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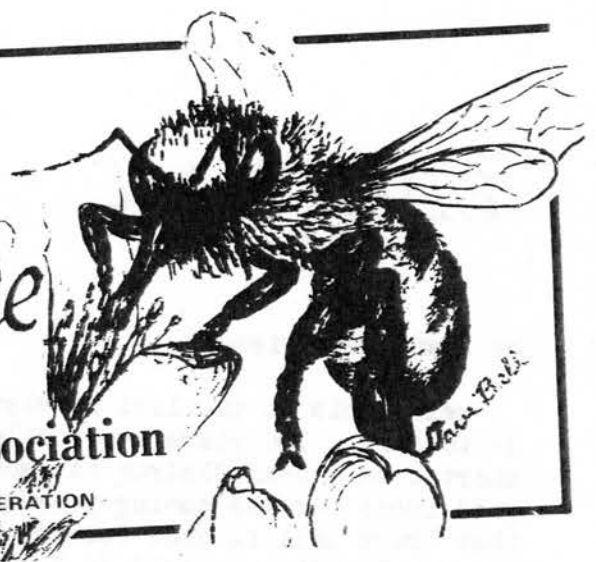
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STATE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS 1981

At the fall meeting of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association the 1980 officers were chosen. Our new President is Paul Heins, P.O. Box 517, Albany, OR 97321, phone 926-6336. Secretary-Treasurer George Hansen, 293 Bradley St. Woodburn, OR 97071, phone 982-9826.

The four regional vice presidents are Southern Oregon, John Campbell, 7843 Gold Ray Rd, Central Point, OR 97502, phone 664-4867; East of the Cascades, Jimmy Ralls, Rt. 1 Box 290, Powell Butte, OR 97753; Coastal, Morris Smith, Rt. 1 Box 504, Toledo, OR 97391, Willamette Valley vice-president, Bill Ruhl, Portland. Bill Ruhl was also elected the association vice-president and program chairman.

Joan Olstrom, 3184 Maple Ct., Reedsport, OR 97467, phone 271-4726 was selected Bee Line Editor.

At the business meeting it was voted to continue our monetary support of 4-H state Fair awards. Joan Olstrom explained a honey promotion program that had a mailing to radio stations radio spots on honey and beekeeping ideas as its emphasis. Money was voted for a sample three month trial mailing program.

The Fall OSBA meeting had an excellent program but not the attendance it really deserved. There were many excellent speakers and a wide range of topics from scientific to the excellent explanation by Dr. Burgett of infant botulism and honey.

Dr. Burgett was the auctioneer for a very successful beekeeping supplies auction. We want to thank the persons who contributed to it so generously and those who so generously purchased the materials. We received over \$225 from the auction itself which was intended to defray part of the cost for the honey cabinets purchased this summer.

Demonstration Well Attended

The Beekeeping industry was well represented at Washington Square on October 31 and November 1. Bill and Wilma Ruhl of Portland and George Hansen of Woodburn put together and manned an exhibit on beekeeping that was observed by thousands of snoppers.

They had displays of pollination, cooking with honey, and an observation hive. While Wilma Ruhl talked to passersby about cooking with honey, Bill Ruhl expounded about beekeeping. One thousand copies of our OSBA honey recipes were given away and probably many more could have been.

These are the sorts of exhibits that we should be attending, and helping out each other at and being prepared to do much more. We are slowly collecting permanent materials that can be used at these exhibits. If you have attended an exhibit in your local area let us know. We would like to give credit to those who work for our cause.

Meeting Notes

EDITORIAL

by Diana Van Driesche

Well, this is the last newsletter for me to edit. Two years seems a long and a short time. Joan Olstrom has some really good ideas for the coming year so I know that there will be good reading. All of the local officers could do her a favor and send notices of your meeting places, times and new officers for 1981. We need more contact with the locals to be a viable and productive organization.

Black and white photos from time to time from some of our members would help her also.

I want to thank several people for their help in the secretary and newsletter editor office John and I have had. One is Dick Lemery for his regular columns. It was very nice to open up his envelopes and have a typed, concise and interesting article regularly. I hope you will keep writing. Mike Burgett I want to thank for his articles, program planning, lectures to the locals and general suggestions. Also Bill and Wilma Ruhl for coming to planning meetings, their honey cookies at meetings, honey recipes, and advice.

For those who were at the fall meeting banquet this will be a repeat, but John and I were given two lovely sets of baby clothes and a honeybee mobile for the crib. The association purchased the gifts for our work for the year. We want to thank you all for them and hope we deserved them. We hope to add another little beekeeper to the ranks in May and contrary to suggestions, if it is a he, he will NOT be named Buzz.

ADDRESS CHANGE ?

If you change your address, PLEASE notify the newsletter. Each Beeline that is returned costs the OSBA money that could be put to a better use. Each returned newsletter also delays your receiving it on time.

The Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association had at its November meeting Dr. Stevens from Oregon State University to talk on Bumblebees and show a movie that he has on bumblebee research.

The December meeting will be in part a honey dessert pot luck. This is a second time around project. Last year at Christmas we had a very successful and sweet meeting with samples of many honey desserts. All are welcome to our meetings which are held on the last Monday of each month. They are in Salem at the McKinley school. Directions and information can be obtained from George Hansen, or Diana Van Driesche, 327-3609. Come and join us.

Editor's Note: The following is a copy of a letter received from the Tillamook Local

July 30, 1980

Honorable Vic Atiyeh,
Governor, State of Oregon
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97310

Dear Governor Atiyeh:

We are a group of beekeepers in Tillamook County, Oregon, who are concerned over the impending reduction in bee inspection service in this area. It has been proven that American Foulbrood Disease, a very serious infection of bee colonies, is prevalent in this area. We urgently need the assistance of the inspection service of the Division of Entomology of the Dept. of Agriculture to cooperate with us in the eradication of this pervasive scourge of the beekeeper. The very existence of the apiculture industry and the benefit that bees provide in crop pollination are at stake.

We trust that some means can be found to continue the funding for the important inspection program.

Yours Very Truly,

Tillamook Beekeepers Association
Paul F. Miller, Secretary, Treasurer

NEW MAGAZINE RATES

Magazine rates are going up. As of September 1, 1980 Gleanings in Bee Culture will be \$6.75 for a one year subscription only. There is no discount on a two year subscription.

On January 1, 1981 the rates for American Bee Journal will be \$7.13 for one year and \$13.88 for two years. Until January 1 you can still get the magazine for \$6.75 for one year and two years \$12.93.

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