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NEXT MEETING



ALL INTERESTED IN BEE CULTURE ARE WELCOME.

This association will meet Sun. Nov. 4th, 2:30 P.M. at the I.O.O.F. Hall 2107 Silver Ave., Kansas City Kansas, (Argentine District).

For those who have never been to this location, use Metropolitan Ave. which parallels the Kaw River on the south. Turn south at 21st Street which is at the stop sign just west of the 18th Street Express Way Viaduct. Go to the first intersection and the hall will be found about 100 feet west of this corner on south side of Silver.

Mr. P. Everett Sperry, formerly employed in the legal aspects of the State of Kansas, and a commercial Beekeeper of Lawrence Kansas, will speak to the group on the subject of "Preparation And Marketing Of Honey". Mr. Sperry is expected to bring us some interesting high-lights and should be able to give us some worth while legislative pointers if so requested.

We suggest that you plan to take advantage of this opportunity and avail yourself of the information at hand. You will find the Lodge Hall is both neat and well adapted to your needs; plenty of seating capacity and comfortable; Loud Speaker Service. Refreshments will follow adjournment.

PAST MEETING

The meeting of October 9th was held at the home of Mr. & Mrs. D. P. Lowry of Shawnee Mission, Kansas. While most of our speakers present us the more serious aspects of beekeeping, this was one of those rare amusing presentations which gave us many laughs as well as information. Mr. Thornberry did a wonderful job of presenting his subject and those who were not there to hear him, missed a day worth while.

We here-in wish to extend our sincere thanks of appreciation to both our speaker and our hosts. Many admired their indoor observation hive.

OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

The KANSAS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION met Saturday Oct. 13th in Emporia Kansas, at which a good attendance was enjoyed, as were our three very interesting and capable speakers, Mr. F. L. Swanson of the A. I. Root Co. and P. Everett Sperry a former politician and State Bee Inspector, and Mr. Norbert Kauffeld, Kansas State Apiarist.

MONTANA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION will hold its annual meeting in Billings at the Northern Hotel, Nov. 30--Dec. 1st. Mr. Jack Edmonds of Edmonton, Alberta, Supervisor of Apiaries for the province will be guest speaker. (Sec. Mrs. O. R. Burdett.)

CONDOLANCE

We hope and trust things are as they appear at this time. We have no information of sickness or suffering at this time.

WELCOME

We are pleased to have the reinstatement of Mr. Vernon Adee of Haddam Kansas and Mr. G. L. Cook of Wichita. (Other names not in this office, see December issue.)

K.S.B.A. REVIEW

At the Emporia meeting of the K.S.B.A. such important measures were instigated and items discussed as follows:-- Election of officers --

President-- Mr. Charles W. Wright, Perry Kansas. (Re-elected.)

Vice Pres. (1st.) Frank Lehman, Abilene Kansas.

(2nd.) Maynard D. Curtis, Muncie Kansas.

(3rd.) P. Everett Sperry, Lawrence, Kansas

Secty.--Treas. -- James L. Pecanovsky, Tampa, Kansas.

(1.) IT WAS RESOLVED that the State of Kansas should be requested to appropriate more funds to be made available for furthering bee culture and inspection service within the State.

(2.) PRES. Wright was given authority to iron out some rough elements regarding State co-operation.

(3.) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: "The following shall serve to nullify any conflicting portions of the Constitution or By-Laws of the Kansas State Beekeepers association and shall read--

Be it resolved and made a part of the constitution of this association that here-in-after any motions concerning a change of it's constitution or by-laws may be made from the floor at a regular or annual March or October, or Official Meeting of the association and may be done without the giving of advance notice of such intent. Where-as upon such motion being recognized by the chair, the same shall be brought before the assembly for a vote immediately affecting its acceptance or its rejection.

This will tend to create a more democratic atmosphere within the organization and demand more complete attendance of all the association's members.

(4.) CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: "In the best interest of the Kansas State Beekeepers association it is here by proposed as an amendment to the By-Laws or Constitution of this organization that requirements of any individual to be eligible for election as an officer to the K.S.B.A. that he shall have been a resident of the State of Kansas immediately prior to nomination for a period of at least two years and have been a member of the K.S.B.A. in excess of one year.

SPEAKER F. L. Swanson, secretary of the Iowa branch of A. I. Root Co. for about the past 40 years, revealed that the U.S. produced an annual value of 50 or 60 million dollars from an estimated 4,800,000 colonies of bees. It has become a billion dollar a year industry. Beeswax produced in the U.S. runs about 5 million pounds and about 5 million pounds are imported.

Wild insects have been so eliminated that it is necessary to rely on bees for pollination. He indicates there is no better hobby than beekeeping.

Revealed also was the striking contrast of honey consumption since Canada consumes 5 or 6 pounds per capita while the U.S. is less than one and one-half pounds.

Insecticides and Herbicides have become quite a problem to the beekeeper.

