litt.) that at Cintalapa and Villa Flores the species was found only near stream courses and in swampy areas. The species is known to be semiarboreal in habit. The scansorial tendency is evident in scansor. Seven of the nine specimens were trapped in trees, three in flowering Erythrina, and four in trees of undetermined kind. Another specimen was obtained under a clump of bushes and trees.

In coloration and other characters of the fur scansor resembles R. pacificus. In both the coloration of the upperparts is comparatively drab and "streaked" in appearance and the fur is short and coarse. All specimens of pacificus that I have seen are smaller than those of

scansor, however; the smallness is well seen in the length of the hind foot, breadth of brain case, and length of molar row. The tail of pacificus is shorter, the interorbital diameter of the skull is relatively greater, and the rostrum is relatively broader. The external resemblances in those two forms appear to be responses to somewhat similar environments. Other characters of scansor suggest consanguinity with R. mexicanus; the form appears to be a geographic race of that species.

Specimens examined.—Nine from localities in Chiapas, Mexico, as follows: Cintalapa, 1,700 feet, 4; Villa Flores, 2,000 feet, 5.

# PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMY

440TH MEETING OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

The 440th meeting of the Board of Managers, held in the Cosmos Club, October 30, 1950, was called to order at 8:05 p.m., by the President, F. B. Silsbee. Others present were: H. S. Rappleye, H. A. Rehder, F. C. Kracek, F. M. Defandorf, W. F. Foshag, C. L. Gazin, H. P. Barss, A. T. McPherson, C. F. W. Muesebeck, W. A. Dayton, C. A. Betts, E. W. Price, Margaret Pittman, and, by invitation, R. G. Bates and T. D. Stewart.

At the request of the President, the Acting Secretary read the results of the ballot upon the amendment to article II, section 1, paragraph 3 of the bylaws increasing the number of permitted active members of the Academy from 750 to 1,000 and the resident members from 600 to 800, as follows:

In favor of the amendment 3	74
Opposed to the amendment	11
Not voting (returned ballot)	1
Unsigned (therefore not tabulated)	3
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Total ballots received	89
Total membership canvassed	17

The Chairman of the Committee on Meetings, F. M. Defandorf, announced that J. A. Van Allen would speak on researches on upper atmosphere at the next meeting of the Academy.

The Chairman of the Committee on Membership R. G. Bates, presented 24 nominations for resident membership and 2 for nonresident. Twenty-four persons previously nominated were elected to resident membership.

The Chairman of the Committee on Awards for Scientific Achievement, T. D. Stewart, announced that the subcommittees had not yet reported their recommendations. However, in view of the situation existing in the consideration by the subcommittee for Physical Sciences for their nominee, the Board was requested to consider the situation of a team of two individuals working on the same project and equally worthy. It was the feeling of the Board that, if this subcommittee proposed a team of two, the Board might be favorably inclined to suspend the Standing Rules for its consideration.

A. T. McPherson introduced the following resolution, which was accepted by the Board, but no action was taken.

Whereas it is stated in the Act of Incorporation of the Academy that the "particular business and objects are the promotion of science," be it resolved that an Award of the Academy be granted for Noteworthy Accomplishment in the Teaching of Science, and that this award be governed by the same conditions and limitations as the Academy Awards in the physical, biological, and engineering sciences, and be it further resolved that the present Committee on Awards be augmented as necessary in order to give consideration to nominations for an Award in the teaching of science for the current year.

The President announced that he had received a letter from L. W. Parr, Chairman of the Committee on Policy and Planning, regarding the activities of the Committee, past and present.

The Acting Secretary reported the following deaths: Howard S. Reed, University of Cali-

fornia, Berkeley, Calif., on May 12, 1950 (elected October 11, 1940); M. A. RAINES, Howard University, on July 1, 1950 (elected December 1, 1939); C. W. WARBURTON, formerly with the Farm Credit Administration, on September 22, 1950 (elected December 22, 1924; on retired list December 31, 1948).

EMANUEL G. ZIES was transferred to the retired list of members, effective December 31, 1950.

The Board approved a motion that \$55 in addition to the \$10 previously allotted in this year's budget be provided for continuation of the Science Calendar and directed that the Affiliated Societies be circularized for whatever they are willing to contribute toward the \$65 requested.

The Senior Editor, Frank C. Kracek, read the following letter from Waverly Press, Inc.:

October 18, 1950

Dear Doctor Kracek:

Waverly is an open shop but pays the same

wage scale as local union shops, for obvious reasons. On October first a new union contract was signed which gives the workers a 10% increase in wages and we must follow suit.

As much as we dislike to do so, it is necessary to ask your permission to increase by 10% the rates for the Journal, effective with the first issue scheduled for 1951.

As in the past, we will continue to charge for paper on a cost plus basis. During World War II our paper needs were taken care of by the Mead Paper Company. This company has given assurance that sufficient paper will be provided for the Journal during the present emergency.

I hope sincerely that this increase in rates will not be too upsetting to your publishing program. We have tried to give you as much advance notice as was possible.

Sincerely yours, /s/ Francis C. Harwood

No action was taken, the matter being referred to next year's Board to consider in its budget. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 P.M.

C. Lewis Gazin, Acting Secretary.

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