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I have been quite busy this week visiting bee clubs and beekeepers. A lot is going on right now. New beekeepers are still waiting for bees to put into their newly purchased hive equipment. The cold weather in the South has resulted in delays.

The trees are in bloom here in my neighborhood -- It is a beautiful time of the year. I traveled to Lincoln County on Thursday. I will be spending a good amount of time in Western North Carolina over the next few weeks - Many of them faced the hurricane and are working through helping each other and have mentioned that they appreciate all the work being done by the North Carolina Beekeepers Association to help. I have a number of meetings scheduled in Western N.C. -- Lincoln, Buncombe, Rutherford, Union and Moore Counties in the next month or so and a few scheduled where I can drive and return to home on the same day. April is especially busy and if any of you are getting this newsletter, please let me know you. I am always looking for help in writing these notes -- ideas and information club members bring up help me understand what is going on and determine in many cases what I put into these notes.

This week's note shares some photos of an issue every beekeeper should be looking for -- signs of swarming.