

## News, Comments, Queries

One of the long-range projects of the *ANS* is the publication of an encyclopedia of United States Place Names. Much will have to be done before such a project can be seriously considered. In the meantime we welcome all local and topical contributions about the geographical nomenclature of the United States, which will finally be blended into a comprehensive reference book. *Place Names in Burlington County New Jersey* (Riverside, N. J., 1955; bound \$ 3.25) by our member Henry H. Bisbee is the latest arrival along these lines. To be sure, Mr. Bisbee's volume is more like a Baedeker, which gives extensive general information, especially of the larger places, but interspersed are many interesting items concerning the meaning and origin of names.

*Canadian Slavic Namelore* is the title of No. 11 of the series *Onomastica of the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences* (P. O. Box 3597, Station B, Winnipeg, Canada). Its author is the editor of the series, our vice president, J. B. Rudnykyj.

*The Bulletin of the Massachusetts Audubon Society* publishes serially "Folk Names of New England Birds," by W. L. McAtee. It is as interesting as McAtee's contribution to the June 1953 issue of *Names* "Longevity of Bird Names". Reprints of the latter, which we offered last year, are unfortunately no longer available.

*Presidential Place Name Covers* is an interesting guide for mail cover collectors of covers with stamps bearing the portrait of a United States President and the cancellation of a post office named for the same President. Its author is our member William E. Ashton, and it was recently published in serial form in *Weekly Philatelic Gossip*.

*North and South.*—In one's acquaintance, one probably knows several persons by the name of North and several by the name of West. But how many does one know by the name of Mr. East or Mr. South? There are doubtless some bearing the latter two names. However, what explanation is there for the great disproportion between the number of Wests and Norths on the one hand and Souths and Easts on the other?

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