

Swarm of Bees Sawed From Tree Limb 35 Years Ago "Earned" Two City Lots, Snug Bank Account and Paid Own Expenses for Ex-Omaha Police Officer

H. C. Cook's 175 Colonies Now Produce Seven Tons of "Sweet" Annually; Best Hobby, He Says.

By WILLIAM W. LAMPMANN. A swarm of bees, which he befriended 35 years ago, bought H. C. Cook, 4521 Parker street, two city lots, deposited money to his account at the bank and purchased new colonies, in addition to paying their own expenses.

Until then, Cook was afraid of a bee. Now he owns 175 colonies at Elk City, Bellevue and on the West Dodge road. The 175 colonies aggregate some 15,750,000 bees in the busy season. Cook's bees make him between 12,000 and 15,000 pounds of honey each year—in other words about seven tons of the sweet.

For 25 years, Cook was a member of the Omaha police department. He retired in 1913 on a sergeant's pension. His first acquaintance with bees came by chance. In fact, the bees came to the police station for him and swarmed on the branch of a tree before the old jail. Other "coppers" tried in vain to capture them.

"Saws Off" First Swarm. "I thought it out before I started," declares Cook. "I tied a rope to the limb on which the bees were clustered and, from a branch above, I held the creatures steady while a boy sawed off the limb. Then the bees were quietly lowered to the pavement. I persuaded someone to put them into a box and took them home. That was my first colony."

Because he knew nothing of bees, he relied on Omaha apiculturists and bee culture books for directions in caring for his charges. By studying his bees, experimenting with them and poring over every bee book he could procure, Cook has swelled his store of bee lore until now it is respected by the foremost apiculturists of the country.

He has won cups at a number of shows, including the Midwest Horticultural exposition in 1922 and at the Nebraska state fair several years ago. A paper he read before the Iowa State Bee Keepers' association at Des Moines four years ago was reprinted in almost every farm journal in the United States. His lecture even found its way into the pages of the Irish Bee Journal in Ireland a year later.

Queens Respect Persons.

"Bee raising is intensely interesting," states Cook. "One can study bees for years and yet know only a small portion of their eccentricities. For instance, a queen bee will not sting a human, although she is armed with as sharp a stinger as any bee. Her weapon is used only in mortal duels with rival queens."

"Often young bees, reaching the flying stage, strive so hard to fly that they split their wings, but persistently crawl as far as possible from the hive before they die. "The life span of a bee is about six weeks. In the summer months, the worker bees virtually work themselves to death. "The drones never work and often are turned upon by the workers, when not enough honey remains in the hive to feed them, and are stung to death."



H. C. Cook is shown above posed with some of the bees "that made him famous."

Upper picture on the right is of Mr. Cook in his apiary. In the middle view at the right, Cook and some of his friends are searching for a queen bee. Note that Cook's old "copper" helmet now serves as a bee helmet.

Cook and other local apiculturists are shown in the picture at the right.

"A queen bee can lay 4,000 eggs an hour."

"The bee has always been useful to man. In ancient times, attacking armies dumped whole aparies over the walls of a city, letting the stinging warriors rot the enemy."

"The bee larvae hatch in three days and are fed until they are 14 days old by nurse bees."

Conducts Bee Hospital.

The ex-police sergeant conducts a hospital in his backyard for the bees of his three aparies. He brings bees there for treatment, wipes out the foul brood, the principal bee malady, and nourishes them back to health and full vigor. In this way, he prevents the larvae growth from spreading in the apiary.

Several years ago, Cook introduced a bill into the state legislature providing for the licensing of all bee owners and the appointment of a bee inspector to inspect all hives. The inspector's duties would be to see that all aparies were kept clean and free from foul brood, thereby safeguarding other bee raisers, whose bees would sooner or later obtain the foul brood



and spread it. The bill was passed but the appropriation was refused. Cook will present amendments to the measure at the next legislature to provide for an appropriation.

Taxes dodged by small bee owners because there is no system of registration would pay the salary of a bee inspector, according to the former police sergeant.

There are only about two months of the year in which keepers can obtain honey from their hives. That is the period between June 15 and August 15. Yet in that short space, carloads of honey are produced in Nebraska. One hundred thousand pounds of honey goes to waste yearly for lack of bees to work the territory, says Cook.

Iowa is the second largest honey producing state in the union, producing an eighth of the annual honey yield of the country. California produces 15 per cent of the honey of the United States.

Milk and honey are the two most nutritious foods. Seven ounces of honey equal in food value a quart of milk, or 10 eggs, or 15 ounces of cod fish, or five bananas and eight oranges, or 12 ounces of round beef steak, or 5 1/2 ounces of cream cheese, or 5 1/2 ounces of walnuts.

"Easiest thing in the world," Cook laughs, when asked how apiculturists build beehives, is to throw lumps of them down the necks of their shirts and place great balls of them in their hats.

