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Your Bees In Winter

By G. S. Crego, Bee Expert for Portland Seed Company.

Every winter we are asked by beginners in the bee business to tell them what is the matter with their bees. They frequently find a good many dead bees scattered over the surface of the snow, or on the ground in front of the hive, and immediately jump to the conclusion that something is wrong. A short time ago a man came hurrying to the store demanding a half-dozen good feeders, as the bees were dying in the hive and the yard was littered with their bodies. He stated that none of their supplies had been removed last fall, also that the hives were very heavy, but, if they were not starving why did they die?

Many new beekeepers are under the impression that all the bees in the hive when cold weather comes on should be alive and well in the spring but this is not the case. It is a fact that the young bees those which were hatched so late that they had nothing to do with bringing in the last of the stores, usually winter through, and it is upon these bees that the work of starting brood rearing the next spring will devolve, but there will also start the winter a great many bees hatched during the latter part of the season which will die of old age during the season when the bees are confined to the hive.

These old bees will crawl from the cluster, or drop on the bottom of the hive, and on the first warm day the vigorous workers of the colony will set to work to "clean house" with all the vim and bustle of the human housewife. While they are unable to take broom and mop to remove the accumulated debris, their methods are fully as effective. Each worker will seize one of her dead sisters by wing or leg, drag the burden out through the entrance and if possible fly several rods away from the hive before dropping her load. Others seem content to push the dead bee through the entrance and let them drop to the ground where they sometimes accumulate in such numbers as to lead the inexperienced bee man to believe he is losing his colonies.

The bee keeper has carried his colonies through a number of winters notes with a good deal of satisfaction the brisk activities of the bees in getting rid of the useless litter, but any hive which, after a spell of warm weather, does not show indications of house cleaning, is at once an object of suspicion and the owner takes the first opportunity to find out why the bees are not taking advantage of their opportunities. Sometimes a rap on the side of the hive will be rewarded by the appearance of a few bees at the entrance, or it may bring only a sleepy buzz in protest against the disturbance. Lifting the hive for the purpose of forming an estimate of food conditions may convey the information that grim starvation is lurking in the hive, in which case the bees have little ambition to engage in labor which they know only too well will be useless and for which days, possibly weeks, of short rations have reduced strength and vitality to a point where manual labor is impossible. In case a shortage of stores is indicated, if the owner is to save the colony he must take advantage of the first warm day to open the hive and give the bees one or more frames of sealed honey, or in the absence of honey, give them a supply of pure sugar syrup, (2 pints of granulated

A debate was held between the debating teams of Stanfield High and Hermiston High last Friday night. The Stanfield affirmative debated at Hermiston, and the Hermiston affirmative at Stanfield.

The debating teams at Stanfield were: Stanfield affir. Hermiston neg. Jay McCoy Herbert Hall Truman Yates Jane Gunn

The debaters at Stanfield were: Hermiston affir. Stanfield neg. Dewey Payne Ray Olsen Grace Skinner Frank Ward

Principal Sturgill of Stanfield was chairman at Hermiston and Mr. Voelker was chairman at Stanfield.

The decision of the judges was unanimous for the affirmative, and the decision for the debate at Stanfield was 2 to 1 in favor of the negative.

Friday morning letters for football were awarded to the following: Hughes, eight halves; McElroy, six halves; Smith, eight halves; Myers, seven halves; Parker, eight halves; James Hall seven and one half halves; Waterman, eight halves; Herbert Hall, eight halves; Wariner, six halves; Boynton, eight halves, and Haddock, five halves. The football boys worked hard to earn their letters and well deserve them, for the last football season was full of life, and every game played was a hard one.

Perry Jensen read his essay on "Fire Prevention" in school last Friday and received the medal awarded him.

Mr. Voelker will go to Pendleton Saturday to attend the meeting of the Principals of the county, to dis-

sugar to 1 pint of water,) in a suitable feeder.

