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Hobbyist Sweeps State Fair Honors

By Marilyn Weatherly

Torey Johnson of Molalla, who keeps bees for a hobby, swept all honors. His honeycomb won the Ruhl's Bee Supply Trophy for best exhibit by a beekeeper owning 20 or fewer colonies.

Honey and beekeeping were well represented at the Oregon State Fair again this year, by open class entries, observation hives and displays.

Johnson also won the Oregon Bee Association trophy as Sweepstakes winner in the Bee and Honey division. He claimed yet another prize, a large purple championship ribbon, in the Bees and Honeybee Class-Italian Bees by Hobbyist.

Other winners were five first-time exhibitors in the bee and honey division who won large green ro-

settes: Phyllis Shoemake, Salem; Laurence Bower, Salem; Jim Walker, Salem; Doreen Gruenfelder; and Renata Sanko, Lebanon.

Beekeeping activity centered in the Jackman-Long building where the open class honey was exhibited. There the Oregon State Beekeepers Association display featured an array of interesting items. The Willamette Valley Beekeepers set up many of the displays and staffed the exhibit with volunteer beekeepers from around the state who answered questions for fair-goers.

Walt Nichol of Salem, president of the Willamette Valley Beekeepers, said that each day during the fair's 12-day run, four volunteers

worked in shifts to staff the exhibit.

A total of 48 volunteer beekeepers took part—most were from Salem and the surrounding area, but some from as far away as the coast and the Portland area. Walt Nichol and Fritz Skirvin, also from Willamette Valley Beekeepers, enlisted volunteers and organized the display.

Two beekeepers entered observation hives: Torey Johnson, Molalla, and Jim Walker, Salem. Walt Nichol's bees had more flying space in his large walk-in wire cage.

Adults and children alike flocked to inspect the observation hives and to look at photos about bee beards displayed by Morris X. Smith of Toledo.

On Sept. 4, the day "The Bee Line" sent a photographer, the exhibit was manned by Smith and Philip Clites of Silverton.

The beekeepers stood near the observation hives, repeatedly pointing out the Queen Bee to first one onlooker and then another. Entire families paused. Young children often pressed their noses to the glass, watching intently while their parents asked questions.

Philip and Morris patiently answered: Where is the Queen Bee? How often do the observation hives need water? How do they mark the Queen Bee? Is the paint used to mark the Queen Bee toxic? Do the



Michael O'Reilly of Philomath points to queen bee.

(State FairContinued)

honeybees like to be in the observation hive? (And that was just the beginning!)

From his wealth of knowledge about the honeybee, Morris Smith explained how honeybees are more prone to sting in the autumn when they are protecting their stores than they are in the spring. He explained that through many years of practice he (and other experienced beekeepers) has learned when the bees are more likely to sting. Over and over, Morris told what bee beards are and how the bee beard pictures came to be taken.

New to the Oregon State Beekeepers Association exhibit this year was Walt Nichol's honey display showing the colors of honey. Against a lighted backdrop, jars revealed honey shades ranging from pale fireweed to very dark buckwheat.

A sign-up sheet was provided for those interested in joining a local beekeeping association or those who wanted to become beekeepers. The Willamette Valley Association plans to provide follow-up.

All in all, the Oregon State Beekeepers Association exhibit provided a great opportunity to promote the honeybee to a public fascinated by the stinging, tireless insect.



Morris X. Smith, of Toledo, answers questions about honeybees for the O'Reilly family of Philomath.

