

## After 25 Years of Onomastic Study

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**O**N THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY of the founding of the American Name Society it seems appropriate to give a survey of onomastic study in the United States and Canada during the last quarter of a century. The Society was formed on December 29, 1951 in Detroit at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association with which it has met annually ever since. It was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois. Elsdon C. Smith, a lawyer in Chicago, and Erwin G. Gudde of the University of California spearheaded the meeting.

Twelve persons interested in onomastics (Harold B. Allen, Harold W. Bentley, Margaret M. Bryant, Karl W. Dykema, E.C. Ehrensperger, E.E. Ericson, Edward A.H. Fuchs, Erwin G. Gudde, Elsie Mag, William E. Mockler, Robert L. Ramsay, and Elsdon C. Smith) gathered and, before the meeting was over, the group had decided to form a long-needed special society for the study of names. Prior to that time the limited amount of place-name research that had been done was carried on individually or under the aegis of the American Dialect Society. For that early place of refuge the ANS owes the ADS a debt of deep gratitude. Since some members of ADS felt that the Society should continue its interest in place-names, shortly thereafter a Liaison Committee was formed, composed of members of both societies, the chairman of which was E.C. Ehrensperger of the University of South Dakota, who was chairman of the Committee on Place-Names of the ADS. The other members were Francis Lee Utley of Ohio State University and Frederic G. Cassidy of the University of Wisconsin.

This Committee continued until December, 1972, when the Executive Council of ADS voted to discontinue its research committee on place-names in light of the unusual growth in number of members in ANS and the amount of onomastic research that had been done during the years. The ADS felt that all work in place-names should center in the ANS. The Society had come of age. It was then 21 years old and was actively engaged in projects that were nationally and internationally recognized. If one looks at the annual reports on work in progress on names, compiled each year by Professor Ehrensperger since 1954, one can observe the steady growth of interest in onomastics and observe the vast amount of activity in the field since that historic day in Detroit.

The first annual meeting took place at the Hotel Lenox in Boston on December 27, 1952. The International Committee of Onomastic

Sciences, through Professor H.J. van de Wijer in Louvain, Belgium, sent greetings to the youngest name society, which were read by the President, Elsdon C. Smith. Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, executive secretary of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names, gave an informative address on "Names and Name Research Observations of a Professional Onomatologist." During this meeting the future work of the Society was planned.

The purposes of the organization were set forth as "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 clearinghouse for American nomenclature and as an advisory agency for government offices, organizations, and individuals concerned with the application, changing, spelling, and pronunciation of names."

In order to help carry out these purposes the quarterly entitled *Names* was started under the able editorship of Erwin G. Gudde, who had published *California Place Names* in 1949, a monumental volume recognized as one of the outstanding studies on names. He realized that the best method of stimulating and maintaining interest in the new Society would be through the publication of a journal. He therefore approached the University of California Press and arranged for it to publish the new journal. The University of California became a patron of the Society for three years and helped in the publication of the journal by donating an annual \$1,000 subsidy. Beginning in 1956, the journal was published by a commercial publisher and since then has borne the imprint of the Society alone. It has continued to appear on schedule ever since.

In 1952, ANS was listed among the learned societies and was represented at the inauguration of the new chancellors of the University of California. The executive secretary, Erwin R. Gudde, was the representative on March 20 at the inauguration of Chancellor Raymond B. Allen on the Los Angeles Campus and Francis P. Farquhar, a sponsor of the Society, was the representative at the inauguration of Chancellor Clark Kerr at the Berkeley Campus on March 23.

The first recognition internationally came during the summer of 1952, at the Fourth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences held at Uppsala, Sweden, on August 18-21, with the University of Uppsala serving as host. There it was announced that the ANS had been founded. Descriptive circulars and membership application forms were distributed. As a result, eight members of ANS were listed as in attendance. Along with the three from the United States, John G. Mutziger, Ernst Pulgram, and Allen Belden, five from other countries were

included: Olaf von Feilitzen (Sweden), J.B. Rudnyčkj (Canada), A.H. Smith (United Kingdom), and H.J. van de Wijer and Karel Roelanats (Belgium). It was also announced that Elsdon C. Smith, the first president of ANS, would serve as a second member of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences, representing the United States. Dr. Meredith F. Burrill had already been designated a member in 1949.

The second annual meeting was at the Palmer House in Chicago on December 29, 1953, at which five papers were read. At the dinner meeting Erwin G. Gudde's address "California the Name" was read by C. Grant Loomis. During the year of 1953 much work had been going on. In March, the first issue of *Names* appeared. The lead article was by M.S. Beeler on "America—the Story of a Name," an appropriate article for the new journal. The lead article of the second issue was written by George R. Stewart, the author of the classic *Names on the Land* (first published in 1945; 2nd ed., 1958; 3rd ed., 1967) and later to be president of ANS. The article was entitled "The Field of the American Name Society." Stewart pointed out the competition the journal would have to meet in measuring up to the scholarly standards of the European journals, but analyzed the field, showing all the various types of names which may be treated in addition to the two most important fields (place-names and personal names), such as animal names, names of personified objects, personified abstractions, names of institutions and corporations, brand names, names of tribes, groups, dynasties, titles (names of books, works of art, etc.), names of streets, roads, heavenly bodies, buildings, names of events of history (Renaissance), names of abstractions not personified (Stoicism, Republicanism), and names of objects not personified (Koh-i-nor diamond).

The journal began to include special features. A section was devoted to topical and regional bibliographies of literature on names and name research. Elsdon C. Smith, whose *Personal Names: A Bibliography* (1952) had been published by the New York Public Library, agreed to compile the annual bibliography of personal names published in English and Jack Autrey Dabbs of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, later to be president of ANS, consented to compile at regular intervals the bibliography of names and name research in Latin America. These have continued.

Another section was devoted to book reviews, among which were the reviews of outstanding works, *The Story of Our Names* (1950) by Elsdon C. Smith; *Indian Place Names in Delaware* (1950) by A.R. Dunlap and C.A. Weslager; *Our Storehouse of Missouri Place Names* (1952) by Robert L. Ramsay; *Place Names of the Death Valley Region in California and Nevada* (1948) and *Chronology of the Death Valley Region in California and Nevada, 1849-1949* (1952) by T.S. Palmer; and *Webster's Geographical Dictionary* (1949) by John P. Bethel. These

reviews alone show the necessity for and the importance of forming the Society.

In addition to the section on book reviews and one on "ANS Notes," the first roster of members appeared in the third issue. In this issue also on the inside of the back cover was an announcement of the Mary Glide Goethe Prize of \$100, made available through the generosity of Charles M. Goethe, one of the sponsors of the Society, for the best original contribution in name research, to be awarded to persons under 35 or to those who received the Ph.D. after 1948. The purpose was to stimulate research in onomatology in the younger generation. The members of the editorial board were to be the judges. With these innovations the journal under the editorship of Professor Gudde was off to a good start.

During this year of 1953 one of the founders and stalwart supporters of ANS as well as a member of the Board of Managers died: Robert L. Ramsay (1880-1953), widely known for his scholarship and research in place-names and Americanisms. He had worked continuously for 25 years with the help of graduate students on a monumental study of Missouri place-names—a projected dictionary which would have contained when finished more than 35,000 items. He did publish, with Allen Walker Read and Gladys Leech, *Introduction to a Survey of Missouri Place-Names* (1934) and *Our Storehouse of Missouri Place-Names* (1953), a kind of preview of his dictionary with examples of Missouri names and a description of the research methods used in the study, as well as monographs and articles on names. His monograph, *The Place-Names of Franklin County, Missouri*, was published in the *University of Missouri Studies* (vol. XXV, no. 3, 1954) posthumously and reviewed by Hobart M. Lovett in *Names* 2:206 (September, 1954). Also in the fourth issue of Vol. I of *Names* an article by J.A.C. Leland, entitled "Indian Names in Missouri" appeared, the last product of his pen, for he died on May 27, 1952. The article was a contribution to Ramsay's study of Missouri names.

In 1954 Clarence L. Barnhart, later a president of ANS, brought out *The New Century Cyclopedia of Names*, a revised and enlarged edition of the original *Century Cyclopedia of Names*, first published in 1894 as a supplement to the *Century Dictionary and Cyclopedia*. This edition is in three volumes, totaling 4,342 pages. It contains proper names of all kinds from the dawn of history to the present day, including not only personal, place, and biblical names, but names of newspapers, political parties, organizations, institutions, societies, buildings, ships, magazines, railways, holidays, jewels, wars, in fact all things known by proper names. During this year also the Department of Geography of the University of Kentucky began compilation of a "large scale" gazetteer for the State of Kentucky. Preliminary estimates place the number of entries at 40,000, of which a year later two-thirds were on file cards.