"When a bee is full of beeswax and honey, he can't sting. When a fat man is full, he can't bend, and a bee has to bend to sting. The apiculturist jostles the colony about. Thinking that the hive is being attacked, the bees rush to the comb and fill themselves with honey and beeswax in preparation for flight. While gorged, they are harmless."

Bee raising is the greatest hobby in the world, asserts the ex-police officer.

Bob Samardick Accepts Post as Aide for Thomas

Federal Enforcement Personnel to Be Increased Here and Law Must Be Obeyed, Says Director.

Robert P. Samardick has accepted the post of chief of the law enforcement agents of Elmer Thomas, federal prohibition director for Nebraska. Thomas announced Saturday.

He took the job at a substantial increase of salary over what he has been receiving as a general federal prohibition agent. Thomas, however, declined to say just what the salary is.

"Mr. Samardick will work not only in Omaha but throughout the state," said Thomas. "I expect to be given a considerable additional number of agents and we will get some real action on cleaning up the violators of the prohibition laws. We are going to teach them that the 18th amendment and the Volstead act positively must be obeyed."

Ever since Thomas was appointed to succeed U. S. Föhner he has been trying to induce Samardick to accept the post. Samardick hesitated long. He thought of running for city commissioner and of joining former Divisional Chief Duncan in Florida as a prohibition agent.

Additional inducements were offered Samardick by Thomas, who declined to consider any of the other suitors for the place because of Samardick's reputation for energy, courage and honesty as a prohibition officer.

Thomas was clearly elated at Samardick's acceptance of the position. It is said that Samardick's salary will be nearly equal to that of Thomas, which is \$4,000.

NEW TRIAL DENIED AURORA RESIDENT

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

Aurora, Neb., May 10.—The verdict of the jury in the district court for \$14,900 in favor of Genevieve Graves against Royal Peck was sustained Friday afternoon by Judge L. S. Hastings when he over-ruled Peck's motion for a new trial and rendered judgment for the full amount found by the jury at the close of the damage case wherein Mrs. Graves charged Peck with assault.

The defendants has not indicated whether he will appeal the case.

Congressional blocs are developing splinters.—Washington Post.

Dr. F. F. Funder Chiropodist and Foot Specialist

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Hair Untouched by Barbers' Shears, Co-Ed to Edit Iowa University Sheet



Hazel Samuelson

Iowa City, Ia., May 10.—There are a few women editors of daily newspapers in this country. There are far fewer editors of college dailies. College men have had a near monopoly on this campus position.

It remained for Miss Hazel Samuelson of Iowa City to overturn this tradition at the University of Iowa by becoming editor-in-chief of the Daily Iowan. She will take the position June 1. Although not the first woman editor of the Iowan, Miss Samuelson is its first editor since the paper started to "do its hair up."

Miss Samuelson adheres to this post than usual since the newspaper is one of the two largest college dailies in the country. It publishes every day but Monday throughout the entire year. It has a full leased associated press wire, buys comic features and uses a news photo service. The sheet is self supporting and has a business and news staff of over 100 students.

It serves as the laboratory of the university's department of journalism. Miss Samuelson brings to her new post a wide experience in newspaper work. At Shenandoah, Ia., her home until three years ago, she was on the staff of the Shenandoah Post for two years. Since coming to Iowa City she has been Iowa City correspondent for the Cedar Rapids Republican, a member of the staff of the Iowa City Republican, departmental editor of the Daily Iowan, a staff member of

Bride, 63, Says Mate Called Her 'Grandma'

Husband, 45, Wooded and Won Half of Her Property, Then Called Her "Old Woman," Claim.

Mary Maddette, 63-year-old bride, didn't care to be reminded of her years by her husband, Joseph Maddette, 45, 1132 Arbor street.

In a petition for divorce filed in district court Saturday, she says he called her "old woman" and "grandma." Yet, in the early spring of this year he came a-wooing with soft words. And wedding bells rang for them on March 25 in Council Bluffs. She says she acceded to his request that she give him half of her small property. And now she has been compelled to work in a shirt factory to provide herself with the necessities of life.

100 Reservations Expected.

More than 80 business concerns of individuals have announced their intention to be present on the Good Will Trade excursion, which leaves Omaha May 15, for towns and cities in western Iowa and northern Missouri. W. A. Ellis, assistant commissioner of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, says there will be 105 reservations before the trip begins.

strychnine, will be up and coming in no time. But she plans to show the world how well a woman can run a daily newspaper first.

Chasing Moonshiners in Old Days in Appalachian Hills Was Hectic Task, Says Revenue Agent Stationed Here

Mountaineers Who Made Liquor Only for Own Use Not Dangerous Class, Says Drakeford.

By JOE JACOBS. Introducing Mr. James J. Drakeford. He may be called a "Southern Gentleman," he acts as one, still possesses the brogue and was born and raised in Alabama.

