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Bees Are Not the Only Busy Workers Around Ontario's Second Largest Apiary Near Hornby

curate as it is antique, but in this day and generation of advanced apiculture and scientific beekeeping, somebody ought to tell the bees that they're not the only workers around the hives who are pardon the expression - busy as bees.

Only a few miles from here is the headquarters of Ontario's second largest beekeeper. And dotted all over this district, from as far north as Guelph south to Lake Ontario and from Streetsville, west to Cedar Springs, are his hives.

He's F. A. Anderson, proud proprietor of Anderson's Apiaries. Hornby and he's in a natural position to tell his bees - he's got 75 million of them, a few million more or less-that they're not the only ones who have to work industriously to keep the business buzzing.

Hard and Hazardous

Beekeeping, as employed in such expansive investment proportions as by this Hornby apiarist, is a hard and hazardous business. With a good yield, say upwards of 200 pounds of honey per hive, a small fortune can be made in one year But with a poor yield, like this year, losses can be felt keenly and smaller eperators forced out.

break you." Mr Anderson emphasized. Explaining that bees are prolific workers in hot, humid weather providing the weather comes at the imsummery summer has been bad, are thickest, there may be a cluster new workers. "very bad" for beckeepers

Over his own 1600 hives, or colonies, a yield of around 25 pounds of honey each has marked the crop poor. It's no better with most of Ontario's 50 or so big-time beekeepers, he added, and that out of necessity hones marketing in most be found in no larger than onepound containers. "That's the fairbe," he explained.

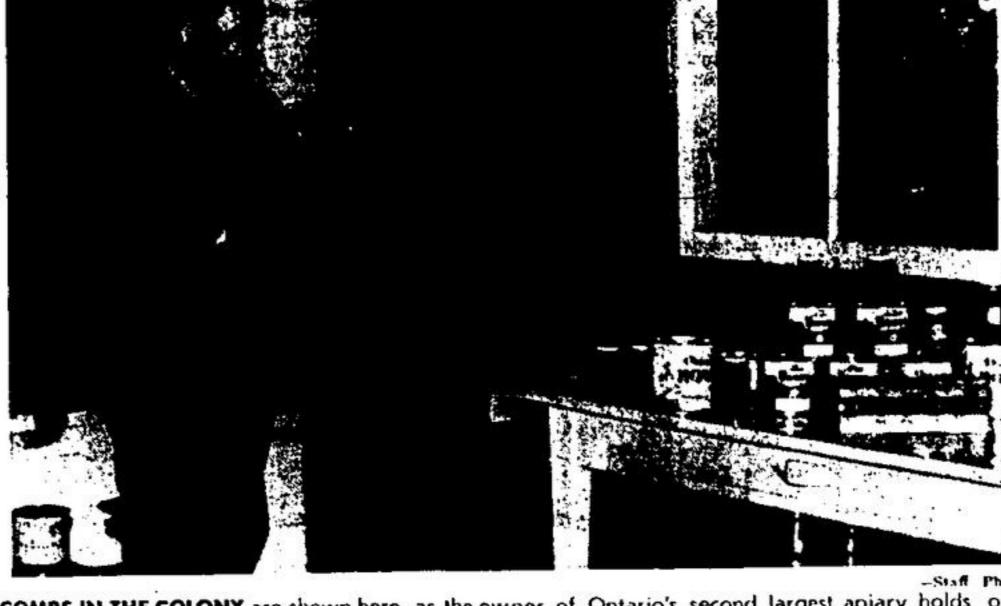
Visit Locations Weekly they've got to be looked after. No-Anderson and his men. On the ave- bees sip through in a season. rage of once a week, every hive at his 36 locations throughout the district has to be visited and tended.

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COMBS IN THE COLONY are shown here, as the owner of Ontario's second largest apiary holds one "It's the weather that can make or comb out. Encased in beeswax cells, the honey contained in these hive combs is retrieved when combs are set in a centrifuge and whirled about. Surrounded by contained honey, at right on the more than ordinary exerctive chartable, is a small wooden frame holding vials for color-testing the honey to determine grade.

With the approach of fall, work and apportioned out to hives as regranulated sugar and water is filled in small pails which have finely Ontario retail outlets this year, will punctured lids. Anywhere from a hive, depending upon the quantity themselves for the long winter.

With 1600 colonies, when one oped a new queen. Whether the bees produce or not, figures that a bag of sugar makes t only 18 pails, a staggering idea is

1500 to 2000 Eggs a Day

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right time, but unresponsive as long There is an average of 48 colonies bees, however Many clean the colos lination is sure to be widespread as cool conditions prevail, Mr. An- at every location. Where the sweet nies out at the end of the season with a few million hers droning and derson pointed out that this year's clover, alfalfa and flower growths and start afresh next spring with expertly sprinkling pollen all over the carty May blossoms

queen bee rules all winter in each been favorable, combs in the hives hive About January, it a mild spell, are getting heavy with honey, and "food" supplies have to be mixed sets in, she may deign to lay some the honey harvest begins. Mr Anroyal offspring at the fantastic rate derson describes the operation at his quired. The food a mixture of of 1500 to 2000 eggs per day. She apiaries: can lay two "kinds" of eggs; those to | create lazy but necessary drones, or

Drones take 28 days while 16 days ers to pass through, between the body knows this better than Apiarist gained of the mounds of sugar will produce a queen bee. Since the hive body and the first super. Not all beckeepers winterize their the group arrives who will be buz- upper boxes, no egg cells zing around when summertime and | Carbolic acid is sprinkled on the crop collecting time comes.

