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## Convention Time: Nov. 10-12, Eugene

There's going to be a BIG football game between the University of Oregon and California Nov. 12 in Eugene.

But a BIGGER event will be taking place at Eugene's Valley River Inn — The Oregon Beekeepers Association's annual conference and business meeting.

You may be tempted to attend the game, but the conference can mean more to you as a beekeeper or someone interested in bees or honey or both: November 10 — 12.

YOU are invited — whether or not you keep bees and whether or not you belong to the association.

Conference coordinators Sally and Eugene Garner of Springfield need to be able to complete plans for the event. It is necessary to make room reservations at the Valley River Inn, P.O. Box 10088, Eugene 97401 by October 27.

Other motels and hotels are available, but the committee advises making reservations early

because of the football game.

It will also be helpful if you can let secretary Oliver Petty know whether you plan to attend, and if possible, enclose your registration fee. Fill in the form on the back of the newsletter and return by November 1.

Room rates at the Valley River Inn are: Guest, \$21 single, \$26 double; patio rooms, \$23, and \$28; river side, \$27 and \$32.

The conference theme is "Economics of Beekeeping."

Now that you know the lodging information, here are some of the highlights of the convention:

THURSDAY — all day — Bee School for beginners, \$5 fee.

FRIDAY — Economics of pesticide losses and economics of pollination; Mike Burgett, apiculturist, Oregon State University.

HONEY MARKETING PANEL: Paul Heins, Heins Honey Co.; Dick Turanski, Glory Bee Honey Co.; Bill Campbell, Campbell Advertising.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Tom Williams, Williams Bakery Co., The Cost of a Loaf of Bread and How to Bake with Honey.

Selling in today's Competitive Market, Dave Lobos, St. John's Landing merchant.

SATURDAY: Keeping Books on Bees, Gresham accountant Robert Lundgren.

Wintering Bees: Ance Goolsby, Spokane, Wash. beekeeper.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER: Honey Promotion, Fred VanNatta, beekeeper and lobbyist.

SATURDAY BANQUET: Future Trends of Economics in Business and Everyday Living, Victor Atiyeh, Portland businessman; probable Republican candidate for governor.

Members of the Lane County Beekeepers Association will serve as hosts.

QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CONVENTION? Ask Sally or Eugene Garner, 1375 S. Second St., Springfield, OR (503) 746-5972.

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**DEADLINE FOR NEWS FOR THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: OCTOBER 25**  
Mail to Connie Petty, editor. The Bee Line, 1033 Gibson Hill Road, Albany, OR 97321  
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# Convention Business: Constitution Changes

It will be necessary to vote on the following changes in the constitution during the annual business meeting at the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

Article III. Membership. To include three new classes of memberships: (a) Affiliate commercial members, \$25; (b) affiliate individual members, \$5; associate or youth members, \$3.

The members may or may not be beekeepers. They will have no vote.

Article IV. Officers. Officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice-president and four regional directors who shall constitute the executive committee. The directors shall represent four regional areas of the state, as follows:

Regions: Southern Oregon (Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath and Lake counties); Willamette Valley (including Multnomah); Coastal area (all counties west of Coast Range); Eastern, all counties east of the

Cascades except Klamath and Lake.

Presidents of branch associations which have five or more state members shall serve as directors on the executive committee but will have no vote.

Article V. Meetings. Add to Section 3: The president shall have the power to call a special meeting when necessary.

Section 4. Change twelve (12) to twenty-five (25) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the annual or any special meeting.

The outgoing president shall become a member of the executive committee until he or she is replaced by the next outgoing president.

Members will be asked to consider a raise in dues. The amount will be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting.

—Jack Piper  
Regional Vice President

## FACTS ABOUT HONEY. . . . .

—Centuries before man learned to cure meat, grind cereal grain into flour, preserve fruit or cultivate the soil, he knew and used honey.

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## DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . . .

—Close to \$100,000,000.00 worth of Oregon farm crops and the industries connected with these crops are dependent on, or benefitted by honey bees for pollination.

—The principal role of the honey bee is in the pollination of the many species of flowering plants.

—Honey bees are the only pollinating insects whose activities can be controlled.

—Honey bees are responsible for 85% of the pollination of 50 major food and fiber crops and the re-seeding of pasture lands.

—Without honey bees, most foods that we now take for granted, including beef and pork, would disappear from our tables.

—An average hive will survive winter with about 15,000 bees and may be increased to 80,000 or more under skillful management.

—A queen may lay over 2,000 eggs daily and live productively from 3 to 5 years.

—Larvae will be capped over after 5 days of lavish feeding, when they will have increased in weight 1,500 times. The human 8 pound baby would weigh 6 tons at this rate.

