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YOUNG STUDENT HONORED - David A. Wright, 17, of Woodcliff, N. J., a member of the Lepidopterists' Society, was a runner-up in the 28th Annual Science Talent Search, according to Science News. This search is sponsored jointly by the Westinghouse Educational Foundation and Science Service. Forty high school seniors from all over the nation are chosen from 21,000 entrants, and taken on a five-day trip to Washington, D. C., where they are given a two-hour examination by a panel of judges as well as having turned in a written report on a project they have been working on.

David Wright's work was on hybrid moths and he received an \$8,000 scholarship. He had an article in the Lepidopterists' Journal, vol. 21:255:1967 on the effect of photoperiod on the initiation of pupal diapause in Actias luna.

David is to be congratulated on his success in this field.

ANNUAL SUMMARY Additions and Corrections.....

ZONE I (near bottom of page 5). Mr. C. D. Ferris advises that the Limenitis reported as a hybrid is really L. weidemeyerii sinefascia Edwards. He also found V. cardui to be common in Graham and Apache Cos., Ariz., in August.

ZONE II. Dr. Ernst J. Dornfeld reports taking two specimens of Lycaena xanthoides at the Siskiyou Summit, Jackson Co., Oregon, June 16, the first authentic record for Oregon in many years. At Sand Creek, Klamath Co., July 3, Mel. palla whitneyi abundant, and Philotes battoides oregonensis and Pseudohazis eglanterina, including form denudata, also taken there. A colony of P. battoides glaucon at the summit of Steens Mt., Malheur Co., July 17; second brood Coenonympha tullia ampelos abundant on Little Sheep Creek, 10 mi. E. of Joseph, Wallowa, Co., Aug. 22-25. Atalopedes campestris numerous at Corvallis, Benton Co. in 1967 and less so in 1968 (Aug. 10), replacing O. sylvanoides; this was seen in 1967 for the first time. Also a single battered Atlides halesus at Corvallis, Sep. 29.

ZONE III. - Mr. C. D. Ferris reports that Vanessa cardui was extremely common in Grant Co., New Mexico, March 16-17, and was also common there in August. The specimens of Speyeria nokomis (nitocris?) reported from Willow Cr., Catron Co., New Mexico are definitely ssp. nitocris, having a darker discal area than nokomis.

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RESEARCH NOTICE

College student will be doing field work on the Presidential Range in New Hampshire this summer studying the Oeneis melissa semidea population there. Anyone planning to collect on Mt. Washington or other summits of the Presidential Range, please be on the lookout for marked individuals of this species. Would appreciate any marked individuals caught be released or sent to Scott Anthony, Dept. of Biology, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hamp., 03755. Would also appreciate as few specimens as possible be removed from the population.

NEWS ITEM

Tananarive, -Madagascar (AP)--The government plans to enact game laws for the many rare and strikingly hued butterflies that live on this island of Africa's east coast. Officials are preparing strict controls over killing of rare butterflies and an export tax on those shipped to collectors. -San Antonio EXPRESS/NEWS.

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Anyone planning a collecting trip to Texas for the first time may write to Roy O. Kendall, 135 Vaughan Place, San Antonio, Tex., 78201, for information on collecting spots, permits, motels, etc., and he might be able to join you for a day or so. He is compiling records of all Texas butterflies and skippers found in Texas and would like to have your records,--dates, localities, number collected, sex ratio, condition and abundance. You will receive honorable mention for this in publication. Among those planning to collect in Texas this summer are Dr. W. J. Reinthal (looking especially for Asterocampa); Glen D. Willis for Papilios; J. Bolling Sullivan; and the Richard Heitzman family, who will drive down directly from the annual meeting in Michigan.

Memoirs of the Lepidopterists' Society, Number 1 (Feb. 1964)
A SYNONYMIC LIST OF THE NEARCTIC RHOPALOCERA by
Cyril F. dos Passos

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