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1975 Field Season Summary, Concluded

ZONE 8: THE FAR NORTH: ALASKA, NORTHERN CANADA, AND GREENLAND. Coordinator; Kenelm W. Philip. Contributors: J. Belicek, J. Ebner, C.D. Ferris, I. Lawless, S. Mihok, D. Oosting, D. Parshall, D.R. Paulson, J.W. & H.I. Tilden, K. Philip and collectors for the Alaska Lepidoptera Survey.

Once again there was increased collecting activity in the Arctic, and this report covers a wide longitudinal range. Previously unreported localities or species are emphasized; collecting is by ALS volunteers where not noted.

Note regarding Alaska Lepidoptera Survey: Most collecting in the Canadian Arctic Archipelago has been concentrated on Baffin and Ellesmere Islands, and the western islands are still poorly known. In particular, Banks and Victoria Islands have been neglected (CNC holdings of butterflies from those islands approximately 225 and 375 specimens respectively). A comparison between the butterflies of Victoria Island and the Arctic Coastal Plain in Alaska was needed to test some recent ideas on arctic faunal zonation; and since previous Victoria Island localities were coastal, an inland site was selected in the Kuujjua River valley on the Diamond Jenness Peninsula, NW Victoria Island. A joint U.S./Canadian expedition was arranged (K. Philip for the ALS; D. and G. Wood collecting Diptera and general insects for the Biosystematics Research Institute, Agriculture Canada, Ottawa) with funding from the National Geographic Society and logistic support from the Polar Continental Shelf Project (Energy, Mines and Resources, Canada). Transportation was by scheduled airline to Holman, and by helicopter to the Kuujjua River. Five and one-half weeks were spent in the field, and despite exceedingly poor weather (collecting possible on parts of 18 days only) 785 butterflies and 136 moths were taken for the ALS. See below for species list.

ALS volunteer collectors brought in over 2800 specimens from 80 localities in Alaska and northern Canada, and UV light traps continued to operate in Glennallen and Fairbanks. The 1975 total input was 4800 specimens, leaving the ALS collection at 48,800 specimens at the end of its sixth year. Cooperation of the IBPN, Magadan, Siberia is continuing, and a batch of 500+ specimens from the Okhotsk-Kolyma Plateau, Magadanskaya Oblast' is undergoing clearance for shipment to Fairbanks.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Ferris sent in a detailed report on his collecting in Newfoundland Island and Labrador (note Newfoundland Province includes both these areas), which is summarized below. WEATHER: Central and western Newfoundland Island was very hot, with a dry spell (numerous forest fires) from 9 June to the third week in July. Gander came within 4 hours of the record for total July sunlight. Labrador began to run 80 and 90 degree temperatures on 1 July, with 107°F recorded in Goose Bay 19 July. Nain had good weather 12-18 July, but conditions then began to deteriorate until planes were grounded from 25-31 July.

Newfoundland Island: ☆ Highway 1, S of Glenwood, 7 July. Colias p. philodice, Phyc. tharos arcticus, Coen. tullia macisaaci. 🕁 Junction Highways 1 & 340, 7 July. Papilio brevicauda (sight), Celastrina argiolus, P. tharos arcticus, Bol. selene atrocostalis. For both above localities, many sight records for Pap. glaucus canadensis along road. 🖈 Highway 1, 2.8 miles S of Mummichog Park, 8-9 July, P. brevicauda (common, but males worn), P. glaucus canadensis, Col. pelidne labradorensis (common), Lyc. argyrognomon aster, B. selene atrocostalis, Spey. atlantis novascotiae, C. tullia macisaaci (common). 🖈 Highway 1, at View Hill, 9 July. Col. interior (males common), L. argy. aster, Lyc. epixanthe (males fresh), P. tharos arcticus, C. t. macisaaci. 🕁 Old Highway 430, about 10 miles N of junction with Highway 1, 10 July. Pap. brevicauda, P. glaucus canadensis (sight), C. interior, C. argiolus, Nym. milberti viola, Poly. faunus arcticus, P. progne, B. selene atrocostalis, S. atlantis novascotiae (sight), C. t. macisaaci. 🖈 Reidville, 10 July. Lim. arthemis, C. t. macisaaci.

