

News, Comments, Queries

The Mary Glide Goethe Prize for 1955 was awarded to William E. Mockler for his contribution, *Surnames of Trans-Allegheny Virginia, 1750–1800*, published in the March and June, 1956, issues of *Names*. Mr. Mockler is a charter member of the *ANS*, and a member of the faculty of the University of West Virginia. It is essentially the doctoral dissertation completed under the direction of Francis L. Utley at Ohio State University. The prize, established by our sustaining member, Charles M. Goethe, is awarded annually for an outstanding contribution in onomastics.

Geart Droege, our charter member and contributor to *Names*, has been elected a member of the Frisian Academy, chiefly in recognition of his significant contributions to the nomenclature of Friesland.

Street Names. — Our charter member, Levette J. Davidson, University of Denver, Denver 10, Colorado, is working on a book concerning the origin and significance of street names. He would welcome information on the subject, including bibliographical references.

Ants. — One of the blessings in our world of nationalistic ferment is the international nomenclature in natural sciences. American scholars are sometimes handicapped in this respect because our universities (unlike European institutions) do not require several years of instruction in Latin in order to become a physician or a pharmacist, a botanist or a zoologist. Scholarly dictionaries, giving the origin, meaning, and pronunciation, of such names in the various fields of natural science are of great value and importance. George C. Wheeler, professor of Biology at the University of North Dakota, assisted by Demetrius J. Georgacas, a member of our editorial board, has undertaken to standardize the names in his special field. His dictionary of the generic names of ants, *Myrmecological Orthoëpy and Onomatology*, is an excellent piece of work and could serve as model for similar projects.