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Beekeeping Art Explained by Two Readers of Column

A paragraph in Bits of Birmingham last week mentioned the art of keeping bees, with the result that two readers offered their experiences. Neither is an expert at the business, but each related impressions that only a beginner could give—experiences that are particularly valid for anyone contemplating going into the honey business.

Forrest B. Hubert, of 1509 Dorchester, a Detroit advertising man, went into beekeeping last summer when a friend in Troy Township interested him in the subject—just as a hobby, of course. But last summer was a poor one for a beginner, because the frequent rains made it tough for the bees, and apparently generally experimenting the worst season in many years. Even the bees were angry about it. Hubert says, "I don't know what kind of weather puts them in a huffy, stinky mood."

A Consultant
It didn't take long before it was spread about that Hubert was a "bee man," with the result that he began to get phone calls from far and near. "There's a swarm of bees in my attic; what'll I do?"

The incident usually ended with Hubert saying, "I'll be glad to gather the swarm into a sack which he then deposited into a new hive, and before the season was over, he had 10 hives. Some were purchased, of course, for some of the "bees" about which he got called turned out to be hornets or other wild winged insects which are not so sweet-dispositioned as three-banded Italian bees, for example.

Buying the bees is a much easier way to start out. You get a colony from some supply house and the price is usually about three pounds for a dollar (5,000 bees to the pound) and a queen costs about 60 cents. In fact, some amateurs gas their bees every fall, finding the proper start out new every spring than to feed the bees through the winter and run the risk of loss by freezing or disease, Hubert says.

It costs about \$15 to set up a colony, and in a good year, each colony ought to net about \$40—not counting labor.

Stings No Worry
The writer, whose only contact with bees has been via a stinger, naturally asked: "Do you get stung much?"

"Oh, sure," he said, "but that doesn't bother me any."
The idea is to wear a veil and heavy enough gloves and clothing so that the stingers don't penetrate. Even so, a bee who stings cuts off his nose to spite his face, so to speak, for when pulling loose, the stinger tears from the bee's abdomen and he dies. From professional suppliers, a ready-made beeswax foundation. So that his neighbors on Dorchester do not get nervous about the prospects of living near several million bees, it should be pointed out that the hive is placed out in the country during the summer.

Bees and Chickens
The Centric also heard from Mrs. J. A. Jones, who with her husband owns five acres near Lusher road, between 13- and 14-Mile roads.

Next, too, went into bees last summer, starting out with two colonies and an investment of \$50. "It's very interesting, but it's just like dogs or chickens—there's an awful lot to learn," she said, and the bees don't do all the work, either.
"You can buy all the supplies needed, including books which relate to the subject. From professional supply houses.
The Joneses have also gone into the chicken business in their spare time, and find that this, too, is not so simple as it might look. For example, they never before had heard of coccidiosis, but it came and struck down some of their young stock. However, they are not discouraged, for what job is there which does not have its trials as well as its joys?"

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Bits of Birmingham

Hartland B. Smith, 497 Park street, the young man who makes and wholesales picture postcards of the City, has an article in the February issue of Camera Magazine. For the benefit of camera fans, he points out that if you are temporarily out of the proper grade of paper for your negative, you can use a hard contrast paper for a dense negative by first putting the paper in the printer, without the negative, and giving it a flash exposure. Then expose in the regular manner and you can use the negative. All which sounds like Greek to people who are not devotees of metal, hydroquinone and hypo.

Smith also is to have a brief article in a forthcoming issue of Popular Science, timely during the war when it is wise to conserve radio tubes. Your radio tubes won't burn out so quickly if you don't use them. The volume is accomplished by hooking a light bulb in series with the tube. The volume is cut, but that is not important when powerful stations are nearby.

We wonder why someone stole the snow shovel of Thomas Wyles, 172 Green street, last week? Three guesses!

A father phoned police last Friday and asked officers to be on the lookout for his son, who had taken the bus without permission. Officers did not run across him.

Some one dumped five nicely wrapped (spiced) turkeys and a batch of empty tin cans on City property at the southwest corner of 12th and 13th streets. The cans were smashed to even let the garbage men see such waste!

For some strange reason, Dr. William P. Mowry, of Detroit, sends us a postal card announcing the removal of his office. He says about himself include this odd testimonial: "author of the brochure, 'The Medical Value of the Live Red Ant.'" Figure that out!

Berton Bronson, 843 Greenwood, was bitten on the leg Friday by a black cocker spaniel. He and officers started the next day for the dog.