Labrador: A Happy Valley, near Goose Bay, 11 July. Cart. palaemon mesapano, C. interior, C. argiolus, N. antiopa, Poly. gracilis, B. selene atrocostalis, B. freija. 🖈 Nain, 13-25 July. Hesperia manitoba borealis, C. palaemon mesapano (sight), Col. pelidne labradorensis, C. n. nastes (common), Pleb. aquilo (common), B. selene atrocostalis, B. freija, B. titania boisduvalii, B. chariclea ssp., B. eunomia triclaris, Oeneis taygete. Bol. polaris and Oen. jutta were neither seen nor expected on this odd-numbered year.

Ferris added: Pap. brevicauda appeared widely distributed in central and western Newfoundland Island. Throughout the province butterflies occurred in local 'pockets' rather than being generally distributed as in many other arctic areas, and appeared to skip many areas of apparently suitable habitat. *Oeneis melissa* was not found at Nain despite its previous records (1936-46). *Colias nastes* and *Pleb. aquilo* are threatened at Nain by destruction of habitat (now the town dump!), and in general the butterfly habitats in and around Nain are disappearing fast. Hopedale, Davis Inlet and Makkovik appear unsuitable for butterflies, and Schefferville and Fort Chimo (the latter with an unreliable air service) should be investigated. Ferris offers to correspond about travel, housing, etc. with anyone planning collecting in the province of Newfoundland.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

WEATHER: Belicek reported normal conditions for the Mackenzie valley, with rain in late July and August which ended collecting. NW Victoria Island (Holman and the Kuujjua valley) had atrocious weather which began about a week after the first butterflies emerged and lasted, with a few short breaks, until the end of the flight season. Paulson reported good weather at Cambridge Bay (SE Victoria Island) from 21 June to 10 July (while 4 July was the last day of the stable clear 'spring' weather in the Kuujjua valley). 🖈 DISPERSAL FLIGHT: Eulype hastata reached NW Victoria Island. Its previous northern limit in the N.W.T. was Coppermine. See Alaska section for discussion. 🖈 RANGE EXTENSIONS: Belicek reports a census of Lim. arthemis which shows it to be widely distributed west of the 100th meridian, and north to treeline (thus including the Mackenzie delta). 🖈 LIFE HISTORIES: Early instar Boloria were abundant in the Kuujjua valley, feeding on Dryas integrifolia. A late instar larva which appeared to be the same species pupated and yielded a female B. polaris (which was by far the most abundant species in the region)-but this larva was not observed feeding (although it pupated on D. integrifolia). Since there was no other species of Boloria with comparable abundance in that habitat, Dryas integrifolia would appear to be the foodplant for B. polaris on Victoria Island. ☆ NEW COLLECTING LOCALITIES: Holman (Victoria Island, on the N side of Prince Albert Sound) appears to be a rather lush area considering its latitude. Records in the CNC show that all 15 species of butterflies known from Victoria Island have been taken at Holman. It can be reached by scheduled air service from Yellowknife (two flights a week, exact timing subject to somewhat capricious variation). The flight season was well under way by 24 June. The Kuujjua River valley (NW Victoria Island, 71°17'N, 114°0.5'W) is at first sight an appallingly bleak and desolate area, with barren stony clay flats the major element in the landscape. Sedge meadows in depressions, south slopes of hills under snowbanks, and talus slopes at hill summits proved to support flourishing populations of 13 species of butterflies, including a striking dark form of Boloria trieja which flew in scree and blockfield.

Baffin Island: Frobisher Bay, 5-31 July. Ebner reports: Col. hecla, C. palaeno (older records called this C. pelidne), C. nastes, Lyc. phlaeas feildeni, Pleb. aquilo, Bol. improba, B. polaris, B. freija, B. chariclea, Oen. polixenes, Erebia rossii.