—They were not native in the Americas, New England Colonists brought them in 1638.+

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**Honeycomb Pie**

**Pastry:**

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/8 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 to 3 tablespoons cold water

Toss together flour, lemon rind, salt and sugar in mixing bowl. Cut shortening and butter in with pastry blender or blending fork until pieces are size of rice kernels. Sprinkle water evenly over mixture and toss with fork until evenly dampened. Roll on floured board or pastry cloth into a 10" circle. Line a 9" pie plate with pastry, flute edge. Chill while preparing filling.

**Filling:**

- 3/4 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup lemon juice
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 cup honey

Sift together flour, salt and baking soda; add sugar; toss together lightly. Beat eggs until thick and lemon colored; beat in butter, milk, lemon juice, lemon rind and honey; blend well. Add dry ingredients; blend well. Pour into chilled, unbaked pie shell. Bake in a 325° F. (slow) oven for 55 to 60 minutes. Cool on cake rack. Chill before serving. Serve with whipped cream.

**Fruit Cake Cookies**

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/4 cup shortening
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 1 egg beaten
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon imitation rum extract
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup seedless raisins
- 1/2 cup currants
- 1/2 cup finely cut candied pineapple
- 1/2 cup finely cut candied citron
- 3/4 cup sliced glace cherries
- 3/4 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Sift together flour, baking soda, salt, and spices. Cream together shortening, honey, and brown sugar; beat until light and creamy. Beat in egg, milk, vinegar, rum and vanilla extracts. Stir in dry ingredients gradually. Mix in fruits and nuts.

Drop from tip of teaspoon onto greased baking sheet. Bake in 325° F. (slow) oven about 20 minutes. Remove from pan immediately. When cooled, frost with confectioners' sugar frosting and garnish with cinnamon red hots, or glace cherries, or colored sugar. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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# Convention Cappings

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Paul Heins of Albany will serve as chairman with L.B. Alexander of Boring and Alan Ehry of Dundee to seek candidates for officers for 1978.

Nominations also will be accepted from the floor during the Nov. 10 to 12 convention in Eugene.

**HONEY SHOW** — If you have HONEY, bring her or him to the Nov. 10 to 12 conference in Eugene.

But also bring three one-pound jars of your nicest, favorite honey for the Honey

Show.

The honey will be judged by color category. Prizes will be awarded.

It will also be exhibited so football fans (and others) can see what good Oregon honey looks like.

If you can't bring it, get in touch with Honey Show Chairman Marge Ehry, P.O. Box 112, Dundee.

Or, pack carefully and send to Valley River Inn, Oregon State Beekeepers Association Honey Show, P.O. Box 10088, Eugene 97401.

**SHOPPING** — Those who wish can shop at nearby Valley River Shopping Center.

**HONEY COOKERY CONTEST** Bring your favorite honey cookery recipe — and the food prepared with honey. These will be judged; sampled by convention-goers and prizes given for the "bests."

**AUCTION:** Bring items to donate; plan to bid.

**DISPLAY TABLES:** Will be available. Contact conference chairman Eugene Garner.

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*Cannot sue for pesticide damage*

*total Dec 22 cost to date 8990*

## Beekeeper Sues for Pesticide Damages

The executive committee is asking anyone connected with beekeeping to help John Tavares receive payment for damages he suffered because of pesticides sprayed on his bees, crops, equipment and persons working on his property on July 20, 1977.

Tavares, who lives at 1025 River Road, Salem, keeps bees and raises organic crops — without sprays.

His attorney, Joseph Robertson of Salem, has filed a suit seeking damages against Tavares' neighbor and the aerial applicator.

The suit claims the applicator allegedly sprayed Tavares' property directly and allowed spray to drift onto his property; and claims the farmer-neighbor should have warned Tavares the

spray would be applied.

The incident also occurred during daytime hours, between 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. and a combination of pesticides lethal to bees was used.

The applicator allegedly sprayed while people were working in Tavares' fields. They were treated at a hospital.

It will be three to six months before the case comes to court, but in the meantime, Tavares needs help with legal costs.

Several years ago a similar case aroused beekeepers' attention and a pesticide damage fund was established.

The executive committee has pledged the amount left in this fund; several beekeepers have promised to donate money to the fund.

Should Tavares win his case, the money will be repaid.

President Tom Thayer also suggests Tavares contribute an amount to the association for future help to fight other cases of pesticide poisoning.

Also, should Tavares win his case, it will help beekeepers of Oregon achieve a goal: Winning should set a precedent for future cases and provide laws to protect bees from pesticide spraying.

Anyone wishing to fight this cause may send contributions to the Pesticide Fund, Oregon State Beekeepers Association, 1033 Gibson Hill Road, Albany, OR 97321.

Remember: This could happen to one hive or many.

It could happen to you!

PREREGISTRATION: Annual Conference  
Oregon State Beekeepers Association  
November 10, 11 and 12  
Valley River Inn, Eugene, Ore. 97401

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Oliver W. Petty, Secretary-treasurer  
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Please return form and registration fee

Registration fee: \$7 — Bee School: \$5 — Saturday meetings & short-course only: \$5

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