It may be that because of stores of poor quality, such as honey-dew, bees sometimes gather in quantity late in the season, the bees are afflicted with dysentery, or that through loss of the queen at the beginning of the winter there is apparently no hope of starting brood rearing. In either case the bees are more than likely to remain quietly in their cluster, too sick or dispirited to take note of the fact that outside the sun is shining and that their more prosperous neighbors have been released from confinement and are having a holiday. Given a supply of food of good quality, the dysentery will probably disappear, but for the colony which is queenless in winter nothing can be done except to wait for the coming of settled warm weather when the remnant of the colony may be united with another hive or if still strong in numbers, a queen may be purchased from a breeder and introduced.

The colonies which have been packed at the beginning of winter, that is, the hive given suitable protection against both cold and wet will usually be found in the spring to be in much better condition than those which were given no protection. Also, it will be found that brood rearing has been started several weeks earlier in the protected hives, and in consequence when the first blossoms appear the colony will have a large number of workers ready to go to the field and bring in the new pollen so necessary to the welfare of the young brood, and it is almost invariably the colony which gets a strong and early start later in the season brings in the big crop of honey.

Don't disturb the bees in any way during the winter or early spring unless you have good reason to believe they are starving and will be lost if not given food.

Don't attempt to unite, transfer or move colonies before the fruit trees are in full bloom. Too early manipulation of the bees may lose for you all the advantages secured through successful wintering and the colonies weaken and dwindle away just at the time when they should otherwise be building up ready for the harvest.

DOG OWNERS LIABLE

Owners of stock damaged by dogs may submit a verified statement of damages to the board of county commissioners within ten days after injury, and may be awarded just compensation out of the fund created from dog license fees. The statutes governing such cases are found in 9369 and 9370, Oregon Laws, according to R. R. Hewitt, of the O. A. C. political science department.

Robert Warwick Coming

Robert Warwick in "The Tree of Knowledge" will be the feature film at the Play House Wednesday, Feb. 23.

cuss various phases of school work. At the same time he will meet with the athletic and declamatory committees of which he is a member.

On Saturday evening, February 26, there will be a local teachers institute held at Stanfield, which all the teachers of this section are expected to attend. Several speakers from Pendleton will add to the interest of the meeting.

We wonder what will be next. First, diphtheria; then mumps, and now the measles; Claude and Leo Smith have them.

"Tapping" is the name given to a new practice at the University of California. Any girl appearing on the campus with too short a skirt, too much rouge, too thin a blouse, or other "vampish" features, is tapped on the shoulder by a member of the new committee, and asked to reform.

Honesty in School Work

Honesty in school work is a very essential factor in making any school standard. It reflects upon the school if the students are not honest in their work. Perhaps one of the most common forms of dishonesty is that of copying. When the habit of copying is once formed it is no easy matter to break. When one gets out in the world there will be no one from which to copy—what then, will be the result?

Dishonesty in school work harms no one but the student doing it. For he is the one who will fall when it comes to a test of his knowledge and morals.

Louis Franz is the landlord and sole inhabitant of a shanty under

his right eye, willed to him by Lawrence Winslow.

What are we going to do with Irvin Shotwell? He dotes on the girls, and they beseege him daily.

Grade News

The game played between the sixth grade and Columbia school had to be called off because 20 of the sixth graders had the mumps.

In the game played last Thursday between the freshmen boys and the eighth grade boys, the eighth graders won, with a score of 25 to 9.

Jewel Smith of the fourth grade has blood poison and the measles.

Several of the grades had Valentine boxes Monday afternoon. The second and third grades had theirs Friday.

Albert Steiner of the first grade is reported to have the small pox.

The first graders are making posters and booklets for Washington's birthday. Their room is decorated with the spirit of the month. Spring also enters into the decorations and they have several daffodils in bloom.

Georgia Wilson enrolled in the second grade this week.

Several pupils of the grades and high school are home with the mumps and many have just returned.