Victoria Island: ☆ Holman, 24 June. Col. thula/nastes (sight), B. polaris, B. frieja, Oeneis bore. ☆ Kuujjua River, 25 June to 1 August. C. hecla, C. thula, C. nastes, L. phlaeas, Agr. aquilo, B. frigga, B. polaris, B. frieja, B. chariclea, Oen. bore, O. melissa, O. polixenes, E. fasciata, Pararctia lapponica,

Apantesis quenselii?, Byrdia rossi, Aspilates sp., Eulype hastata, other as yet undetermined moths. ☆ Cambridge Bay, 21 June to 10 July. Paulson reports: C. hecla, C. thula/nastes, L. phlaeas, A. aquilo, B. frigga, B. polaris, B. chariclea, O. melissa, O. polixenes.

District of Mackenzie: * Police Bay, near Reliance, Great Slave Lake, 18 May to 12 June. Parshall and Oosting report: C. hecla (including form pallida), Euchloe creusa (common), Inc. polios, Ev. amyntula, C. argiolus, N. antiopa, P. progne, B. frieja. * Heart Lake, near Hay River (mile 81 MacKenzie Highway, 60°45′N, 116°40′W), 27 May to 17 August. Mihok reports: Erynnis persius, Col. christina, Inc. augustinus, I. polios, Ev. amyntula, Gl. lygdamus, C. argiolus, N. milberti, N. vau-album, Phy. campestris, B. frieja, B. titania, Oen. macounii, O. chryxus, E. disa. * Godlin Lakes, Mackenzie Mountains (63°48′N, 128°46′W), 26 June to 12 August. Oosting reports: P. napi, C. hecla, C. gigantea, C. palaeno, C. nastes, E. creusa, Ly. argyrognomon, V. optilete, G. lygdamus, B. trieja, B. chariclea/titania, E. disa, E. magdalena, E. fasciata.

YUKON TERRITORY

Firth River, at Sheep Creek, British Mountains, 25 June to 20 July. Oosting reports: P. sisymbrii, P. napi, C. hecla, C. gigantea, C, palaeno, E. creusa, V. optilete, B. chariclea, O. uhleri, O. bore, O. melissa, O. polixenes, E. rossii, E. mackinleyensis, E. fasciata, E. discoidalis, E. youngi. 🦟 Stewart Crossing vicinity, Klondike Highway (miles 89 and 132), 20-21 June. Parshall reports: Hesp. comma, C. hecla, C. palaeno, E. creusa, P. campestris, O. chryxus, O. jutta, Erebia disa. ☆ Dempster Highway, mile 45.5, 21 June. Parshall reports: Pyr. centaureae, Pieris napi, C. argiolus, Bol. frigga, B. polaris, B. frieja, B. chariclea, Oeneis taygete, Erebia rossii, E. disa, E. fasciata, E. theano. * Whitehorse, 3-10 July. Lawless reports: P. napi, C. pelidne?, L. argyrognomon, Pl. saepiolus, A. aquilo, E. amyntula, P. campestris, Oeneis chryxus. Carcross, 6 July. Lawless reports the following species additional to those listed in the 1974 Annual Summary: Ly. dorcas, P. campestris, Bol. frieja.

The remaining Yukon Territory localities were collected by the Tildens, who spent most of the summer in Alaska and the Yukon Territory. 🛣 Destruction Bay, Kluane Lake (mile 1083 Alaska Highway), 15 July. H. manitoba, Pieris occidentalis, Colias palaeno, L. argyrognomon, P. saepiolus, C. kodiak, Bol. chariclea. Alaska Highway, mile 1180, 14 July. H. manitoba, C. philodice, C. gigantea, C. christina, C. palaeno, Ly. dorcas, L. argyrognomon, P. saepiolus, V. optilete, P. campestris, Boloria titania, B. chariclea, C. kodiak, Oeneis jutta, Erebia theano. Some of the above species, plus Oeneis bore, were obtained at miles 1167-68 Alaska Highway on the same day. 🛣 Aishihik Road, mile 995.2 Alaska Highway, 16 July. H. manitoba, Polites draco, Py. centaureae, P. occidentalis, C. philodice, C. gigantea, C. christina, L. dorcas, L. argyrognomon, A. aquilo, P. campestris, Euph. anicia, Oeneis chryxus, O. uhleri. ☆ Dezadeash River, mile 158.7 Haines Highway, 17 July. C. philodice, C. christina, L. argyrognomon, A. aquilo, P. campestris, Euph. anicia, C. kodiak. 🦟 Haines Highway, mile 140, 17 July. H. manitoba, Pol. draco, P. occidentalis, C. philodice, L. mariposa, Pl. saepiolus, L. argyrognomon. P. campestris. Spey. mormonia. C. kodiak. Erebia epipsodea. 🖈 Haines Highway, mile 101, 18 July. H. manitoba, Py. centaureae, P. napi, C. philodice, L. argyrognomon, P. saepiolus, P. campestris, Bol. frieja, B. titania, B. chariclea, B. eunomia, Spey. mormonia, C. kodiak, Oeneis bore, Erebia epipsodea.