> Bees Pollination Experts blossoms in spring, out come the field workers to busy themselves at thoney-laden wax cells in the combs their famously feverish pace. The bee-less supers are gathered gathering nectar, treading over up and brought in from the scatterpetals and stamens with pollen-led colony location. Inside, the powdered legs all the while. All combs are lifted out of each box and day long and as long as the sun a warm knife slices off the cell caps shines they buzz from hive to When 86 such combs have been preflowers, flowers to hive.

The beekeeper may decide to take farmer with a large orchard. Pol-

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But at Anderson's Apiaries the! Toward mid-July, if weather has

Harvesting Operation

A hive may have two or three a set to produce workers. From the boxes, or "supers". The lowest box two to eight pails may be needed for worker set, by constant nourishment as the "bive body" where the laying, with "royal jelly" which is a feeding and similar occupations are est way to sell what honey there'll of honey the bees have produced strange, milky white food the bees carried on by the queen and workthemselves concoct, may be devel- lers. The queen is prevented from getting up into the supers by a Worker bees hatch in 21 days, sereen, large enough for the work-

life of the average worker is only | Since the queen can't get through six weeks, three or four generations the screen, and the workers can. of workers may come and go before there is only honey stored in these

lid of the top super. To get away from the unpleasantness, the bees With the bursting of the first congregate in the hive body, leaving the supers vacant, except for the

pared they are placed in a large centrifuge, power is turned on and hive or two and rent it out to a the combs are whirled about until all honey flies out of the cells, onto the centrifuge wall and drains down

"No Bees Upstairs" Next the honey is pumped upstairs where it flows into a baffling barrel while surrounding hot water beats it to near 100 degrees. After the sweet liquid is drained through a straining cloth it is channelled into storage tanks where it remains

tainers for retail sale. tion, apiarist Anderson looked at the were bagging up the screenings in full storage tanks and smiled at re- the barnyard before the cows collection of a question once asked could get a chance to gorge themhim. "I had to answer: No, the bees selves - with possibly distastrous aren't upstairs producing honey for results. the tanks downstairs."

until placed in shipping tins or con-

Chronicles

Written Specially for the Actor Free Press by Gwendeline P. Clarke

Time is a queer thing On a Saturday don't you often look back and wonder where the week has gone to? Other times the beginning of the week seems such a long way off. But still, fast or slow, time is certainly moving on.

The Exhibition is over, fall fairs are coming up, children are back to school, days are getting shorter and all the hundred and one extra jobs we hope to get done before the leaves fall are crowding in on us Isn't that the way you feel? But cheer up that sort of feeling is mevitable with the early days of autumn and yet we always do get through, don't we?

But what is it makes one week seem longer or shorter than another? You know how it is sometimes we plan to do this and that, and then, at the end of the week because of anforescent arteriaptions, we fied we have accomplished attle

Isn't it on such occust as that time seems to have signed eway? On the oth I good we seemally and I do mean occust naive get done even more that we had planned and the it is to can bardly believe that only a vick has gone by That is what dappened around here last week but ! Aus

more by luck than good may age-

Monday of last week was Labor Day. We were not expect an company, so, since we were do an to our last kitchen towel and tea . loth, I got ready for a big wash. I was busily sorting the first lot ready for the machine when Johnny blew in and announced that he wanted to thresh his field of oats that day the field that he had sown on our farm. Could I feed four or five extra men for dinner? Could I'

For a few minutes I was in a dither. Stores were closed I enough food in the house to feed seven people for dinner. Yes, I know farmer's wives have that many and possibly more to feed every day. But at least you are prepared for it. But when there is a family of two tripling up on a meal on't so easy respectably with the stores closed However, I told Johany to go ahead. I would manage somehox. And I did and evervone got enough to cat I also got my washing done, and the froming thanks to Partner helping me

It seemed strange to have a threshing machine on the farm again after a lapse of four years. More strange still to see hisses at work there were four teams drawing in. When Johnny first mentioned threshing we thought the nats would be too tough but he turned out some of the stooks ahead of time and they went through the machine all right. By five velock the oats were threshed and the machine on its way out. For the After explaining this final opera- next hour Partner and Johnny

> Tuesday and Wednesday were hot, wet and humid But Thursday was a red letter day. It was our local W.I meeting and we had as guest speaker Miss Sybil Bennett, federal member of parliament for Halton county, and a very able lawyer Miss Bennett is well known to many of the members of our branch, and we also knew her as an excellent speaker. Her subject was the making of a will. porticularly in regard to form

> Naturally she stressed to imi pertance of both hasband and a fe I making a ail but the also incred is the almost legally intertant emplified of failing moram of ax betterns and explained healths settlement fige estate our becomes and n grivingse where such returns had n * be-n made.

"If you are not hing returns," ea d Miss Bennett, "den't thick you ite getting away with anything just because the government desn't check up on you and request you to do so The government has become tired of sending out requests and warnings. Now it lets the matter ride until an estate has to be settled. Ther the government steps e and if returns have not been made each year then the givernment may demand .ncome tax returne possibly fir the post ten · vears

M & Bennett explained the a reev and extra work this brings to the widow and the remains that and a resthat car said be avoided if every farmer mises a equirt of fing moome tax neturns eigh year as required by buy and a though your NET income may be in the non-taxable bracket. You may know that but the givenment doesn't unless a su mise returne to prove

It was all very good where but I am afra d'air forgit all about a mile and successor, duties in our excitement wer the marvellous ach evement if that delightful litthe girl Martine Bell We idmired her not any fig her country and endurance in completing the swimhut for her fire character and per-.orales

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