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FUMIGATOR WORKING

We have just received information from Port's Bees, Supplies, and Bee Control that the fumigator is now working and that all of the tests have been run. Here is the information on pricing and delivery instructions that they forwarded to us. For further information their telephone number is 503-654-5936.

RATES ON E.T.O. FUMIGATION CHAMBER

FULL LOAD: \$68.00 per load. (17 deeps w/frames, & 15 tops or bottoms, gloves, coveralls, smoker & misc. small items.)

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LESS THAN A FULL LOAD:

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Deeps	\$4.00	\$3.60
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Do not bring in equipment without calling. There is a waiting list. There must be enough room for your equipment in both clean and dirty storage. All equipment must be clearly marked.

FIELD TRIP MAY 24th

Mark your calendars for May 24th. A pollination field day to be held on two experimental research farms at Oregon State University is being sponsored by the OSBA.

The intent of this program is to familiarize Oregon beekeepers with new crop development programs at OSU.

The day will start at 10 am at the Hyslop Experimental Farm, located off Rt. 99W, six miles north of Corvallis (four miles south of Albany). 20

Here we will look at Meadowfoam, an experimental seed oil crop, varieties of rape being developed for western Oregon, crimson clover breeding trials, and poppies.

The afternoon program will be held on the Lewis-Brown farm located one mile south on the Peoria Road which intersects with Rt. 34 one half mile east of Corvallis.

The Lewis-Brown farm is part of the Horticulture Department at OSU and is the site of the brand new USDA tree fruits genetic stock center. We will review new planting arrangements for apples and pears in hedgerow and high density plantings, along with small fruits research in strawberries, blueberries and raspberries.

The program will begin at 10am on the Hyslop farm. A "bring your own lunch" will take place at the Lewis Brown farm and the tour of those facilities will begin at 1:30 in the afternoon. There is no charge or registration fee for this program and I would encourage all beekeepers interested to attend.

A map is on page two.

NOTE FROM THE EDITORS:

It's that time of year to update our mailing list. We have published in this newsletter a list of paid members for 1980.

If you have not paid your membership this is the last issue you will be mailed.

You can get a subscription to the newsletter for \$3.00 per year. This is not an OSBA membership, just a newsletter subscription. Below is a form to fill out and send in if you want just a subscription.

I have received some beekeeping photos but we need still more. Please send any black and white photos dealing with beekeeping. Hopefully they would be extra photos that would not need to be returned. We want to make a full page collage later in the year.

Any of the local officers who are reading, remember, let us know what is happening. You are our source of information.

Thanks, John and Diana

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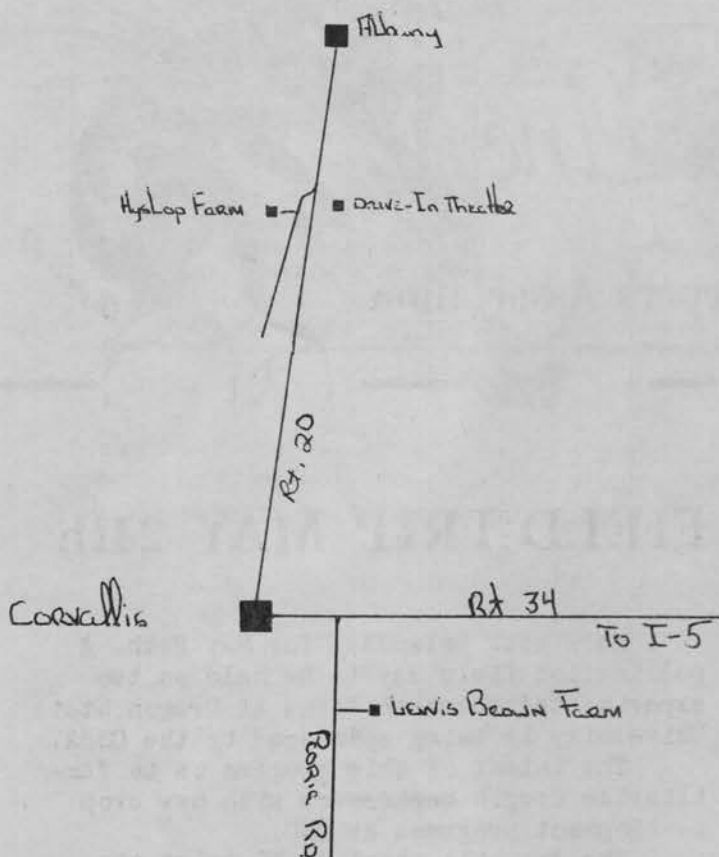
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

