## MICHIGAN AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE EXPERIMENT STATION

## PRESS BULLETIN NO 46

To the Editor:

The notice below will be of value to many of your readers. We, therefore, ask you to cooperate with us in calling attention to this timely matter.

> R. S. SHAW, Director.

## Transferring Bees

The first of a series of bulletins on bee management has just been issued by the Michigan Agricultural College Experiment Station, as special bulletin number 76.

The bulletin is entitled "Transferring Bees,"

and is written by Mr. F. E. Millen, State

Inspector of Apiaries.

Michigan has far more than her share of poorly designed beehives, some being apparently without design at all. Many bees are kept in mere boxes or sections of hollow logs. Of course such bees are not profitable in any sense and are a source of danger because colonies of bees in such hives may acquire diseases and act as centers of infection from which disease may be spread far and wide among the bees of other apiaries.

The first step in attempting bee-keeping for profit is to get bees into sanitary, modern hives fitted with removable frames so that the combs may be examined at the will of the owner; the bulletin just issued describes how the transfer may be made without losing too many of the bees. Several methods are described, in order that the one most suited to local conditions may be selected. Methods for getting the bees from hollow trees are also described.

The bulletin may be secured by anyone interested in bees, by dropping a postal card to the Director of the Experiment Station.

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