ALASKA

WEATHER: Slightly late spring both in Interior and on North Slope, with summer conditions generally normal. RANGE EXTENSIONS: Acerbia alpina from Meade River (110 miles NE of nearest previous locality on the Utukok River). This very rare (in collections) moth is apparently widely distributed in northern Alaska. Euphydryas anicia and Oeneis chryxus from Kathul Mountain (on the N bank of the Yukon River between the Nation and Kandik Rivers). This record for these two species is 50 miles NW of their nearest previous locality at Eagle. The only other Alaskan records for these species are: 'Alfred Creek' (probably the Alfred Creek in the Talkeetna Mountains), 1922 for E. anicia; Black Rapids in the Alaska Range, 1971 for O. chryxus (collected by Ferris). Kathul Mountain would appear to warrant further collecting. NOTABLE CAPTURES: Parnassius phoebus apricatus on a ridge near Uganik Lake, Kodiak Island. This is the second year that this butterfly has turned up at this locality, so it would appear to be well established. A UNUSUAL ABUN-DANCE AND DISPERSAL FLIGHT: For the second consecutive year, the moth Eulype hastata had an outbreak in Interior Alaska, with over 2 million acres of birch defoliated along the Yukon, Tanana, and Susitna Rivers. Presumably related to this population peak, there was a remarkable northward dispersal in early summer. In northern Alaska E. hastata was found on the lower Kongakut River, and at Anaktuvuk Pass, Prudhoe Bay (abundant), Meade River (abundant), and even at Cape Simpson and Barrow. The real surprise was its occurrence for a few days after a period of south wind in NW Victoria Island, N.W.T.

North Slope: ☆ Meade River, 6-23 July. Additional species (see 1971 Annual Summary): A. aquilo, Ap. quenselii, Acerbia alpina, E. hastata. ☆ Lower Kongakut River (extreme NE Alaska), 6-8 July. P. occidentalis, Colias hecla, Bol. polaris, B. freija, Oeneis bore, O. melissa, O. polixenes, Erebia rossii, E. disa, E. fasciata, E. theano, E. youngi, E. dabanensis?. ☆ Toolik Lake (N of Galbraith Lake), 14 July. Pap. machaon, P. napi, Colias thula/nastes, Bol. improba, B. chariclea, C. kodiak, Oeneis bore, Erebia rossii, E. youngi. Also one specimen of an undetermined arctiid moth (Orodemnias? sp.) which is apparently conspecific with two earlier (1972) specimens from Noluck Lake. ☆ Oksrukuyik (Sagavanirktok River at Ribdon River), 13-15 June. Parn. eversmanni, Pap. machaon, E. creusa, Bol. frieja, Oenesis bore, Erebia rossii, E. disa, E. theano.

West Central Alaska: ☆ Kigluaik Mountains, Seward Peninsula (64°50′N, 165°42-59′W), 27-31 July. Parn. phoebus, Colias hecla, C. palaeno, C. nastes, Boloria napaea, B. chariclea, C. kodiak. ☆ Willow Bay, Seward Peninsula (S side of Kotzebue Sound just E of Deering), 4 July to 21 August. Pap. machaon, P. napi, Colias palaeno, Boloria frigga, B. improba, B. chariclea, C. kodiak, Oeneis bore, O. melissa, O. polixenes, Erebia rossii, E. disa. ☆ Old Chevak, 16 June to 23 July. Col. palaeno, N. antiopa, Erebia rossii. ☆ Shageluk, 9-14 June. Additional species: Oeneis jutta.