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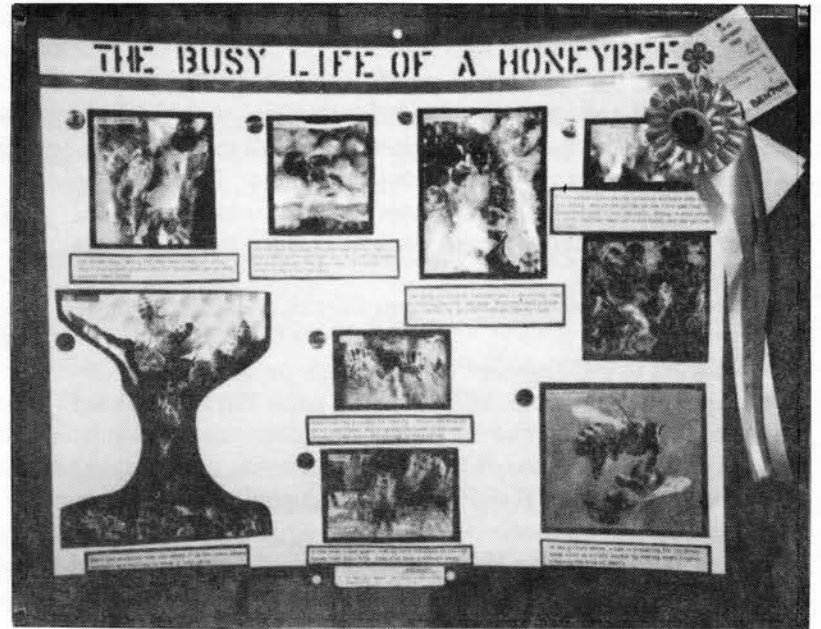
Oregon 4-H'ers were busy as bees at the Oregon State Fair in Salem this year.

Timothy and Jonathan Shenk and Tyler Jones, three members of Oliver Petty's Honey Hustlers 4-H Club in Albany, exhibited displays related to bees. Another 4-H member, Andrew Pieren from Hillsboro, used beekeeping as the theme for his photography entry.

Albany twin brothers Timothy and Jonathan Shenk claimed top awards in the Educational Displays—Natural Resources Category. The Shenks both graduated from West Albany High School in June and are attending Hesston College in Kansas.

Timothy took the championship for his poster depicting pictures and text about "Killer Bees."

Jonathan claimed the reserve



Jonathan Shenk's "The Busy Life of a Honeybee" won the Reserve Champion Ribbon.

championship for his poster detailing "The Busy Life of the Honeybee."

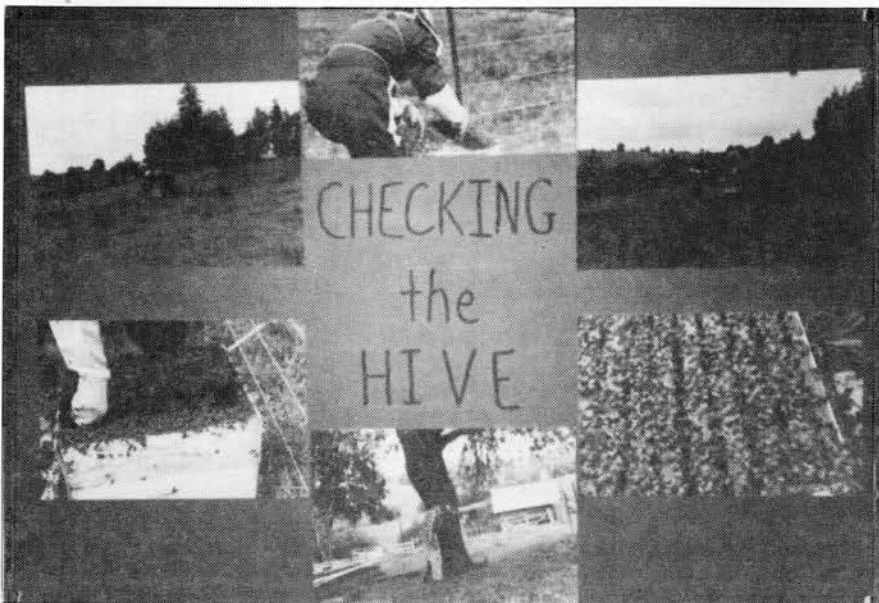
Tyler Jones' display was entitled "The Queen and Her Colony." His exhibit combined both an observation hive and an informative

poster. Unfortunately, the exhibit was disqualified at the State Fair because it exceeded the height requirements, even though it had placed as champion at the Benton County fair.

