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If there is to be any Season's Summary, it should be well under way by now. The Coordinators: Southwest (California, Arizona, Nevada) - Lloyd M. Martin; Pacific Northwest (Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia) - John C. Hopfinger; Rocky Mountains (Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, Alberta) - Paul Ehrlich, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.; Great Plains (Texas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Nebraska, Saskatchewan, Manitoba) - H. A. Freeman; Central Area (Missouri, east to West Virginia, north to Ontario) - Edward G. Voss; Southern Area (Florida and Louisiana, north to Arkansas and Maryland) - Bryant Mather; Northeast (Delaware and Pennsylvania north to Southern Quebec) - L. Paul Grey; Far North (everything north of the above areas) - No coordinator yet settled upon - How about a volunteer?

Let's get field notes in to the coordinators at once, so the next issue of the NEWS (end of November) will consist of the Summary.

A MYSTERY?

Here is a letter that was sent to me by Dr. R. I. Sailer, Acting Chief, Insect Identification, Washington, D. C.:

Gentlemen:

During the past month I have seen one case and have received reports of Lepidoptera being seen with special type markings on wings which are certainly human made. Usually the reports show special rib markings which were made with pure white paint which outlined the ribs on front wings. Such markings always are same with main rib heavily marked in pure white with branching ribs less plainly marked. I have seen two such in air and have captured one such and reports coming to me show same type markings on Lepidoptera seen in five different states. (Mexican)

Have you any information as to such having been done by some group of research workers in the U. S. A.? I am almost certain that such is not being done by any group here in Mexico for these marked insects are coming from the north with prevailing winds.

Would appreciate any information you people have on this.

Sincerely,

Dr. Larry Tabert, Director
Laboratory Estudios Especiales
Coatepec, Vera Cruz, Mexico

(postscript)

The one I have here is Anosia plexippus but others with the same markings seem to be B. archippus I believe the two species are being marked by same persons and I believe that such are coming from over the Gulf of Mexico and probably from some southern state.

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One letter from Yucatan state says these markings are always on left front wing and writer says he saw four such in one group and four others at different times each one alone. The whole thing is a mystery to me.

It is also a mystery to everyone with whom I have discussed the matter. What better way to solve the mystery than to put it before the entire membership. Certainly some one must know the answer. If you are the one with the answer, send the solution to the Editor of the NEWS. It will appear in an early issue.

The meetings of the Western Section of the Lepidopterists' Society were held at Santa Barbara, August 29-30, 1959, with the best attendance ever realized. Meetings for 1960 will be in San Francisco, More later on this.

The Editor has received several letters asking what became of the Number 3 issue of the NEWS. This is a question that cannot be answered at present, but something went wrong with the manuscript between San Jose and Colorado. Maybe lost in the mail. An answer will be forthcoming soon.

A few complaints about lack of news in the NEWS. Remember, your Editor is just your mouthpiece. He transmits news. He does not originate very much of it. SO - to have news in the NEWS, SEND IT IN!

This issue hits a new low on news items. But the great interest in exchanges gives a good opportunity to recap all the items that have been sent in this year. Here they are.

NOTICES

Lepidopterists' Society members may use this page free of charge to advertise their offerings and needs in Lepidoptera. The editors reserve the right to rewrite notices for clarity or to reject unsuitable notices. We cannot guarantee any notices but expect all to be bona fide.

WISH TO EXCHANGE RHOALOCERA with collectors of the world, esp. Asia, Canada, Scandinavia, Spain, Italy, France, Switzerland, Greece, Calif., Ariz., Colo., Texas, Fla., and northern parts of U. S. A. Have butterflies of Japan and Formosa and some moths and beetles for exchange. Masaki Nakayama, Fujihonmachi, Wakamatsu, Kyushu, Japan.

NEARLY 1200 BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS mounted singly in Denton mounts, mainly with glass top and bottom, offered for sale reasonably by a museum which is consolidating collections. Origins mainly New England, but some exotics included. Write: Dr. N. S. Bailey, 20 Hyatt Ave., Bradford, Mass., U. S. A.

HUNGARIAN BUTTERFLIES offered in exchange for foreign species. Ferenc Pfilf, Budapest III, Csalmá u. 1., Hungary.

WANTED: Identified and preserved EGGS OF NORTH AMERICAN GEOMETRIDAE. Will exchange Ontario or other North American adult Lepidoptera for this. Paul D. Syme, 262 Bessborough Drive, Toronto 17, Ontario, Canada.

TO STIMULATE INTEREST in Lepidoptera, especially among young students, I am offering ten North American butterflies or moths, or five of each, and two foreign butterflies, postpaid for \$1.25. (Mrs.) Edith Lyle Ragsdale, 429 N. Marion St., Centralia, Illinois, U. S. A.

FOR EXCHANGE, the following moths (and others): Phlegethontius florestan, Sphinx oreodaphne, A. australis, Pachysphinx modesta, Pholus typhon, Xylophanes falco, Coloradia pandora, Bertholdia trigona, Gloveria arizonensis, G. gargamelle, Dicogaster coronado. Desired: Sphingidae, Saturniidae and Arctiidae of the less common species. Send list of offerta. Thomas W. Davies, 791 Elsie Ave., San Leandro, Calif., U. S. A.