In this year Ernst Pulgram's "Theory of Names" was first published in *Beiträge zur Namenforschung* (vol. V, no. 2) and then copyrighted and reprinted by the American Name Society. Also in 1954 the Editorial Board, composed of Madison S. Beeler, Margaret M. Bryant, Demetrius J. Georgacas, Mamie Meredith, Elsdon C. Smith, George R. Stewart, and the Editor, Erwin G. Gudde, voted to award the Mary Glide Goethe Prize to James E. Alatis for his two essays, "The Etymology of Greek Names" and "The Americanization of Greek Names," substance of a thesis for an M.A. degree at Ohio State University under the direction of Francis Lee Utley, one of the sponsors and later a president of ANS. The material was published in *Names* in 1955 and the recipient received a Fulbright Fellowship to Greece, where he was to become a lecturer in English at the University of Athens during the year 1955-1956.

The first regional meeting of the Society likewise took place in 1954. It was held on December 27 at the Faculty Club of the University of California at Berkeley. The principal speaker was Meredith F. Burrill, president-elect, who gave an interesting lecture on generic geographical names. The toastmaster was a sponsoring member, Francis P. Farquhar, manager of the University of California Press and former president of the California Academy of Sciences and of the Sierra Club. The annual dinner meeting that year was held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel in New York City, where W. Cabell Greet of Barnard College, Columbia University, gave an interesting and delightful talk on "A Local Habitation and a Name." The annual meeting of members was held on December 28 at the Hotel Statler in conjunction with the Modern Language Association.

ANS, along with its activity in 1954, has to record the death of another sponsoring member: Dr. Arthur Garfield Kennedy of Stanford University, who dedicated his life to finding out as much as possible about the English language and earlier vernacular literature, thus giving to the world, in addition to writings on English, German, and Latin grammar his *Concordance to the Complete Works of Chaucer* (with J.S.P. Tatlock), textbooks on Anglo-Saxon and on current English, and two indispensable bibliographies: *Writings on the English Language* and *A Concise Bibliography for Students of English* as well as conducting the bibliographical section of *American Speech* for 20 years.

In 1955, in addition to the contributions of Elsdon C. Smith and Jack A. Dabbs, other bibliographical material began to be contributed to *Names* regularly, that of place-name literature in the United States and Canada by the late Pauline A. Seely of the Public Library in Denver, Colorado, and Richard B. Sealock of the Public Library in Kansas City, Missouri, two ANS members. Their *Bibliography of Place Name Literature* was first published in 1948 by the American Library Association and soon it became a standard reference work. They have

continued to compile the items since 1948 and have contributed the supplementary material to *Names*, beginning with the second supplement covering the years 1952 through 1954 and continuing with the first supplement for the years 1948 through 1951. The second edition appeared in 1967. The project has been continued as an annual bibliography up until the present time. H.W. Wilson Co., beginning with the first number of Vol. III, March, 1955, included *Names* in the *International Index of Periodicals*. This reference work indexes contents of leading American scholastic, humanistic, literary and educational journals, as well as a number of the important foreign periodicals.

Another interesting section was included in the journal entitled "Your Name" in which the derivation of the names of members of the Society were given. It began with the third issue in 1954.

During 1955 the second issue of the first volume of *Names in South Carolina*, the first place-name journal in the United States (edited by Claude F. Neuffer), appeared, a publication which has continued to be published annually by the Department of English of the University of South Carolina, a period of over 20 years. Dean Francis W. Bradley, a member of the Board of Managers, was a contributing editor to this self-supporting annual. An account of its origin and development is given in *Names*, June, 1968, 127-129, by the editor.

During this year another of the sponsoring members of the Society died at the age of 87: Thomas Sherman Palmer. He was connected with the U.S. Biological Survey and other federal agencies, the author of numerous books and articles on zoology, ornithology, and game protection. As a member of the expedition in 1891, which made a scientific survey of Death Valley in California and Nevada, he became interested in the geographical names of that district and published his book on the names of that region in 1948.

