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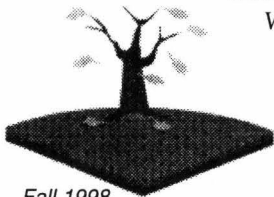
## Reflections . . .

Wow! What a week we had at Seven Springs! Even at a resort where many large groups gather and they've seen a little bit of everything, EAS was not your average accountants' convention. We had the whole place buzzing. Everywhere I went (in my bee T-shirt and bee pins) there was someone – a janitor, a hotel guest, a waitress, a cook, a gift shop clerk, a child, a groundskeeper, a maid, a tourist – who was interested in what we do as beekeepers. It surprised them that there were enough of us to come together in a convention. It surprised me that most of them had a grandfather, uncle, neighbor or friend who had kept bees. Our presence sparked two or three of these folks to connect with their local beekeeping groups. Perhaps we'll even see them next year in Tennessee.

I'm proud to say that EAS also impressed the beekeepers of Western Pennsylvania. Many local beekeepers had not heard of EAS before, and they had certainly not hosted a bee meeting of this size before. But that didn't stop them from attending EAS or from providing valuable help behind the scenes. At the end of the week, I asked a bunch of local beekeepers what they thought of EAS. Their hearty response was, "This

is great! You should have this here every year!

We want EAS here all the time." Reviews like this strike chords of both elation and protest in tired presidents . . . mostly elation.



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What is it that makes EAS so great? I always thought it was the great people, and this year was no exception. Where else can you meet more than 400 people who share your beekeeping hobby? Meet them, share ideas with them, learn from them. Whether it is in the lecture hall, out in the apiary, or over a honey beer in the evening, even the most experienced of us spends EAS week learning about bees and beekeepers. I think it is an unwritten law of beekeeping that no two beekeepers can do the same thing the same way. We had an excellent crop of teachers this year, both in the classrooms and in the hallways. Beginners came home with a lot, probably too

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**Jennifer Finley(r) hands off the gavel to 1999 President Marlene Thomas**

much for some of them, but not one person went home empty-handed. A Master Beekeeper taught me one of the golden nuggets that I took home – how to put out a hot smoker F-A-S-T with a simple piece of newspaper. A small part of EAS '98 will be with me and my bees from now on.

I would like to personally thank the following folks for their help in making EAS '98 a great success: the EAS Board of Directors, Master Beekeepers, and all of the other volunteers who worked behind the scenes for months to create a fantastic week. Special thanks to the A.I. Root Company for their sponsorship and for the "loan" of Kim Flottum, Kathy Summers and Dawn Feagan, who embodied our hotel liaison, registration coordinator, vendor coordinator, and general go-to gurus. Many thanks to Tammy Sprock and the Seven Springs Go Team, who made tables, slide projectors and wonderful food magically appear. Thanks to our many vendors who made our new vendor/sponsorship program a success and who put on a great trade show. Heartfelt thanks to all who donated items or their time and, of course, their money for our record-setting auctions. A very special thanks to Dr. Shimanuki who allowed himself to be auctioned, not once, but three times and will soon be speaking to three lucky beekeeping groups. And last, but certainly not least, thanks to those volunteers that I caught in the hallways and drafted on the spot – not one of you said no! Thank you all for making EAS '98 a very memorable conference. And see you next year in Tennessee.

- Jennifer Finley, DA

## See What's Inside

- A wrap-up of EAS '98 at Seven Springs – award winners, lots of photos – see what fun we had.
- Looking forward to next year – info about where, when, who – we'll see you in Tennessee.
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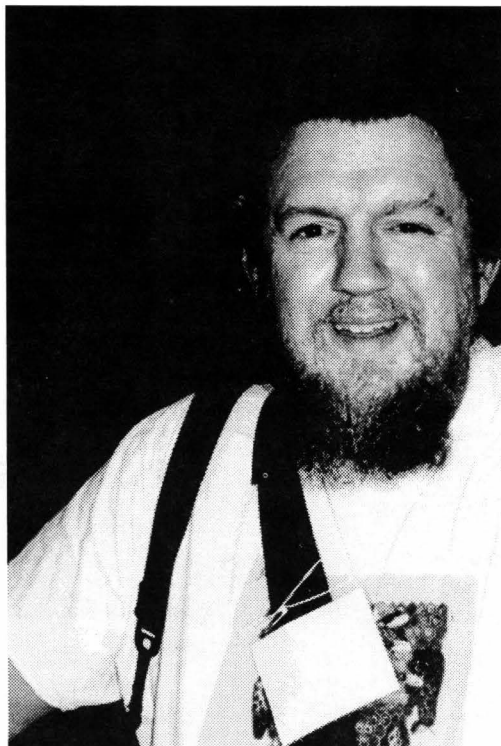
## A Closer Look . . .

For several years we have had beautiful pictures in our EAS Journal. Steve McDaniel is responsible for a great many of those photos.

Steve, originally from Maryland, still makes his home there in Manchester. He has been a professional photographer for 23 years and specializes in people and nature shots. Steve has also been a beekeeper for about 20 years. His first short course was taught by Dewey Caron back in 1978, so Steve has been associated with our group for a good many years.

Steve has also been very active in his local beekeeping associations nearly as long. He is Vice-President of MD State Beekeepers, past president of both Carroll County and Central MD Beekeepers, and for a while he served as Editor of his local group's newsletter. He has also published professional articles over the years, including being in *Bee Culture* about 10 years ago.

Our thanks go to Steve for the wonderful job he does recording our conference each year with his pictures, and we hope he will continue this effort for many years to come.



Steve McDaniel

## What Is The Job Of . . .

### An EAS Director?

Each state/province is entitled to elect one Director on the governing board of the Society. Directors meet before and after each general meeting and set policy and guidelines for the operation of the business of the Society. Throughout the year, they serve as the liaison between the Society officers and the members in their respective states. They are responsible for recruiting new members, keeping track of state concerns and advising the membership of their activities through the EAS Journal which is published four times a year.