It is that time again when we are starting to move bees around from their wintering locations and into the orchards and we need to start keeping the ASCS maps current. There are many pins left in some of these maps from back in July of last year. It is very difficult for the applicators to rely on these maps when they are not kept current. It may even be advisable to put pins in the map 2-3 days prior to moving bees into a location so that applicators will be aware of bees in the area or so that beekeepers after they receive the sprayer's call will know that the area was just sprayed and they may rather stay out of the area for a few days until the toxicity lessens.

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Spring Clean Up

WHAT TO DO WITH DEAD COLONIES IN THE SPRING

by: Elbert R. Jaycox,
Extension Beekeeping Specialist
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From Bees & Honey Monthly News Report
March 1979

After another tough winter, many of us will have dead colonies to contend with at our first check on the bees, in the late winter or spring. If you are new to beekeeping or have not lost colonies before, you may wonder how to handle the equipment in this case.

When you find a dead colony, close the hive tightly and remove it from the apiary as soon as possible. By doing this early, you may save a considerable amount of honey that will otherwise be stolen by robber bees. Removing the colony also reduces the chance of spreading American foulbrood disease (AFB).

Inspect combs of the colony, especially the old brood area, for symptoms of AFB before doing anything else with them. If you are not familiar with the disease, ask a qualified apiary inspector to check them for you. Colonies infected with AFB must be handled according to the laws of your state in order to prevent any spread of the disease. In most cases, the colonies must be burned. Some states allow them to be fumigated or rendered in a wax-salvage plant.

After being sure the colony is "clean," brush and shake out all the dead bees from the combs. Those that died in the cells will not come out easily. You may be able to knock some of them out by

holding the frame (comb) flat while hitting one endbar against a solid object. Old combs will stand considerable shock without damage. Be more careful with new combs and allow the combs to warm to room temperature before slamming them around.

Old combs with large moldy areas and many dead bees in the cells should be set aside for rendering. Strong colonies can clean them up, but may have to tear down all the cell walls to do so. Such combs can be a detriment to the colony. The bees may be able to clean new combs more easily. These could be put on a strong colony in the top of the brood nest, or just above it, when more space is needed. Combs of honey from dead colonies may not look very appealing, but can be used immediately as food for other colonies. Put such combs on the outside edges of brood chambers.



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South Coast Ramblings

by Dick Lemery

When apple trees bloom, bees swarm. Now is the time on the coast when the apple trees are just coming into bloom. Most of my hives have hatched out their drones and a few have started queen cell cups. So I have been making up some nucleus colonies with four or five frames of capped brood and a frame of pollen. It is best to give some sort of feed to a nucleus colony for those occasional spells of April showers.

The big hive, hopefully, will be curtailed or at least slowed from swarming by the substitution of foundation or drawn comb for the frames used in the nucleus. The young bees hatching out at this time of year will rapidly draw the foundation out into new comb under stimulation of the nectar flow from the fruit bloom.

It is best to give each nucleus a new queen so that laying will begin immediately, and the nucleus will soon build up into a good colony. Each frame of capped brood will hatch out about 2 lbs. of bees. If no queens are available, remove several frames (including the old queen) from a good, big hive about 5 days before you plan to make up your nucs. Then give each nuc a capped queen cell from this big, queenless colony. This will help the nuc to raise a good, vigorous queen in a shorter time. Remember, drones have to be present to mate with the queens that hatch out from these cells.

