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JUNE REPORT

As you know I love to brag about our attendance each month. You really did good last month as 96 persons interested in bees were in attendance. It is great to see that many people interested in beekeeping. Proof of this has been in the number of people that have called or visited me this year, with 18 in my class and 7 others in a mini class, and 5 or 6 more that just couldn't make meetings we have had over 30 come to my place trying to learn about bees. When we add the number of kids we have spoken to, or shown observation hives to, we probably have touch between 800 and 1000 people. Not to mention John and Patsy McCall making the Mineola Nature Fest, myself and Vi and our Queen Kellie making the Bruce Miller Nursery Show day this last month, Vi and I will also be making the Alley Fest in Longview next week. PLEASE if you are showing or talking about BEES anywhere please let me know.

Observation hives are all up and

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Persistence (noun) ... to continue firmly and steadfastly despite obstacles. To endure.

This month I write to you as a disappointed beekeeper. In fact I am afraid you have elected the worst beekeeper in the history of beekeeping as your president. I went to my bee yard this evening and was greeted by empty or nearly empty supers. Where did I go wrong? I don't believe my stimulus package will be in the form of honey so "Brother, can you spare some honey?" may be my mantra this season.

I also noticed one of my swarms had departed but I did rescue the equipment before the wax moths got to it which was a blessing. The only thing I seem to have in abundance are small hive beetles. I am overrun with them so if anyone needs a few hundred please see me at the next meeting. I will gladly share but only if you promise to keep them!

Today I did manage to finally remove a swarm from a stereo speaker I retrieved from a grateful caller's garage last month. I had brought the entire speaker (with bees inside) back to my

QUEEN'S REPORT by Vi Bourns

It hard to believe we are already in June., can't imagine where May went to.

Kellie has been busy with all the activities and test s a Junior goes through at the end of school.

She has made good g rades in high school and her college courses.. Good work Kellie!!!

She continues to care for her bees with her father Mike , hoping as we all are to have a good production of honey when we extract. .

In the coming month s she will be making preparation s to represent ETBA at the East Texas Fair , Texas State F air, and the TBA Convention which our club will be hosting.

Still she had time to speak to visitors at Bruce Miller Nursery in Edgewood. Everyone enjoyed her presentation and had lots of interesting questions for her.

June will be a fun month of traveling to church camp and a visit to her grand parents out of state.

July 8th she is scheduled to demonstrate cooking with honey to the Gregg County Master Gardeners in Longview, and maybe get to talk to them about pollination.

Judy Giles will introduce her committee and give us a report on the progress of the recipe book. She has gotten some recipes, but to be a success, she needs your input.

THANKS, Vi

