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Wow, weather has been the story for this week. We have had a lot of wet and stormy weather here in the Raleigh area. TV is painting a picture that many areas are being impacted with stormy weather and tornados and remind us that hurricane season starts in a few days.

I have had breaks in the weather to check on queens and what I can do to raise a few queens. This newsletter goes out to a lot of beekeepers and various methods are used for raising queens. Coming in future issues will be pictures and comments I make about hobby beekeepers raising a few queens.

The question often arises about the quality of queens we buy. I can share that I have not had real good success with queens purchased with package bees. Thus, finding a good queen is a challenge and I feel much of the failure of keeping bees is caused by poor quality queens being sold.

This week's article begins with a quote from W.Z. Hutchinson "There are critical times in beekeeping." Now is a critical time because opportunities are quickly passing us by. June, July and August present the beekeeper with many opportunities to explore and expand knowledge in various facets of keeping bees. For starters, check out the topics -- about trouble. It is a time to be vigilant!

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