

*Information.*—Inquiries about individual names, if submitted by members of the *ANS*, will be referred to a member of the Society who is qualified to answer the inquiry. It is at present beyond the scope of the Society to reply to inquiries submitted by non-members.

*Index.*—With the approaching completion of the first volume of *Names* we face a problem common to every periodical. With the December issue a title page and a table of content will be provided for the book-binder. But there is also a demand for a detailed index for every volume, and this is quite justified. However, the preparation of an index is costly, and after a number of years the index loses its value and must be replaced by a cumulative index. It has been suggested that we omit the annual index and substitute a five-year cumulative index. From the long range point of view a separately bound index every twenty-five years would then be in order. The opinions of members most interested in indices, namely scholars and librarians, are solicited. The bibliographical aim of *Names* should be a modern, streamlined periodical with implements that make its use practical and time-saving.

*Publicity.*—When a periodical becomes established it is listed in various reference books. This is important, for a periodical can be more certain of success if its name appears in books which are consulted by various classes of readers. *Names* is indexed in the *Geographic Index* and its publication has been announced in two of the indices published by the Wilson Company, the *International Index* and the *Industrial Arts Index*. It will also be listed in *Ayers* and in the *World Almanac*. There are, however, quite a number of special and topical reference books in which our journal should have its place. Members are requested to make suggestions for further listings, so that a copy of *Names* may be sent and application for inclusion be made.

*Please Post.*—In this issue is enclosed a reprint of the announcement of the Mary Glide Goethe Prize. Our members are requested

to post this announcement on bulletin boards of libraries, schools, and other appropriate places. Additional copies of this announcement may be obtained on request.

*Chicago Meeting.*—The annual meeting of the American Name Society will be held at the Palmer House in Chicago, Illinois, during the meetings of the Modern Language Association, December 28–30, 1953. Members will be notified later of the exact hour.

The tentative program includes the reading of the following papers: Paul Straubinger, "Personal Names in Popular Sayings"; Jack A. Dabbs, "Some Principles of Mexican Place Names"; Florence Steiner, "Arabic Names in Old Spanish Chronicles"; John Sydoruk, "Slavic Names in America."

The same evening a dinner meeting of the Society will be held. The annual address will be delivered by the executive secretary, Professor Erwin G. Gudde. His topic will be, "California, the Name."

Elsdon C. Smith, the president of the Society, is in charge of the arrangements. Please address all communications concerning the meeting to him at 322 Sherman Avenue, Evanston, Illinois.

*Election of Officers.*—Pursuant to the provisions of the Bylaws of the American Name Society, the following officers must be elected this fall to serve during 1954: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Third Vice-President, Executive Secretary, Treasurer, two members of the Board of Managers (for a three-year term), and six members of the Board of Editors.

Members of the Society are invited to send nominations to the chairman of the Nominating Committee, Hobart M. Lovett, 1177 Cragmont Avenue, Berkeley 8, California. Such nominations should be in the chairman's hands not later than October 15, and should be accompanied by assurance that the nominees will accept the offices if elected.

Nothing in the Bylaws prevents the re-election of present officers, members of the Board of Managers, or members of the Board of Editors.