Also in 1955 the Fifth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences was held at the University of Salamanca in Spain from April 12 to 15 and there Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, Executive Secretary of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and President of ANS, received the Decoration of the Grand Cross of the Order of Alfonso X for the work he had done in onomastics, particularly in international standardization of geographic names. Another member of ANS, J.B. Rudnyćkyj of the University of Manitoba, Canada, later to be president of ANS, played a prominent part in the Congress. He read two papers, one in English and one in Spanish and presided over a session devoted to the standardization of geographical names. Nine issues of *Onomastica*, published in Winnipeg for the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences and edited by Professor Rudnyćkyj, were exhibited at the international display of recent onomastic studies. By this time ANS with its journal *Names* was becoming widely known.

In 1956 important articles continued to appear, among them Hamill Kenny's "Algonquian Names"; "The Names of Ex-Voto Objects in Ancient Mesopotamia," an important contribution to the study of names in the mythology of ancient and primitive peoples, by the well-known orientalist of the University of Chicago and editor of the Chicago Assyrian Dictionary, I.J. Gelb, later to be president of ANS; two articles by Meredith F. Burrill, "Toponymic Generics," fundamental essays on generic names used by the U.S. Board on Geographic Names; "Surnames of Trans-Alleghany Virginia, 1750-1800," awarded the Mary Glide Goethe Prize, written by a charter member, William E. Mockler; George R. Stewart's "Place Name Patterns," following his earlier very informative article entitled "A Classification of Names"; and the contributions of Jack A. Dabbs, including his third instalment, dealing chiefly with the nomenclature of Mexico and Peru, thus completing the namelore of Latin America up to 1953; his bibliography for 1954-1955; and his article "Street Nomenclature in Mexico City." Elsdon C. Smith's *Dictionary of Family Names* was also reviewed by Gudde.

This year marked the end of the editorship of Erwin G. Gudde, who had attained emeritus status at his university. He had succeeded in four years in establishing *Names* as a national and international periodical. Madison S. Beeler, also of the University of California at Berkeley, succeeded him with Elizabeth K. Gudde, the wife of Professor Gudde, a trained librarian, as managing editor. He continued Gudde's policy of making a journal that was scholarly but not dull and interesting but not amateurish, one that is of interest not only to the scholar but to the general intelligent reader, thereby forming a bridge between the learned and everyday worlds. Other changes also occurred at this time in the running of the Society. Gudde relinquished the executive secretaryship along with the editorship of the journal, thus taking on the role of elder statesman, always ready for consultation. Fritz Kramer, a geographer at the University of Nevada, who had succeeded Henry Karpenstein, the first treasurer, then assumed the responsibility of the executive secretary.

The fifth annual meeting took place in Washington, D.C. at the Hotel Statler. The Program Committee was composed of Margaret M. Bryant, then vice president, as chairman, and John G. Mutziger of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names. The President, Kemp Malone, professor emeritus of the Johns Hopkins University, was director of the English Language Program in Ankara, Turkey, and was absent. His address, "Meaningful Fictive Names in English Literature," was taped in Turkey and sent to the chairman of the Program Committee. The tape was played at the dinner meeting and later published in *Names* (5:1, [March, 1957], 1-13). During this year another of the sponsors of the organization when it was formed died in his seventy-sixth year: H.L.

Mencken, (1880-1956), a pioneer in the field of onomatology as he was in the field of the American Language.

In 1957, in *Names* appeared an article by the president, the well-known onomatologist George R. Stewart: "On the State of the Society." Here he pointed out what had been accomplished in the first five years and analyzed the needs of the future for the growth of the Society. Other contributions to the journal were "The Name Bristol" by the great scholar of Oxford University, C.L. Wrenn; "Frémont-Preuss and Western Names" by Erwin G. Gudde; and "Toponyms as Anonymyms" by Henry Kahane, later to be a vice president of the Society, and René Kahane. This year records the loss of one of the devoted members of the Society since its founding, a member of the Board of Managers at the time, and a contributor to *Names*: Levette J. Davidson (1894-1957) of the University of Denver, who played a leading role in numerous scholarly and professional organizations, such as American Dialect Society (Pres., 1956-57); Modern Language Association, College English Association (Vice-pres. 1954), American Folklore Society (council member), Phi Beta Kappa, American Association of University Professors, and such regional groups as the Western Folklore Conference. Another loss was Phil Townsend Hanna (1896-1957), one of the sponsoring members of the Society, who published *The Dictionary of California Land Names*.

In 1958 the following appointed delegates of ANS attended the Sixth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences in Munich, Germany: Ernst Pulgram of the University of Michigan; Elsdon C. Smith of Evanston, Illinois; J.B. Rudnyćkyj of the University of Manitoba; and D.J. Georgacas of the University of North Dakota. The Americans who read papers were all members of ANS as was Rudnyćkyj of Canada. In addition to the appointed delegates, the readers of papers were Meredith F. Burrill of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names and Alfred A. Senn of the University of Pennsylvania.

