

## MINUTES OF THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY

The ninth annual meeting of the Lepidopterists' Society was held at the Department of Entomology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, on 29-30 December 1958.

At 10:40 A.M., 29 December, Dr. ROBERT E. BEER, Acting Chairman of the Department of Entomology, welcomed the group to the University. He gave a short talk on the history of the Department, emphasizing its tradition of summer collecting trips. These trips have added tremendously to the fine Snow Entomological Collections. Dr. BEER discussed the interests of the present staff, and explained that the University of Kansas Department is oriented towards basic entomological research, while that of Kansas State College is oriented towards applied research.

Dr. PAUL EHRLICH made some announcements and thanked Dr. F. W. PRESTON and Mr. KENT H. WILSON for their tireless efforts on the preparations for the meeting. He explained that the original meeting notices had been lost by the freight company *en route* to Colorado Springs for mailing, and the resultant necessity of sending out a late "emergency" notice.

Mr. J. DONALD EFF, a member of the Society's Executive Council, presided over the business meeting. The Treasurer's report was read for Mr. HESSEL. The Society operated in the black for the year by a small margin. There was considerable discussion of the financial situation of the society. It was moved and carried unanimously that "it is the consensus of this meeting that if it is necessary the dues should be raised to \$5.00 per year for Regular Members."

(The minutes of the morning session were compiled from notes taken by Mr. P. S. REMINGTON).

Dr. EHRLICH presided over the afternoon session. He read the Presidential Address for Mr. N. D. RILEY (see this issue), and then gave a brief introduction to the symposium on "The systematics of the skipper genus *Megathymus* and allies." Contributors to this very interesting session were Mr. H. A. FREEMAN, who spoke on the generic classification of the Megatymidæ, and Mr. D. B. STALLINGS and Dr. J. R. TURNER, who discussed a selection of species.

Following the symposium there was a lively round table discussion of "Modern techniques in systematics", with introductory talks by Mr. KENT H. WILSON on morphological studies, Dr. JOHN C. DOWNEY on biological studies, and Mr. H. V. DALY on quantitative methods.

After dinner Dr. PRESTON gave the group a demonstration of the use of the University's IBM 650 Digital Computer. This was followed by demonstrations of the integumental anatomy of butterflies by Mr. WILSON and Dr. EHRLICH.

The morning session of Tuesday, December 30, was chaired by Dr. PRESTON. The following papers were presented:

1. "A Florida Lepidoptera collecting trip." WILLIAM H. HOWE, Ottawa, Kansas.
2. "Interesting aberrations collected in Colorado." RAYMOND J. JAE, Denver, Colorado.
3. "A quick field method for putting comprehensive data on envelopes." GEORGE W. BYERS, Dept. of Entomology, University of Kansas.
4. "The problem of *Problema*." P. S. REMINGTON, St. Louis, Mo.
5. "Parasitism and its effect on polymorphism in the *Lycænidaë*." JOHN C. DOWNEY, Dept. of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. (Invitational paper)
6. "The theory that Lepidoptera are able to remain as pupæ over 1-2- or 3 years." RAYMOND J. JAE, Denver, Colorado.
7. "The value of labels." KENT H. WILSON, Dept. of Entomology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.

The afternoon of the 30th was occupied with an open house in the Entomology Department, lively trading of specimens, etc.

The Annual Banquet was held the evening of the 30th. Following the banquet, slides by F. W. PRESTON and A. B. KLOTS were shown.

The following members and guests were present: R. E. BEER, Mrs. R. E. BEER, R. BUCHMILLER, G. W. BYERS, H. V. DALY, K. DIXON, J. C. DOWNEY, J. D. EFF, Mrs. J. D. EFF, P. R. EHRLICH, Mrs. P. R. EHRLICH, MARIA ETCHEVERRY, H. A. FREEMAN, J. R. HEITZMAN, Mrs. J. R. HEITZMAN, W. H. HOWE, R. J. JAE, E. M. KINCH, N. MARSTON, J. K. NEWLIN, F. W. PRESTON, Mrs. F. W. PRESTON, P. S. REMINGTON, C. P. SLATER, D. B. STALLINGS, Mrs. D. B. STALLINGS, JACK STALLINGS, DEE STALLINGS, J. R. TURNER, K. H. WILSON, Mrs. K. H. WILSON.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary