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Where did the money go?

The Association took in \$5,146 during 1977 but spent \$5,674. Fortunately, there was \$567 in the bank when the year started, so we ended with a small balance.

Major income came from conference meals and registration fees, \$2,971; dues, \$1,927 and advertising and donations for the newsletter, \$247.

Major expenses were: Conference meals and costs (speakers, facilities, etc.), \$3,091; printing and postage, about \$1,200; delegate to federation convention, \$100; research, \$240; fairs and exhibits \$240; dues reimbursed to branch associations, \$262.

Conference costs usually cover themselves. But we didn't quite make it last year.

The newsletter's financial picture is prettier than it looks. We neglected billing three advertisers (\$175). With those, the \$1,200 would have been covered by about \$400. (They will be billed.) It is assumed dues and advertising should cover the costs. But last year it cost about \$100 per for 10

newsletters, or about \$4 per member.

However, the newsletter was sent to potential members, including one mailing of 2,500 to all registered beekeepers in the state. Additional copies were made available at bee supply businesses and fairs to promote interest in the Association.

Because of these costs, members agreed at the fall meeting to raise the dues \$5 for everyone and add a \$5 minimum for persons interested in keeping bees or who own up to six colonies.

Members also approved allowing affiliate members, hoping to receive sponsors for our activities.

We also are seeking a non-profit status and hope to apply for second class mail, a cheaper rate.

We hope 1978 will be better. It must be.

For two years, several devoted officers have paid their own telephone bills.

The Association should be able to pay its own way.+

Wants help with problem

Oregon State Beekeepers President Tom Thayer has appointed the laws and regulations committee to review the full range of problems facing beekeepers in Oregon and to prepare any legislation needed for introduction at the next State Legislature, or to propose any rules necessary for the continued operation and expansion of the bee industry in Oregon.

Initial appointees to the committee include Alan Ehry of Dundee, past president of the association and a commercial beekeeper; Thayer, a commercial beekeeper and gift package producer of Sandy, and as chairman, Fred Van Natta, a hobbyist beekeeper and owner of Public Affairs Inc. of Salem.

In accepting the appointment, Van Natta asks members to think very carefully about the operation of his or her business and to submit suggestions.

Van Natta adds, "Government is more often the cause of problems than it is the solution, so passing another law brings no utopia. But particularly in the pesticide area, additional regulations may be needed."

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Editors comments

You did not miss your January newsletter.

The Bee Line took a holiday.

Now that honeybees are beginning to break clusters once in a while and the pussy willow soon will be bursting forth, it's time to think more about beekeeping.

Actually, there wasn't a lot of news to put together. And The Bee Line still is a costly venture.

Individual beekeepers and members of branch associations are beginning to pay their dues now, so we'll be able to pay the printer.

We're also looking into a lower postal rate which will help cut costs. In order to do this, The Bee Line will be considered as part of your

membership dues.

That's a good reason to encourage you to pay your dues and invite others to join the group.

If you like the newsletter, that is.

Many say they like it. Do you?

We have ideas and plans to improve it.

We can do that with your help.

We'd like to know what you'd like to read in the newsletter.

And we'd like some help in providing that news.

How about sending an article to The Bee Line about your experiences in beekeeping? It shouldn't be too long. Space is a premium.

Or, just send a newsy note about what's happening to you or other beekeepers in your region.

Please note the deadline on this edition.

We now have nine individuals or firms supporting the newsletter through advertisements. Several expire this spring. We hope they renew.

If this month is an indication, more people want to buy and sell through the classified newsletter's advertising service.

Send your news to us free. Display advertising costs \$50 a year, with the same ad used each month. Classified ads are \$1 for members and \$1.50 for non-members. Ads should be concise.

—Connie Petty, Editor

Cappings

Umpqua Valley Beekeepers Association (formerly Roseburg association) will host a mini-course Feb. 17 and 18 at the Douglas Court County Courthouse church annex (in Roseburg).

Sessions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Feb. 17 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 18.

Mike Burgett, apiculturist from Oregon State University, will conduct lessons.

For more information, contact Aileen Baker, 679-7080 or LeRoy Davis, 673-4261.

NEW VENTURE

Former association president Alan Ehry of Dundee is venturing into a new business. But he's still involved with bees.

Ehry has established United Bee Supply and Manufacturing.

In addition to making and handling wooden bee equipment, Ehry now is manufacturing a home honey extractor suitable for the hobbyist beekeeper. The Little Jiffy honey extractor comes in kit form or assembled. (See ad, this edition of Bee Line.)

