

# Swarm Of Bees Transferred From Chimney To New Quarters At Lake

Mrs. Paul Dugan looked out of her bedroom window and saw space-men on the porch roof, complete with helmets and interplanetary suits.

Croaking through a summer cold, she said, "Welcome to our planet. Did you stop for awhile on the moon?"

The spacemen swatted at another convoy of angry bees, and continued to urge them into the prepared hive, as they came boiling out through the crevices between chimney and clapboards of the house on Hillside Road.

"It would all have been so easy," remarked Bob Wintersteen afterwards, "if I could have just caught them while they were swarming. When bees swarm, they are very docile, and can be scooped off into a sack or into a hive without any trouble at all. You have to know how to handle them, of course. They know when you are frightened, and take advantage."

That was on Friday, a full week after the swarm had settled on the house and hung there overnight, quiescent, their wings damp with dew. In the morning an hour before Bobby could reach the scene, they started operations, their sleepy daze giving way to intense activity, their stings sharpened to repel boarders.

Instead of an hour or so, it took Bobby a full week to get most of the bees into the hive. Killing the queen bee with a whiff of poison gas was the last step before Bobby went off with the hive, to add to his bee population at the Picnic Grounds.

For a demonstration, Bobby brought around two swarms of bees in his car. Not bees on the loose, but bees tightly contained in wire netting crates, each crate containing a queen bee, several drones, and a whole swarm of indignant workers who asked nothing better than release so they could start building

honeycomb and filling it with clover honey.

"Can you get a queen bee without buying a whole colony from Mississippi?" seemed a logical question.

"Yes, you can buy a queen bee, with just enough workers to keep her happy, and she comes in a little netting box. Then you have to clip her wings so she can't take to the air. They'll do this for you at the apiary, and they'll also put a spot of green paint on her back to distinguish her from other bees."

"Did you have the wings clipped on the queen bee you have ordered to go along with the Dugan bees?"

"For the amount they want to clip a queen or paint her back, I can hold her by the head and clip

her wings, and give her a complete set of polka dots. I belong to the do-it-yourself brigade."

"Things I'd rather not do for a living include holding a queen bee by the head, though come to think of it, it would be a lot better than holding her by the tail."

"Queen bees don't have time off to sting," said Bobby, "they're too busy laying eggs."

"Can you get a new queen bee any other way than by buying her? A wild colony doesn't have access to a store. How about that?"

"Oh, sure, any smart colony can make its own queen. The workers select a likely looking grub, and they start feeding it royal jelly. It grows to beat the band, and the royal jelly turns it into a queen. It just saves a little time to buy a

queen, and the workers don't waste their time. They just keep going, gathering honey, feeding the babies, and making honey for next winter."

"You have to be careful not to rob the hive of too much honey?"

"Bees will die if they don't have enough to eat. Lots of amateur bee-keepers starve their first colonies, until they learn better," Bobby explained.

And then he went on: "If you think they don't have enough food, you have to start feeding them sugar syrup early in the spring, to tide them over until the first flowers bloom."

Bobby likes bees. But he says that the Dugan bees were loaded for bear, and that he got stung pretty liberally.

"It was worth it, though," he

continued. "Know what those two colonies from Mississippi set me back? You'd never believe it."

Bobby prodded gently at the netting where it was stretched too tightly over a wooden support. "Those three bees caught in there are never going to make it," he said regretfully. "They've had their wings crushed, and they can't fly."

James Kozemchak, in making the picture of Bobby and Mr. Dugan up on the roof surrounded by his buzzing menage, reports that he stayed strictly on the ground and away from all bees. Not even for a picture would he have climbed

# Space-Men Battle Hordes of Interplanetary Invaders



Attired in space-suits and helmets, Paul Dugan and Bobby Wintersteen capture a swarm of bees on the porch roof of the Dugan home on Hillside-Huntsville Road. Photo by Kozemchak.

up on the roof unless completely encased in netting.

"What you think?" inquired Jimmie. "Those bees would have known I was afraid of them, and they'd have drilled me. You can't fool a bee. And me, I'm not going to even try."

Bobby, a 1960 graduate from Lake-Lehman, came home from Lock Haven branch of Penn State late in May, and has been hard at it ever since, taking care of his bees and running the Dodge-Em at the Picnic Grounds. His brother Barry runs the Merry-Go-Round. It's a family enterprise.

## Public Demands Relay Signals

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going; nor a fire, because it didn't sound like the Dallas alarm. Her son Bob, driving up the back road from Berwick, was stopped at Chase and again at Huntsville by guards. That was around 4:30, which was the first the Moyer family had known that there was a prisoner on the loose.

Robert Culp, Huntsville Justice of the Peace, and Phillip Cummings, Sutton Road, are both willing to stand up and be counted by name as wanting a better system of warning, and a way of knowing when the chase is over.

Both Mr. Culp and Mr. Sutton agree that where there is a prison, there also are occasional prison breaks.

But they both feel that a system of warning by police or the sudden appearance of armed guards, is not enough. It takes too long in a rural area. A relayed siren would involve the simplest of operations, a telephone call to each fire house in the area; Dallas, Shavertown, Trucks-ville, Jackson Township, Lehman, Lake Silkworth, Harveys Lake. Each fire-hall has a fire phone. Three minutes would alert every community in the area.

Mrs. William Simms, Lehman, has had the message of an escape both times it has occurred, police spreading the news. But it takes some time to get the word around.

Esther Murray, near Ceasetown, was the woman who first gave the alarm. Sitting on her porch with two women guests, she heard a twig snap, then a small stone rolling in the brush. She looked up and saw a man in brown dungarees and peaked cap peering from the trees. He looked at her for a moment, walked away, looked back, then disappeared.

Mrs. Murray made no motion until he was well out of sight. Then she called The Institution. The switch-board operator found somebody in authority and relayed her information.

Guards called at the Murray home. They called the prison. The following day, Mr. Johnson complimented Mrs. Murray on keeping her head and not going into a panic.

Guards checked work squads. Nobody was missing from the institution farm squads, but one man was missing from the sewage disposal plant squad.

The man, thirty years old, and within a few days of being let out on parole after rehabilitation, apparently remained in the woods near Ceasetown all afternoon and evening. He was unarmed, and did not resist arrest when captured at 11:20.



DOWN THE HATCH—A community-wide drive to wipe out polio with the new Sabin oral polio vaccine made by Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc. concludes this week in Harrisburg, Pa. Among the 100,000 receiving dose three of the vaccine will be 21-month-old Darlee Clare Wachman shown above being spoon-fed a vaccine and syrup mixture by student nurse Suzanne Smith.



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