

For Onomatologists Only

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

Next Easter the Seventh Congress of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences will be held in Florence and Pisa.* This particular Congress will deal pre-eminently with (1) Indo-Europeans and Pre-Indo-Europeans in the Mediterranean basin on the basis of toponymic and onomastic remains; (2) Latin and Teutonic onomastics in the Dark Ages; and (3) local names in cartography. Communications regarding the Congress should be sent (if possible, before January 15, 1961) to Professor Carlo Battisti, Secretary, International Committee of Onomastic Sciences, c/o The Institute of Glottology, University of Florence, 4, Piazza S. Marco, Firenze, Italy.

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Credits for new members: Demetrius Georgacas (5); George R. Stewart (2); Elsdon C. Smith (2); Mamie Meredith (1); Thomas Pyles (1); G. Thomas Fairclough (1); E. Wallace McMullen (1); and Wilbur G. Gaffney (1).

Among the new members: Dr. J. E. Schmidt, of Charleston, Indiana, who is interested in medical lexicography and semantics, writes, "I have coined many useful and current words in the medical field (through my columns in the medical journals) and some lay words, in my column on words in the *Baltimore Sun*. For example: XENOEPHIST, one who speaks with a foreign accent; MARITOSIS, submissiveness to one's husband; SOMATOTHYMIC, pertaining to the effect of the physical condition of the body on the emotions or spirit; EUDENTIA, the condition of having good teeth; ANOPHELIMITY, the inability to satisfy; and ONYMMOMISIA, an abnormal aversion for a name or names. Dr. Schmidt has recently published a book entitled *Baby Name Finder* (which sells for \$10.50.)

The president of the Wilkie Buick Corporation in Philadelphia, Mr. Martin H. Bury, is now an *ANS* member. For twelve years Mr.

* Cf. D. J. Georgacas, "Sixth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences", *Names* 8, 2 (1960), 102 ff.

Bury has written a newspaper column which appears regularly in the Philadelphia *Evening Bulletin*. He also has an art collection consisting of more than one hundred oils, and in February of this year he initiated and sponsored "The Wilkie Buick Art Competition and Exhibit" which later went on tour and was viewed by thousands of enthusiastic people. He is also the author of *The Automobile Dealer* which has even been translated into the Japanese language, and *Rolling Wheels* (1953) which contains many "names."

One of our new members, Mrs. Mary Brashier, is Associate Editor of *Outdoor Nebraska* and is employed in the Game, Forestation and Parks Commission of Nebraska. She has published a number of articles on Nebraska place-names, including one entitled "Alias a River — Behind a Name Lies a Priceless Heritage" (*Outdoor Nebraska*, Dec., 1959, pp. 12—13, 24; photographs, 4; State Capitol, Lincoln 9), in which she discusses French, Spanish, and Indian names for the Platte River ("Nibraskier" and, later, "La Platte"; "Rio Jesus y Maria"; and Pawnee "Kits Katus" — "flat Water" — and Dakota "Moonshell").

Another new ANS member is Mrs. Mildred R. Bennett, the president of the Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial (which operates from Red Cloud, Nebraska). She won first place in a national contest for her biographical article, "Willa Cather in Pittsburgh," which was published in the spring, 1959, issue of the *Prairie Schooner*, the University of Nebraska literary magazine. Another article by Mrs. Bennett, entitled "Willa Cather," was published in the *Seydell Quarterly* which is printed in Belgium. She also wrote the 5,000-word text which accompanies colored transparencies of "Cather Country" and is used in conjunction with high school English courses. Mrs. Bennet is preparing a paper on Willa Cather's naming of her characters which she expects to read at the 1960 annual ANS meeting (see the program below).

Another new member, Mr. Roger Price, 275 Central Park West, New York 24, N. Y., reports, "I have recently written and published a . . . book called *What Not to Name the Baby*, a quasi-scientific work that solves almost everything." Perhaps we can also look forward to a book on nicknames, another of Mr. Price's interests. Professor Warren R. Maurer, Department of German, University of California, Berkeley 4, California, is especially interested in the use of character and place names in literature. Professor Oscar F.

Jones, teacher of Gothic, German, and other languages, at the University of Florida, is working on a paper on Greek boat names from Tarpon Springs, Florida. Dr. Donald H. Clark is writing *Geographic Place Names of Washington and Their Origins*, in collaboration with a present member of the American Name Society.

Among the members: Miss Sandra Luger, a 1960 graduate of Hunter College, is teaching English in a New York City junior high school. Professor Lalia Boone, University of Florida, has completed a series of English texts for elementary and high school and has also completed an analysis of Cross Creek speech patterns from the works of Marjorie K. Rawlings. Mrs. Helen Carlson's dissertation on Nevada place-names will be the first publication of the newly established University of Nevada Press. Professor Fritz Kramer, former Executive Secretary of *ANS*, is now teaching in the Department of Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon. Professor Yar Slavutych is now teaching in the Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada.