Ehry also becomes the state's only official professional beekeeping consultant. He will help beekeepers solve their problems, buy or sell bees and equipment and arrange pollination accounts.

Ehry and his wife, Marge, still operate Happy Bee Apiaries.

He can be reached by writing to P.O. Box 112, Dundee, Ore. 97115 or by phone 538-4289.

SHORT COURSE

Yamhill County beekeepers and Yamhill County Extension Service are offering a beekeepers short course at 7 p.m. each Monday through March 6 in Yamhill County Courthouse, Third and Evans, McMinnville.

Thirty-five to 40 beekeepers are signed up for the course. More are welcome.

A \$15 fee includes \$5 for a membership or toward a membership in the Oregon State Beekeepers Association, depending upon the number of bees owned by the participant.

On Feb. 13, Oliver Petty of Albany will discuss wintering bees.

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Executive Notes

President Tom Thayer; vice presidents Don Ames, Glenn Sackett and Fred Van Natta; secretary-treasurer Oliver Petty; past president Alan Ehry, and branch association presidents Gene Garner and Bob Arnold attended an executive committee meeting Jan. 14.

Also present were Mel and Elaine Thayer, Florence Ames, Connie Petty, Sally Garner and Mike Burgett, apiculturist at OSU.

To summarize: Plans were made for the year's three meetings; members decided to sponsor a honey queen contest and branch association presidents will be asked to serve as member-

ship chairmen for their areas.

Van Natta was appointed to head the laws and regulations committee to research and possibly seek a law to protect bees from pesticide poisoning.

Paul Heins will head the honey queen committee. It is hoped branch groups will want to sponsor contests. More in next newsletter.

The committee discussed forming a honey commission, but decided more research is needed. A temporary promotion measure was approved — to order "Oregon honey" labels and make these available to members.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

***Southern Oregon beekeepers will host the spring seminar March 10 and 11 at the grange hall in Central Point. "It will be a home style meeting," says Glenn Sackett, spokesman for the group.

Plans call for speakers on nutrition and promotion of honey; pollination service and costs and research.

JOHN TAVARES RECEIVES \$8,400 IN DAMAGES SUIT

John Tavares of Salem received \$8,400 in damages for bees and equipment sprayed by pesticides last July. Tavares says he has legal expenses to pay, but will repay the Association the loan extended for lawyer's fee.

MOVES BUSINESS

Dick Port has moved his Port's Bees & Supplies — to 4139 S.E. Jackson St., Milwaukie 97222.+

***Beekeepers from British Columbia, Washington and Idaho are expected to join Oregon beekeepers at the Northwest Beekeepers Association's meeting Oct. 19 to 21 at Oregon State University in Corvallis.

Mike Burgett, the coordinator, has already contacted some speakers. The program will include topics for commercial and part-time beekeepers.

***The summer picnic will be Aug. 13. Officers await an invitation from a branch association. Any comers? (Tillamook, Coos County, The Dalles-Hood River?)

WANTS HELP (cont.)

The committee was specifically asked to look into the use of "encapsulated" pesticides and to consider regulations adopted by the State of Washington as a possible for proposal for Oregon.

Send comments and suggestions to Van Natta, P.O. Box 135 Salem 97808. Phone 585-8254.+

Letters to Bee Line

Enclosed is a check for membership and a self-addressed envelope if you would be kind enough to answer a couple of questions.

When will The Bee Line be out so I can decide when to place an advertisement? Where can I find a list of average honey yields per hive for various states? I would also like addresses of the state beekeeper associations.

I'm considering moving to Vermont but I want to make sure I can keep bees there with a reasonable amount of success. So if you've heard anything about that area yourself, you might pass it on to me.

Thank you very much.

Preston McAdoo
Rt. 3 Box 91
Aalsea, Oregon 97324

Am planning to retire in Oregon. My daughter has an 80-acre ranch in Crow and I plan to live there and have some bee colonies. Would like to know more about beekeeping in the region.

Any information would be appreciated.

Charles F. Mitchell, D.D.S.
8036 S. Painter Ave.
Whittier, Calif. 90602

Daughter's address:

B.J. Smith
26978 Briggs Hill Road
Eugene, Ore. 97405

(Editor's note: Would a Lane County beekeeper like to write to Dr. Mitchell and help him learn about Oregon beekeeping?)

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