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# THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR 1961

The Annual Meeting of the Lepidopterists' Society will be held at the Rocky Mountain Laboratory, Crested Butte, Gunnison County, Colorado, in August. Details of the exact dates and arrangements will appear in the NEWS. Plan now to attend and help to make these the best meetings yet.

# NEW DUES SCHEDULE APPROVED

The Executive Committee has approved the following dues schedule, effective in 1961: Regular Members, \$6.00; Sustaining Members, \$15.00; Institutional Subscribers, \$7.00.

The Editor of the NEWS wishes to make this comment, that the fine articles in the JOURNAL, the Membership List, the Season's Summary and the NEWS, form a very considerable group of services to the membership. The New Literature section alone is worth the subscription price. Compare what you get in the Lepidopterists' Society with services offered by comparable societies, and you will realize that with rising costs, a raise in dues is necessary with the Lepidopterists' Society, as it has been with other societies.

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Dr. Eugene Munroe, Entomologist in the Experiment Station, Science Services, Ottawa Canada, and Editor of the Canadian Entomologist, has been Acting Professor at the University of California during the Fall Semester, 1960-61. He replaced Dr. E. Gorton Linsley while the latter filled an appointment on the Miller Institute of Basic Research. Dr. Munroe is doing basic research on the theoretical aspects of Biogeography, and taught a Seminar in Biogeography. He also spent several weeks collecting throughout the United States, prior to assuming his duties at the University of California. Dr. Munroe gave an illustrated lecture on the Pyralid moths of New Guinea, as the featured speaker at the November, 1960, meeting of the Pacific Coast Entomological Society.

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Dr. J. W. Tilden was the President of the Pacific Coast Entomological Society for the year 1960.

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Jerry Powell has received his Ph.D. in Entomology at the University of California and as of January 1, 1961, will take a position as Junior Entomologist in the Experiment Station at the University of California, with primary responsibility for the California Insect Survey. C. Don MacNeill has received his Ph.D. from the University of California and accepted a position as Curator of Lepidoptera with the California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, Calif.

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### RESEARCH NOTICES

Mr. E. C. Welling, Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, plans a lifetime project in the form of a Monograph of Butterflies of that region. He would like to hear from collectors anywhere in the world who have specimens of butterflies from the Yucatan Peninsula not obtained from him, especially those who have visited the peninsula and collected there personally. So far he has specimens representing five hundred and sixty species, the work of seven years, and estimates that the total number of species inhabiting the area may reach to between seven hundred and eight hundred. This is approximately equal to the Butterfly fauna of temperate North America. Mr. Welling extends a welcome to visitors, but explains that he is in the field much of the time from June to December, and arrangements prior to visiting him might expedite connections. He wishes to thank all collectors whose purchase of specimens from him has made his continued research possible.

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Charles L. Hogue, University of California, Los Angeles, Calif., is engaged in a generic revision and phylogenetic study of Stiriini (Phalaenidae) comprising roughly numbers 2765 to 2845 in the McDunnough List of 1938. Material is needed for dissection, particularly Mexican species. Loans or donations of material are urgently requested. Correspondence invited. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

The name and address of Joseph Smaglinski, 2705 Hiester Blvd., West Lawn, Penna., U.S.A. was inadvertently omitted from the Membership List. We are glad to correct this oversight.

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W. L. Paddison, c/o Consolidated Press Ltd., 168 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, is acting as the agent in disposing of a collection of 8,000 butterflies, about half from South America and half from the Indo-Australian Region, housed in nine hand-made inlaid wooden cabinets of rare woods. The material is represented as superb in condition and as including many rare specimens. If any member is interested in bidding on this collection let him contact Mr. Paddison, who is acting for Collins, McKay and Starr, Inc., Sales agents.

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BOOK NOTICE: M. Okano and J. Ohkura of Japan are co-authors of a book on Formosan Butterflies, "Butterflies of Formosa", with 64 colored plates illustrating all known Formosan Butterflies. There are five hundred illustrations depicting 270 species and forms, upper and lower surfaces. Text in Japanese with scientific names for each species in international nomenclature. Check list at end of book. Price \$4.00 including postage. The figures are excellent and the book will prove useful even to those who do not speak Japanese. A fine addition to the literature.

The Northwest German Entomological Society met in Hannover on the 30 of October 1960, with Dr. Gersdorf as the featured speaker. Mr. Colin Wyatt was praised for his expedition to Afghanistan. The1961 meeting will be held in Lübeck.

