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ESPECIALLY FOR WOMEN

Although many wives or guests won't want to miss sessions at the spring seminar, we realize not all women are as enthused about bees as their husbands.

For those who choose, there will be sessions especially for women on March 12. But both pertain to beekeeping.

At 9:30 a.m., Dr. Frank Perlman of the Portland Allergy Clinic will talk about allergies and reaction to bee stings, especially reactions by members of beekeeping families.

Dr. Perlman said he will give an informal talk and will be glad to answer questions.

A demonstration on honey cookery will be given at 10:30 a.m., followed by a group discussion on cooking, sharing recipes and ideas about publishing an association honey cookbook.

Please bring your favorite honey recipes or send them to Connie Petty, 1033 Gibson Hill Road, Albany 97321.

Wives and guests can join the men for lunch or have lunch on their own.

Shopping is available in nearby Jantzen Beach shopping center or across the Columbia River in Vancouver, Washington. Or, there is ample time to drive or bus to downtown Portland, Washington Square or Lloyd Square malls for the afternoon. For more suggestions, see the program.

Spring Seminar - March 11 to 13, 1977, Jantzen Beach Thunderbird, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, Oregon

Registration fee: \$10

Friday, March 11

1 - 4:30 p.m.

7 - 9:30 p.m.

Registration

Short course for beginners

Registration

Discussion on pesticides: Mike Burgett, apiculturist, OSU, Leonard Kunzman, director, Department of Agriculture; E. Laurence Atkins, apiculturist, University of California, Riverside; Lee Stevens, Yakima, Washington, Union Carbide Company

Saturday, March 12

7:30 a.m.

9 a.m.

9:15 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

10:50 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Noon - 1:15 p.m.

1:40 p.m.

2:40 p.m.

4:15 p.m.

4:45 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

7 p.m.

Sunday, March 13

9 a.m.

Registration

Association breakfast

Registration

Don Peer, Nipawin, Sask., Commercial Beekeeping in Canada

Demonstrations; coffee break

Announcements

Peer, continued

Lunch, film and talk by E. Laurence Atkins, University of California

John Tollett, Millville, California

Queen Bee and Package Production

Demonstrations; coffee break

Business meeting

Auction

No-host cocktail hour

Ranquet, speaker to be announced

Joe Holt, Richland president, Washington State Beekeepers, Commercial Management of bees

Saturday Women's Program

9:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Dr. Frank Perlman, Portland Allergy Clinic, Allergies and Reactions to Bee Stings
Honey Cookery Demonstration

BEEKEEPER THOUGHTS '77

It seems like spring and maybe the earliest ever. Your spring hive management should be uppermost in your mind. This year early bee population may mean honey or a stale hive for another year. It seems that little or no spring rain may be in the weather forecast, and if so, the spring flower bloom may be the only nectar flow available this year. Give thought now to sugar feeding for stimulation of numbers for a maximum April buildup. Remember you must have older bees to forage for nectar and these bees will have to be at least four weeks old.

If we continue this dry weather, your bees will be foraging further than normal and pesticide exposure will be more of a concern. Take much more care than usual in selecting your bee location sites. . . .

The final meeting with the Department of Agriculture on ways to curb pesticide damage to honey bees took place Feb. 11 at the Oregon State University extension service conference room. This meeting was to culminate plans to be initiated by the extension service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASCS) and Department of Agriculture. We, as beekeepers, will need to cooperate. These are the projected plans:

(1) The ASCS offices will register locations of all hives reported to the office in your area.

(2) All hive locations should be reported to local ASCS offices in the state. The locations then will be available

to growers and applicators who plan to apply pesticide sprays.

Don Verbagen of the ASCS office states this program is voluntary, but its success will depend upon **beekeepers'** diligence to register his hives with ASCS offices. Growers and applicators will be notified by both the ASCS office and the Department of Agriculture. And it will be a grower or applicator's responsibility to contact the beekeeper 48 hours before spraying can take place. **Now**, it should be noted that the beekeeper must be available for the phone call.

The next step discussed by the group is that the beekeeper should report the pesticide damage to his bees as soon as possible and document it with pictures if possible.

The beekeeper should get witnesses and talk to the grower about who the applicator was and obtain the name of the exact pesticide and mixture if possible.

The group has asked beekeepers to put brand numbers on a large piece of plywood so that it would be visible from the air by the applicator. The applicator needs this identification to notify the beekeeper he will spray.

Also, the Agriculture Dept. has a rule that all apiaries must be posted with a sign giving beekeeper's name, address and phone number. Beekeepers may have become lax in doing this, but in order to help prevent pesticide poisoning, the rule should be followed.

Next, the extension service plans to include education about the usefulness of honeybees in as many ways as possible in its publications and at growers and extension meetings.