During the summer of 1960 Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, Chairman of the Board of Geographic Names in the U. S. Department of Interior and a past President of the *ANS*, attended meetings at the United Nations of a panel of geographic name experts; held consultations in Washington with a group from the Permanent Committee on Geographic Names in London; and late in July went to the XIX International Geographical Congress in Stockholm, where he was a member of the Academy of Sciences — National Research Council delegation.

Another contributor to *Names*, Mr. G. Thomas Fairclough, has brought out a new edition of Lilian L. Fitzpatrick's *Nebraska Place-Names* (University of Nebraska Press, this fall, 1960; 200 pp., \$1.50). The original author wrote the work while studying under the late Dr. Louise Pound, and Mr. Fairclough himself is an inheritor of the "Pound tradition," having taken his A. B. and M. A. degrees at the University of Nebraska.

During the 1959 meeting in Chicago of the American Dialect Society (ADS) two *ANS* members, Professor Thomas Pyles and Albert H. Marckwardt, were elected president and vice-president of the ADS, respectively. We would like to extend our congratulations

to Professors Pyles and Marekwardt. Professor Marekwardt is now also a member of the ACLS Board of Directors.

Our Editor, Dr. Demetrius J. Georgacas, Professor of Classical Languages at the University of North Dakota, has issued the first and second announcements of his current dictionary project. It is stated that the University of North Dakota, with the support of the United States Office of Education, has undertaken to produce a comprehensive general dictionary to be entitled *A Modern Greek-English Dictionary of the Common and Literary Modern Greek Language*. Funds for the dictionary are authorized under the Language Development Program of the National Defense Education Act. The work, which will include approximately 50,000 common and literary (demotic) words in ca. 2500 two-column pages of a medium-size format, is scheduled for completion early in 1964. Professor Georgacas is the director of the project; Mrs. Barbara D. Georgacas, the associate director; and the rest of the staff consists of five assistants, typists and clerks; it has also the benefit of contributors and professional consultants. Reprints of Greek word studies, books, bibliographical indications, etc., from colleagues are welcome, and may be sent to "Professor Demetrius J. Georgacas, Director, Greek-English Dictionary Project, 2 Georgiou Vendiri Street, FILOTHEI, Athens, Greece."

Membership Committee. Professor Cecilia A. Hotchner, of Hunter College, is our new official representative for the state of New York. She replaces Mrs. Robert Stewart of the Bristol-Meyers Co. who was promoted to a more demanding position and had to resign from our Committee. Mr. Maurice A. Mook, Professor of Anthropology at Pennsylvania State University, is now Regional Representative for Region A (New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania), replacing Professor E. Wallace McMullen (who will continue to serve as one of the Pennsylvania representatives).

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Yust, 65, of 2760 Eastwood Avenue, Evanston, Illinois, editor-in-chief of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* longer than any of his predecessors, died on February 29, 1960.

Yust had been editor-in-chief of the reference work — which first was published in 1768 — since 1938 and had been a member of its staff since 1930. He had retired just ten days before his death.

Graduated by the University of Pennsylvania in 1917, he immediately entered newspaper work, and was on the staffs of newspapers in Philadelphia, Memphis, New Orleans, and New York City. His review of the 14th edition of the encyclopaedia in 1929, when he was literary editor of the *Philadelphia Public Ledger*, so impressed the publisher that he hired him. On the encyclopaedia, he developed the staff from a handful of editors to 250 editorial workers and 150 scholars who serve as advisers.

He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa honor society and Alpha Chi Rho fraternity and the Caxton club.

Yust leaves his widow, Ruth; a son Larry; a daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Rivera; and three grandchildren, John, Peggy, and Larry Rivera.

Mr. Yust was a Sustaining Member of the *ANS* and from its inception showed an enthusiastic interest in the organization. For four years — from 1953 to 1956 — he was a member of the *ANS* Board of Managers. His passing will be a matter of sincere regret by the members of the Society.

Contributions to the archives: Helen Carlson (6), including thesis, "Comstock Mine Names"; Jack A. Dabbs (10); Fritz Kramer (5); Arthur Minton (1); Elsdon Smith (2); C. Grant Loomis (6); Demetrius Georgacas (1); Wilbur Zelinsky (1); Mamie Meredith (2); C. A. Weslager (3); Franklin B. Williams, Jr. (2), A. R. Dunlap (1); Virgil J. Vogel (1); William M. Seaman (3). Dr. Ava H. Chadbourne has contributed a copy of her *Maine Place Names*. Professor Demetrius Georgacas has forwarded the material from the Editor's office. A complete listing of the archives will be submitted for publication in a later issue.

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