Mr. and Mrs. White are moving to Carlton, Oregon, taking with them four children from school. They are, Harold, Marland, in the third grade; Luther and Francis.

CARPENTIER ON SCREEN AS GENTLEMAN-FIGHTER

Why Georges Carpentier, idol of France and heavyweight champion of Europe, has been called "the gentleman of the ring" is explained in convincing fashion in "The Wonder Man," the Robert-Cole production which comes to the Play House Thursday, Feb. 24.

The picture, a remarkable one in many respects, is particularly noteworthy because of the fact that it shows for the first time in the history of the screen, a pugilist who is as capable an actor as he is a fighter.

Carpentier, as the hero, plays the part of a French secret service man who is a gentleman and somewhat of a dandy. Incidentally he shows for the first time in America his remarkable physique and the boxing tricks that may win him the world's championship in a realistic four-round bout with the villain of the picture a screen actor who is also a boxer.

Income Tax Facts You Should Know

Frequent inquiries are received by collectors of internal revenue from storekeepers and other business men as to whether the taxpayer in business for himself may deduct from his gross earnings an amount of salary paid to himself. Wages or salaries drawn by a taxpayer from his own business are more in the nature of a charge out of profits than a charge against profits. If deductible they would merely be added to his income and the effect would be to take money out of one pocket and put it in another. Therefore, claims for such deductions are not allowed.

Salaries paid to minor children employed in the conduct of a taxpayer's business are not allowable deductions. If, however, a son or daughter has attained majority, or is allowed free use of their earnings without restrictions, a reasonable amount paid as compensation for their services may be claimed.

A farmer who employs a man to assist in the operation of his farm may deduct from gross income the amount paid for such services. Likewise, if he employs a woman whose entire time is occupied in taking care of the milk, cream, butter, and churn or if her services are devoted entirely to the preparation and serving of meals furnished farm laborers and in caring for their rooms the compensation paid her is an allowable deduction. If however, she is employed solely in caring for the farmer's own household no deduction can be made.

In arriving at net income upon which the tax is assessed, deductions may be made for ordinary and necessary business expenses. The revenue act specifically prohibits the deduction of personal, family, or living expenses include rent for a home, wages of servants, cost of food and clothing for the family, education of children; all items as maintenance, well-being and pleasure of the family.

BROWN AND GOLD LEAVES

Umatilla High School

By Lotys Davis

The seventh and eighth grades gave a Valentine party at the home of Ada Brownell. Games were played in which a Valentine box played a large part. Dainty refreshments were served. All report a very enjoyable time.

The grade girls cooking and sewing clubs have received their instructions from the club superintendent at O. A. C.

Miss Irving, Mr. Benjamin and Mr. Rush acted as judges at the debate between Hermiston and Stanfield at Hermiston last Friday. Miss Dunlop was one of the judges at Stanfield.

The grades had several Valentine boxes, all filled to overflowing last Monday.

The high school students had an opportunity to display their ability, poetic, artistic and otherwise, last Monday when they celebrated St. Valentine's day by the distribution of comic valentines, which occasioned much merriment.

Mr. Benjamin has been giving the grades a series of Standard Educational tests this week in language and reading. The high school pupils were given ones in algebra, modern languages and reading, the latter consisted of the famous Kansas silent reading test. The results were very satisfactory, some of the grades being quite high.

Definitions

To shave your face and brush hair, And then your Sunday suit to wear,
 That's preparation.
 Then upon the car to ride,
 A mile or two to walk beside,
 That's transportation.
 And before the door to smile,
 And think you'll stay a good long while,
 That's expectation.
 And then to find her not at home,
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 —The Crimson.

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Elsie Ferguson Coming

The attraction at the Play House Saturday, Feb. 19 will be Elsie Ferguson in her latest Paramount-Artcraft picture, "Counterfeit," presenting the star as a society girl Secret Service agent.

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