



Judges Wayne King, Robert Lee, Douglas Kemper, Joan Disch are shown making a crucial decision.

First N.Y. Annual T & T Show

The weather was mild and the turtles and tortoises came . . ." reports member Martha Reeves. Also present were over two hundred spectators, many of whom were seeing their very first *Platemys platycephala* or *Chelus fimbriata*. Founded just one year ago, NYT&TS celebrated its year of existence by putting on its first annual show.

Among the more spectacular specimens in the entry field of over a hundred were an albino *Pseudemys scripta elegans* and a gigantic *Geochelone pardalis babcocki*. The New York Turtle & Tortoise Society is building a reputation for especially active participation on behalf of conservation and preservation interests. For this reason, they showed no species protected by State of New York or the federal government.

Pleased winners accepted ribbons and certificates in each division, and a large silver-plated engraved turtle was presented for Best in Show, which was an *Emys orbicularis*.



President of NYT&TS, Herb Schneider, (left) at table with some of awards soon to be in hands of happy winners. The first annual show attracted exhibitors of all ages, from toddlers to grandparents. The young enthusiasts above (right) display a three-toed box turtle with evident pride.



Mrs. Stanley Ritchie and daughter entranced by matamatas. Ritchie family are among original Club members; Stanley and wife are violinists.



Pleased winner of tortoise division, Edward Andrelos, received honors for his *Testudo graeca*.



Seymour Bender, member of executive committee, got ribbon for his *Cuora amboinensis*.