For production of quality and quantity, early colony check should be made and TM 5 used for disease prevention.

In Iowa Mr. Swanson states that \$250.00 inspection expense of the county is borne by the county itself and inspectors are welcomed by the Iowa beekeeper. (Ed. - This should perhaps be a point of goal for which we should strive legislatively, to incorporate this same system involving county co-operation in the State of Kansas.)

Honey House Inspections are carried on in Iowa as well as Dairy House inspections, altho it is admitted milk and honey are handled entirely different and are contrastingly different in their content, germ absorption and its requirements in storing and packaging.

Handling and grading of honey he declared were important as it is quoted thus, -- "Honey is a Nectar of The Gods".

There are 400,000 beekeepers in the U.S. and large producers should always sell locally in the entire year as well as supply wholesale trade.

Mr. Swanson related -- "If cigaret manufacturers could boast as much as honey, they would give the world."

SPEAKER Sporry emphasized the mood of beekeepers growing better and more efficient with what they have rather than broaden or spread out too much in their efforts.

He cautioned against the dangerous tendency that many have to sell or give away sub standard equipment and insists this should not be done.

Each of us should become better salesmen, but rather most of us are too busy trying to out-do the other beekeeper. An important item is bookkeeping the customer pleased. (Ed. -- Likewise we should impart intelligent information and advice to educate our customers upon the true values of dark and light grades, vitamins & minerals.

Our big question, Sporry says, is - Who knows how much our product is worth?

Two contestants were present for selection as "Kansas Honey Queen, Miss Julia Powell, Queen of the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers Association and Miss Joyce Cade, presented by speaker P. Everett Sporry. Miss Cade was chosen, and considerable funds were collected toward financing her appearance at the American Beekeeping Federation Meeting at San Antonio this winter.

HONEY COCOA CAKE

Third Prize Winner of Wyandotte Co. Fair.

2 Eggs, 2/3 C. Shortening, 1 C. Sugar, 2 1/2 C. Flour, 2 T. Sp. Baking powder, 1 T. Sp. Salt, 4 Tbl. Sp. Cocoa, 1 C. Sour Milk, 1/2 C. Honey, warm enough to run. 1 C. Hot water, 1 T. Sp. Vanilla.

Beat eggs until light and set aside. Cream shortening and sugar and beat until light and set aside. Sift dry ingredients three times. Add alternately with milk and honey to creamed shortening and sugar. Beat until well mixed and then beat in hot water and then add vanilla. Fold in the beaten eggs, and bake in two 9 in. layer pans at 360° F - 30 minutes. (Mrs. Elton Fenton, Bonner Springs, Ks. Rt. 2, Box 264)

TIMELY ADVICE

Your entrance contracting slats or mouse guards should now be on, all queen excluders removed, your surplus honey removed, extracting done, wet combs returned to the bees, cleaned, removed, re-stacked and fumigated before they are left for the season. All requeening should be behind us at this time, feeding should be in progress and most supers containing honey to be given colonies should be now on except for a few hold over for emergency use later toward Spring.

This should leave you free to repair and paint that equipment in use in your outlying yards, which is important before that snow flies. Do not however open colonies if it can possibly be avoided, in yards where there are multiple colonies as this will invite robbing of weaker ones by the stronger, causing complete losses in many cases. If such cannot be avoided, either temporarily close the entrances of all in the same yard, or perform your operations on a cloudy day when possible, when bees are not, or more than scarcely flying. If under the latter condition a hive should be kept open for only a very minimum of time.

NEVER place wet combs or honey in any form, or permit to be accidentally dropped about near the apiary such attractions at this time of the year, or at any time for that matter. It can excite destructive inter robbing and introduce or spread disease among your colonies or to your neighbor's colonies. Cleanliness is the secret of good beekeeping.

Shelters in the form of wind breaks such as natural, brush, trees, solid or snow fences should be provided.

Moving should now be done with those colonies which are expected to be moved before the middle of March. This will give the bees an opportunity to re-orient themselves before exceedingly cold weather when they would be caught out in confusion and perished in the cold before they could find their way back, or proper location.

Once the above is completed this is an ideal time for the beekeeper to take that pre-winter vacation he has been waiting for.

IT'S AN IDEA.

The following article was clipped earlier in the season but could not be re-printed for lack of space. Ruling out its test for 1962 you may like to preserve the suggestion and give it a trial next year. --

"IF YOU HAVE Moth Trouble, make yourself a Moth Trap.

Set up an old hive body with some old worthless combs in it, at least three, spaced wide apart. Leave the full low entrance open, set the hive in the weeds, the more the better, in the center of your apiary, place one coffee can full of water and one **BIG TOAD** in the hive. Now you have a Moth Trap that will catch every mosey moth all summer. Don't forget to be good to the toad, give him a few grasshoppers and some water occasionally, AND turn him out in the Fall. (Chas Pritchard, Leesville, Va.)"