The president, then Margaret M. Bryant, organized a Membership Committee, with representatives from 17 regions. The chairman was George R. Stewart. The names of the members were published in the official journal. Wide publicity for the work of ANS was given in an article which appeared in the *Saturday Evening Post* (Dec. 28, 1958 p. 36ff.) by a member of the Society, J.C. Furnas, entitled "The Names We Go By."

The journal of the Society was now being managed by David W. Reed, who took over the responsibilities of the retiring managing editor, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Gudde. Interesting and significant articles continued to appear in it, among them George R. Stewart's "And Adam Gave Names—A Consideration of Name-Lore in Antiquity," his presidential address, given at the annual meeting in Madison, Wisconsin, on Sept-



ember 10; Archer Taylor's "Tom, Dick, and Harry," which considered the names of the proverbial expression; Arthur Minton's timely "Sputnik and Some of Its Offshootniks"; T.M. Pearce's "The New Mexico Place-Name Dictionary," in which he explained the problems of dealing with the stratification of early language deposits underlying later ones and individual structures "emerging as a result of linguistic erosion, folds and faults, plus the irregularities caused by time and cultural evolution," and Ernest Maass' significant study, "Integration and Name Changing Among Jewish Refugees from Central Europe in the United States."

The year 1958 had to record a great loss in the death of a member of the sponsoring committee of ANS and one of the Board of Managers from the foundation of the Society until 1956, the year she refused with regret the nomination as president: the nationally known scholar, writer, editor, educator, folklorist, public servant, and sportswoman of the University of Nebraska, Louise Pound (1872-1958), the first woman ever to be selected President of the Modern Language Association. She was one of the founders and was senior editor of *American Speech* from 1925-1933. H.L. Mencken said of Dr. Pound: "Her early work put the study of American English on its legs. If it had not been for her pioneering, my own writing would have been impossible." She was a member of numerous learned and professional organizations in which she held positions of leadership, among them the presidency of the American Folklore Society and the American Dialect Society. She also served on the advisory staff of *American Literature*, *College English*, the *Bulletin of the American Association of University Professors*, the *New England Quarterly*, and the *Southern Folklore Quarterly*. Her publications number some 200 or more titles in the fields of linguistics, literature, and education, contributions to standard periodicals or series here and abroad. One of her chief interests was names of persons, places and things.

In 1959 Jaroslav B. Rudnýkyj became president. In *Names*, in addition to the regular contributions in bibliography by Smith, Seely and Sealock, W.L. McAtee contributed two studies on "American Bird Names," supplementing earlier studies on the subject that he had published in the journal, and Arthur Minton two on "Names of Real-Estate Developments"; Thomas Pyles contributed his entertaining "Bible Belt Onomastics" and Kelsie B. Harder his "Charles Dickens Names His Characters," showing that such names as Gradgrind, Pickwick, Scrooge, and Pecksniff have become a part of the English language. Erwin G. Gudde's interesting and informative article, "Vita Nostra Brevis Est," tells how he changed from the status of an amateur onomatologist, having had an interest in names from childhood, to a professional onomatologist, owing to the fact that George R. Stewart,

then a member of a committee to prepare an encyclopedia of United States geographical names, invited him in the fall of 1943 to prepare the volume on California. He explains how after five years of hard intellectual work he produced the volume *California Place Names* and how in 1951 he thought of creating a center for name research in the United States, first by establishing a section on onomastics in the Modern Language Association. After corresponding with another enthusiastic onomatologist, Elsdon C. Smith, they decided on the formation of the American Name Society. He then tells how he succeeded finally in bringing out the first issue of *Names* in the spring of 1953 and of his editorship until 1956. This article is the first article in the March issue of 1959, which was prepared for his seventieth birthday.

The Society lost another important member in 1959, one of the most distinguished of American linguistic scholars: John S. Kenyon of Hiram College. He was the author of *American Pronunciation*, the tenth edition of which appeared in 1950, and in collaboration with Thomas A. Knott published in 1949 *A Pronouncing Dictionary of American English*. He was also consulting editor and author of the "Guide to Pronunciation" in the second edition of *Webster's New International Dictionary*.

