

Publication and Review Notes

Placename studies and compilations have been appearing with some regularity, enough so that the notes here will be concerned with them only. The Geographic Names Information Section, Branch of Geographic Names, Office of Geographic and Cartographic Research, National Mapping Division, has continued to produce gazetteers under GNIS (Geographic Names Information System). The latest two to appear are compilations for Arizona and Oregon. Both are in two volumes, places alphabetically listed, with 24,844 records printed for Arizona and 31,680 for Oregon. The material is available on printout, microfiche, or magnetic tape. A price list can be obtained from the U. S. Geological Survey, NCIC, 507 National Center, Reston, VA 22092 (Tel.: 703-860-6045). The costs are minimal for the large amount of information. Lest we forget, we owe this now indispensable service to the efforts of Dr. Donald J. Orth.

L. S. Motteler, Geographer, Pacific Scientific Information Center, Bernice P. Bishop Museum, Honolulu, Hawaii, has issued *Guide to Islands in the Tropical Pacific*, Preliminary Revised Edition, September, 1983. Those of us not too familiar with the island groupings will be surprised by the classifications and the administrative controls, which include sovereign nations, such as the United States, France, England, Chile, Mexico, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, and New Zealand. Several of the islands and island groups have become nations: Republic of Kiribati, Cook Islands ("in free association with New Zealand"), Independent State of Western Samoa, Niue (a single raised coral island, self-governing in free association with New Zealand), Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, Fiji, Republic of Vanuatu, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Nauru ("A single raised coral island"), and Northern Mariana Islands (U. S. Commonwealth). All others are administered by sovereign nations, which, in a sense, is also true of the Northern Mariana Islands, now practically a free nation but operating under the aegis of a U. S. Commonwealth. Notes explain variants and other special items, such as Midway and Wake being officially named "Islands" and "Island" but both are atolls; Kiribati is pronounced "Kiribas" and has adopted Gilbertese names or spellings for nine of its islands which formerly had European names; Clipperton Island is sometimes called an atoll, but an outcropping of volcanic rock disqualifies it from such designation; variants of the names of the Galapagos Islands are noted in parentheses; etc. This valuable document should find its way into the library of those working with world placenames. It can be obtained from the Bernice P. Bishop Museum.

James Kari, Alaska Native Language Center, University of Alaska, 302 Chapman Building, Fairbanks, AK 99701, has begun to study placenames quite seriously, although his primary work is involved with Alaskan and related Native American languages. His "Kalifornsky, The Californian from Cook Inlet," *Alaska in Perspective*, V, No. 1 (1983), "is the story of a discrepancy in names," and has to be read to be appreciated. For information concerning his work, write to him.

Two placename reprints arrived recently, more valuable because they arrived from old friends of the Society, both actively involved in whatever success it may have. Kenneth Krakow's *Georgia Place-Names* (Macon, GA 31207: Winship Press, 2324 Clayton St., 1975, 1983) is now in paperback, having become a kind of bestseller. It should, for it is excellent coverage of the placenames of Georgia and will remain the definitive edition until someone with the same Krakovian (so much for the site of the ICOS meeting in Cracow) energy of Kenneth. The other reprint (paperback, too) is *New Mexico Place*

Names: A Geographical Dictionary (Albuquerque: New Mexico University Press, 1965; sixth impression, 1983), by T. M. Pearce, former president of the American Name Society, among many other duties he performed for the Society. The book has become the best-seller of the Press, having sold more copies of it than probably copies of its whole inventory. We do not want to stress popularity too much, but some of our onomastic citizens deserve recognition and, in such a society as ours is, money. Surely, irony and society do not mix. Or do they? These two books display the integrity and scholarship of Krakow and Pearce.

The University of Iowa Press, Iowa City, Iowa 52242 (Tel.: 319-353-3181) has announced the publication of *Iowa Place Names of Indian Origin*, by Virgil J. Vogel, in both cloth and paper (\$19.95 and \$12.50 + postage). Vogel has been a member of the Society since its early years and is known to the members as the author of *Indian Place Names in Illinois*, a mine of information and definitive scholarship. The Iowa text will be reviewed for *Names* by Allen Walker Read.

The Dictionary of Spanish Place Names in the U. S. A., by René Coulet du Gard, is now available from Editions des Deux Mondes, P. O. Box 56, Newark, DE 19711, \$100.00 for the set of four volumes. Volumes are available as separate items: Vol. I, California, \$24.00; Vol. II, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, and Alaska, \$24.00; Vol. III, New Mexico, \$39.00; Vol. IV, Texas and Arizona, \$28.00; all copies hard-bound. W. F. H. Nicolaisen is scheduled to review Vol. I. The other volumes will be reviewed, also, but reviewers have not been selected.

The Geography & Map Division, The Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, has announced the publication of *Library of Congress Acquisitions: Geography and Map Division*, a listing of a large number of rare and unique cartographic items received by the Library from 1966 to 1981. For a free copy, request it from the Geography & Map Division.