### An EAS Delegate?

Each member association in good standing shall be entitled to send one official delegate to each annual conference. A delegate acts on behalf of their local and/or state association by voicing the concerns and recommendations of their respective association. Recommendations that require action by the Board of Directors must be placed in written form to be voted on by the assembled delegates. The President will then report approved motions to the Board of Directors at the next scheduled board meeting. Action taken by the board will be reported to the delegates at the next regularly scheduled delegate's meeting.

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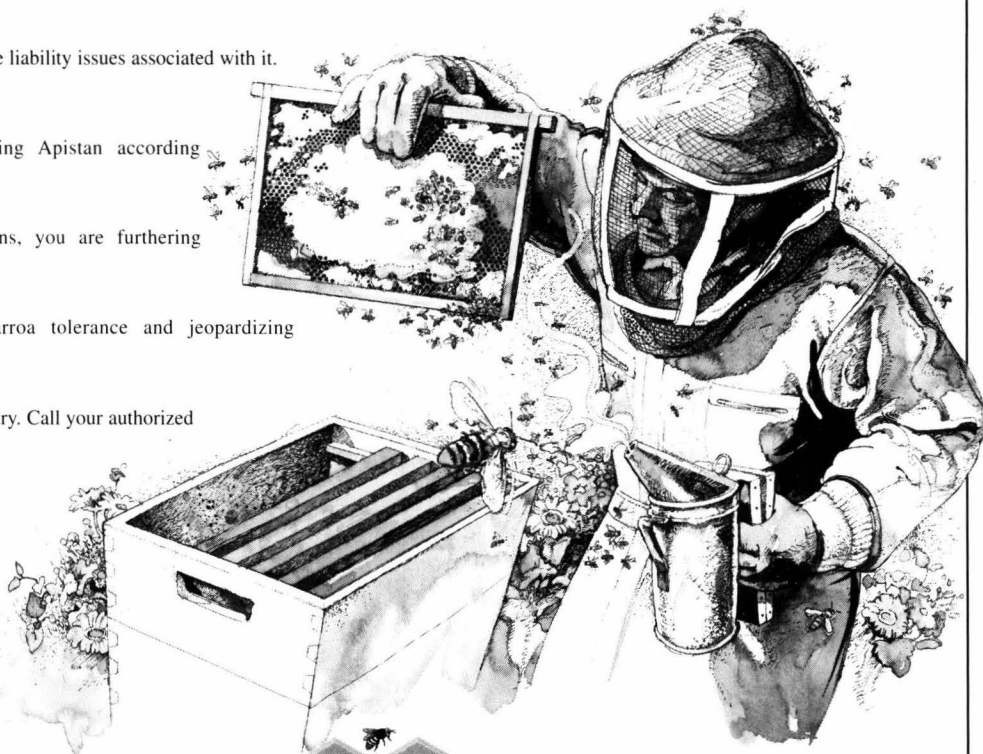
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Marlene Thomas

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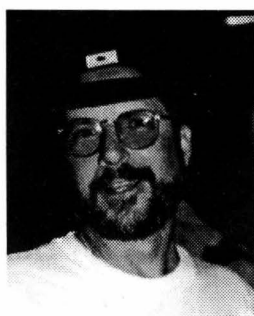
the site for our Conference, is a beautiful tree-shaded campus — great for those hazy, humid days of summer. Maryville College was founded in 1819 and is the 12<sup>th</sup> oldest college in the South. The Campus contains 350 acres, half wooded with hiking and biking trails, 21 buildings, including six air-conditioned residence halls and 14 buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Our program plans are taking shape. Have you ever wondered how beekeeping differs in the mid-South? Or what different crops our honey bees pollinate down here? What is that stuff called sourwood honey anyway?

Are you a collector of beekeeping related items, such as honey pots, honey dishes, teapots, and medals? We'll have a beekeeper show you his collections — gathered over 30 years or so. Many cannot be found anywhere else. Bring along one of your items and he'll talk with you about it.

Ya'll come!

*Marlene Thomas  
President EAS 1999  
Maryville, TN*



John Skinner

John Skinner course is planned for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, July 26-28, 1999. Please come ready to learn and have fun while doing it, because we have planned a super course at a beautiful location in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains. Please put it on your calendar now because you wouldn't want to miss it. We plan to publicize this to beekeepers in the eight states that border Tennessee (for your geography teaser, can you name them?). And space may be limited.

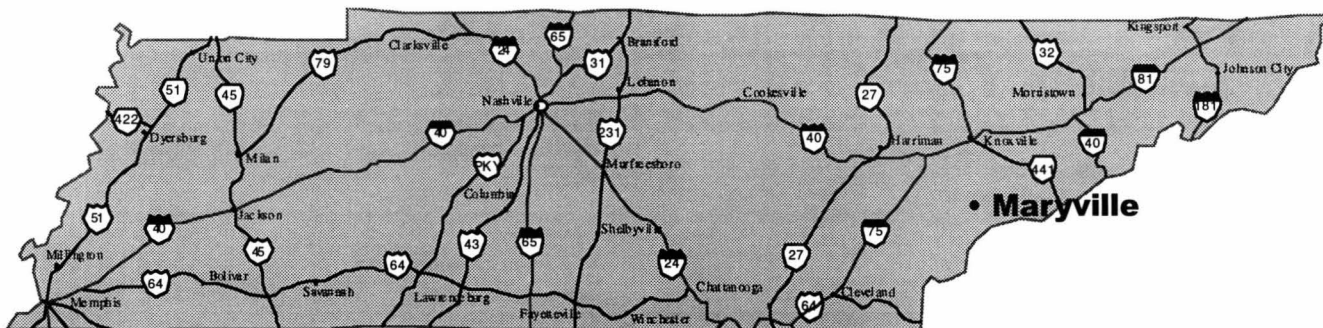
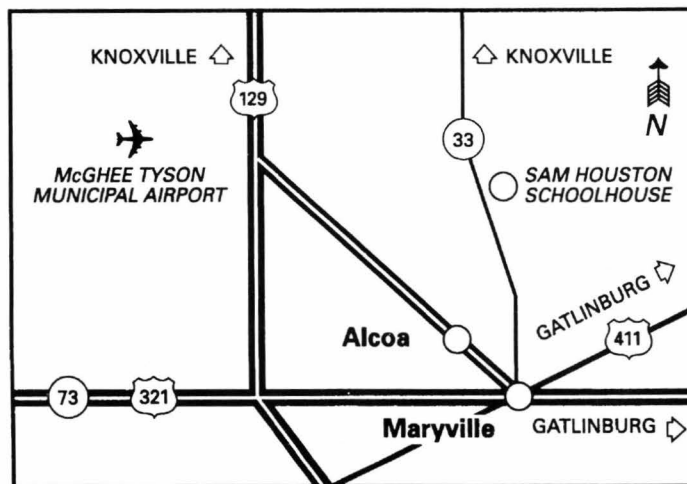
The course will have a "beginner beekeeper" level and an "experienced beekeeper" level. Both levels will include classroom, laboratory and field instruction. We intend to teach the basics to the "beginners" and provide experienced beekeepers with up to date information on new pests and new treatments, the "bee in 3D", using digital