In 1960, Thomas M. Pearce of the University of New Mexico, became the president; Kelsie B. Harder, then of Youngstown University, the executive secretary and treasurer; and D.J. Georgacas the editor of the journal. He suggested the appointment of a book review editor and an associate editor to help in editorial work and to take over the duties of the elected editor in case of an emergency.

The first issue of Vol. VIII of *Names* (1960) contained a number of related articles treating of names outside the United States and Canada: "Caribbean Words in Mexican Toponymy" by Stanley L. Robe; "Cart Names in Jamaica" by David DeCamp; "Survival of Pre-English Place Names in Jamaica" by William Randel; "Portuguese Family Names" by Gerald M. Moser; and "Uruguay" by Jose Pedro Rona.

In the second issue, the Editor, in addition to giving a report on the Sixth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences with a history of the Congress from its beginning in Paris in 1938, reviewed the revised and enlarged edition of George R. Stewart's *Names On the Land: A Historical Account of Place-naming in the United States* (1958), first published in 1945. A second important revision was also reviewed in the same issue by T.M. Pearce: that of Byrd H. Granger who had revised and enlarged *Arizona Place Names* by Will C. Barnes, first published in 1935. Pearce points out that Dr. Granger had brought together material which she and others had been collecting for years in order to revise the volume, had added a "pronunciation Guide" to the Indian names, had classified names by county groups instead of using an overall alphabetical listing, had added an "Index" which guides the reader to

the county where the name is discussed, had expanded the bibliography greatly, had supplied maps for each county instead of an overall state map, and had rewritten the material. (Dr. Granger's revision [1960] contains more than 7,200 entries as against the original 3,000 and she has up-to-date information on the old and new army posts and post offices, the Wells Fargo and other stage stations, and numerous Indian names and places all keyed to the 43 new maps.)

Erwin G. Gudde's new edition of *California Place Names* also appeared in 1960 as did the fourth edition of *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of English Place-Names* by Eilert Ekwall, reviewed in *Names* by Kelsie B. Harder, who showed how Ekwall was able to combine historical, philological, linguistic, and topographical knowledge to produce a significant work of value to historians, philologists, archeologists, folklorists, geographers, and onomatologists. G. Thomas Fairclough also brought out a new edition of Lilian L. Fitzpatrick's *Nebraska Place-Names*, done originally while studying with Louise Pound at the University of Nebraska. During this year the editor, D.J. Georgacas, undertook to produce a comprehensive general dictionary to be entitled *A Modern Greek-English Dictionary of the Common Literary Modern Greek Language* with funds received from the University of North Dakota and the U.S. Office of Education, authorized under the Language Development Program of the National Defense Education Act.

The archives of the Society began in 1960 with contributions from Helen Carlson (six); Jack A. Dabbs (ten); Fritz Kramer (five); Arthur Minton (one); Elsdon C. Smith (two); C. Grant Loomis (six); Demetrius J. Georgacas (one); Wilbur Zelinsky (one); Mamie Meredith (two); C.A. Weslager (three); Franklin B. Williams, Jr. (two); A.R. Dunlap (one); Virgil J. Vogel (one); William M. Seaman (three). Dr. Ava W. Chadbourne also contributed a copy of her *Maine Place Names*.

In this year Walter Yust, who had been a Sustaining Member of ANS from its inception and a member of the Board of Managers from 1953 to 1956, died. He was formerly a newspaperman, but joined the staff of Encyclopaedia Britannica in 1930 and was the editor-in-chief of all publications from 1938 until his death.

Mamie J. Meredith of the University of Nebraska became the president in 1961. On April 4-8, the Seventh International Congress of Onomastic Sciences met in Florence, Italy, and the following members of ANS read papers: Meredith F. Burrill, D.J. Georgacas, J.B. Rudnyčkj, Yar Slavutych, and George R. Stewart, three of whom were members of the International Committee of the organization: Burrill, Georgacas, and Rudnyčkj.

Beginning with the June 1961 issue of *Names*, Audrey R. Duckert took over the column "Notes and Queries," in which she handled popular

items. During this year George R. Stewart still continued his contributions to *Names*. Arthur Minton contributed the third article on "Names of Real-Estate Developments," two others having appeared in earlier issues. Similarly, Nils M. Holmer contributed the third article on "Indian Place Names in South America and the Antilles." The year 1961 had to record the loss of another important member: Henry Karpenstein, head counselor of Lowell High School in San Francisco and treasurer of ANS during the three formative years of its existence.