Drakeford, who today holds the title of gentleman revenue agent, has collected millions of dollars in taxes. "Today his job is that of investigating income and estate tax cases. With 100 employes he is in charge of the Omaha division, which ranked highest among the 34 divisions in the country for work performed during the last year.

Drakeford, who has been with the government 22 years, has had some narrow escapes. Running down moonshiners today does not give one the thrills Drakeford had 29 years ago while working among the illicit manufacturers of liquor in the hills of the Appalachian mountains.

Not Bad Men.

"The moonshiner who made the stuff for his own use was not a bad man," said Drakeford. Of course there were three classes of moonshiners. The first class was the one who, except for the making of liquor was religious, who declared he had the legal right to make it. "Why can't I make it?" he would say. "I have staked this farm, cut down the timber, put land in cultivation, planted peach and apple trees and corn and dug my own well. I use my own fruit for making the stuff, use my own cord wood, my own water, go to church, pay my debts and the government has nothing to do with my making it."

The second class of moonshiner made liquor in winter because there was no farming. He owned the farm and usually sold his surplus. The third class was the dangerous one who cared nothing for law or life. He commercialized in the traffic all through the mountains.

Always Escaped.

"Oh, I have been in places that have been very uncomfortable, you might say, shot at, but always managed to escape," said Drakeford.

Larson Re-Elected.

J. David Larson, resigned secretary of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, was re-elected president of the National Association of Commercial Secretaries during the meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce in Cleveland according to a dispatch by the Associated Press. Larson also was made chairman of the board of managers of the National School for Commercial Organization Executives



Deport Scofflaw, Urge Methodists

Conference Recommends Congress Enact Law to Curb Foreigners in Illicit Traffic.

By Associated Press. Springfield, Mass., May 10.—The deportation of aliens convicted twice for violations of the prohibition and narcotic laws and the placing of federal prohibition agents under civil service were asked of congress in a resolution passed by the Methodist Episcopal general conference today. The resolution, reported by the committee on temperance, prohibition and public morals, read:

"Resolved, that the general conference urge congress and the judiciary committee to defeat the fifty-nine beer bills to strengthen law enforcement by enacting pending legislation to put prohibition agents under civil service, to concentrate all enforcement activities into a responsible body, and to enact a law to deport all aliens upon the second conviction for violation of the prohibition and narcotic laws."

"Inducements are being held out to foreigners to come here and make

fortunes by violating the prohibition law," said Dr. Clarence T. Wilson of the commission on temperance. "The civil service clause should be supported, because many senators who now can name prohibition officers are well known opponents of all prohibition restrictions and themselves fought tooth and toe nail against the prohibition amendment."

An amendment to disfranchise American citizens for the third offense against the prohibition law proposed by S. A. Bright of New Mexico, was tabled. Dr. Wilson opposing it because "enfranchisement is exclusively the function of the separate states."

The Operation I Avoided—



IF there is one thing more than another a woman dreads, it is a surgical operation, and to be told that one is necessary is very disheartening.

Hospitals are grand institutions, and undoubtedly many operations are necessary. However, we have received hundreds of letters from women who have been restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after an operation had been deemed advisable.

Every woman who suffers as Mrs. Coffman did naturally wishes to avoid an operation if possible, and the remarkable statements which she makes in her letter will be read with interest by women everywhere.

Mrs. Coffman's Letter Follows:

SIDELL, ILLINOIS.—"I was a nervous wreck. I was suffering from a pain in my left side which was noticeable at all times but sometimes it was almost unbearable and I could not even let the bed-clothing rest on my body at night. I had been sick for seven years but not so badly until the last 18 months, and had become so rundown that I cared for nobody and would rather have died than live. I couldn't do my work without help and the doctor told me that an operation was all there was left for me. I would not consent to that so my husband brought me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I began to feel better. I took seven bottles of it and I feel ten years younger. Life is full of hope. I do all my housework and had a large garden this year. I never will be without the Vegetable Compound in the house and when my two little girls reach womanhood shall advise them to take it."

Another Operation Avoided

DAYTON, OHIO.—"I was sick for eight weeks and had three doctors. They told me I would have to be operated upon before I would be any better. My sister told me about the Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. In one week I began to feel better. I took seven bottles of it and also some of the Live Pills and used your Sanative Wash and I soon gained my health. I recommend your medicines to all women who feel badly and have troubles of this kind and I will answer all letters sent to me by women."—MRS. GRACE B. GILHEM, 770 Valley Street, Dayton, Ohio.

Funeral for Mrs. Work to Be From White House

Washington, May 10.—The funeral of Mrs. Hubert Work, wife of the secretary of the interior, who died yesterday, will be held Monday afternoon at the White house, it was announced today.

The use of the White house for the services was offered by President Coolidge because Secretary Work lives at a hotel where it would be difficult for the funeral to be held. The body will be brought to the White house 11 a. m. Monday from the hotel, and the services, which will be private, will be held at 2 p. m. with burial in Arlington National cemetery.

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