Recently, while helping a friend divide some of his colonies, I was amazed to see a double queen colony. There was one queen and brood above the queen excluder, and one queen and brood below the queen excluder. Most colonies are not this easy to divide. By the way, this colony also had an upper entrance above this excluder. His next colony appeared to be queenless, so he gave each half a new queen just by opening the screen on the cage and releasing them. The bees just accepted them immediately, they were that eager for a queen! He did dab a small amount of honey on one queen which helps in introduction. It is always interesting to see how other beekeepers handle their bees.

If you have any hives that just don't seem to be building up in the spring like your others, the problem may be with the queen. Open the hive and examine the

brood frames. Be sure and notice if any disease is present. If the brood pattern is spotty, it may pay to requeen the colony with a new queen. Either pinch the old queen and kill her, or steer her into a small matchbox and remove her from the hive. Then give the colony a new caged queen, and you are on your way to a good buildup with a reduced chance of swarming. Next month should start the honeyflow.

MAGAZINE RATES UP

Magazine subscription rates to "Gleanings in Bee Culture" are going to be increased as of May 1, 1980. They will be \$6.60 per year, two years \$17.25. These rates reflect a membership savings only on a one year subscription.

American Bee Journal is still \$6.38 for one year and \$12.38 for two years. Send your renewals to the secretary.

ADDRESS CHANGE ?

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RHUBARB CUSTARD PIE

Bake: 425° 15 minutes
350° 30 minutes

- 3-1/2 cups Rhubarb, cut in 1/2 inch pieces
- 3 large Eggs, beaten
- 2 tbsp. Milk
- 1-1/4 cup HONEY
- 3 tbsp. Flour
- 1/4 tsp. Salt
- 1/4 tsp. Nutmeg
- 2 tbsp. Butter or margarine

Line pie pan with pastry.

Wash and cut rhubarb. Add milk to beaten eggs. Combine HONEY, flour, salt and nutmeg. Blend with egg mixture. Stir into rhubarb and pour into pastry. Dot with butter and cover with lattice or pastry with steam fork holes. Bake in hot oven, 425° for 15 minutes, reduce to 350° and bake 30 minutes longer.

CARROT-HONEY BARS

Bake: 350° 25-30 minutes
9" x 13" pan

- 1 cup Raisins
- 3/4 cup Water
- 1 cup HONEY
- 1 large Egg
- 1/2 cup Oil
- 1-1/2 cup grated Carrots
- 1 tsp. Cinnamon
- 1 tsp. Nutmeg
- 1 tsp. Soda
- 1/2 tsp. Salt
- 2-1/4 cup Whole Wheat Flour
- 3/4 cup chopped Walnuts

Cook raisins and water in saucepan 3 minutes, then cool. Beat HONEY, egg and oil, add grated carrots. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with raisins to HONEY mixture. Add nuts. Bake in 9" x 13" greased and floured or waxed paper lined pan at 350° 25-30 minutes. May be frosted before cutting into bars.

EASY BEAN SALAD

- 1 can Wax Beans
- 1 can Green Cut Beans
- 1 can Green French Beans
- 1 can red Kidney Beans
- 1 small chopped Onion
- 1/2 cup Vinegar
- 1/2 cup HONEY, mild
- 1 tsp. Salt
- 1/2 tsp. Pepper
- 1/2 cup Oil

For a larger salad use other kinds of beans too. Marinate over night, stir and serve. Will keep a week or more refrigerated.

SWEET & SOUR CHICKEN WINGS

- 12-16 Chicken Wings
- 1 large Egg
- 1 tsp. Water
- 1 tsp. Oil
- 1 cup Flour
- 1/4 tsp. Salt
- Dash Pepper

Sauce:

- 1 cup Chicken Broth
- 1/2 cup Catsup
- 1 tbsp. Soy Sauce
- 1/2 cup HONEY
- 1/4 cup Vinegar

Cut wings in three pieces or just remove the tip. Cover wing tips with seasoned water (salt, pepper, chopped onion, chopped celery and dash of garlic salt), simmer 1 hour for chicken broth. Beat egg, water and oil. Dip wings in egg mixture, then flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Heat oil in skillet and brown wings. Place browned wings in large flat covered baking dish. Make sauce by combining all five ingredients and pour over chicken, cover and bake 1 hour 350° to 375°. Baste sauce over wings a couple of times.

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