Southwest Alaska: 🛠 Wood River Lakes (Agulowak River & Bumyok Ridge), 6 July to 3 August. Papilio machaon, Pieris napi, Colias palaeno, Pl. parthenos. 🛠 Adak, 24 August. Hepialus sp.

Interior Alaska: A Sheenjek River, 4 June to 17 July. H. manitoba, P. eversmanni, P. occidentalis, P. napi, Colias hecla, C. boothii?, C. gigantea, C. palaeno, C. nastes, L. argyrognomon, G. lygdamus, V. optilete, Bol. napaea, B. improba, B. polaris, B. freija, B. chariclea, Oeneis bore, O. po-

lixenes, Erebia rossii, E. disa, E. fasciata, E. youngi, E. dabanensis?. & Kathul Mountain, 29 June to 10 August. Pap. glaucus, P. napi, C. philodice, C. gigantea, A. aguilo, E. amyntula, Lim. arthemis, P. campestris, Euph. anicia, Bol. distincta, Oeneis chryxus, Erebia theano, E. epipsodea. A Kandik River, 30 June to 3 August. L. arthemis, P. campestris, C. kodiak, Oeneis bore, O. jutta. 🕸 Johnson River, mile 1380 Alaska Highway, 22 July to 29 August. H. manitoba, C. philodice, L. dorcas, L. argyrognomon, E. amyntula, L. arthemis, N. antiopa, Pol. faunus, P. campestris, Bol. titania. 🖈 Healy vicinity, 26 June. Parshall reports: P. napi, Colias hecla/ boothii, C. palaeno, E. creusa, G. lygdamus, Bol. frigga, B. chariclea, C. kodiak, Oeneis taygete/bore, O. jutta, Erebia disa, E. discoidalis, E. theano. & Parshall and the Tildens collected Eagle Summit and Central. No additional species were obtained, but most of the previously recorded species for these sites were found (except Boloria distincta at Eagle Summit). The Tildens also collected Murphy and Ester Domes, Goldstream valley, and College and Fairbanks vicinities, again finding most of the known species. They submitted a 9-page report on their collecting in Alaska and the Yukon Territory, so some records are omitted here. Copies of the complete report may be obtained from the Coordinator.

The remaining localities in Interior Alaska were collected H. manitoba, Colias hecla?, C. christina, C. palaeno, E. ausonides, L. argyrognomon, L. arthemis, P. faunus, Boloria frigga, B. frieja, B. chariclea, B. eunomia, C. kodiak, Oeneis bore, O. jutta, Erebia disa. 🛣 Birch Creek vicinity (mile 137 and 153 Steese Highway), 18-19 June. H. manitoba, C. palaemon, Er. persius, Pap. glaucus, P. occidentalis, P. napi, Colias hecla, C. philodice, C. palaeno, E. ausonides, L. argyrognomon. P. saepiolus, G. lygdamus, P. campestris, Bol. chariclea, B. eunomia, Oeneis bore, O. jutta, Erebia disa. A Steese Highway, mile 90.2, 17 June to 3 July. P. centaureae, Par. eversmanni, P. occidentalis, P. napi, Colias palaeno, E. creusa, L. argyrognomon, P. saepiolus, V. optilete, G. lygdamus, Bol. trieia. B. chariclea. B. eunomia. Oeneis bore. O. jutta. O. polixenes, Erebia disa, E. discoidalis, E. theano (common), E. youngi.