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Roy Latham, Orient, Long Island, N.Y., notes that Dolba hylaeus was reported by Dr. M. D. Leonard, in Insects of New York, 1928, from Brooklyn and Bellport. Latham has records of this species from Orient, Greenport, Riverhead, Sag Harbor and Montauk. He has not seen the larva, but reported food plants are Vaccinium, privet, <u>llex</u> and Pawpaw. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

John C. Symmes reports taking Polygonia faunus smythi, ten or more specimens, attracted to a dead skunk. He also tells of taking this insect by sitting on the front fender of his car, while his wife drives it slowly along mountain roads, at about ten miles per hour.

The Library of the Universidad de Oriente, Santiago de Cuba, wishes to acquire papers and reprints on Lepidoptera. Anyone wishing to help may do so by writing to Aracely Estrada Beaton, Department of Reviews, at the above address. Here is an opportunity for us to help the entomologists of a neighboring country.

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Members planning to contribute to the Season's Summary should send their contributions to the proper coordinators as soon as possible. It is planned that Number 3 of 1961 (April 15) will be the SUMMARY. For list of Coordinators, see Number 7 of the NEWS (15 October 1960). In the meantime, Lee D. Miller, 405 Allegheny Street, Meadville, Pa., has volunteered to coordinate reports from the Far North, so reports from Zone 8 should be sent directly to him. \*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# NOTICES

Lepidopterists' Society members may use this section free of charge to advertise their offering 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.

WANTED: INFORMATION FROM PERSONS HAVING SPECIMENS OF BUTTERFLIES FROM OKLAHOMA, or field notes on collecting in Oklahoma, for use in preparation of a report on the Butterflies of Oklahoma, Clarence J. McCoy, Jr., Dept. of Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, U.S.A.

WANTED: VOLUMES 1, 5, 9, and 13 of SEITZ, THE MACROLEPIDOPTERA OF THE WORLD, English Edition, William Vokoun, Box 84, Belmont Branch, Downers Grove, Illinois, U.S.A.

FOR SALE: GLASSINE ENVELOPES of several sizes, local manufacture. Ask for samples and prices. Very minimum prices. Eduardo C. Welling, Calle 66 Norte, No. 426 Merida, Yucatar Mexico.

LITERATURE FOR SALE: Complete set of Lepidopterists' News, to 1957 (lacks only Vol. 1); standard works on Noctuidae (Phalaenidae). Also reprints, monographs, etc., from recently purchased library. Please write for list of available items. Charles Hogue, Dept. of Zoology, University of California, Los Angeles 24, Calif., U.S.A.

WANTED: PART III OF THE MONOGRAPH OF THE BOMBYCINE MOTHS of North America, by Alpheus Packard. A. Blanchard, 3023 Underwood, Houston 25, Texas, U.S.A.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE: 120 A. io cocoons, and 70 A. io and 100 C. promethea adults, papered and in good condition. Would like to obtain pupae of C. regalis and E. imperialis. Lutz Bayer, 19 Remsen St., Williston Park, N.Y., U.S.A.

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WANTED: COCOONS OF CALLOSAMIA PROMETHEA collected on lilac in any of the northern states. Will exchange for other species or will purchase. Robert Weast, 4818 Seneca Street, Des Moines 10, Iowa, U.S.A.

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WANTED TO EXCHANGE OR PURCHASE: Large series of Parnassiinae from any locality. C. Eisner, Kwekerijweg, den Haag, Netherlands.

FOR SALE: TEN BOOKS ON LEPIDOPTERA and the Catocalas of eastern Canada,  $15\phi$  each. Also display cases for sale,  $50\phi$  each. W. Petrie, 846 Dunlevie Ave., Ottawa, Canada.

OFFERED FOR EXCHANGE: Oeneis jutta reducta, Oeneis alberta oslari, Minois behrii masoni, Microtia damoetus, Erebia magdalena. Write giving offerta. Raymond J. Jae, 1286 So. Umatilla Street, Denver 23, Colorado, U.S.A.

WILL SELL: 1960 CATCH OF LEPIDOPTERA. R. F. Sternitzky, P. O. Box 1, Mayer, Arizona, U.S.A.

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 (\$6.00) together with their full name Remittances in dollars (U.S.A.) should b able 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, Pa., U.S.A., or from the Secretary, Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Natural History Museum, 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 directly to the Editor of the NEWS, Dr. J. W. Tilden, 125 Cedar Lane, San Jose 27, Calif., U.S.A.

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