Hello EAS members! I'm excited to invite y'all to come to the short course in Maryville, TN. That's pronounced Mareh-vull, for you northern folk. The two and one half day short

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# The Best Of The Best



Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman & Michael Stanghellini

The James I. Hambleton Memorial Award was established by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to recognize research excellence in apiculture. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman, Lead Scientist at the USDA-ARS, Carl Hayden Bee Research Center, Tucson, Arizona, was named the recipient of the Hambleton Award at the 1998 EAS Conference held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA. Gloria is the third Hambleton Award Winner that has also received the Outstanding Student Award given by the Eastern Apicultural Society. She received that award in 1983. Dr. Hoffman has been at the Bee Research Center since 1985. She received the Bachelor of Science degree in Biology (1975) and the M.S. in Entomology (1980) from The Pennsylvania State University. Her Ph.D. in entomology (1983) was from Michigan State University. Her major advisor for the Ph.D. was Dr. Roger Hoopgarner.

Her research accomplishments are many. During her career she constructed the

first cross-pollination fruit set simulation models for apple and almond growers that take into account weather, orchard parameters and bees. These are predictive models to optimize fruit set. She also concluded, after several studies, that pollen transfer in the hive during physical contacts among nest mates is one of the primary means by which honey bees cross pollinate apples. Other accomplishments include studies on queen development and African bees, cash management models for beekeeping operations, population development models and currently she is working with the parasitic bee mites.

Dr. Hoffman has presented numerous papers at professional/beekeeper meetings and has published over 50 manuscripts in peer reviewed journals. She has received awards from Michigan State University, Entomological Society of America, Eastern Apicultural Society, The United States Department of Agriculture and last year she received an "Outstanding Service to Bee-

Michael S. Stanghellini was presented the outstanding graduate student award at the recent EAS Conference held at Seven Springs Mountain Resort, Champion, PA. Mr. Stanghellini received a B.S. in Biology with a Zoology emphasis from Northern Arizona in 1993 and a M.S. in Entomology in 1996 from the North Carolina State University. John Ambrose served as his major advisor and his thesis title was: The effects of bee type and bee visit number in the pollination of cucumber and watermelon. Currently Michael is working on a Ph.D. at North Carolina State University with a double major in Entomology and Horticultural Science. His dissertation research involves whole colony comparisons between honey bees and bumble bees in the pollination of selected vine crops.

Numerous presentations have been made at beekeeper and grower meetings as well as professional meetings. Michael has also had active roles in apicultural teaching and extension efforts in North Carolina. He has served as a teaching assistant in Advanced Beekeeping at the university and has been very active in the annual meetings of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association. Mr. Stanghellini has been involved in the testing program of the North Carolina Master Beekeeper program and has served as a judge of apicultural products at the NC State Fair. He has also made several presentations to school groups on bees and other insects. Several manuscripts have been published and he has been successful in obtaining extramural support for his research. Michael has been extremely successful as a student, having received numerous honors and awards.

Clarence Collison  
Mississippi State University

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## Thinking Ahead – Nominations For Next Year

The James I. Hambleton memorial award was established by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to recognize research excellence in apiculture. The EAS Student Apiculture award was established to recognize students studying apiculture at the undergraduate or graduate level in a recognized college or university in the United States or Canada. The awards for 1999 will be presented at the annual meeting of the society at Maryville College, Maryville, TN, July 26-30, 1999.

Nominations are now being accepted for both awards. This is an excellent opportunity for the beekeeping industry to recognize the research excellence of its members. Undoubtedly, many deserving researchers are bypassed for this recognition for lack of a sponsor.

Each award nomination must include a biographical sketch of the nominee, a list of his/her publications, specific identification of the research work on which the nomination is based and an evaluation and ap-

praisal of the accomplishment of the nominee, especially for work in the last five-year period for Hambleton award nominees (or a shorter period for Student nominees). Two letters of recommendation supporting the nomination are also required.

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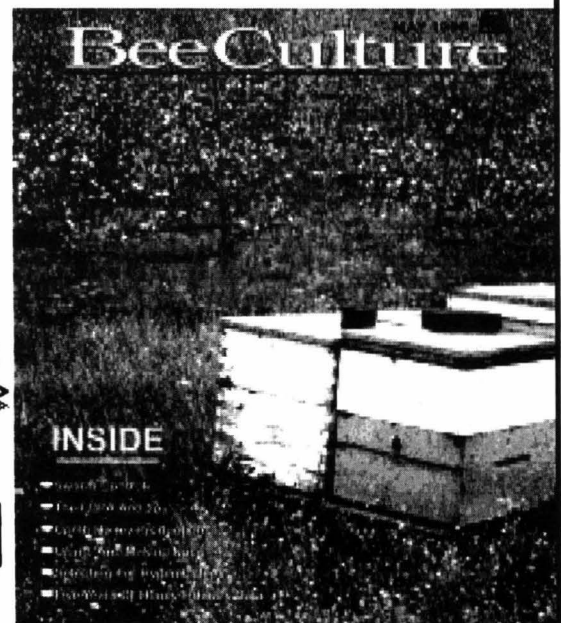
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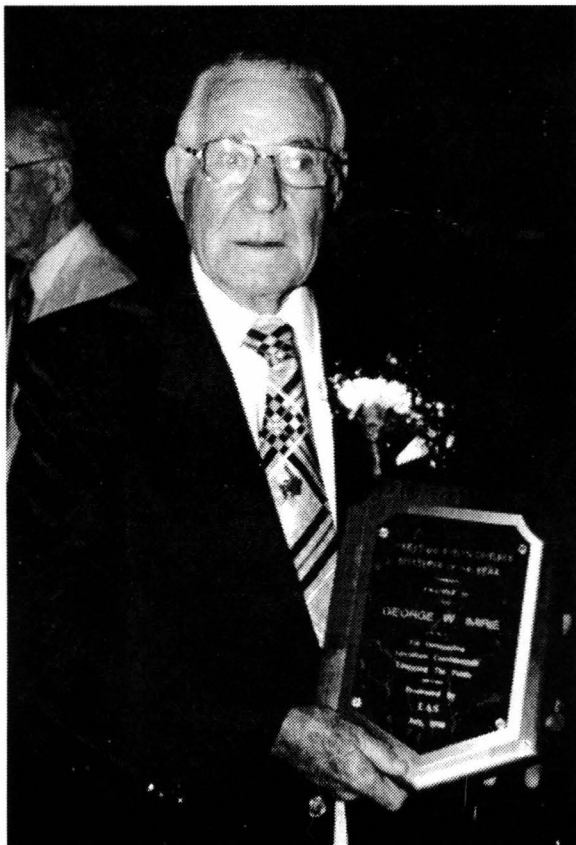
Dewey Caron  
EAS Chairman

Following is a letter from George that sums up how he feels about EAS and the beekeeping industry.

Dear Dewey,

After being home from the 1998 EAS meeting for two weeks, I have finally descended from "up on Cloud 9" when it was

George Imirie



*George, doing what George does best – talking and passing on his years of knowledge about bees and beekeeping. We thank you, George.*



announced that I was the recipient of the prestigious Divelbiss Award. The plaque will hang above my desk as a daily reminder to continue educating the public as well as endeavoring to upgrade the many bee-havers to the much needed status of beekeeper.

The trophy also included a check for \$100, which is most kind. However, I feel so strongly about the sad financial status of research funds available *from any source in the country today*, I am returning that \$100 to EAS and MATCHING it with a contribution of an additional \$100 in the hope that my action might encourage some others to make a much needed gift for Honey Bee Research. My only regret is that I personally cannot "back up" the years, so that I could again be on the "front line" of active investigation of the new problems facing *Apis mellifera*.

These changing times of the past 14 years have unwelcomely handed us the tracheal mite, the varroa mite, and *Apis mellifera scutellata* crossing the Rio Grande into Texas and now four other states creating a pronounced public fear about bees. If these new problems were not enough, now we have possibly bees *resistant to Terramycin*, some isolated

instances of bees resistant to Apistan, and now a new African hive Beetle destroying colonies. If there was ever a need for research funding, it is surely NOW!

Although I started beekeeping 65 years ago (1933) and have seen many problems and treatments come and go, there was always some federal or state moneys available (even in those Depression Days of the 30s and those War Years of the 40s) to help solve our honey bee problems. Now, in these "good times" of no cold war, no inflation, high income, a spiraling stock market, and more available education, our politicians seem to have forsaken the needs of the "farm product" minority of people in favor of the vote-rich urban majority and, governmental funding of honey bee research may be in the same plight as an Underwood #5 typewriter.

This problem of lack of funding certainly is a signal to our EAS Master Beekeepers to acknowledge these Changing Times and join me in the task of upgrading today's bee-havers into knowledgeable bee-keepers who can materially help tomorrow's new crop of bee-havers.

George

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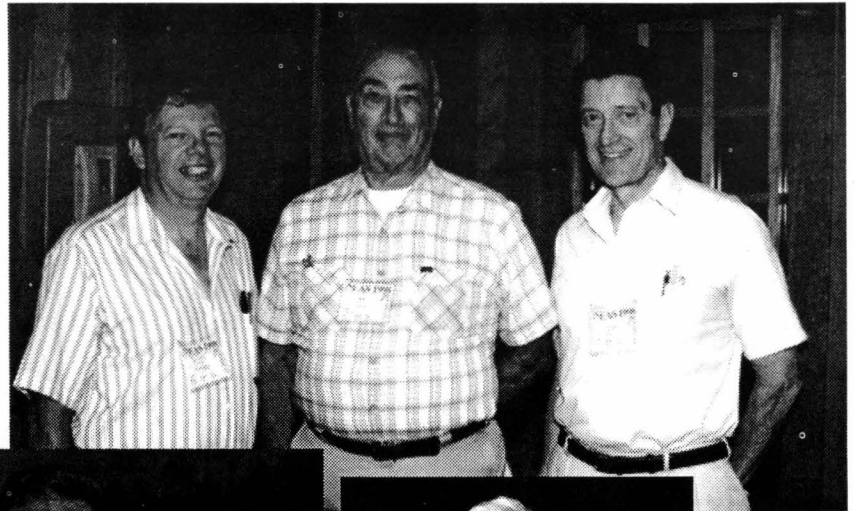
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# Did We Have Fun . . . Or What?

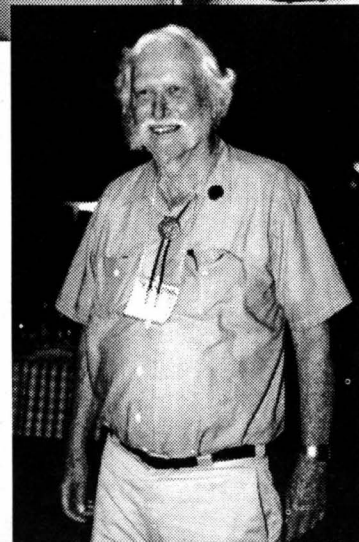
Three in a row - Chairman Dewey Caron, past chairmen Bob Cole and John Root.



