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OFFICERS OFFER SPRING SEMINAR

Everything you've wanted to know about bees but were afraid to ask may be answered at the beekeeper's spring seminar March 11-13 at the Jantzen Beach Thunderbird, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland 97217.

Opening session at 7 p.m. Friday will include a panel discussion on pesticides and how they effect beekeeping.

Panel members will be Leonard Kunzman, director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture; E. Laurence Atkins, specialist in entomology and papiology at the University of California, Riverside, and Lee Stevens of Yakima, Wash., field representative for Union Carbide chemical company.

Michael Burgett, entomologist at Oregon State University, Corvallis, will moderate the panel. Beekeepers should bring questions.

Following a 7:30 a.m. breakfast meeting Saturday, Don Peer, beekeeper from Nipawin, Alta., Canada will conduct sessions on management of honey production. Plan to be there at 9:15 a.m.

At the noon luncheon, Atkins will talk about the

current problems of pesticides.

Afternoon sessions include spring management of bees by John Tollett, beekeeper and queen breeder from Millville, California.

The banquet program is tentative until the speaker is confirmed.

Sunday's concluding program will be a talk by Joe Holt of Richland, Wash., on commercial beekeeping management. Holt, a beekeeper, is also president of the Washington State Beekeepers Association.

Saturday's program will allow wives and guests to attend a special session to hear an allergist speak about bee stings. A shopping spree is also planned. Both activities are optional for those who wish to attend the seminar.

Regional vice president Wes Kester is in charge of the program, assisted by President Tom Thayer and first vice president Ken Ramsey.

Ramsey is also making arrangements for the display area. Anyone wishing a table to display beekeeping crafts, equipment or hobbies can contact him at 575-45th Place NE, Salem, Or. 97301.

CHEESEMAKER LEADS COASTAL BEEKEEPERS

Ken Ray, 501 Stillwell St., Tillamook has been elected president of the newly-organized branch association at Tillamook.

Ray, a cheesemaker, has been a hobby-beekeeper for about 10 years. He is a cousin of beekeeper Wes Kester of Rickreall. Kester and association membership chairman Ken Ramsey of Brooks organized the branch, which is the state's seventh.

Members will decide on a name, adopt a charter and set a regular meeting date when they meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb.21 at the Public Utilities Department (PUD) meeting room, 1115 Pacific Blvd., Tillamook.

Other officers are Al Leach, who works for United Parcel Service, vice president, and Carl B. Hansard, operator of the Radio Shack in Tillamook, the secretary.

If you have friends who think bees can be a worthwhile venture in the land of cheese and milk, tell them about the meeting or to contact Hansard, 3295 Aldercrest Road N, Tillamook 97141, or phone 842-2984 or 842-4420.

EDITOR'S COMMENT:

A piece of old-business leftover from 1976 was to update the newsletter, a task which several members and officers now are attempting. I've volunteered to serve as editor. But the aims of the new-blood of the association won't work unless the membership gets behind this and all efforts set for 1977.

First of all, news may just happen, but it can't be told in this newsletter unless members and branch association leaders tell us about it. And that includes suggestions and complaints. We are looking for that news each month, to put under branch association news. If you can make the deadline, the first of each month, your news can be reported.

We're also wondering about the bright and interesting things that happen to beekeepers--like catching swarms this spring. And if anything like that appears in your local newspaper, send a clipping along. Or we'd like to tell the story of how you got started keeping bees. We'd also like to know about births, and marriages and deaths, as well as names of new members who join branch associations.

It's been suggested that wives (and beekeepers) publish a honey cookbook as a means of promoting honey and earning money for the association. We may not be able to print all

recipes, but maybe one a month will fit into one corner of the newsletter. Then by late summer, we hope to have enough to put together a book. Send your favorite honey recipes, preferably, those you devised yourself.

