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## New president greets Oregon beekeepers

It takes a large amount of donated time, of planning, sharing of problems, frustration and record keeping to maintain the program of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association.

For these efforts during the last year and for the many benefits enjoyed by the rest of the membership, special thanks are due to Tom Thayer, under whose leadership many advances were made; Oliver Petty, our long-time secretary; Connie Petty for publishing The Bee Line; Dr. Michael Burgett for speaking at many meetings and providing an opportunity for many to attend the Pacific Northwest Bee School; Glenn Sackett, who organized the spring conference, and the many others who contributed so much during the year.

I approach the job of president with humility as I have great admiration for many Oregon beekeepers. I view the job as one of coordination. There is so much talent among the members that the duty of the officers is simply to provide the channels for communication and action.

The pesticide problem remains the most important one with which we must deal. There are several approaches which must be pursued. We must see that beekeepers do their part in the voluntary notification program by registering and keeping the registration current with the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services (ASCS).

We must cooperate in the endeavor to improve the notification process. We must continue to educate both beekeepers and applicators on the best methods of protecting honeybees. Information on kills should be collected and made available. Members of the state legislature should be informed on beekeeping problems.

A large number of activities to improve beekeeping in Oregon are described in the association's constitution bylaws under the duties of standing committees. There are nine such committees.

Fred Van Natta of Salem and Bob Arnold will continue to serve on the laws and regulations committee. It is hoped the chairmen of the other committees

will continue to serve, also.

However, positions are open in all committees and each member should ask which of the committees to serve with. I would appreciate interest by postcard or letter indicating your interests.

The standing committees are: Honey sales and promotion; organization and branch associations; fairs and exhibits; laws and regulations; research and education; nectar and pollen flora; pollination; public relations, and youth organizations.

Each member is invited, yes and urged, to contact me with suggestions for improving the function of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association. Statements of difficulties or problems would also be helpful.

I look forward to helping coordinate the activities of the association for the following year.

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## Meetings

It seems only yesterday that beekeepers met in Corvallis for the Northwest Bee School. It is time to think of other meetings.

The new officers will be making those plans soon --for the spring meeting in mid-March, summer picnic, usually the second Sunday in August, and the annual convention, late November or early December.

Oregon beekeepers also have a chance to attend the Western Apicultural Society meeting in August in Corvallis. Lucien Alexander of Boring is president of the year-old society.

But sooner than those meetings is the 35th annual convention of the American Beekeeping Association, scheduled from Jan. 14-20 with headquarters at the Sheraton-Harbor Island Hotel in San Diego, California.

While the federation's executive committee starts the convention rolling Jan. 14 and 15, beekeepers can tour interesting spots in the San Diego vicinity.

General sessions start Jan. 16 and run through Jan. 19.

Speakers and topics include Dr. Robert van den Bosch of Albany, California, on integrated pest management; Homer Powers, state apiculturist, Richard, Va., on new trends in beekeeping; cost of keeping bees, Charles Dadant, Hamilton, Ill.; and the new beekeeping, Don Peer, Nipawin, Sask. Also pharmacology for bee venom; honey; marketing honey; feeding bees; and drugs for bees.

The organization also sponsors a national honey show and honey queen contests.

## Wonder what to charge for pollination services?

Moving bees to orchards may be far from your mind these winter days.

But it is not too soon to make plans for those moves and for the charges you will make to provide pollination services to growers.

What to charge has been discussed in past columns. Former president Tom Thayer hoped beekeepers would voice their opinions and present some solid information on what it costs to provide pollination services.

Two mid-valley beekeepers are concerned. Michael Meyer and Jim Allen discussed the issue with other beekeepers at the summer picnic. They agreed to share their prices with The Bee Line.

Continuing discussions with other Oregon beekeepers at the Summer picnic and the Northwest Bee School, we have adjusted our pollination fees for 1979, and pass them along to you for publication. These prices are in line with those of many other beekeepers and reflect two factors: 1) the increasing cost of capitalization and maintenance; and 2), the known average productivity (or unproductivity) of certain crops.

In the approximate order of their appearance throughout the year are listed the following commonly-pollinated Oregon seed and fruit crops:

Cherries	\$12.-13.50
Blueberries	12.-15.
Apples	12.-15.
Cranberries	25.-35.
Crimson Clover	1.-5.
Hairy Vetch . . . . .	"
Common Vetch	10.-12.
White Clovers	12.-15.
Cucumbers & squashes	15.-25.
Red Clover	18.-25.
Onions	12.-15.
Sunflowers	12.-25.

These fees assume the customary hive density per unit crop area, and with hive populations considerably greater than the established minimum standards. Fees are due and collectible at the end of bloom when all hives have been removed from location unless other arrangements have been made.

If in comparing fees a beekeeper finds his fees far below those above he might consider how much prices for equipment have risen in recent years compared with the rise in pollination fees.

In closing we invite correspondence, directly or through the newsletter from other pollinating beekeepers as to their price schedules so that this schedule may be revised where necessary.

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Registration is \$7.50 per person. Events include a harbor dinner tour, \$23; ladies luncheon, \$8.50; Old Town and La Jolla, \$6.25 and the banquet, \$11.



