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BRIEF HISTORICAL NOTES CHRONOLOGICALLY ARRANGED, ON THE
 ALAMEDA COUNTY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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- 1916 The ACBA founded by Mr. Cary W. Hartman in Oakland, with Mr. Hartman as its first president until around the late 1930's.
- 1921 The association was meeting in the Hotel Oakland, West Rm., the first Friday evening of each month.
- 1921, Bees and Honey, official organ of the ACBA began publication in Oak-
 Nov. land with Mr. Hartman as publisher and editor. (Vol.1, No.1 consisted of 1 sheet-2 pages).
- 1931, Ralph Benton became Departmental Editor of Bees and Honey through
 Jan. Oct., 1937.
- 1937, Ralph Benton was elevated to Head Editor of Bees and Honey through
 Nov. Aug., 1941.
- 1938, Bees and Honey name changed to Frontier: Bees and Honey.
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- 1941, Frontier: Bees and Honey discontinued publication when editor Ralph
 Aug. Benton was called into the armed services.
- 1940's Lee H. Watkins, distinguished California beekeeping historian, be-
 came the 3rd president of the ACBA.
- 1968, Lee H. Watkins wrote the following about the ACBA and its journal:
 Oct. "...the Alameda County Beekeepers' Association, a group that is still active as one of the oldest county beekeepers organizations in the United States." "...BEES AND HONEY, which became perhaps the best bee journal ever published in California."

Notes on Cary W. Hartman, founder of the ACBA: Mr. Hartman was an old friend of A.I. Root, the great beekeeping industrialist. In 1915 Hartman retired from the public lecture stage, where he had lectured on the American Indian for many years; about this time he moved to Oakland, Calif. soon thrusting himself into the state's beekeeping scene. One of Cary Hartman's most important contributions to the bee industry seems to have been his almost two decades of service to the California State Beekeepers' Assn. (founded in Los Angeles, Jan.6, 1892); during the 1920's and 1930's Hartman was credited with keeping "our State Association functioning at a high level...."

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