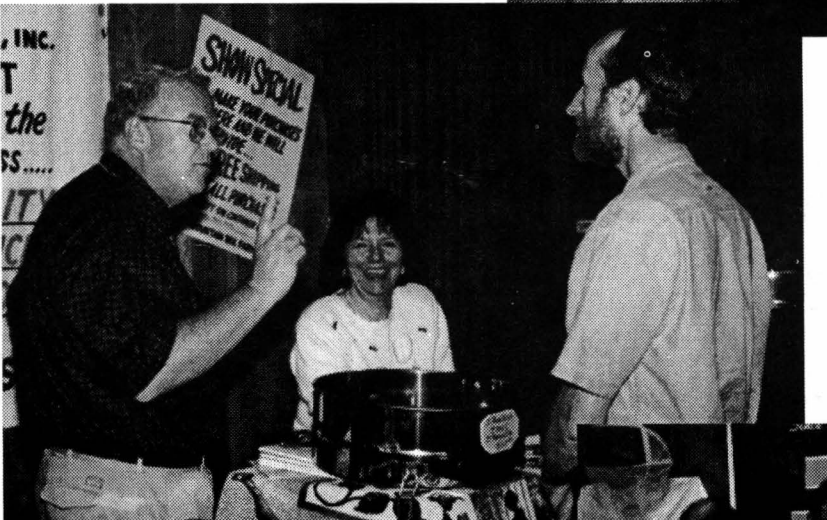
We had fun inside & outside in the beeyard.



Chairman Dewey Caron & wife, Nieves, enjoy one of the few, less hectic moments.

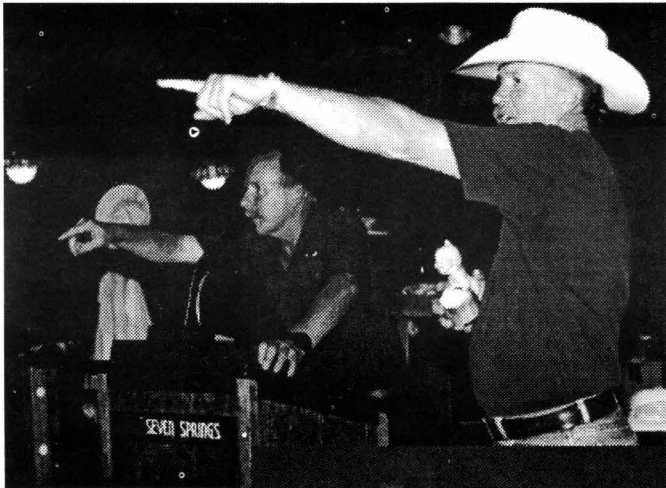


Steve Taber, one of the more colorful participants.

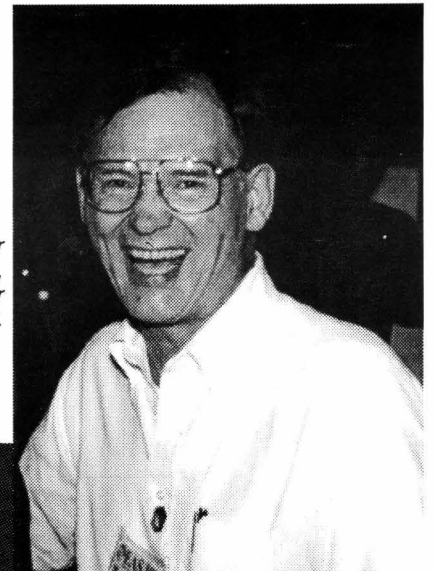


The exhibitors are a big hit every year. This year they were exceptional. Above, Steve & Sandy Forrest, to the right, Fred Rossman and far right, from Dadant & Sons, Carl Hausnecht and George Kelly.





*The Blohm Brothers, Richard and Walter, did a great job of handling the auction at the BBQ Thursday night.*



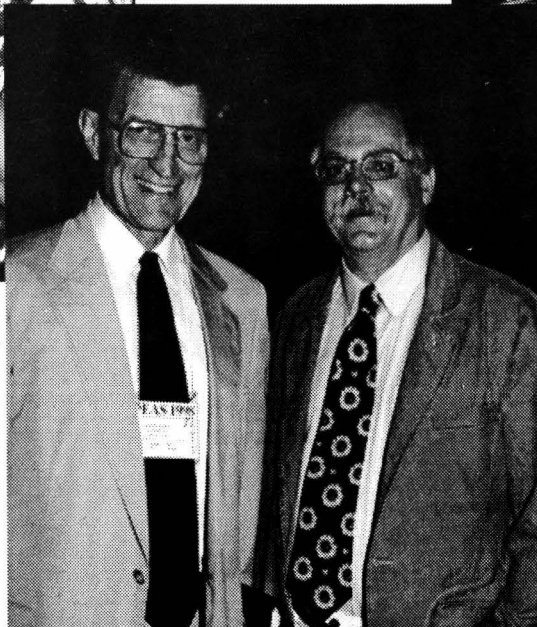
*Jim Curlee is our Director from Indiana, our newest member state to join EAS.*

*Mike Burgett, Jennifer Finley and Bill Troup enjoy some honey ice cream and a little liquid refreshment.*



*"For me!"*

*Jay Barthelmeus, EAS President for 2001 from Massachusetts, helps out at the auction.*



*John Root and Kim Flottum, all smiles at the banquet, Friday night.*

*Fall, 1998*

# **EAS 98 – 7 Springs**



# A WRAP-UP OF MASTER BEEKEEPERS FOR 1998

During our 1998 conference held at Seven Springs Resort in Champion Pennsylvania, ten individuals took the Master Beekeeper exam. Of these ten, five passed the rigorous three part exam and are now EAS Master Beekeepers. As an organization, I hope you will join me in offering congratulations to our new 1998 Master Beekeepers; Joseph Bayer from Pennsylvania, Clinton Fudge from New York, and Robert Jenereski, Paul Krepicz and William Mondjack from Pennsylvania.

**Joseph Bayer** has been keeping bees for eight years. He manages his 15-20 colonies for the production of honey and beeswax as well as pollination rentals. Joe and his wife Norma operate a small business selling their honey and beautiful hand crafted bees wax (I have two of their "art pieces" in our home). Over the past four years, Joe and Norma have won many awards for their comb honey and beeswax at EAS, the Pennsylvania Farm Show, and the Sinking Valley Farm Show, to name a few. Joe wished to become certified as a Master Beekeeper to be able to better promote bees, honey and beekeeping.

