



On hand for the Tri-County Beekeepers meeting were Robert E. Shaffer, president of the Pennsylvania Beekeepers Assoc., and Rebecca Fisher, the 1981 Pa. Honey Queen.

## Beekeeper's meeting

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allergic reactions in themselves and others. He suggested they all have readily available a prescription kit containing injectable epinephrine to counteract the sting's effects.

"The number of stings makes no difference in whether or not a person gets a reaction," he stated. "What matters is if the person is sensitive to the bee venom which consists, in smaller quantities, of the same poison found in rattlesnake and cobra venom."

Brooks explained that a bee sting has 1/10 milligram of the venom. This venom, he said, works on the pituitary gland of the animal or person stung.

Although he didn't have all the reasons why, Brooks explained bee venom contains something that affects rheumatic conditions.

In tests he and associates conducted, dogs with a bone deterioration condition known as

hip dysplasia were treated with bee venom and the hormone testosterone. The results of the treatment were incredible, he recounted, with some individuals, who could scarcely walk before, recovering and actually having regeneration of bone tissue.

Brooks cautioned the group that

people receiving injections of bee venom, in order to develop a tolerance to stings or for other reasons, require high levels of Vitamin C.

He closed by suggesting apiarists should get stung 5 days after a previous sting or 25 days later, otherwise they may suffer a reaction. Brooks' final words left the group to ponder whether they are beekeepers or trainers.

## Shippensburg Fair opens today

SHIPPENSBURG — The Shippensburg Fair will kick off another fair season in Cumberland County, opening Saturday, July 18, and running through Saturday, July 25.

Other upcoming fairs in the region include: Carlisle Fair, Cumberland County, Carlisle, August 10-15; Lebanon Area Fair, Lebanon County, Lebanon, August 10-15; Franklin County Fair, Chambersburg, August 16-22; Middletown Comm. Fair, Dauphin Co., Royaltown, August 16-22; Perry County Fair, Newport, August 18-

22; South Mountain Fair, Adams County, Arendtsville, September 7-12; York Inter-State Fair, York County, York, September 11-19; Southern Lancaster County Fair, Quarryville, September 16-18; Gratz Fair, Dauphin County, Gratz, September 20-26; Ephrata Fair, Lancaster County, Ephrata, September 22-26; West Lampeter Fair, Lancaster Co., Lampeter, September 23-25; Elizabethtown Fair, Lancaster Co., Elizabethtown, September 29-October 3; New Holland Farmers Fair, Lancaster Co., New Holland, September 30-October 3; Manheim Comm. Fair, Lancaster Co., Manheim, October 5-9; Dillsburg Community Fair, York Co., Dillsburg, October 15-17.

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