

Beekeepers Named for HONORARY DIPLOMAS IN APICULTURE

The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture is pleased to announce the award of Diplomas in Apiculture without examination to persons over 40 years of age who have had at least 20 years' experience in beekeeping. Authority for the issue of these Diplomas by the Institute was obtained through an amendment to the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture Act 1957. It is hoped that these senior citizens in Beekeeping will encourage younger men and women in the industry to study for and sit the examinations for this Diploma which is the only Beekeeping qualification available to this country. Anyone interested should write to the Secretary of the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture, P.O. Box 450, Wellington.

In reporting on his visit to the United Kingdom in 1952, the Director of the Horticulture Division of the Department of Agriculture stated that a National Diploma in Beekeeping was being considered by the Beekeeping Education Association which aims to have a Diploma of equal standard to the National Diploma in Horticulture granted by the Royal Horticultural Society and recognised by the United Kingdom Ministry of Agriculture as a suitable qualification for Horticultural advisory officers. Mr Greig then stated, "I feel the time has arrived when the National Beekeepers' Association of New Zealand in co-operation with the Horticulture Division should discuss a similar series of recognised qualifications for New Zealand Beekeepers from whom future Apiary Instructors could be recruited. Such a move will have my personal interest and support."

APPROACH BY N.B.A.

In 1956 the National Beekeepers' Association decided to approach the Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture with the object of establishing a Diploma in Beekeeping and the following year the Institute's Act was amended to cover Beekeeping as well as Horticulture. Discussions then took place between the Institute's Examining Board (under Professor H. D. Gordon), the Superintendent of the Beekeeping Industry and the executive of the National Beekeeping Association which culminated in approval of a draft syllabus in 1959. By taking the full course of study and gaining the practical experience required a candidate must have a minimum of six years practical experience in handling bees and then pass in nine written papers, three oral examinations, and submit a Thesis, before being awarded National Diploma in Apiculture, the hall mark of the all round practical Beekeeper. The Royal New Zealand Institute of Horticulture has commenced to register students and to set examinations for this Diploma. On the establishment of such a Diploma it is customary and fitting to make awards, without examinations, to those of recognised standing and experience in the industry. The Executive of the National Beekeepers' Association has given this move its full co-operation and support.

The list of Honorary Diplomas hereunder is a complete list of such awards as authority to issue these without examination has now expired.

HONORARY DIPLOMAS IN APICULTURE

ABERNETHY, Roy Campbell, P.O. Box 69, Owaka.
ADAMSON, William Henry, Wedderburn, Central Otago.
ARMSTRONG, Frank John, 102 Dyers Pass Road, Christchurch.
ASHCROFT, William James Cranshaw, 77 Te Mata Road, Havelock North.
BALL, Endon Offwood, Hook R.D. 8, Waimate South Canterbury.
BASSETT, Winston Gordon, 26c Maranui Street, New Plymouth.
BENNIE, Ronald Daniel, Ranfurly.
BENNETT, Alfred William, 6 Olwyn Terrace, Frankton, Hamilton.

BERRY, Percy, P.O. Box 16, Havelock North.
 BOX, Leonard Ivo, P.O. Box 37, Heriot.
 BRISCOE, Douglas Allenby, 10 Devon Street, Greerton, Tauranga.
 BUSH, Horace, Old Renwick Road, Blenheim.
 BUSHBY, Ralph Raymond, 193 Wairakei Road, Christchurch 5.
 CALDWELL, William John, Roslyn Bush, No. 2 R.D., Invercargill.
 CLOAKE, Harry, Fairview, No. 2 R.D., Timaru.
 COOMBES, William Alfred, P.O. Box 42, Lumsden.
 CROPP, Leslie Thomas, 5 Surrey Road, Richmond, Nelson.
 CROPP, Thomas Arthur, 158 Queen Street, Richmond, Nelson.
 DAVIDSON, Robert, C/o. Davidsons Apiaries, Hadlow, No. 4 R.D., Timaru.
 ELLIOTT, Ernest William, Douglas Road, Amberley.
 FORSTER, Ivor Wilfred, Department of Agriculture, Oamaru.
 FORSTER, James, Spur Road, No. 4 R.D., Timaru.
 FORSYTH, Bruce William, 3 R.D., Ohaupo.
 FRASER, John William, Ryal Bush, No. 6 R.D., Invercargill.
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 GLYNN, John, P.O. Box 5, Balfour, Southland.
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 GUMBRELL, George Edmund, Geraldine.
 HAINES, William Ivan, Bonnetts Road, Kaitaia.
 HERRON, William Thompson, Greenvale Apiaries, No. 5 R.D., Gore.
 HIGGINS, John Christopher, Bradford Street, Waihi.
 HIGHT, Eric Benjamin Fletcher, 103 Thompson Street, Tinwald, Ashburton.
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 JENNINGS, William, 17 White Street, Timaru.
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 MARSH, Charles Leonard Samuel, Ethrick, Otago.
 NELSON, William Wallace, 21 Seacliffe Avenue, Belmont, Takapuna.
 NEWTON, Ronald Henry, 127 Alford Forest Road, Ashburton.
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 PALMER-JONES, Trevor, Wallaceville Animal Research Station, P.B., Wellington.
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 PEARSON, Thomas Edward, Darfield, Canterbury.
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 TUCK, Henry Norman, Kihikihi, Waikato.
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 WHALLEY, Ernest John, No. 3 R.D., Wanganui.
 WILSON, Herbert Stanley, Elderslie, 2 C.R.D., Oamaru.
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