**Clinton Fudge** has been a beekeeper for 10 years. He owns and operates 70 colonies. He manages his colonies for honey production. He produces both extracted and round comb honey. He is also starting to raise nucs to sell locally on a small-scale. Clinton is currently president of the Chemung-Valley Beekeepers Association and a member of the Empire State Honey Producers, EAS (of course!), ABF and the Finger Lakes Beekeepers' Club. Clint was interested in becoming an EAS Master Beekeeper because he felt it would enable him to put on more credible local programs, help him assist at his local cooperative extension office and take part in the up-coming Master Beekeeper Program at Dyce Lab, Cornell University under Dr. Nick Calderone.

**Robert Jenereski** has 38 years of beekeeping experience. He owns and operates 112 colonies. During his time as a beekeeper he has been a beekeeping supply dealer, raised queens for sale, rented colonies for pollination, packed and sold honey, assisted in judging honey and teaching beekeeping short courses. He belongs to both the Pennsylvania and Ohio State Associations, as well

as several local beekeeping associations in both states. Robert eagerly shares his beekeeping knowledge with others including 4-Hr's, school students, and folks attending farm markets. He wished to become certified as a Master Beekeeper to be recognized as a knowledgeable beekeeper which will assist him in his efforts to educate the public about the importance of bees and in assisting new beekeepers.

**Paul Krepicz** has been keeping bees for 30 years. He currently owns and operates 20 colonies, although he has managed up to 75 colonies. During his 30 years as a beekeeper he has sold beekeeping supplies (even managed a branch warehouse for the A.I. Root Company), packed and sold honey,

judged honey shows, been an apiary inspector, and taught beekeeping courses. He has participated in honey shows and has won 1st place in both the EAS and ABF shows. Paul became certified as a Master Beekeeper so he could demonstrate his competency and provide education and assistance to the beekeeping fraternity.

**Bill Mondjack** has 17 years of beekeeping experience. He manages his 47 colonies for honey

production and as pollination rentals. Bill has a serious commitment to beekeeping and to educating others about bees and beekeeping. Over the past 15 years he been an *active beekeeper*. He was president of the Lehigh Valley Beekeepers association from 1982-1984 and again from 1993-1996. During his second term as president, he redesigned and published the organization's newsletter. He helped teach a beekeeping course at a local community college and has given numerous talks to groups such as schools, boy scouts, Women's clubs and Fraternal organizations. He has been interviewed on two cable networks and by local newspapers. Bill answers approximately 75 calls a year from the public about bees and other stinging insects as well as beekeepers dealing with problem hives. Bill's reason for becoming a Master Beekeeper "I want to learn all I can so I can help educate others." Congratulations to each of you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Master Beekeepers who

played a huge role in giving the Master Beekeeper exam, organizing the 1998 workshops and participating in the apiary open house workshop:

**Bill and Nancy Troup**  
**Dick Chapin**  
**Bob Travis**  
**Jim and Penny McCaig**  
**Rich Blohm**  
**Larry Kellogg**  
**Rick Cooper**  
**John Rosch**

There were many others who participated in the short course and in giving workshops. On behalf of all of those who benefited from your experience and knowledge, THANK YOU!

Maryann Frazier  
 Master Beekeeper Coordinator

*Note: At the Seven Springs Conference several of you gave me your cards or names and address requesting information about the Master Beekeeper Certification Program. I collected all of these and stored them together in a safe place. Unfortunately, to date, I cannot locate that safe place. If you are interested in receiving information about the Master Beekeeper Certification program, even if you gave me your name and address at the conference, if you have not yet received information, PLEASE contact me by letter; Maryann Frazier, 501 ASI Building, University Park, PA 16802; phone, 814-865-4621; or email, mxt15@psu.edu.*



Master Maryann

## Who Was There?

### EAS '98 Attendance By State

Arizona	2	Nevada	2
California	5	New Jersey	30
Connecticut	5	New York	26
Delaware	13	North Carolina	6
DC	1	Ohio	36
Florida	1	Oregon	2
Georgia	2	Pennsylvania	119
Indiana	1	Rhode Island	5
Kansas	2	South Carolina	2
Kentucky	4	Tennessee	7
Louisiana	1	Texas	2
Maine	3	Virginia	16
Maryland	32	West Virginia	24
Massachusetts	17	Wisconsin	2
Michigan	14	Canada	13
Minnesota	3	Sweden	1
Mississippi	1	England	1
Missouri	2		





Ann Harman

This year the shows were a success. Exactly 26 people entered 97 entries and the entries were admired by the EAS attendees. Congratulations to all those who entered! Now, start planning your entries for 1999 in Tennessee.

Many states and provinces were represented:

- MD, NY, PA – 5 people each
- NJ – 4 people
- NH, Que, VA – 2 people each
- CT, DE, MA, ME, MI, OH, Ont. RI, TN, TX – one person each

# 1998 EAS Competitive Shows

The awards given this year were selected by Joli Winer of Mid-Con Agrimarketing, Inc., of Olathe, Kansas. The winners were:

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Arts & Crafts, sponsored by the American Bee Journal – Diana Sammataro, PA

Photography, sponsored by Bee Culture – Becky Jones, CT

Sweepstakes Award, Joe & Norma Bayer, PA  
*Ann Harman*

*We would like to sincerely thank Ann for taking on this task every year. It's one more thing that needs to get done and she always manages to get it done. Please get involved next year, either by entering something in the show, or certainly by volunteering some of your time. Lots of bodies are needed to make this show a success – judges, monitors, entry checkers. Let's give Ann the help she needs.*

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*Kim Fottum*

In addition to our 11 Sponsors we would like to offer a big Thank You to all of our exhibitors, without whom our conference would not be complete. We had an excellent facility this year for this part of our meeting and we hope everyone was happy – exhibitors and members – with the exhibitor area. Thank you all.

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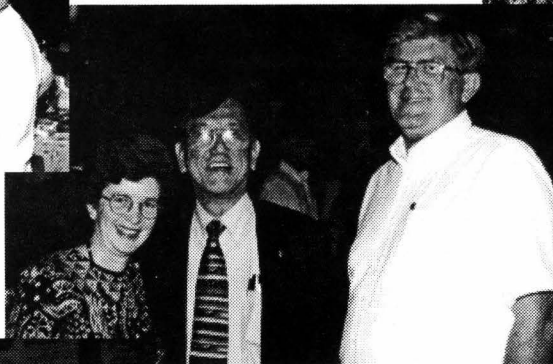


### EAS 1998 VITAL STATISTICS

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*I hope you have enjoyed this issue of the Journal. Please let me hear your comments, concerns, suggestions and ideas. If there is something you want to see in this publication please tell me. As editor, I want this to be something you look forward to and give you the information that you need and want. Thank you.*

*Kathy Summers*

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My term as editor of the EAS Journal started with the summer convention issue of 1986, when EAS met at the University of Delaware. Working with Al Corderman and others, the Journal took on a new format and was produced with advertiser support for the majority of the production costs.

Over the past few years, as pressures built on my business and home life, the EAS board discussed ways to improve the production schedule of the Journal. Always filled with best intentions, I tried to continue the job, but with increasing difficulty. So the EAS Board of Directors decided to take a chance with someone new, who might produce the Journal on a more predictable basis. I have frequently repeated to myself, and to others, that the EAS Journal editor serves at the pleasure of the Board.

I need to say a few things: to let the Board members know I am fine with this. You have taken another weight off my shoulders. I understand your decision and I accept it fully.

To all of the EAS membership, it has been a real pleasure to serve as editor all these years, and I hope you are pleased with the overall quality of the Journal. Since I know that it is not easy to get articles suitable for publication, and even more difficult to write articles from scratch, I sincerely ask that you support Kathy Summers as your new editor. She cannot do it alone, and should not be expected to do so.

A thought: When I assumed the EAS Journal editorship, I was using a Mac Plus and PageMaker 1.0, which had a limit of 16 pages in one file. Well, since then, I have

gone through several new computers, and every upgrade for PageMaker. Somewhere around my office I have saved every file, every issue, on disks. If anyone wants to work with me to develop a master index, add the back issues to a Website (or some other use of the files), please contact me.

I have started a project. As I have been moving (both office and personally), I have collected all my "stash" of back EAS Journals. It fills my station wagon. I am in the process of assembling sets of the Journals, and discussing with Dewey Caron the possibility of getting some bound sets put together (perhaps as a research foundation fund-raiser). If anyone has any ideas about this, please send me a note.

Thanks again for everyone's wonderful support.

Larry Connor

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## PLANNING AHEAD

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For more information on EAS 2001 contact Jay Barthelmeus, 7 McElway Drive, Harwich, MA 02645, home phone (508) 430-2740 (evenings), Email capebees@capecod.net or Paul Desilets, P.O. Box 836, E. Sandwich, MA 02537, home phone (508) 888-2304 (evenings), Email pdesilets@capeonramp.com.

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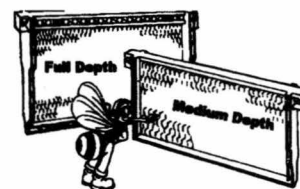
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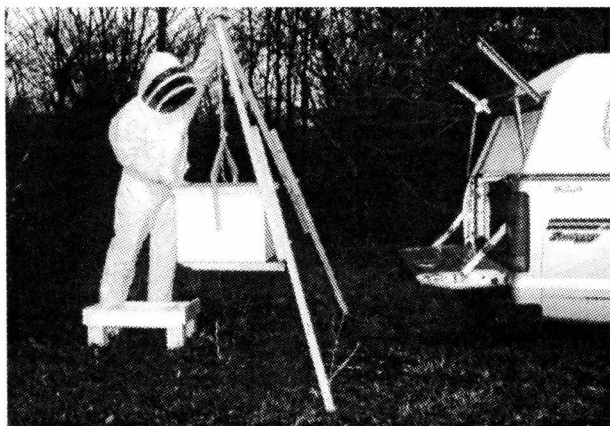
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## Summary of Minutes Board of Directors Meeting July 15, 1998

The meeting was called to order.

In order for directors to vote, their state/province must be in good standing with EAS by paying the \$30 membership fee to EAS. The directors from the following states/provinces were eligible to vote: RI, ONT, WV, VA, ME, DE, TN, NC, MI, NJ, PA, IN, OH, CT, NH, MD, PEI. Not eligible: VT, KY, MA, NY, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Quebec.

News from EAS Secretary was sent out with many newsletters using the camera ready information. Invitations were sent to all states/provinces asking them to renew their membership. A list of the benefits of joining EAS was enclosed. Letters were sent asking for the names of delegates, directors and newspaper editors. Delegate and Director job responsibilities were explained. Minutes were sent to all directors and a condensed version was printed in the EAS Journal. A motion was made by Bob Cole and seconded by Ann Harman that the minutes be approved as published. The motion passed unanimously.

Balance as of 7/1/98 showed \$64,995 in the unrestricted funds and \$23,581 in the restricted funds. All bills and statements are paid and current. The only outstanding items pertain to this conference and have yet to be presented. Motion made by Glen Thomas and seconded by Tony Jadczyk to accept the report as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

Dewey stated that this year's conference was put on by the Board of Directors. A balanced budget was accepted but EAS would need to dip into funds to help with this year's conference. It has been a busy year trying to get all EAS info on one computer system. Short course did not happen under Larry Connor's direction and Dewey and Ann Harman put together the short course. A three-ring binder with meeting, short course and workshop abstracts was prepared and distributed to attendees. We were able to share speakers between the short course and the EAS program. The second 1997-98 EAS Journal was late in getting out but copies were available at this meeting. A special thanks was given to Kim Flottum and Kathy Summers, A.I. Root Co., Jennifer Finley and the PA Beekeepers for a great conference.

Dewey Caron reported that everything was wrapped up from EAS '97.

Jennifer Finley reported that it was a great meeting with very few problems. Hotel staff was great to work with. There was a honey table, EAS table, Chinese and live auction

and an ice cream social sponsored by the PA Beekeepers. T-shirts sold out quickly. Jennifer thanked all who helped. Kim Flottum reported that the total number of those attending was still being calculated but they were looking at about 410. There were 29 vendors. We were hoping to break even from this year's conference. A more detailed report would be given at the Fall Board meeting. A motion was made by Francis Bowen and seconded by Tony Jadczyk to accept the report as presented. All voted in favor.

Marlene Thomas invited all to EAS '99. It will be held July 26-30 at Maryville College, Maryville, TN. Rooms will be air conditioned. Dr. Skinner is currently working on program and committees had been setup. Theme for EAS '99: COME BEE IN TN.

Walter Blohm reported that there were 35 AAS participants with many attending the short course. He thanked EAS for inviting AAS to join them at the meeting. AAS donated two speakers to the EAS program.

Dewey Caron reported that approximately 66 people took the short course with two tracks being offered. Track I targeted beekeepers with five or fewer hives or years experience in beekeeping. Track II targeted beekeepers who have mastered the basics of beekeeping. Master Beekeepers were used extensively to teach and assist with the short course. Speakers were shared between short course and EAS program. AAS Level I joined EAS short course. A motion was made by Maryann Frazier and seconded by Bob Cole to accept the report as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.

A written invitation from MD was presented by David Bernard for EAS '2000. A motion was made by Doris Payne and seconded by Francis Bowen to accept MD invitation to host EAS 2000 in MD the week of July 30-August 4 with a site to be determined. All voted in favor of the motion.

Jay Barthelmeus reported on EAS 2001. A straw vote was taken to see if we should hold an EAS meeting in 2001 the week of July 15-21 or August 5-11. The vote was overwhelming in favor of holding EAS 2001 the week of August 5-11.

Bob Cole will do site inspections within the near future. A motion was moved and seconded to accept the sites report. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

Ann Harman reported that there were 26 people who entered with 95 entries. Entries were down by half. Ann suggested that we discontinue the show. This will be discussed further at the Fall meeting. She thanked all who monitored the show. A motion was made by Doris Payne and seconded by David Bernard to accept the report. All voted in favor of the motion.

Maryann Frazier reported that there will be a review session before and after the exam

for Master Beekeepers. Master Beekeepers were responsible for workshops. Thanks were given to the Troup's for the manuals. Ten people took the exam. Those successful in passing the exam will be announced at the Banquet. A motion was made by David Bernard and seconded by Bob Cole to accept the report. All voted in favor of the motion.

Tony Jadczyk sent out 29 letters for one \$2000 award. There was no response. Therefore, no award will be given this year. This money will be rolled over and 1999 award amounts will be determined. Tony will be going off committee and a new chairman needs to be named.

Dewey Caron thanked Jay Barthelmeus and the Barnstable County Beekeepers for their generous donation to the EAS Honey Bee Research Foundation. This money was generated by having a Pollinator Plant Sale. A motion was generated by Bob Cole and seconded by Maryann Frazier to accept the report. All voted in favor of the motion.

Dewey Caron will contact William Evans of MD to see if he would consider the position of Historian. A report is due at EAS '99.

J.I. Hambleton Award went to Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman, Student Award to Michael Stanghellini and the Divelbiss Award George Imirie. A motion was made by Bob Cole and seconded by Francis Bowen that the 98 FFA money be left with FFA and used for the 99 winner. All voted in favor of the motion.

Francis Bowen reported that there are now 102 Life Members. Four joined this year. Francis will be going off the board and a new chairperson needs to be appointed.

The following nominations were offered: President - Marlene Thomas; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Howard Kerr; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - David Bernard; Treasurer - Don Chirnside; Directors: OH - Dana Stahlman; ME - Rick Cooper; MD - William Troup; NY - Robert Stevens; WV - Gabe Blatt; ONT - Keith Forsyth; PEI - John Burhoe; IN - Jim Curlee; CT - vacant; RI - vacant; VT - vacant; New Bruns. - vacant; Newfoundland - vacant. A motion was made by Bob Cole and seconded by Francis Bowen to accept the nominations as presented. All voted in favor.

1000 AAPA brochures "Protecting HB from *Varroa Jacobsoni*" was purchased and are offered for sale at this year's conference.

A motion was made by Walter Blohm and seconded by Jim Curlee to accept Kathy Summers proposal for production of the EAS Journal for a trial period of one year with open bids accepted after the trial period. The motion passed with four in opposition.

The Fall Board meeting will be October 30-31 in Maryville, TN.

*submitted by Loretta Suprenant*

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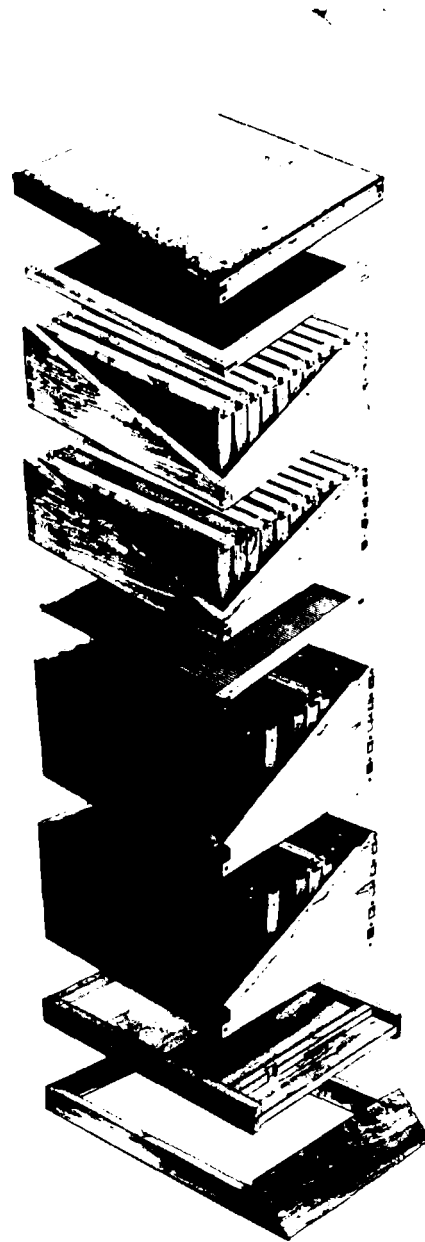
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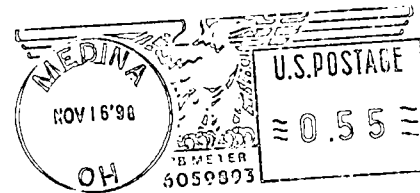
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