

MINUTES OF THE SECOND ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY

The meetings were held on Friday and Saturday, 28-29 December 1951, at the Chicago Natural History Museum in Chicago, Illinois. A total of thirty-two members and guests were present and signed the attendance book. All formal sessions were held in the Lecture Hall of the Museum.

In the absence of President MCDUNNOUGH, C. L. REMINGTON called to order the opening session on Friday morning. Colonel CLIFFORD C. GREGG, Director of the Museum, gave a cordial address of welcome to Society members. Next, WILLIAM J. GERHARD, Curator Emeritus of the Museum's Division of Insects, spoke delightfully and at some length about the history of Lepidoptera accessions in the Museum, with particular attention to the acquisition of the Strecker Collection. The session was then adjourned, and the remainder of the morning was devoted to an informal tour of the Lepidoptera collections under the guidance of Mr. GERHARD and AUGUST A. ZIEMER of the Division's staff.

The first item on the afternoon program was the annual business meeting of the Society. Members F. R. ARNHOLD, E. W. FAGER, T. N. FREEMAN, D. H. KISTNER, R. LEUSCHNER, W. S. MCALPINE, A. L. MCELHOSE, A. H. MOECK, L. S. PHILLIPS, F. W. PRESTON, C. L. REMINGTON, P. S. REMINGTON, V. G. SASKO, W. H. SCHOENHERR, H. SICHER, A. L. THRONE, G. R. WREN, and A. K. WYATT were present. Dr. FREEMAN, of the Executive Committee, was elected presiding officer of the meeting. Dr. REMINGTON served as recording secretary. The minutes of the 1950 meeting held in New York (see *Lep. News*, vol. 5: pp. 1-3) were read and approved. Results of the balloting for 1952 officers were announced. The nominees for the six offices to be filled were duly elected, essentially unanimously on the 108 ballots cast. The five distinguished lepidopterists nominated for Honorary Membership, G. D. HALE CARPENTER, W. H. EVANS, W. T. M. FORBES, KARL JORDAN, and J. H. MCDUNNOUGH, were unanimously elected by postal canvass of the members of the Society.

Dr. SICHER reported for the Auditing Committee that he had examined the financial reports of the Treasurer, given below, and the Editor-in-Chief and found their calculations correct. [The Chairman of the Committee, S. A. HESSEL, was unable to attend the meeting but he later examined in detail the books of the Treasurer and the Editor-in-Chief and reported them correct.]

Report of the Treasurer for the Period— December 29, 1950 to December 3, 1951

Receipts

Cash on hand from 1950 operations	\$ 378.95	
Dues, subscriptions, miscellaneous	1,099.95	
Registration fees for 1950 Annual Meeting	29.00	
Total	\$1,507.90	\$1,507.90

Disbursements

Lepidopterists' News—printing costs	\$ 766.20	
Expenses of Editor's Office (including Lep. News mailing costs)	319.73	
Expenses of Secretary's Office	32.35	
Expenses of Treasurer's Office		
Stationery and bill forms	\$34.25	
Postage stamps, miscellaneous	16.43	
Total	\$50.68	50.68

Society Meetings

Annual Meeting, New York. December 29-30, 1950	\$29.08
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Special Meeting in conjunction with IXth International Entomological Congress. Amsterdam. August 21, 1951.....			34.00	
Total			\$63.08	63.08
Banking Costs				7.32
Reimbursement of overpayments				7.33
Grand Total			\$1,246.69	1,246.69
Balance				\$ 261.21

Dr. REMINGTON then read the annual report of the Editor-in-Chief, as follows:

"In this, the first annual report of the Editor-in-Chief of THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY as formally constituted 30 December 1950, it seems desirable to take stock of some aspects of the Editor's activities prior to formal constitution of the Society.

"During the winter of early 1947, HARRY K. CLENCH and I gradually matured plans for an informal periodical with the joint aims of drawing together the loose fraternity of individuals interested in any aspect of the study of Lepidoptera, and in particular arousing in lepidopterists without biological training an interest in scientific investigation of the phenomena of the life of Lepidoptera. The purpose was not and is not to discredit or suppress the practice of collecting for its own sake, but rather to acquaint collectors with biological knowledge so that those possibly inclined to develop a scientific approach to their collecting would have the pleasure of understanding their insects and even advancing fundamental knowledge themselves. From a survey of the results at the end of the fifth year, it is encouraging to note that this facet of the functioning of the Society has been successful to a surprising degree.

