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## ANNOUNCING

## THE NEW CHECK LIST OF THE NEARCTIC BUTTERFLIES

By Cyril F. dos Passos

The Society is publishing, as its Memoir No. 1 the eagerly-awaited dos Passos Check List, in preparation for many years. Publication is scheduled for early in 1961. The List contains about 3600 names of genera, species, subspecies, forms, and synonyms. The Memoir will comprise about 130 pages, including a complete index of all names.

This is the first check list of the Nearctic butterflies to be published since 1938, when the butterfly portion of McDunnough's invaluable list appeared. The new list reflects current views on taxonomic relationships, many radically different from those held in 1938. Hundreds of additional names are included. An important extension over the style of the McDunnough list is the inclusion of publication dates and of parentheses around authors' names where any species or subspecies has been placed in a genus other than the original one.

Order forms will be sent to all members soon, establishing pre-publication and post-publication prices. Members will receive a discount.

Sidney A. Hessel  
Managing Editor, Memoirs

The Editor of the NEWS has just received assurance that the Seasonal Summary will again be a feature of the NEWS. The SUMMARY for last year was very well received, and it is to be hoped that the Summary for this season meets the high standards set by the previous one. As before, it is planned that the SUMMARY will be Number 3 (for 1961), thus giving ample time to edit the raw data. Our regional coordinators will be as follows: Zone 1, Fred Thorne; Zone 2, J. C. Hopfinger; Zone 3, Donald Eff; Zone 4, H. A. Freeman; Zone 5, E. G. Voss; Zone 6, Bryant Mather; Zone 7, L. P. Grey; Mexico, Eduardo Welling. No coordinator has been found for Zone 8, the Far North. If there is a volunteer, please let the Editor know. If no coordinator can be found, those wishing to contribute from Zone 8 may send their reports directly to the Editor, J. W. Tilden, 125 Cedar Lane, San Jose 27, Calif., U.S.A., who will attempt to coordinate them, rather than have no report from this important zone.

Since the Membership list was Number 6 of the NEWS for 1960, a great deal of material has accumulated since the last regular issue of the NEWS. It is planned to offer as much as possible of this material in this issue. In a few cases the information seemed important enough to send on to Fred Thorne, for inclusion in the "Especially for Field Collectors" department of the JOURNAL. If members receive no direct reply, the material is accepted for use. If it is returned, the Editor considers it either unsuitable for the NEWS, or better presented in the pages of a more formal periodical. Thanks to all contributors, and keep the news coming. Thanks!

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The Pacific Slope Meetings were held at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco, August 27-28, 1960. Attendance was gratifying. We were honored to have as our guest, Dr. Walther Forster, of München, Germany, the President of the Lepidopterists' Society, and his wife. The membership of the Pacific Slope Section sends its appreciation of the fine contribution he made to the meetings.

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John C. Hopfinger advises that the name of Miss Barbara Butt was inadvertently omitted from among the contributors to the SUMMARY from Zone 2. Our belated apologies for this oversight, and we promise not to do it again.

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Lutz Bayer of Williston Park, Long Island, N.Y., reared a specimen of Dolba hylaeus, on wild blueberry. He knows of no other records of this species for Long Island. Can any members fill us in on this?

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From Robert Weast comes this note: I have for several years tried to repeat the classic hybridization of Samiacynthia x Callosamia promethea that Caroline Soule successfully achieved early in this century. Each summer I get several such pairings, either by hand pairing or by placing the female Promethea in a cage with both male and female Cynthia. In early July of this year I secured two cross pairings. Two hundred eggs were laid, and of these, six developed to the hatching point, but the larvae, which were fully formed in the egg, failed to eclose. Examination of the structures of these larvae showed that in appearance, they resembled Cynthia more than Promethea. (Editor's note: What experiences have other members had with this cross?)

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Richard Heitzman, of Independence, Mo., writes of a dehumidifier that he has used, that works very well. It is called De-Moist. This notice is not to give free advertising to this particular product, but to point out that if members have trouble with humidity, there are products available that will rectify the difficulty.

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Mr. Heitzman also wants to know if the life history of Adelocephala quadrilineata has been published. If not, he has information concerning the early stages of this species.

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Gerhard Hesselbarth informs me that on October 30, 1960 the Northwestern German Entomological Society (Arbeitsgemeinschaft nordwestdeutscher Entomologen) will hold its tenth annual meetings in Hannover, at the Gewerkschaftshaus, Josephstr. 1, Ecke Steintor. This location is five minutes from the main railroad terminal. We wish this society successful and enjoyable meetings.

NOTICES

Lepidopterists' Society members may use this section free of charge to advertise their offerings and needs in Lepidoptera. The Editors reserve the right to rewrite notices for clarity or to reject unsuitable notices. The Editors cannot guarantee any notices, but all are expected to be bona fide.

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Joseph Muller, Lebanon, N.J., takes me to task for a statement that I attribute to him in the June 1, 1960, issue. The statement in the NEWS reads: "... The collector will pick up a few hundred specimens." One little word, omitted, changed the sense entirely. What was intended was: "...the collector will pick up a few of hundreds of specimens." Mr. Muller points out that if each collector actually were to pick up a "few hundred" specimens each night at his black light, the population might very well become depleted. Sorry!

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Sidney Hessel has returned from his trip to Africa. The membership should give him a vote of thanks for keeping the NEWS so well on schedule.

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Membership in the Lepidopterists' Society is open to all persons interested in any aspect of Lepidopterology. Prospective members should send the Treasurer the full dues for the current year (\$5.00), together with their full name, address, and special lepidopterological interests. Remittances in dollars (U.S.A.) should be made payable to the Lepidopterists' Society.



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Information on membership in the Society may be obtained from the Treasurer, George Ehle, 314 Atkins Ave., Lancaster, Penna., U.S.A., or from the Secretary, Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Museum of Natural History, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., U.S.A. Changes in address should be sent to the Secretary. Items or notices for inclusion in the NEWS should be sent to the Editor of the NEWS, Dr. J. W. Tilden, 125 Cedar Lane, San Jose 27, Calif., U.S.A.

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