

AMERICAN NAME SOCIETY

Program of the Annual Meetings, 1954

Sunday Evening, December 26, 1954, Dinner meeting at 7:00 P. M., Fifth Avenue Hotel, New York City.

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Price: \$3.60. Please send reservations to Margaret M. Bryant, One Montague Terrace, Brooklyn 1, New York.

Tuesday Afternoon, December 28, 1954, Annual meeting at 2:15, Statler Hotel, New York City.

I. Papers.

1. "Place Name Practices as Revealed in the Southwestern Spanish Chronicles," Thomas M. Pearce, University of New Mexico.
2. "Renunciation of Family Names in the Augustinian Order," Jack A. Dabbs, Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas.
3. "Onomastic Functions of the Stress," J. B. Rudnyćkyj, University of Manitoba.
4. "Gutter: its Rise and Fall," Audrey R. Duckert, G. & C. Merriam Co.

Question and Discussion Period.

II. Business.

1. Reports of the Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, and the President.
2. Other Reports.

The Fifth Congress of Onomastic Sciences.—In the "News" section we print the announcement of the next international congress to be held in Salamanca in Spain from April 12 to April 15, 1955. It would be highly desirable to have a good representation of the *ANS* in attendance. The time element, to be sure, practically rules out the participation of our academically employed members, unless they happen to be on a leave.

It should be borne in mind that the *ANS* is in no way officially connected with the congress and there will be no official representation of our organization. Even our members, Elsdon C. Smith, Meredith F. Burrill, and J. B. Rudnyćkyj, who are also members of the International Center of Onomastics at Louvain, do not represent the *ANS*;

they are regional delegates from the United States and Canada. The Congress will be an assembly of individuals interested in name research.

The announcement of the congress stresses the conservative attitude of European name research by giving the subtitle "Toponymy and Anthroponymy," which seems to exclude all other types of names. On the other hand, we notice that one of the section titles reads, "International Normalisation of the Orthography of Geographic Names." There is an urgent need for such normalisation, and the congress would indeed accomplish something very useful by at least laying down the principles for this movement. Members of the *ANS* will recall that it was the United States delegation that introduced at the congress of Uppsala the resolution "that place names shall be used and spelled as they are officially or locally used and spelled," i. e. Uppsala and not Upsal.

Members who will be able to attend the congress at Salamanca are urgently requested to inform the executive secretary of the *ANS*.

The ANS was represented by its treasurer, Henry Karpenstein, at the dedication ceremonies of the new campus of the San Francisco State College, one of the most modern stream-lined college campuses in the United States.

The Mary Glide Goethe Prize.—The prize, donated to the *ANS* by its sustaining member Charles M. Goethe, has been a healthy stimulant in the field of name research. A number of promising essays were submitted by young onomatologists, and the announcement of the prize has given the *ANS* wide and favorable publicity. The result of the contest will be published in the next issue of *Names*. We are happy to announce that Mr. Goethe has generously renewed the prize for 1955.

Volume I of Names is now available bound in reddish-brown cloth with gilt spine lettering. Price postpaid \$7.50 to members, \$8.50 to non-members.

Attention is called again to the need of increasing our membership if we wish to become independent of outside support by 1956. There are many lists of addresses of prospective members which we can obtain only through the good office of interested members of the *ANS*. Such lists are most welcome for promotional purposes. There are also many libraries which might subscribe if personal requests are made. Calling the librarian's attention to the stately list of library members should create a favorable impression.