Southcentral Alaska: $^{\,}$ Glennallen, 10 May to 19 September. Additional species: V. optilete, P. faunus. Glennallen is now up to 25 species of butterflies. $^{\,}$ McCarthy/Kennicott, 8-10 July. Er. persius, Pap. glaucus, P. napi, C. philodice, P. saepiolus, E. amyntula, Erebia youngi. $^{\,}$ Slime Creek at Nenana River (just N of Panorama Mountain, Denali Highway), 27 July. Parshall reports: P. eversmanni, Erebia fasciata. $^{\,}$ Seldovia Bay, 16 July to 5 August. Erebia fasciata. Erebia Seldovia Bay, 16 July to 5 August. Erebia Erebia fasciata. Erebia Seldovia Bol. selene, Erebia Erebia fasciata. Erebia Seldovia Bay, 16 July to 5 August. Erebia Erebia fasciata. Erebia Seldovia Bay, 16 July to 5 August. Erebia Uganik Lake vicinity, Kodiak Island, 3-19 August. Erebia Erebia Erebia Erebia Sundstrom Island (just S of Kodiak Island), 9 August, Erebia Erebia Sundstrom Island (just S of Kodiak Island), 9 August, Erebia Erebia Sundstrom Island (just S of Kodiak Island), 9 August, Erebia Erebia Sundstrom Island (just S of Kodiak Island), 9 August, Erebia Erebia Sundstrom Island (just S of Kodiak Island), 9 August, Erebia Erebia Sundstrom Island (just S of Kodiak Island), 9 August, Erebia Sundstrom Island

The remaining localities in Southcentral Alaska were collected by the Tildens: & Denali Highway, mile 14, 10-11 July. P. eversmanni (common), Pap. machaon (common), P. occidentalis, Colias hecla, C. palaeno, V. optilete, Bol. napaea, B. polaris, B. chariclea, B. eunomia, C. kodiak, Oen. bore, O. polixenes?, Erebia rossii, E. fasciata. & Maclaren Summit (mile 35.2 Denali Highway), 10 July. Pap. machaon, Col. palaeno, V. optilete, Bol. chariclea, C. kodiak, Oeneis bore, O. polixenes, Erebia rossii. & Susitna River, mile 77 Denali Highway, 9 July. C. palaeno, V. optilete, Bol. chariclea (common),

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THE SPREADING BOARD

By C. V. Covell, Jr.

One of the biggest problems for the amateur collector is the procuring of KILLING AGENTS to be used in killing jars. I received a letter from Mr. E. A. Froemel, 1469 28th Ave., Columbus, NEBRASKA 68601, expressing his frustration with this problem. Federal laws have in recent years dried up the sources many amateurs have used to get cyanide, carbon tetrachloride, ether, chloroform, and ethyl acetate (the chemicals most commonly used to charge killing jars). While biologists, doctors, and other "professionals" can order any of these from supply companies, the lone amateur without "connections" has a real problem.

One of our graduate students recently succeeded in buying a can of diethyl ether from a drugstore. If this can be done in your area, this substance has the advantage of killing quickly while not tightening wing muscles. However, it is highly volatile and therefore explosive, while also anesthetic to humans. Furthermore, it evaporates so readily that one must constantly re-charge a killing jar. If a container is carried into the field with liquid ether, be sure not to let it get too hot; it could explode—or at least blow its stopper.

I would like to hear from you members as to how you solve the problem of getting killing agents, and what you prefer to use. I'll write up the results later on.

The subject of DEGREASING OILY SPECIMENS was also brought up by Froemel, who uses white gas in a pinch as a killing agent, but finds it works well for de-greasing. Here is part of a letter from Dr. Cliff Ferris, P.O. Box 3351, Univ. Station, Laramie, WYOMING 82070, regarding this subject:

"You might be interested in the following from *Lepidoptera* (Boston Entomological Club publication) vol. 2, no. 3, March 15, 1918, p. 22:

Question Box

- 'Q. What is the best method for degreasing specimens?
- 'A. Place the specimens in benzine and leave them well-covered for two weeks. Then dry and do not use the benzine again.

 G. R.
- 'A. Cover the specimens with gasoline [white gas, I presume] and leave for twenty-four hours. If the spots are not removed, repeat the operation, then place the specimen, with its whole undersurface touching, on plaster of paris and leave one hour. Remove plaster with camel's hair brush.

 W. R.'

I might suggest a safer and alternative solvent to ether. I use either tetracholorethylene or trichloroethylene (dry cleaning and industrial degreasing solvents). The method works best with spread specimens. The solvent is placed about 2 inches deep in a wide-mouth bottle. The specimen can be floated in the solvent for 24-48 hours (or longer if necessary). The jar should be tightly capped. Upon removal from the solvent, the fore wing tips can be held against a piece of blotting paper or other absorbent material with the specimen tilted forward. This permits the excess solvent to run off and be absorbed. Allow the specimen to air dry.