Dr. Mike Burgett, our entomologist apiculturist at OSU, will help expand the education program. Again, we need your cooperation.

The Department of Agriculture will examine pesticide damage reports and submit a report stating exactly what took place to incur the damage. The Department gives its word that a firm approach will be taken. When the application of pesticides has not been applied by methods outlined by the Department, licenses can be taken away and fines assessed.

It is not the intent of beekeepers to file false claims so it will be very important that much care be taken to establish a good base for your claim. And, use good beekeeping management to avoid hive exposure to pesticides. No one will recover the true losses.

We urge again your cooperation:

- 1 Place signs in apiary
- 2 Brand all hives
- 3 Report losses
- 4 Work closely with state organization to process claims
- 5 Cooperate with extension service education programs

Please let me know by letter what your thoughts are.

--Tom Thayer
President

BRANCH ASSOCIATION NEWS

Never underestimate the power of a branch association.

COOS BAY association has asked permission of the Coos County road department to put up signs at bee yards and the road department has agreed not to spray weeds within 200 feet of each side of the sign. This may mean more honey for Coos Bay beekeepers!

Other good news is the formation of a ROSEBURG branch.

Alan Ehry, Dundee past president of the association, and Delmar Smith of Central Point were guest speakers at the group's organizational meeting Feb. 15. Serving as president is H. Leroy Davis, 673-4261, and Jake Huling of Myrtle Creek is serving as secretary. The next meeting will be held March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Umpqua Community College. Contact Pres. Davis for more information.

ROGUE RIVER VALLEY BEEKEEPERS meet the first Monday each month at the extension office at the old fairgrounds, Medford.

New president is Morris Curtis, 14370, Highway 62, Medford, and the secretary is Glenn Sackett, 4678 Glenn Echo Way, Central Point. Vice president is Robert Tracy.

For more information, contact Pres. Curtis, 826-3089.

News from TUALATIN VALLEY BEEKEEPERS: The group meets March 2 in the library in Hillsboro. The program will include a talk on crops grown in Washington County, pesticides and requeening. Contact Cary Glusenkamp, secretary, 628-1560.

HOOD RIVER BEEKEEPERS plan a beekeeping short course March 16 to 18 under

direction of the extension service.

The group's leader is Tom Saunders, Rt. 3 Box 2374, Hood River, 97031, phone 386-5442.

Wes Kester of Rickreall has two big jobs this year. He is serving as a regional vice president for the association and president of the WILLAMETTE BEEKEEPERS.

Serving with Kester are Don Snowden as vice president and Bill Bankston as secretary.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the last Monday of each month at the Department of Agriculture building in Salem.

Mike Burgett, entomologist-apiculturist at Oregon State University, will address EUGENE BEEKEEPERS at 7 p.m. March 14 at Harris Hall in the Lane County Courthouse, Eugene.

For information about the group, contact Pres. Eugene Garner, S. Second St., Springfield, or secretary Cy Crabtree, 34332 Seavey Loop, Eugene.

OREGON HONEY WINS AT NATIONAL SHOW

Bill Ruhl Sr. of Portland and Oliver Petty of Albany each brought home ribbons from the national honey show held in conjunction with the American Beekeeping Federation's annual meeting last month in San Antonio, Texas.

Ruhl, you'll remember, won sweepstakes at the Oregon State Fair in September. At the national show he earned blue ribbons for light amber and creamed honies; a third place award for bulk comb honey and fourth place for white and extra light amber honey entries.

Petty won second place for dark amber honey.

Congratulations to Sylvia Ray, 501 Stilwell St., Tillamook, for sending the prize-winning title and design for the Oregon State Beekeepers Association's newsletter.

All entrants didn't send their ages, but Jonathan Port, 10, of Milwaukie sent his with a drawing of a bee building equipment and the title "Bee Buzzer." Jonathan helps his father, Richard, make equipment.

Other entries included Henry Homolas of Coquille's "Bee Buzzings," and "Bee Talk;" Paul Heins of Albany's "Hi, Honey News" and "Honey Lovers News" and other suggestions from Mrs. Ray, "The Bee Line" with a floral design and "Bee Lines."

Ethel Belz, 23009 SE 40th St., who belongs to the PORTLAND branch, sent an article on how she catches swarms. We'll reprint part of this in a later edition.

We're waiting for recipes from you which use honey or some honey for sweetening.

Only one classified ad was received for this newsletter. Is the service worthwhile? Let us know.

We hope you make it to the spring seminar March 11 to 13 in Portland. If not, notice the branch association meetings you may attend. Later, there will be beekeeping short courses and field days, as well as the annual picnic in August, and the annual business meeting and convention in November or December.

We hope you'll attend one or more of these events.

--Connie Petty, Editor



Tom Thayer

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