"It was felt from the beginning that the periodical should serve as the organ of a society and that subscribers would be inclined to participate in the project and support it most strongly as members rather than passive subscribers.

"After circularizing as many North American lepidopterists as our sources of addresses allowed, we began issuing *The Lepidopterists' News* as a monthly mimeographed journal. Mrs. REMINGTON made the stencils, and Mr. CLENCH and I did the actual mimeographing. Four numbers were issued by our co-editorship. Early in the fall of 1947, when Mr. CLENCH left Cambridge, Massachusetts, all the administration of the Society and editing of the periodical fell to Mrs. REMINGTON and me. This combined duty was taxing enough at first, but as the Society and the *News* grew steadily it became overwhelming. The *News* fell steadily farther behind schedule, and it was impossible to attend properly to all of the correspondence. Mr. CYRIL F. DOS PASSOS at length agreed to draft a constitution and by-laws, so that the Society could be formally constituted and the administration of its affairs be assumed by several members. This of course had other important purposes than dividing our labor. A group of *pro tem.* officers served during the fall of 1950, and they were duly elected, along with the other constitutional officers, for the present year. The transition is not yet complete, but we have been able to devote ourselves largely to editorial affairs.

"The medium for publication of the *News* remains a major problem. Members will recall that after the first, mimeographed, volume the *News* has been printed by the offset process. The advantages of this over mimeographing are many. However, the major advantage of offset over regular letterpress printing is economy. The editorial labor with offset is unjustifiably time-consuming, and a carefully trained typist must be available. For two primary reasons I propose that the *News* should be published by the letter-press process, beginning with the next volume, Vol. VI: a) it is essential that the time required to edit the *News* be reduced to the amount for letter-press issues; b) the complexities as well as time involved in editing the *News* by offset would hardly be acceptable to any competent lepidopterist who could be induced to become the next Editor-in-Chief.

"My proposal would be to publish five forty-page issues per year, the *News* appearing bimonthly except during the summer. This would bring the pages per volume up to 200 (the present total is generally about 100). To support this doubled number of pages, it would be necessary to raise society dues only one dollar. Sustaining Members would continue to pay a minimum of five dollars per year; the reduced gap between Regular and Sustaining membership might be expected to increase the number of Sustaining Members.

"During the past year the *News* has finally returned to scheduled publication dates. The last issue, devoted principally to the annual Season Summary, is expected to appear in January or early February. The Editorial Board as prescribed by the Constitution is gradually being filled out. The four Associate Editorships have now been filled, all by able and devoted people. Mr. BELLINGER'S management of the literature abstracting has been particularly fine. As always, we have attempted to have all areas of interest well represented in the *News* pages. A particular feature of the current volume has been the publication in full of the symposium on Geographic Subspeciation in the Lepidoptera, which was presented at the New York meetings. There have been many favorable comments, both from Society members and from professional zoologists not members of the Society."

Dr. SICHER'S motion that the Executive Committee be urged to authorize the recommended printing changes was seconded and carried unanimously.

Dr. REMINGTON read the first annual report of the Librarian, as follows:
"The Society Library is at present inactive except as a repository for accessions. As soon as a regular Librarian can be found, with suitable location and facilities, the literature will be made available for loan to Society members. Meanwhile the literature is kept in the Osborn Zoological Laboratory.

"At present, the Library contains over 250 reprints of papers on Lepidoptera, including most or all papers on Lepidoptera which have appeared in *Treubia*, *Arbeiten der Morphologische und Taxonomische Entomologie* (Berlin-Dahlem), and *Arbeiten der Physiologische und Angewandte Entomologie* (Berlin-Dahlem). We are receiving by exchange for *The Lepidopterists' News* the following periodicals:

