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This is sure a small world. I found a distant relative here in Raleigh Thursday that I did not know about from my mother's side of the family. Then I got a message from a beekeeper that I had met in Orange County when I gave a bee talk there last year. She receives these Stahlman bee notes. She sent some paper clippings of me that her mother had collected from a local newspaper in Ohio. I do appreciate all that. It does bring back a lot of lost memories.

I also met yesterday with two beekeepers that were assigned to me to mentor last year. They have great plans for this year. We sat down to discuss where they go from here. Their hives have survived the winter well. Now is a new season with new challenges -- they are beginning this year (the 2nd) with new learning objectives. That learning curve also applies to me. Last year was how to get your bees built up to draw comb, do hive inspections, and hope the bees survived the winter. Now we are in the big time -- how do we plan to get a honey crop. Both are planning to increase hive numbers. The second season of beekeeping brings on new challenges and new learning. I am so blessed to find beekeepers with so much optimism and go get it done attitudes. As I get older, I find that "go get it done a bit harder". My advice is go slow! Each season is different. Experience is valuable. Failure only happens when one quits.

I have been reviewing many of the articles and books I have written in the past. The same issues and topics appear year after year. But, each topic has many facets to cover. A new idea popped in my head from that discussion session I had yesterday. We mentioned making splits. There are many ways to make splits so be on the look out next week for making splits.

That is the way my mind works!

And thanks, Peggy Wilson for the items from the Delaware Gazette and Columbus Dispatch from 1995.

Holy Cow -- that was 27 years ago. Good stories about my bee inspector days.

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