In the past, a newsletter was mailed whenever there was news, or an event to publicize, such as a convention. This meant five or six communications each year. The aim for this newsletter is to send it monthly, with an occasional reminder in-between an event.

But that brings up the matter of money. One of the ways to finance the letter is to sell display advertising. So far, two ads have been sold, both to members--officers who want to advertise their products and services and help make the newsletter a success.

Kenneth Ramsey, regional vice president, is handling the display advertising. He plans to contact beekeeping-related businesses for ads.

The two display ads in this issue are business-card size, which cost the advertiser \$50 a year. An advertiser can place an ad about half that size for \$25 a year.

Also, we're continuing the classified ad section for members; \$1 and non-members at \$1.50 for each ad. The only change is that the ad won't be published unless the fee is enclosed.

Another way to cut costs is to go to bulk-rate mailing. We may not like this, because sometimes bulk-mail is held up in post offices. However, with the present dues structure to finance it, it would be prohibitive to send the newsletter by first-class mail. By turning to bulk-rate, we'll be able to promote membership by trying to reach every beekeeper in Oregon with the next issue on February 15. That means the newsletter will be sent to about 3,000 beekeepers in all sections of the state. Knowing this, won't you please send your news soon--and think about placing a display or classified ad, too.

And, one more thing. The newsletter has no name. And it won't have until YOU name it. Don't send us "Gleanings in Bee Culture" or "Speedy Bee" because those names are already taken by national publications. But come up with something catchy and beesy. And if you're artistic, add a sketch or two to illustrate the honeybee or honeycomb or something to do with beekeeping.

Oh yes, the person who submits the winning title will receive \$25 worth of bee equipment.

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PASS HONEY, PEANUT BUTTER

Since this is the first edition of the new format of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association's newsletter, it seems appropriate to include the message made by President Tom Thayer prior to the new year.

Thayer, who lives on a small acreage near Sandy, was elected president of the association at the December annual meeting.

One of the aims he stressed in his "inaugural" speech was that beekeepers should be unified, and in order to unite, each person who keeps bees should be considered as a beekeeper -- not as a hobbyist or commercial beekeeper.

Thayer has been both types of beekeeper, beginning about five years ago when he picked up a few hives. He now operates 500 colonies which he uses for pollination service and honey production. Right now, Thayer is moving bees to northern California to pollinate almonds.

Following are the goals he set for 1977:

- (1) An all paid membership - without a 100% paid membership our base is without foundation.
- (2) Expand our membership by 200 paid beekeepers and the deadline should be the March - Spring meeting.
- (3) Start fund raising drives to meet a goal of \$10,000 in our working account.
- (4) The above three are only the first steps to advance beekeeping against the continued abuse of pesticides in our state. And, in this endeavor we should --
 - (a) Solicit legislative support this biennium.
 - (b) We should gain support from any who have feelings for our problems. This means unite together. Use the newspapers, television, radio and any avenues that you can think of.
 - (c) Give full cooperation to any government agencies, private, and business group that will attempt working solutions reducing unnecessary **Kill of Honey Bees**.

HOW!

- (5) If each beekeeper gives one hour of time each month, that's only 12 hours a year, but with a 300 membership, that's 3600 hours of work. 3600 hours will turn a lot of rocks over.
- (6) If each beekeeper gives or helps generate \$2.00 worth of income a month, that's \$24.00 a year, and with a 300 membership, that's \$7,200.00 for a base.
- (7) Let your support be known by volunteering some of your time to the task of building a better organization. Let me know when you're ready to work for the furtherment of apiculture.

Last, wearing a beekeeper's hat doesn't mean being a **bee haver** or contributing to **Foul Beekeeper's Disease**. It means being devoted to the management and the promotion of this creature, **Apis Mellifera**.

It is quite important we illustrate to others our interest and our pride in beekeeping. In other words, think positive.

Sincerely,

Tom Thayer

P.S. Let's all ask Jimmy Carter to pass honey with the peanut butter!

Tom Thayer



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