Jack A. Dabbs of Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas became president in 1962, the tenth anniversary of the Society. In this year the Associate Editor E. Wallace McMullen became the editor and Audrey R. Duckert the associate editor. Fairleigh Dickinson granted the ANS a five-year subsidy to be applied toward publication of *Names* and other projects, such as a monograph series which was being initiated. The Monograph Committee members were E. Wallace McMullen, chairman, Kemp Malone, T.M. Pearce, and J.B. Rudnyčkyj. Fairleigh Dickinson University also provided the Editor with two grants-in-aid for students who proofread and performed mechanical duties connected with the Editorial Office.

Among the contributions found in the tenth anniversary volume were T.M. Pearce's presidential address, "The Names of Objects in Aerospace," delivered at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia in 1960; Mildred R. Bennett's "How Willa Cather Chose Her Names"; Elsdon C. Smith's "Common American Surnames and their Relation to Eminence"; I. J. Gelb's "Ethnic Reconstruction and Onomastic Evidence"; Jack A. Dabbs' two articles on "Street Names in Baghdad, Iraq"; Yar Slavutych's "Ukrainian Surnames in *-enko*"; and Byrd H. Granger's "Methodology used in the Revision of Arizona Place Names."

Two works by J.B. Rudnyčkyj were reviewed in the volume. John P. Pauls reviewed his second edition of *Geographical Names of Boikovia*, which treated of geographical names and their etymologies from the territory of the Ukrainian Boikovian dialect in the middle of the Carpathian Mountains. Elsdon C. Smith reviewed Part I of *An Etymological Dictionary of the Ukrainian Language* of which there are to be 20 parts. Both works were published by the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences in Winnipeg, Canada. The *Etymological Dictionary* was started in 1941 at the Slavic Library in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Mr. Smith says that all important libraries and serious Slavic scholars will need this work and will be forever indebted to the author, an internationally well-known linguist. In the same issue Elsdon C. Smith also reviewed another important work: the second edition of *English Place-Names in -ing* by Eilert Ekwall, a complete reworking of the material. This anniversary volume carried 22 articles and 18 reviews.

E. Wallace McMullen not only edited the Tenth Anniversary Volume

of *Names* in 1962, but he successfully organized the First Annual Names Institute on the beautiful Florham-Madison Campus of Fairleigh Dickinson University on May 5, at which a number of outstanding papers were presented in two sessions presided over by Robert W. Lowe of Georgetown University and Alfred Senn of the University of Pennsylvania, respectively. Among the papers were: "The Problems of Eskimo and Indian Geographic Names in Alaska" by Donald J. Orth (U.S. Geological Survey), "Current Practices in Names Work in the Coast and Geodetic Survey" by A.J. Wraight (U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey), "The Nature of Named Geographic Entities" by Meredith F. Burrill (Office of Geography, U.S. Dept. of Interior), and "Far West," by Allen Walker Read of Columbia University, who showed on the basis of documentary evidence how the term changed its reference as the American Frontier moved westward. Thirty-nine persons from seven states and the District of Columbia attended. The Institute was so successful that Dr. McMullen has held it annually ever since on the first Saturday in May.

The year 1962 recorded the death of a distinguished Arctic explorer, one of the first members of ANS and the first vice-president of the Society for three years: Vilhjalmur Stefansson (1879-1962). He declined the nomination for president. He was a member of many scientific expeditions to Iceland, Alaska, and the Arctic areas of Canada. For his scientific work he was decorated by the Government of Iceland into the knighthood of the Order of the Falcon. His numerous publications include *An Arctic Manual* (1941); *Greenland* (1942); and *Northwest to Fortune* (1958).

Another important member and a sustaining member of the Society died on November 29: Henry Edward Abt (1904-1962), a successful business man, president from 1945 to his death of Brand Names Foundation (a membership corporation representing advertising agencies and advertising media), a trustee of the Philatelic Foundation in New York, and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society in London. During the early years of the ANS his loyal support was particularly helpful.

A third person with an interest in names who died in 1962 was Waldo Lee McAtee (born in 1883), an eminent naturalist who, for 43 years, was employed in the U.S. Biological Survey and Fish and Wildlife Services, becoming the head of a Division and serving as technical advisor and editor before retirement. He was the founding editor of the *Journal of Wildlife Management* in 1937 to which he contributed long articles dealing with plant, bird, and insect names. Several of his articles on bird names were published in *Names*.

