

Names in Dialect: Contributors

RAVEN I. McDAVID, JR. died suddenly of a heart attack October 21, 1984, five days after his 73rd birthday. These notes on contributors were prepared before then, and he had agreed to be characterized as: “. . . an unreaganstructed South Carolinian who wears his palmetto tie far in the North, at the salient he has held with distinction for nearly three decades. In fieldwork and studies of American English he has outmarched the whole Army of the Potomac, his triumphs including a definitive abridgement and revision of H.L. Mencken's *The American Language* (1963). Official retirement from the University of Chicago permits him to spend even longer hours there with his troops, commanding both the *Linguistic Atlas of the North Central States* and the *Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States*. The latter provides ammunition for the first article in this issue.” The Linguistic Atlas projects, supported by the American Dialect Society's Hans Kurath Fund which McDavid endowed, are continuing under the direction of William A. Kretzschmar, Jr.

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for contacts with those working in the same or related areas, he will make reprints and preprints of pertinent articles available on request (University GHS of Essen, 4300 Essen 1, West Germany).

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Although **GEORGE J. METCALF** has concentrated his recent research and publications on scholarly opinions about the interrelationship of languages and language families since the Tower of Babel, his present remarks stem from the prairie soil of his native Illinois. They lay fallow for many years, but after being revived by the Parmenter celebration a dozen years ago, they were brought to publication by the filial stimulation of the present editor, with whom he has more than a nominal relationship. Professor emeritus of the University of Chicago, he has resided in Santa Cruz, Calif. since 1973.

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Forthcoming Issues

The 1986 issues of *Names* will be general. No special issues are scheduled until 1987.

The March, 1986, issue will contain "Onomastic Contrast in *Beowulf*" (Judith Weise), "Names in Gambling" (Thomas L. Clark), "The 'Greening' of American Apartment Names" (Karen Koegler), "The Specifying Component in West Jersey Place Names" (Vivian Zinkin), "The Case of Code Names of French Secret Agents in The Second World War" (Henri Diament), "Knowles's *A Separate Peace*" (Hallman Bryant), notes, and reviews.

In June, Walter Herrscher's "Names in Barthelme's Short Stories" will lead, followed by James K. Skipper, Jr.'s excellent "Nicknames, Coal Miners and Group Solidarity," Jacqueline de Weever's long-awaited "Chaucer's Moon," Homer Aschmann's "Calendar Dates as Street Names in Asunción, Paraguay," Frederick E. Wilson's "Transcription of Afghan Placenames," Edwin D. Lawson and Lynn M. Roeder's "Women's Full First Names, Short Names, and Affectionate Names: A Semantic Differential Analysis," notes, and reviews.

For September, we will have "William Faulkner and the Falkner Family" (O.B. Emerson and John P. Hermann), "Chaucer's 'Trophee'" (Vincent DeMarco), "Towards an Unofficial New York City Toponymy" (David L. Gold), "Origin of Common Spanish Names for Fifteen Well-Known Plants of Mexico" (David Turpin), "Change-of-Name Petitions in the New York Courts" (Arthur Scherr), "Place-Names of Scottish Origin in Nova Scotia" (Ian Fraser), notes, and reviews.

The December issue will include Zhu Bin and Celia Millward's "Personal Names in Chinese," Deborah T. Curren Aquino's "Self-Naming in Shakespeare's Early Plays," William A. Francis's interview with Vance Bourjaily, Thomas E. Murray's "Folk Etymology in the Streets of St. Louis," D. Gilliam's "Chaucer's Alice of Bath," David L. Gold's "Unisex Given Names in English," notes, and reviews.