WANTED: RHOPALOCERA AND MACROHETEROCERA of U. S. A. Purchase and Exchange. Paul B. Salstman, 79 Second St., Carrollton, Ohio, U. S. A.

BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS OF JAPAN and adjacent areas for sale and exchange. Also seasonal living materials of various Japanese butterflies and moths can be supplied. All correspondence welcomed. J. Okura, 1566 2-chome, Shimoshakujii, Nerimaku, Tokyo, Japan.

WANTED: CATALOGUE OF THE GENUS MELITAEA by L. G. Higgins, 1941, Trans. Royal Ent. Soc. London. Will purchase or exchange Macrolepidoptera from the Pacific Northwest. Stanley G. Jewett, Jr., 7742 S. E. 27th Avenue, Portland 2, Oregon, U. S. A.

WANTED: OENEIS SPECIES, primarily northern material. Will purchase or exchange. Have rare Speyeria from Nevada, Utah and Colorado. Also will exchange German species for desired North American material. Noel La Due, 5224 - 15th Avenue, Sacramento, Calif., U. S. A.

FINE PAPERED SPECIMENS FROM NEW GUINEA AND THE SOLOMON ISLANDS for sale, particularly ORNITHOPTERA. Also African Pieridae. W. Lambeck, Box 124, Queens Village, New York 29 New York, U. S. A.

WANTED: PAPERED SPECIMENS IN GOOD CONDITION AND WITH EXACT DATA, OF ASTEROCAMPA from any state, but esp. from Mexico, N. C., S. C., Ala., Mo., Ga., Tex., La., Ky., N. M., Ariz., Utah, N. D., S. D., Minn., Wisc., Mich., and N. Y. Papered and classified butterflies of New England and Central Europe, including alpine material, available in exchange. Dr. W. J. Reinthal, State Hospital, Northampton, Mass., U. S. A.

RESEARCH REQUEST: Am revising ASTEROCAMPA and ask all collectors and institutions to help by: (a) Sending distribution data on the food-plant Celtis, with lists of localities from any state where it grows. (b) Sending information on occurrence of Asterocampa in places where Celtis grows wild or planted. (c) Sending duplicate specimens of Asterocampa papered or pinned, for study. I should like to borrow from private or institutional collections on short time loan; will determine and return undamaged. Am also preparing an annotated list of Oklahoma butterflies

for publication. Would like from collectors or institutions a list of Oklahoma butterflies in their collections, with name, sex, number of specimens and data. Will determine Oklahoma butterflies and return all specimens to owners. Dr. W. J. Reinthal, Eastern State Hospital, Nashville, Tennessee, U. S. A.

WILL OFFER 35 MM. COLOR SLIDES OR PRINTS of perfect bilateral gynandromorphs, melanistic Papilios and albinos in exchange for colored pictures or slides of unusual variations you may possess. Full data with each picture. Inquiry invited. Above also for sale. James A. Ebner, 13002 W. Cameron Ave., Butler, Wis., U. S. A.

WILL EXCHANGE LEPIDOPTERA FROM YUCATAN for complete series of Vols. 1, 2, 3, 4 of Lepidopterists' News as well as a good copy of F. L. Davis' "Notes on the Butterflies of British Honduras, 1928". Please write what is available and number of specimens desired per volume or book. Also LEPIDOPTERA AND OTHER INSECTS ON SPECIAL ORDER, from YUCATAN, for sale. 20,000 pinned moths, all families except Sphingoidea and Saturnoidea, these latter papered. Will sell whole lot for \$500.00 plus postage. All inquiries invited. Eduardo C. Welling, Calle Norte, No 426, Merida, Yucatan.

CHILEAN BUTTERFLIES FOR SALE. Please enclose self-addressed stamped envelope with enquiries. Write to Raymond J. Jae, 1286 So. Umatilla St., Denver 23, Colorado, U. S. A.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE: OVA FROM PLATYSAMIA CROSSES and many other saturniids. Duke Downey, Box 558, Sheridan, Wyoming, U. S. A.

There you have them - all the exchanges that have come in since the new NEWS has been in existence. Some of these will need to be discontinued after this number, to make room for new ones. So send the new ones in, directly to the Editor of the NEWS, 125 Cedar Lane, San Jose 27, Calif., U. S. A.

Manuscripts for formal publication in the JOURNAL OF THE LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY should be sent to the EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL, Dr. C. L. Remington, Department of Zoology, Yale University, New Haven, Conn., U. S. A.

Items for inclusion in the NEWS of the LEPIDOPTERISTS' SOCIETY should be sent to Dr. J. W. Tilden, 125 Cedar Lane, San Jose 27, San Jose, Calif., U. S. A. CHANGES OF ADDRESS should be sent to Dr. Paul Ehrlich, Natural History Museum, Stanford University, Stanford, Calif., U. S. A.

Dues to the Society may be paid in Europe to our official agent: E. W. Classey, 4 Church Street, Isleworth, Iddx., England. Secretary of the Society, Dr. Paul R. Ehrlich, address in above paragraph. Treasurer of the Society: Mr. George Ehle, 314 Atkins Ave., Lancaster, Penna., U. S. A.