Leo Stiers and Archie Livingston, along with the other half of the Birmingham quartet, that famous barbershop quartet, are looking forward to the annual convocation of their chapter in Detroit on Feb. 6, at the Book-Cadillac.

In renewing her subscription, Mrs. Henry M. Klein, Gilbert road, New Hartford, N. Y., writes: "We have been here New York now for over five years and received The Centric every week, and would truly miss it if we didn't." Thanks, Madame!

Police Sgt. Bill Green was called to Lincoln and Pierce streets last Friday where two 8-year-olds were seen fighting. One of them received a broken tooth, while both got a lecture.

Ulysses Jones, of 1141 South Woodward, formerly of Clawson, was licensed by the City Commission Monday night as a taxicab driver.

In reply to several requests, we repeat the information that a deputy collector of income tax will be at the Warlock State Bank Feb. 17, 18, and 19 and March 4, 5, and 6 to assist you.

Signal honor came last week to Edward H. Laird and William L. Story, local landscape architects, when they were made members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. Mr. Laird is a partner in the Wilcox-Laird firm, with main offices in Detroit. His spare time (which is a considerable part of his so-called leisure hours), Mr. Laird spends as a member of the Birmingham draft board. (For which no compensation, materially, is made, either.)

Vic Ulrich, director of music in the Birmingham Public Schools, usually plays the piano at Rotary meetings Monday at the Community House. Last Monday he sang two songs—and was accompanied by the music of our new Supt. of Schools, Dwight B. Ireland. So far as this column knows, but it is the only local superintendent ever able to

"tickle the ivories"—and he may be the only Rotary superintendent to give a broadcast next Saturday evening? "The best tunes of all move to Carnegie Hall. Y-a-a-s-s," the best tunes of all move to Carnegie Hall. That phrase was repeated constantly throughout the program and was very aggravating to this Wanderer. A new low in ballyhoo.

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It may be 25 years before we get another storm like the repeated snow and cold of the last week. People in the rural areas really have stories to tell!

Featured in a movie, "The Great Gildersleeve," now showing at the Madison Theatre, is Freddie Harvey. You bet, well, send us from Detroit. His real name is Freddie Muser, son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred C. Muser, and brother-in-law of Jack E. Birchong. On several occasions, he has entertained guests with his singing at the home of Mr. Birchong's mother, Mrs. E. L. Birchong, at the corner of 12th and 13th streets.

Fred, who has a three year contract with RKO, has appeared in "On the Subject to the Editor" of Edgar Allen Poe" and "The Major and the Minor."

Writes former Birmingham resident Harvey E. Whalen, from Alameda, Calif.: "Since coming here to live, I feel a long way from home and miss the town news—so, if you'll kindly enter my subscription to The Centric for one year, I am sure I'll feel a lot better." Arrived here Dec. 31, and so far am very delighted with the beauty of this country. First rain today. "Well, Harvey, you bet, well, send us from Detroit. His real name is Freddie Muser, son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred C. Muser, and brother-in-law of Jack E. Birchong. On several occasions, he has entertained guests with his singing at the home of Mr. Birchong's mother, Mrs. E. L. Birchong, at the corner of 12th and 13th streets.

Local friends of the Rev. and Mrs. John H. Martin, former pastor of the Methodist church here, will be interested to know that the Rev. and Mrs. Martin, Mich., last September, where Dr. Martin is minister of the Adrian M.E. church. Mrs. Martin, an acknowledged student and teacher of the Bible, has accepted a place on the staff of the University of Michigan, where she teaches the Bible. Recently she was made a member of the American Pen Women, an honor of considerable distinction. Dr. Martin also was invited to become a member of the Adrian Rotary club.

Falks at the City Hall are wondering who the Commission on appoint acting City manager when Don Ebert begins his Naval service.

This Wanderer would guess that Harold Carson, who is already City engineer and treasurer, will be named to the job, simply because he knows a great deal about the City's affairs, having been born in this village, and having served the public for a good many years. Some of his present duties can probably be shifted to others.

A real estate man had this to say after learning that some of our rural neighbors were snowed in for days before the County got around to plow their subdivision roads: "Maybe some of the folks who built outside the City in order to escape City taxes wished they were inside to get the benefit of prompt City snow plowing."

This Wanderer noticed a flock of starlings on a road, pecking away at gravel that the scraper had stirred up. The conclusion is: birds need gravel as much as food; in fact, there are high weed seeds they can easily get at but the snow covers the ground completely; therefore, distribute some sand and gravel, too.

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