Annales Musei Zoologici Polonici (Vols.12-14 and earlier Lepid. papers)
Butterflies and Moths (Japan) (Vol.1-2)
Coleopterists' Bulletin (Vols. 1-5)
Casopis (Czechoslovakia) (Vols.44-47)
Entomological News (Vols.58-62)
Entomologische Berichten (Netherlands) (Vols.12-13)
Entomologisches Nachrichtenblatt (Switzerland)
Entomologisk Tidskrift (Sweden) (Vols.68-72)
Fragmenta Faunistica (Poland) (Vols.5-6 and earlier Lepid. papers)
Lambillionea (Belgium) (Vols. 47-50)
Lepidoptera (Denmark) (Vols.1946-1951)
Matsumushi (Japan) (Vol.3)
Mitteilungen der Faunistischen Arbeitsgemeinschaft (Germany) (Vols.1-4)
Mitteilungen der Münchner Entomologischen Gesellschaft (Germany)
(Vols.33-40)
Revue française de Lépidoptérologie (France) (Vols.11-13)
Wasmann Journal of Biology (Vols.3-9)
Zeitschrift der Wiener Entomologischen Gesellschaft (Austria)
(Vols.56-62)
Zentralstelle d. Beobachter der Schmetterl.-Wanderflügen (Switzerland)
(Nos.20-34)

In addition, there are single or a few numbers of several other periodicals."

There were animated discussions of the questions of paid advertising in the *News*, introducing a specimen-exchange at meetings, holding the annual meetings during the summer in attractive collecting territory, a field study group connected with the summer meeting, and other Society affairs.

Following the business meeting Dr. FREEMAN presided at a session of general papers, as follows:

1. Monarch Butterfly Observations during 1951. C. A. ANDERSON, Dallas, Texas (read by D.H. KISTNER).
2. An Encyclopedic Bibliography of the Described Transformations of some North American Lepidoptera; plan of the book. HARRISON M. TIETZ, State College, Pennsylvania (read by C.L. REMINGTON).
3. Salmon's Fluid, a new Mounting Medium for Slides of Small Larvae and Larval Pelts of Lepidoptera. PETER F. BELLINGER, New Haven, Connecticut (read by E.W. FAGER).
4. Hybrid Sterility as the Speciation Key in the Lepidoptera. CHARLES L. REMINGTON, New Haven, Connecticut.

On Friday evening we joined the Chicago Entomological Society for dinner in a restaurant near the Museum and then returned to the Lecture Hall for the Illustrations Session, devoted primarily to a fine film, "The Life History of the Monarch", by LEON F. URBAIN.

The Saturday morning session was a round-table discussion on "Techniques and Objectives of Rearing Lepidoptera", led by DR. REMINGTON and with papers by ALEX K. WYATT and WILLIAM H. EVANS (read for MR. EVANS). There was active participation by members in attendance.

The final session, on Saturday afternoon, with Dr. REMINGTON presiding, was another program of general papers, as follows:

1. The Distribution of the Tortricid Subfamily Sparganothidinae. ROBERT LAMBERT, Ottawa, Canada (read by T.N. FREEMAN).
2. A New Altitudinal High for *Erora laeta*. SIDNEY A. HESSEL, Woodmere, New York (read for Mr. HESSEL).
3. Butterfly Collecting 500 Miles from the North Pole (with Kodachrome slides). PAUL F. BRUGGEMANN, Ottawa, Canada (read by T.N. FREEMAN).
4. Collecting along the Alaskan Highway. P.S. REMINGTON, St. Louis, Missouri.
5. Facies of Butterfly Distribution in the Canadian North (with Kodachrome slides). T.N. FREEMAN, Ottawa, Canada.
6. Studies of Michigan Butterflies. W.S. MCALPINE, Birmingham, Michigan.

During the two days of meetings the Society had on display a collection of high-quality photographs by C.A. ANDERSON, ALICE L. HOPF, L. QUITT, and C.L. REMINGTON, beautiful original paintings by C.M. DAMMERS, specimens from C.A. ANDERSON and C.L. REMINGTON, and selected Museum Lepidoptera.

Arrangements for the facilities and many other tasks were handled principally by HENRY S. DYBAS, curator in the Division of Insects. He and Mr. WYATT, Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, also including Dr. FAGER, Mr. MOECK, and Mr. WREN, arranged superb facilities which greatly promoted the success of the meeting. Mr. DYBAS was responsible for the original invitation that the meetings be held in the Chicago Natural History Museum. In spite of a great blizzard, the attendance was good. In addition to the members listed above for the business meeting, the following members and guests were present at certain sessions: M. L. BRISTOL, H. S. DYBAS, W. J. GERHARD, F. E. HOLLEY, ELSEY MERRIAM, H. G. NELSON, E. RAY, LILLIAN ROSS, C. SIEVERS, BURKE SMITH, P. SURANY, L. F. URBAIN, F. G. WERNER, J. E. WOMBLE, A. A. ZIEMER:

Respectfully submitted

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