

## In Memoriam

### Henry Karpenstein 1901—1961



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Following a protracted illness and several operations our first charter member, Henry Karpenstein, a native of Wayne, Nebraska, died on November 15, 1961, at the age of sixty in San Francisco. After the *ANS* was started in Detroit on December 28, 1951, and the preliminaries were arranged, the chief task was to enlist members to augment the small group of interested onomatologists who were the nucleus of the new organization. Those members who joined the *ANS* before

the appearance of the first issue of *Names* became the charter members of the Society. The first to enroll was Henry Karpenstein, head counselor of the venerable Lowell High School in San Francisco. From the very beginning he was deeply interested in the new Society and was its treasurer during the three formative years. Mr. Melvin Peterson, who represented the San Francisco School Board at the memorial service, concluded his tribute to a departed colleague with these words: "All who knew him mourn the loss of this man. He will always be an inspiration to students and teachers who observed him forget pain and illness to serve the profession he loved. Henry Karpenstein is now a symbol and his spirit will continue to live in our hearts and the school he loved."