With regard to the use of plaster of paris mentioned above, I would think that Fuller's earth might be a better absorbent to use. It is frequently used to absorb grease from clothing,

In degreasing sometimes curious results can occur. Recently I degreased a *Megathymus* specimen that had been obtained in an exchange with a museum. Because of the amount of grease on the wings, I did not examine the specimen carefully. When I went to retrieve it from the solvent, I noticed several wing pieces floating on the surface. Except for a few chips, the specimen was in good condition. Sometime in its past history, someone had carefully glued to the under surface of the wings pieces from another specimen to give a perfect image. The solvent dissolved the glue and the ruse was unmasked."

Ferris also responded to the last SPREADING BOARD bit on repairing specimens, mentioning his article on page 5 of the July 15, 1973, NEWS. Sorry to have forgotten to refer to it, Cliff!

Dr. Donald C. Nicholson, 811 11th St., Rock Island, ILL-INOIS 61201, sent me a copy of an illustrated newspaper article about his collection. He successfully mounts his butterflies in between layers of plastic sheeting for effective display. Anyone interested in the technique might like to write him.

XERCES BUTTERFLY COUNT CORRECTION

The announcement in the last News was prepared from the preceeding year's instructions. This year the procedure has been revised so that counts may be conducted whenever conditions are best for a particular area. Over the years, the count data will furnish a valuable picture of changing butterfly populations. The more people who participate, the more interesting and complete the results will be. Anyone wishing to conduct or take part in a count anytime this summer should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Mary Hathaway, Box 123, Durham, N.H. 03824, U.S.A.

RECENT DEATH

On 4 May, Dr. Richard B. Dominick died of an apparent heart attack at the Wedge Plantation in McClellanville, South Carolina, at age 56. Dr. Dominick will long be remembered not only as an enthusiastic collector, but also as patron and co-founder of the "Moths of America North of Mexico" series. A complete obituary will appear later in the Journal.

SIX BUTTERFLIES BECOME ENDANGERED SPECIES

The six California butterflies listed in 1976 News 1 (Page 6) have now become official endangered (sub-) species, sub-ject to full federal protection and regulations. In addition to becoming the first Lepidoptera so designated, there are other unique aspects of this act in that it is apparently retro-active. Instead of attempting a probably inadequate explanation, the editor requests an article for the News from someone in the government (Paul Opler, are you listening?) telling what the act provides and how it affects the collector. For those who would like to consult the source themselves, see Federal Register Vol. 41, No. 106 dated 1 June 1976, Pp. 22041-4. The act became effective on 8 June.

ZONE 8 (Continued from Page 3):

Oen. bore, O. polixenes. ☆ Cantwell vicinity, mile 125 Denali Highway, 8 July. P. napi, Col. philodice, C. palaeno, V. optilete, G. lygdamus, Bol. chariclea, C. kodiak, Oen. bore, E. disa. ☆ Mentasta Junction, mile 81.4 Glenn Highway, 12 July. Pyr. centaureae, Colias hecla, C. palaeno, L. argyrognomon, V. optilete, Bol. chariclea, P. campestris, C. kodiak, Oeneis jutta. ☆ Glenn Highway, mile 14.6, 12 July. P. napi, Colias gigantea, L. argyrognomon, Pl. saepiolus, V. optilete, E. amyntula, P. campestris, Bol. chariclea, C. kodiak.

Southeast Alaska: Pelican, 16 August. P. napi. ☆ Skagway, 11 July. Additional species: Agr. aquilo.



A REVIEW OF THE RHOPALOCERA DIRECTORY

Compiled by John R. Beattie, published by JB Indexes.

Many lepidopterists have spent countless hours pouring through individual annual volumes of Zoological Record for published accounts of particular butterfly and moth species. Now at one stroke and in one compact, highly usable format, John Beattie has provided a complete index to all the Rhopalocera literature in the world that was published between 1834 and 1971. He plans to follow this work with one on Heterocera.

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Thomas C. Emmel, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

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