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TODAY'S CHUCKLES

Today when a woman tells you that she suffers in silence, it means that her telephone is out of order.

A bachelor is a rolling stone which has gathered no moss. (Kansas City Times.)

MYSTERY STINGS BEE BEEN.

LONDON (AP) Why does the bee ignore the buttercup? This burning question--every apiarist knows that buttercups are full of nectar--occupied the minds of 100 or more beekeepers gathering in their 33rd annual convention recently.

As one dedicated apiarist of 30 years standing said with a bewildered shake of the head: "There are a lot of things so common you forget to notice them--such as why bees don't go for buttercups very much."

Some beekeepers argue that the sugar content of buttercups is low compared to other flowers in bloom at the same time. But that's just one theory, the veteran apiarist will tell you.

The truth is that no one really knows why the bee almost entirely eschews the buttercup.

The delegates were a mixture of "honey sold here" cottage residents, sober - suited townspeople and retired gentlemen with white hair and the appearance of deacons.

~~Everything even remotely affecting bees came under deep study.~~

"Harnessing the Earth Worm" was the opening lecture. This seemed a bit distant from the subject of the convention until the speaker tied it in with beekeeping:

"The more worms there are, the better the soil and the better the plant. And the better it is for the bees and the honey."

The speaker explained he is trying to develop a red worm whose eggs would produce up to 20 baby worms instead of one or two.

The more solemn purpose of the conference was to discuss methods of beekeeping, salesmanship, queen rearing and the general status and future of the bee.

U.S.D.A. HONEY MARKET REPORTS.

NEW YORK: Offering light. Demand fair. Market about steady. Arrivals cases - Australia 60, France 59, Germany 50, Ireland 30, Mexico 250 cases and 39 drums.

Sales by brokers, importers, packers and wholesalers to chains and large users including some retailers. Mexico Ex Dock drums 13½-14; tins 15; Ex Warehouse tins 16; NEW YORK Buckwheat 18; MIDWEST Water White Clover 16½; Ex Warehouse carload lots 17½; Ex Warehouse Light Amber Clover drums and pails 15½-16; FLORIDA Bakers Honey -- White Orange truckloads 17-17½; Ex Warehouse 18; EXTRACTED: Domestic White Clover - 24, 8-oz. jars 4.35-4.45; 24, 1-lb. jars 7.20-7.65; 12, 2-lb. jars 6.90-7.50; 6, 5-lb. jars and tins 7.50-7.75; 6, 3-lb. jars 4.55; Extra Light Amber - 6, 5-lb. jars and tins 6.85; 4, 5-lb. tins 5.55; 12, 2-lb. jars 6.50; 24, 1-lb. jars 6.75; 24, 1-lb. jars .21; CREAMED HONEY: Ohio 12, 12-oz. jars 3.35; IMPORTED HONEY: 24, 8-oz. jars 4.00; 24, 1-lb. jars 6.50; 12, 2-lb. jars 6.25; 6, 5-lb. tins 6.65; 6, 5-lb. glass jars 6.45.

BEEWAX: Offerings light. Demand good. Market firm Arrivals bags - Dom. Rep. 212, Haiti 54, Mexico 107, Argentina 100, Chile 193, Morocco; blocks - Fr. Somaliland 369 and West Africa 202. Africa Ex Dock 52-53 some 48-49; Central America 53-54; South America Ex Dock 55-56 some 54-55; West Indies Ex Dock 51; Mexico Ex Dock 54-55; Haiti 56; Florida Domestic 55.

SAN FRANCISCO: Market steady. Arrivals 2,187 cans Central California, 710 cans Intermountain States. Wholesale quotations-- EXTRACTED: Straight flavors - White or better 12, 2-lb. jars 8.55; 12, 24-oz. jars 5.78-6.06; 12, 1-lb. jars 4.10-4.45; 12, 12-oz. jars 3.49-3.53; 12, 8-oz. jars 2.34-2.42; 12, 12-oz. plastic squeeze bottles 4.11. Blended flavors; Extra Light Amber - 6, 5-lb. cans 5.50-5.62. CREAMED HONEY: White Orange-Clover - according to quality -- 12, 12-oz. cups 3.44-3.53; 12, 8-oz. cups 2.4. CHUNK PACK (BULK COMB) HONEY: Clover-Sage -- 12, 8-oz. jars 3.53-3.56; 12, 1-lb. jars 5.05-5.78. VARIOUS BLENDS: Mostly Light Amber-alfalfa mixtures; according to quality and quantity purchases, delivered industrial users 60-lb. cans - 14-15 mostly 14.

KANSAS CITY: (Private Service) 60-lb. tins 17½; 24, 8-oz. (3.80) 1.90 per Dz.; 24, 1-lb. (6.30) 3.15 per Dz.; 12, 2-lb. 5.90 per Dz. 6, 5-lb. 6.30 per case.

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