

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF FOR 1952

With the approval of the Executive Committee, the medium for publication of the *News* was changed from offset printing to letterpress, beginning with the first issue of Volume 6. My proposal for this change was outlined in my last report (see *The Lepidopterists' News*, vol.6: pp.122-123). Among the many advantages of letter-press over offset printing I may mention a few: 1) the more pleasing appearance, with a great variety of type-faces available and better illustrations; 2) a simpler and more satisfying method of preparing reprints for authors; 3) substantially less editorial time; and 4) opportunity for authors to correct proofs of their contributions. The principal drawbacks seem to me to be a somewhat higher cost and less of the desirable informal tone we had with offset printing. The modest increase in dues seems to be supporting the increased costs. Here we have had great aid from the several generous members who have provided from one to fifty dollars, each, for the Illustrations Fund. I am gratified to see that the atmosphere of easy and intelligent participation in the *News* by many members has not been inhibited as I feared. The series of lively discussions of "hilltopping" by butterflies, the many good field notes, the rapid turnover of insertions in the Notices pages all signify this. 41 authors contributed to Vol. 6.

Beginning with Volume 7, we are aiming to publish a number of the *News* for every two months, eventually with precise regularity.

The three Associate Editors of the *News* have carried large portions of the editorial duties. I am most fortunate in being associated with them. Dr. BELLINGER's move to the University College in Jamaica has fortunately not required him to give up management of the program for abstracting all the world's recent literature on Lepidoptera, a huge program which he has organized thoroughly and for which regional abstractors are gradually being established. You are receiving a separate progress report from the fourth Associate Editor, Mr. BROWN.

Assistance is needed in the form of volunteers to compile a complete species-index for the first five volumes of the *News*, and eventually of the later volumes.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## FIRST ANNUAL PACIFIC SLOPE MEETING ANNOUNCED

At the annual Lepidopterists' Society meeting in Los Angeles in 1953, the members in attendance decided to meet each year in the Pacific slope area. Application has been received to hold these meetings under the auspices of The Lepidopterists' Society, since most of the western members find it difficult to attend the annual meetings elsewhere in North America.

In the area west of the continental divide there is a large and active group of lepidopterists. A regional meeting in this area can do much to stimulate interest and foster the work of The Lepidopterists' Society, so action of the Executive Committee is assured for permission to conduct these as regional meetings of the Society. Such regional meetings are not an innovation in scientific societies, and some have been notably successful to the benefit of the parent organizations.

This year the first annual western meeting will be held at the California Academy of Sciences in San Francisco on Sept. 4 and 6 (Labor Day). The program committee consists of Dr. J. W. TILDEN, JOHN DOWNEY, and FRED THORNE. This committee will send program information to the western members well in advance of the meeting.

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