

Gardening and garden farming as near Pappio creek, on the Lincoln highway,

He savs:

as the business enlarges.

keeper in this vicinity.

eight tons each season.

it is done in the average community, especially 'backyard farming,' as the Leonard started on June 5 with a one-frame nucleus and on September 5, when term is applied to those gardens this picture was taken, he had two colonies of bees and a surplus of honey. raised on small acre farms and city Leonard has continued in the bee business, which has been a source of back lots, should appreciate the pro- pleasure and profit. He is now a freshman in the University of Nebraska gram of bee culture," said E. G. Max- medical college. well, county extension agent of Douglas county, Nebraska, in a recent in- beekeepers of Omaha. terview. Mr. Maxwell has been president of the Nebraska Honey Produc- fruit growers to spray only at the ers' association the last two years and has been doing some constructive losses. work relative to perfecting bee farming in Nebraska. He said:

"Beckeeping from its very nature is one of the minor branches of agriculture. It is a means of conserving for human use, the nectar of the

E. M. Parsons says: "The annual production of honey in the /United States has reached the enormous sum of 125,000 tons, or more than 4,000 carloads, more than 5,000,000 pounds of honey being exported from the United States during 1924.

"In addition to this, the bees produced approximately \$2,000,000 worth of beeswax, but even with all of that, there is now a big shortage of beeswax in this country.

"Some people are of the opinion that bees damage fruit, especially grapes, but in this they are greatly mistaken for bees cannot puncture the skin of a grape. Bees have been proven of great benefit to grapes as well as to all kinds of fruit."

multitude of flowers which is usually so abundantly secured in all sections and which if not collected by the bees own to support the bees. The garis immediately lost.

estimated that on nearly every sec- tween Mr. Cook and themselves." tion of land in Nebraska 1,000 pounds of honey goes to waste each year in the form of raw material or nectar on account of a lack of bees to turn year thain in 1923. A new record it into the finished product." was set, totaling over 500,000,000. The it into the finished product."

To Avoid Losses.

Mr. Maxwell has done considerable work in the community towards ex. the overproduction. January 1, 1925 plaining the value of bees as agents of cross-pollenization. Mr. J. J. Smith, American farms, compared to 470. Percy Vogal and John Burgschat are fruit growers who realize the necessity of bees as agents in cross-polenization. These men feel that there is a big advantage in having aplaries of their own in order to insure maximum pollenization of their fruit bloom

Some beekeepers have experienced losses as a result of fruit tree spraying at the wrong time. Mr. Maxwell explained that it was not necessary to spray the fruit trees while in full bloom to control the codling moth and that spraying at the wrong time was the direct cause of unnecessary losses to the beekeepers in this vicin ity. We have repeatedly advised the

FLOCK PROJECT proper time in order to avoid these HAS GOOD RESULTS An Avocation. F. M. Parsons, connected with the

Bottom: Sergt. H. C. Cook giving a demonstration to several interested

The goose that laid the golden Union Pacific Railway company at Omaha, is affiliated with Mr. Max- eggs was all right, but hens enrolled

well, being secretary-treasurer of the in the accredited farm flock project Nebraska Honey Producers' associa- are our best bet, right now. They ion. Parsons stresses the fact that are on the job laying eggs for the eekeeping was a pleasant avocation for the man chained to a city desk. hatching season which is in full swing

today. If we should happen to kill "Beekeeping is well adapted as a one for Sunday dinner, our producsideline for professional and office tion will not be stopped as was the workers, affording a very interesting case with the above mentioned goose. February, March and April eggs pastime as well as moderate outdoor exercise. It offers a splendid oppor. are the ones which will return more tunity to young people to engage in money to the flock owner than all of a lucrative business which is both the other seasons because these eggs pleasant and healthful. Beekeeping will be sold or used for hatching purhas the advantage of requiring but poses.

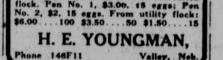
little capital and will pay for itself Now during the month of February 2,045 hens in Douglas county en Beekeeping is not always handled rolled in the accredited flock project, as a sideline. Mr. Maxwell cites as laid a total of 22,719 eggs or an an example, H. C. Cook, who is average of 11.1 per hen. The total probably the most experienced bee. expenses for the month was \$447.18. Total receipts, \$909.77. Net returns "Cook usually secures 10 to 12 over the above feed and other costs, tons of the choicest honey annually \$462.59. Each of the hens returned

while others secure lesser amounts to their owners, 22.6 cents. February from a few hunderd pounds to six or was cold and these amounts are low. The expense ran much higher than it Mr. Cook maintains an aplary in. will run in March or April! The proside the city limits of Omaha and has duction was high for February in

two outyards, one near the Pappio spite of the weather. creek, west of Omaha, and another Mrs. O. M. Boettger's flock of 211 near Elk City. Mr. Cook takes ad. White Wyandotts made a good recvantage of the fact that there is a ord. They laid an average of 10.5 large amount of nectar available in eggs. The expense for the month this vicinity and puts his bees to was \$34.50, returns, \$108.15. The net

work to collect the honey. He has returns were \$73.65, or 34.9 cents per very little expense owing to the fact hen. that he maintains no fields of his Next month we expect the expenses will be much lower and the producdener and fruit growers as well as tion increased quite a bit. Even if "The raw material of honey costs the farmers of the community, realize the groundhog did see his shadow, the beekeeper nothing. It has been that it is a case of reciprcation be. the first two weeks of March could not have been better. Warmer weather with plenty of sunishine does

There were 29,400,000 more chickens produced in the United States last



consumption and storage of chickens, however, picked up to more than use there were about 427,000,000 head upon Phone 146F11 Valley, N 000,000 the same time in 1924. **"MONEY in HONEY"**

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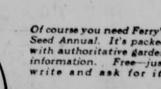
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