



WILLIAM W. CLARKE, EXTENSION BEE SPECIALIST, examined bee colonies in the county Monday night. He found bees generally in good condition with very little winter damage, but some weakening from lack of food during March Cold weather has held bee activity to a minimum this spring and the cool evening making the bees ill tempered kept all but the hardest or heaviest-veiled at a respectable distance as Clarke, left, examines a frame of brood comb. Swarming has been relatively heavy this spring, Clarke said. —L. F. Photo

County Bees In Good Condition But Season Poor, Expert Says

Honeybees came through the winter in good condition, said Pennsylvania State University beekeepers were told at a joint meeting with orchardists Monday night.

W. W. Clarke, extension beekeeping specialist from Pennsylvania State University, said quite a few bees were lost during March because of lack of feed, but very few died during the winter.

Swarming has been a problem, and is likely to continue to be a problem, Clarke said. When weather keeps bees confined for a long period, then there is a warm day or so, then more confinement, there is likely to be swarming during the next warm spell, he explained.

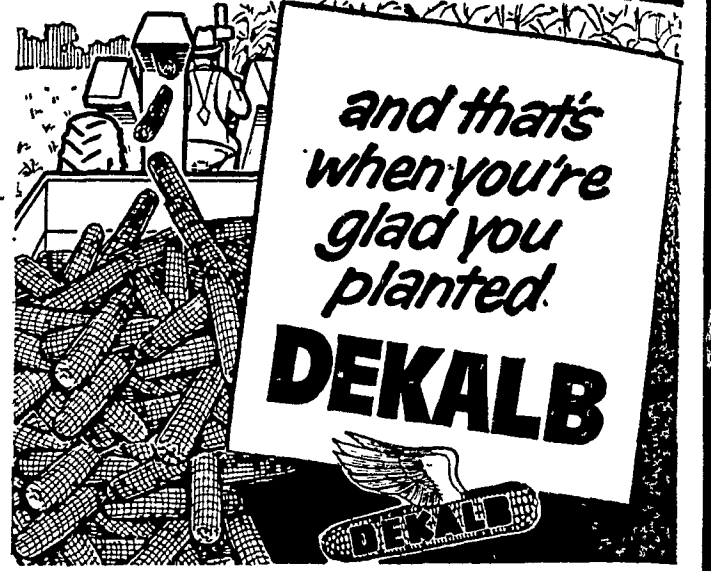
Bee activity has been very limited this spring, but now

success in controlling swarming by using nine frames instead of the normal ten, in both brood chamber and in the supers.

Clarke warned beekeepers to stop feeding of sulfathiazole for the control of A-

merican Foulbrood. It is still alright to feed Terramycin, but "We do not encourage the use of either during the honey flow," he said. Studies made by insurance companies show that the safety record of commercial vehicles is far better than the private passenger car.

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