

ANS Notes

Radio Publicity.—The result of the radio publicity *ANS* received through the Broadcast *Names are History* over the Pacific sector of the Columbia Broadcasting System was most satisfactory, at least as far as the west coast is concerned. We could easily double our membership if similar publicity could be obtained in other parts of the country. Members who are eager to give our society a place in American life and culture should try their best to have *ANS* on the radio as often as possible.

Deadline.—Contributions for the September issue should be in the hands of the editor by July 20, 1953. This is also the deadline for members to indicate their special field of interest in name research or any onomatological project in progress for publication in the roster which will appear in the September issue.

Post Office.—Members who desire to get in touch with fellow members whose address they do not know should send their letters to the office of the executive secretary from where they will be promptly forwarded. Forwarding postage appreciated.

Chicago Meeting.—In the September issue a preliminary announcement of the second national meeting of the *ANS* will be published. Members who have any suggestions for making the meeting a success or who intend to read papers at the meeting are requested to get in touch with the president, Elsdon C. Smith, 322 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, before the middle of July. This does not mean that later communications concerning the meeting will not be considered.

The Mary Glide Goethe Prize.—The suggestions received concerning the distribution of the annual prize in onomatology have been submitted to the Board of Managers. A formal announcement will be published in the September issue of *Names*.

Our Field.—Professor George R. Stewart's article in this issue is of a programmatic nature. One of the chief concerns of our young

society should be the delineation of our field of activity. It seems to be generally understood among the members of the society that we should reach beyond the limits of our European fellow onomatologists, who are concerned chiefly with the etymology of personal and geographical names. The question before us is the topical, logical, grammatical, geographical limits within which we should carry on our activities. Any comments on Professor Stewart's article and any comments on the subject matter of the articles in the first two issues will be welcomed and will be published if of general interest.

Sign of Growth.—With the second issue the number of pages of *Names* has been increased to eighty. In view of the growing interest by scholars and writers who can contribute something new and original in onomatology and the growing popularity of the new field among educated Americans we have hope to reach soon our goal of publishing an annual volume of 384 pages.

Bargains.—A clever contemporary once said that an American will buy anything so long as he can get it at a bargain price. Here are a few bargains which are *real* bargains, at least for those who are interested in names.

The Joseph A. Huebner Company, 3067 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago 18, Illinois, has discontinued the present format of *Huebner's Index*, the complete dictionary of nicknames. They will therefore send to any interested person or institution a copy of Vol. 1, No. 2, upon receipt of 50 cents in coin or 1-, 2-, or 3-cent stamps to cover postage and handling. Vol. 1, No. 2, consists of 125 pages, size $5\frac{1}{2} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$ and originally sold for \$2.50 per copy, and contains over 4,000 entries. It would make an interesting addition to anyone's "name" library.

Copies of the lecture *Names: Their Significance and Importance in Teaching* by Erwin G. Gudde are still available for members of ANS at the price of 25 cents, stamps or coin.

Mimeographed copies of the script *Names are History*, written by Louis Bell and broadcast over the Pacific sector of the CBS by Hale Sparks, are available at 10 cents.

The American Name Society.—At a conference in Detroit, Michigan, December 29th, 1951, a group of scholars interested in onomastics founded an American Name Society. The organization has been incorporated under the laws of the state of Illinois, and its first national meeting took place in Boston, Massachusetts, December 27, 1952.

The purposes of the American Name Society are:

The study of the etymology, origin, meaning, and application of all categories of names—geographical, personal, scientific, commercial, popular—and the dissemination of the result of such study;

to make the American people conscious of the interest and importance of names in all fields of human endeavor and in all subjects taught in our schools and colleges;

to act as a clearing house for American nomenclature and as an advisory agency for government offices, organizations, and individuals concerned with the application, changing, spelling, and pronunciation of names. The media to attain these purposes will be:

The publication of a quarterly devoted to the study of names;

the publication of books and monographs in the field of onomastics, and the support and encouragement of such publications;

the eventual publication of standard reference dictionaries in the various categories of names;

contributions to the daily press and popular lectures on the subject by members of the Society;

annual national and, if there is sufficient interest, regional meetings of the Society.

The annual dues for active and library members are \$5.00; for sustaining members \$25.00. An individual or an organization may become a patron of the Society by a single payment of \$1,000.00. Membership includes a subscription to *Names* and the privilege of purchasing at cost books and pamphlets published by the Society.

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