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Type of membership \_\_\_\_\_ No. of colonies \_\_\_\_\_

American Beekeeping Federation (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues:** 0 to 5 colonies, \$5; 6 to 24, \$10; 25 to 99, \$15; 100 to 299, \$20; 300 to 499, \$25; 500 or more, \$30. **Affiliate members:** Commercial, \$25; individual, \$5; youth, \$3. **American Beekeeping Federation:** 0 to 199 colonies, \$10; 200 or more, 5 cents per colony.

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However, members of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association can subscribe for reduced rates.

Send your subscriptions with your membership renewal.

Gleanings in Bee Culture of Medina, Ohio offers a 25 per cent discount on one-year subscriptions, or \$ 6 per year, and 20 per cent discount on two-year subscriptions, or \$12.56.

American Bee Journal, Hamilton, Ill., no longer accepts three-year subscriptions.

The journals rates are:

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## STEPPING ASIDE. . .

The subject of new blood often comes up when an organization elects officers.

New blood, after all, provides the new ideas and zeal an organization needs in order to stay vital.

The same kind of thrust may have been shown by officers in the past. But sometimes new blood gets tired or needs to be recycled.

Having been part of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association leadership in the capacity of editor of The Bee Line for two years, I feel somewhat like the tired blood. Or, perhaps I just realize it is time to step aside.

My husband, Oliver, also has stepped out of the role of secretary-treasurer.

Our replacements are Diana and John Van Driesche, who volunteered to do the work, but stipulated, "We don't want to do it if you still want to." We both said "no."

This year we will use our time and thoughts to selling the business and planning for a two-month trip abroad, centered around the international beekeeping congress conference Sept. 19-24 at Athens, Greece.

John and Diana are between homes - moving from Salem to the Talbot community between Salem and Jefferson. Their new address will appear on the January issue of The Bee Line.

In the meantime, you can contact the new president Jack Rosland at 4100 Bethel Heights Rd. NW, Salem, 97304.

The four regional vice presidents will provide both new and old blood:

The new blood comes from Joe Ilias, 9663 NW St. Helens Road, Portland, 97231, who will

## OREGON ADOPTS INSECTICIDE RULES

The following was issued this week by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

It is the result of the Sept. 12, 1978 hearing following the work of a committee made up of beekeepers, pesticide applicators and other interested in the use of the insecticide microencapsulated methyl parathion, (PennCap).

The regulations became effective with their filing in the office of the Oregon Secretary of State.

Keep this copy for further information. You may need it:

Special restrictions have been placed on the insecticide microencapsulated methyl parathion, and its use in an order issued December 8 by the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

The regulations were implemented to protect the state's apiary industry. In formulating them the department consulted with an ad hoc committee composed of representative of beekeepers, pesticide applicators and other interested parties.

possible injurious effects to bees through limiting use of the insecticide during blooming periods, except for specific exemptions. Use of microencapsulated methyl parathion is prohibited



represent the Willamette Valley beekeepers, and long-time member Morris Smith, Rt. 1 Box 504, Toledo 97391, who will represent the coastal area.

Reelected are Glenn Sackett, 4678 Glen Echo Way, Central Point, 97501, the southern Oregon representative, and Bill Bade, Rt. 2 Box 282B, Milton-Free-water 97862, who represents the eastern Oregon beekeepers.

--Connie Petty

where:

--A field crop has an average of five or more blooms per square yard in the area to be sprayed;

--A corn crop has 10 percent or more of its plants with spike anthers;

--An orchard or vineyard has an average of one or more open blooms per tree or vine, except in the case of a second bloom of pears; and

--Any field crop, orchard, vineyard, fence line, ditch bank or edge of agricultural land has an average of five or more weed blooms per square yard.

Applications to the following crops are permitted, provided registered with label directions:

--Tree fruit in the Hood River--The Dalles growing area at least 30 days after full bloom of Red Delicious apples and not less than 14 days prior to harvest of the apples, with the date of the Red Delicious apple "full bloom" for any particular area established by the department of agriculture in consultation with the Oregon State University Extension Service agent for that particular area involved.

Add . . . Microencapsulated methyl parathion restrictions 2-2-2 December 15, 1978:

--Wheat in growing areas east of the Cascade Mountain Range, during the fall and winter seasons of each year;

--Dry onions when such applications are made by ground equipment; and

--White-blooming peas.

The special restrictions are in addition to those restrictions covering highly toxic pesticides, since microencapsulated methyl parathion is a highly toxic pesticide.

## HONEYBEE SQUADS

Honeybees may be pests at picnics, but they're winning their stripes in the fight against air pollution.

Some environmentalists are air quality. "If we use honeybees correctly, we are practically assured of an early warning of pollutant levels, perhaps in time to avoid harm," says entomologist Jerry Bromenshenk of the University of Montana in Missoula.

Since two coal-fired powerplants have been built in a region under study in Montana fluoride levels—even in bees miles away from the area—have doubled. Studies also show bees accumulate radioactive substances leaking from waste-disposal sites and

from atmospheric fallout. So far bees have been used to trace more than 40 elements, including lead, cadmium, and sulfur.

Interestingly enough, however, a natural filter in the bees abdomens extracts most pollutants so that the levels in home "are usually quite low."



Letter to the Bee Line:

Learned of your organization at the Oregon State Fair. Thank you for the following newsletter, that resulted in this application for membership.

I hope your Pacific Northwest Bee School was a success. I plan to attend next year. Unfortunately, your notice reached me too late this year to make my plans.

Next year we plan to start our first hives in conjunction with blueberries and an orchard. I expect this newsletter will be of value. Ads are helpful in locating supplies.

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