Recommended in the strongest terms is an article, "By Their Names You Shall Know Them: A Toponymic Approach to the American Land and Ethos," by Wilbur Zelinsky, *New York Folklore*, 8, Nos. 1-2 (Summer 1982), 85-96. Zelinsky surveys our needs in onomastic studies and also provides us with our view of space in the "afterworld" through the names we give to cemeteries: "It is an elliptical tract of rolling hills and indeterminate size, one that stretches far toward the west and east, but is quite narrow along its north-south axis, and is surrounded at some distance by water and high mountains." There is more. His quote was taken from his own contribution, "Unearthly Delights: Cemetery Names as a Key to the Map of the Changing American Afterworld," to Martyn Bowden and David Lowenthal (eds.), *Geographies of the Mind* (New York: Oxford University Press, 1975), pp. 171-195.

A new onomastic publication has appeared. Not exactly new, it is the closing of a specific hiatus. When *Revue d'Onomastique* ceased publication in 1978, France had no national onomastic journal. Now *Nouvelle Revue d'Onomastique* is in existence, with the first number, May 1983. Contents: Ernest Nègre, "Toponymie du buis en France"; Monique Mestayer, "Lieux-dits chez N en Charente"; Renè Debrie, "Et pourquoi pas la zonymie?"; J.-P. Brun, "Les noms de famille, prenom et surnoms dans deux communes, de la Drôme de 1628 à 1852"; Ilie Dan, "Implications historiques dans l'étude de la toponymie roumaine." The price for a subscription, is 60 francs, or dollars at exchange rate, preferably check or postal order, to Société Française d'Onomastique, 87, rue Vieille du Temple, 75003, Paris, France.

The Canadian Society for the Study of Names has been formally admitted to the Canadian Federation for the Humanities, which means that the Society has now been officially sanctioned; but more than that, members of the Society can obtain travel funds to attend meetings – well, some funds. No. 63 of *Onomastica Canadiana* (June 1983) contains articles by Sheila M. Embleton, “The Choice between surname and first name for personal-name-derived place names”; Michael Nogrady, “Traces of the past: Sumerian root words in Hungarian names”; and P. E.-Raper, “Treatment of place names in a multilingual society.” Membership in CSSN is \$15.00 (Canadian or U. S., no exchange): CSSN, Box 6626, Postal Station J, Ottawa, Ontario, K2A 3Y7 Canada. Other Canadian matters: *Conoma*, 9, No. 1 (July 1983), which has official status in Canada, has major articles by Alan Raybunn, Executive Secretary, Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names and President of the American Name Society in 1985, “Chief Geographer’s Place Name Survey, 1905–1909: VI. Southwestern Ontario”; M. R. Munro, “Automation of the National Toponymic Data Base (an update)”; a list of recent publications in toponymy; “The Identity Crisis of the St. Croix River in 1784,” a reprint from *Canada and the United States Annual Joint Report 1981*, International Boundary Commission, Ottawa and Washington, pp. 27–28; “Guide des Raisons Sociales” (Guide for company names); “Gazetteer of Undersea Feature Names 1983”; and reviews, plus other items concerning generics and new names. Should it be noted that *pup* has become a generic? (see p. 30 of *Conoma*). Address for *Conoma*: Secretariat, Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, 6th Floor, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario, 11A OE9, Canada.

Names in South Carolina, ably edited by Claude H. Neuffer, Department of English, Columbia, S. C. 29208, has the usual potpourri of items on placenames, with the delightful notes by Neuffer to lead into the annual issue (XXX, Winter 1983). Although The American Name Society honored Professor Neuffer for his work (*Names*, 26, No. 1 (1978)), honors from the University of South Carolina came later, where now he is recognized as Distinguished Professor Emeritus. The issue contains an article by Rene LaBorde, Circulation Editor, detailing the problems facing a scholar bent on establishing a publication in face of determined efforts to prevent it. Fortunately, Neuffer had the encouragement of Havilah Babcock, English Department head for ten years of the publication span of NSC. Still, envious colleagues (not mentioned in the article), recalcitrant and pigheaded administrators (not mentioned) made it more difficult to publish. Again, fortunately, mailing expenses were provided, a very big item. All the other work had to be “labor of love” for the contents of the magazine and slave drudgery to perform all the tedious details of actually physically getting the publication to its readers and subscribers. That Neuffer has lasted thirty years at this arduous, sometimes hellish, labor can be contributed to many qualities and facets of Neuffer himself. He knows them as well as I do.

The first 24 volumes of *Names in South Carolina* have been reprinted by The Reprint Company, Publishers, Post Office Box 5401, Spartanburg, SC 29304. Condensed to three volumes, they sell for \$20.00 (I–XII, 1954–1965); \$25.00 (XIII–XVIII, 1966–1971); \$20.00 (XIX–XXIV, 1972–1977). All come with a complete index of all names.

William A. Withington has published *Kentucky in Maps*, in cooperation with Franklin Geographical Society, Inc., Lexington, KY, pp. vi + 79, consisting of 72 maps, and other material, plus index and bibliography. \$7.95 paper, \$1.00 postage; publisher’s address: *Kentucky in Maps*, 113 Johnston Blvd., Lexington, KY 40503. Withington is

the author of several excellent articles on Sumatra, Indonesia, and is now working on a book on the names in the area.

For detailed discussion of work in progress in placenames (and other types), see the Ehrensperger Report, published as an American Name Society Bulletin in March of each year.

Again, the Editor of *Names* would like to obtain information concerning theses and dissertations written on onomastic subjects.

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AWARD

LEONARD R. N. ASHLEY received the award for the best article published in the field of onomastics during the period September 1, 1982 to August 31, 1983: "Literary Onomastics in the United States," *Namenkundeliche Information*.