The August issue of "The Bee Line" featured Tyler and his family.

Photographer Andrew Pieren, a seventh grader, won a blue ribbon for his photo series called "Checking the Hive." The series included six color photos of a beekeeper in action.

**Writer and photographer
Marilyn Weatherly**



Pictured at left.... Andrew Pieren photos showed "Checking the Hive."

Organizers announce plans for Nov. 12-14 joint meeting of Oregon and Washington beekeepers

What: 1992 Joint OSBA-WSBA Conference

Where: Greenwood Inn, 10700 S.W. Allen Blvd.,
Beaverton, Oregon

When: Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 12, 13, and 14

Preparations are nearly complete for the Oregon and Washington state beekeepers associations' joint fall meeting.

Oregon beekeepers will play host to the Nov. 12-14 conference which will be held at the Greenwood Inn in Beaverton.

Conference chairman George Hansen of Colton said he thinks it's a solid program.

Business meetings, usually held on Saturday, will take place Friday afternoon.

"We've tried to put together a worthwhile program on Saturday for people who work and can only come that day," said Hansen.

This includes a "Research Luncheon" featuring a talk on the Africanized bee by Dr. Rob Page, entomologist at the University of California at Davis.

Dr. Bill Wilson of the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Welasco, Texas, also will talk about the Africanized bee during the conference.

Other topics will cover concerns of both commercial and amateur beekeepers — from mite control to queen mating — as well as what's going on in the honey market for those whose prime business is bottling and selling.

Titles include "Queen Mandibular Pheromone as a Pollination Stimulant" by Doug McCutcheon of British Columbia, retired extension entomologist now serving as a consultant, and "So You Want to Be a Beekeeper?" by Leonard Pankratz, queen breeder, Orlando, Calif.

Hansen has lined up speakers from as far away as Connecticut — Larry Connor of the Beekeeping Educational Services. Connor, who is also secretary-treasurer of the American Honey Producers, will speak on "The American Honey Producers and the Politics of Beekeeping."

Research reports will be given by entomology professor Michael Burgett and assistant professor Lynn Royce, both of Oregon State University; and Dan Mayer, Washington State University at Prosser.

Other speakers include:

- * Jack Mann, owner of Mann Lake Supply, Hackensack, Minn.
- * Mike Ingalls of Sultan, Wash., a member of the National Honey Board.

State bee inspectors Jim Bach of Washington and Dave Turner of Oregon will report on their work.

Bob Zahler, Edmonds, Wash., president of the Washington beekeepers, and OSBA President Marjorie Ehry, Dundee, will conduct business meetings Friday afternoon.

Exhibit tables will be available for rent. More information is available by calling John Mespelt of Albany, 926-1850.

Although it hasn't been scheduled yet, those interested may become charter members of an international honey pot collectors club. Organizer Betty Ramsey of Salem will probably get people together for lunch on Friday.

There will be plenty of time to visit and just talk about bees: Those who arrive Thursday are invited to renew friendships and get-acquainted at a cheese and wine social.

And for the fun of it, the Friday night banquet will be followed by the annual benefit auction.

Dundee beekeeper Alan Ehry is already soliciting donations — from bee supplies to weekends on the Coast. For those who may not know this, Ehry is a trained auctioneer.

Bring your funny or interesting stories, tall tales and whoppers to tell, and what you've been shooting with your Camcorders to show during the "Open Mike-Open Video Session."

Also, think about entering the honey show.

At the 1988 conference, only Washington beekeepers entered the competition.

Bill Rufener, publicity chairman for this conference, is concerned: "It was as if Oregon didn't produce good honey we could be proud of, so Washington took all the prizes."

Oregon beekeepers "have another chance to earn some respect for our product, which we all know is highly superior," Rufener said.

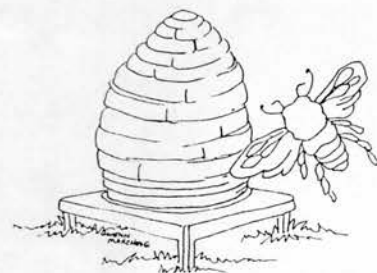
In order to get a better idea of how many will attend the conference, organizers are asking beekeepers to pre-register. Those who do will get a \$10 discount.

Conferees also can pre-register for Friday's banquet and the Saturday luncheon. The number who attend will determine whether the association is charged for the use of the conference facility, or use it free, Hansen said.

Prices are \$19 for the banquet and \$20 for the luncheon. A portion of the luncheon ticket price — \$7 — will go toward research projects, to be shared equally by the Oregon and Washington associations.

It's also a good idea to make reservations for lodgings at Greenwood Inn.

-- Connie Petty, editor



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From the president...

Dear Beekeepers,

Another summer is just about over with long hours spent working bees, moving them from one pollination crop to another, hoping to make honey then extracting the golden liquid, dealing with people, paying bills and gassing the truck up, again! Oh, I hope you were able to make a few trips to the bank, too.

What a gamble! Why are you doing this? Has anyone ever asked you that question? Or maybe you have wondered yourself.

As the wife of a beekeeper this has come to mind more than once, especially when Alan was selling 500 nucs, some years ago, to a Washington beekeeper. Our son, Chris, about 4 years old, said "Daddy will I be able to get a pair of boots now?"

I will tell you, the lump in my throat was really hard to swallow. But there have been so many good times, far outweighing the "empty pocket syndrome."

Being part of nature, knowing that your efforts benefit everyone. Honey has a great reputation and we as beekeepers get to care for the "greatest little insect" in the world. One of the other benefits, as the people involved in the industry. Over the years, we have been honored to have many good long time friends. To sum this up, I guess I have to say, beekeeping instills a sense of PRIDE like nothing else and I appreciate the time I have spend as your President.

November 12th to 14th is the Oregon/Washington Joint Convention, in Beaverton, at the Greenwood Inn. I hope to see all of your there to personally THANK YOU for your help, confidence and patience during the past 5 years, as president.

You will be electing a new president and I know you will give that person the same backing and help that you have given me.

Thanks again, friends!

Marjorie Ehry

Obituary:

Jack B. Piper

Coos Bay beekeeper Jack B. Piper, 82, died of a stroke Aug. 31 in Eugene.

Funeral services were held Sept. 3 in North Bend with private committal services at Ocean View Memory Gardens.

Mr. Piper was born May 3, 1910, the second child born in the old North Bend Mercy Hospital at North Bend.

He was a lifelong resident of Coos County. He grew up on Coos River and played basketball at Coos River High School where he graduated in 1928.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army and worked as a longshoreman.

He also kept bees and was a leader and active member of the Coos County Beekeepers Association and the Oregon State Beekeepers Association. For

many years he represented Coos County beekeepers on the OSBA board of directors.

Piper's other interests were fishing and hunting.

He and Nell Combs James were married Oct. 1, 1955, in North Bend. He is survived by his wife; son Don Piper of Eugene; daughters Delpha Jakovac of North Bend, Carole Schaefer of Coos Bay, and Naida Hedgepath of Portland, 12 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Claudia.

Memorial contributions were requested for the College Park Community Church Youth Group, 2548 Newmark St., North Bend, 97459.

Mr. Piper is fondly remembered by his beekeeping friends throughout Oregon.

Oregon State Beekeepers Association
and the
Washington State Beekeepers Association
FALL CONFERENCE
Thursday thru Saturday, November 12 to 14, 1992
Greenwood Inn, Beaverton, Oregon

Thursday, November 12:

7 to 9 p.m. Cheese and Wine Social

Friday, November 13:

- 9 a.m. Opening Remarks:
Marjorie Ehry, president, OSBA;
Bob Zahler, president, WSBA.
- 9:15 a.m. "Status of Africanized Honeybee in South Texas and Mexico"
Dr. Bill Wilson, U.S. Department of Agriculture,
Weslaco, Texas.
- 10 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. "Mite Control Today and in the Future,"
Dr. Michael Burgett, entomologist, Oregon State University
- 11 a.m. "American Honey Producers and the Politics of Beekeeping"
Larry Connor, secretary-treasurer,
American Honey Producers/owner,
Beekeeping Educational Services, Cheshire, Conn.
- 11:30 a.m. Lunch on your own
- 1 p.m. "Pesticide Adjuvants and Bee Poisoning"
Dr. Dan Mayer, entomologist,
Washington State University, Prosser, Wash.
- 1:45 p.m. "Genetics of Pollen Gathering,"
Dr. Rob Page, entomologist,
University of California at Davis
- 2:30 p.m. Break
- 3 p.m. Business meetings
- 5 p.m. No-host Social Hour
- 6 p.m. Banquet, auction, open mike and open video show

Saturday, November 14

- 9 a.m. Parasitic mite Control & Detection,"
Dr. Bill Wilson, USDA, Weslaco, Texas

- 9:45 a.m. Apiary Inspectors Report:
Dave Turner, State of Oregon,
Jim Bach, State of Washington
- 10:15 a.m. Break
- 10:45 a.m. "Medications: Proper Uses and New Uses
Against American Foul Brood,"
Jack Thomas, owner, Mann Lake Supply, Hackensack, Minn.
- 1:15 a.m. "Queen Mating in Enclosures,"
Dr. Lynn Royce, assistant professor,
Oregon State University
- 12:30 p.m. Research Luncheon: "Africanized Honeybee Research,"
Dr. Bob Page, entomologist,
University of California at Davis.
- 2 p.m. "Queen Mandibular Pheromone as a Pollination
Stimulant; Latest Results,"
Doug McCutcheon, beekeeping consultant, British
Columbia, consultant
- 2:45 p.m. Break
- 3:15 p.m. "So You Want to be a Beekeeper?"
Leonard Pankratz, queen breeder, Orland, Calif.
- 4 p.m. "Producers and Packers, Imports and Domestic,
Price Supports and Free Trade: the Honey Market Today
and in the Future"
Larry Connor, secretary-treasurer, American Honey Packers;
Mike Ingalls, Sultan, Wash., member, National Honey Board
- 5 p.m. Adjourn

1992 Beekeepers Conference: Where, when, how, who

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November 12-14, 1992**

Pre-registration: \$25 per person; \$30 per family _____

Pre-registration, one day: \$15/person; \$20 family _____

Wine and Cheese Social (**Thursday**): \$3 person _____

Banquet (Friday): \$19 per person _____

Roast beef _____ seafood buffet _____

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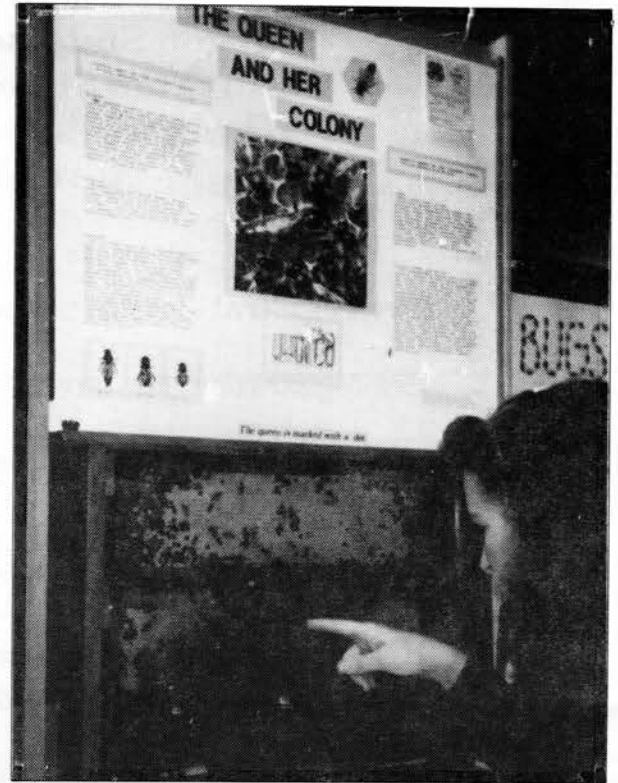
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