the opportunity to reunite with your friends in an atmosphere of sharing and education. This life is not a dress rehearsal, dear friends. This is your life; and it is a good one! Don’t pass it up.

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