In 1963, Alfred Senn, a Slavic scholar, was president. Among the articles published in *Names* for this year were: Kelsie B. Harder's

“Collections of the American Name Society,” appropriate after ten years of achievement, a reporting which continued yearly; John P. Pauls’ “Names for Characters in Russian Literature”; Ruth L. Pearce’s “Welsh Place-Names in Southeastern Pennsylvania”; P. Burwell Rogers’ “Naming Protestant Churches in America”; Robert Klymasz’s “The Canadianization of Slavic Surnames: A Study in Language Contact” in three parts; Francis Lee Utley’s “The Linguistic Component of Onomastics”; L.R.N. Ashley’s “French Surnames and the English”; and A.R. Dunlap’s “Corner Ketch” in “Names in Brief.”

Among the reviews of important publications in onomastics were: Assar Janzén’s reviews of *The Place-Names of Derbyshire* (1959), by K. Cameron, *English Place-Name Study*, vols. 27-29 and *The Place-Names of the West Riding of Yorkshire*, vols. 33-35, by A.H. Smith—county surveys. The final two volumes of the eight-volume survey of *The Place-Names of the West Riding of Yorkshire*, vols. 36 and 37 (Index) under the general editorship of A.H. Smith appeared in 1962, one of the major onomatological undertakings in English, ranking with Eilert Ekwall’s contribution to place-name study, serving as models for future rigorous studies in place-names. Arthur Minton also reviewed *A Dictionary of Maori Place Names* (1961) by A.W. Reed, a revision and enlargement of his *Maori Place Names and Their Meanings* (1950), and Francis Lee Utley reviewed *Widsith*, edited by Kemp Malone for *Anglistica XIII*, Copenhagen, in 1962, a valuable supplement to his first edition, which appeared in 1936. This edition was the climactic account of his unceasing study of the Anglo-Saxon poem, a veritable treasure house of place and personal names. The bibliography at the end of the study shows that between the first and second editions 66 publications appeared, 32 of which were his.

On August 27-31, the Eighth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences met in Amsterdam, attended by ten individuals from the United States and Canada, six of whom read papers: D.J. Georgacas, E. Wallace McMullen, J.P. Pauls, J.B. Rudnyćkyj, Elsdon C. Smith, and O. Starchuk.

In this year the Society lost another sponsor and early member, C. Grant Loomis (1901-1963) of the University of California at Berkeley. His main interests were American poetry, folklore, word study, and onomastics. He contributed regularly to *Names* and was a member of its Editorial Board at his death.

Along with Loomis went another active, ardent enthusiastic supporter of ANS, Arthur Minton (1904-1963), who served as an able chairman of the Membership Committee in 1961 and in 1962, his outstanding contribution being the obtaining of many library memberships. He also served as a member of the Board of Managers in 1961 and 1962 as well

as contributing a number of articles and reviews to *Names* from time to time.

In addition, the Society lost a distinguished foreign member, the Japanese member: Kanji Kagami (1909-1963). He began as a geographer and gradually added the linguistic, historical, and cartographic fields to his range of interests. In Japan he was one of the pioneers of toponomy as a systematic science, examining and classifying place-names listed on topographical maps all over Japan and systematically describing and interpreting the many types in that country. He also aided in establishing the Society of Toponomic Research for the Society.

Ignace J. Gelb, an oriental scholar, became the president in 1964. Important work continued to be done in the study of names, as evidenced by the journal. Among the articles contributed this year were: C.A. Weslager's "Hockessin: Another Delaware Place-Name Puzzle"; Morton Benson's "The Compilation of a Dictionary of Russian Personal Names"; Assar Janzén's seventh article on "Scandinavian Place-Names in English," the other six having appeared in earlier volumes; Hildegard Must's "Trends in Estonian Name-Giving from 1900 to 1945"; Hamill Kenny's "Place-Names on the Moon: A Report"; D.J. Georgacas' "From the River Systems in Anatolia: The Names of the Longest River"; and J.B. Rudnyčkyj's "*Samo*—The Name of the First Ruler of the Slavs."

Among the reviews that appeared was one by E. Wallace McMullen of the revised edition of Erwin G. Gudde's *California Place Names: The Origin and Etymology of Current Geographical Names* (1960) and of the second revised edition of *1000 California Place Names: Their Origin and Meaning*, a selected and condensed version of the larger work. The revised edition was brought out because of its popularity and not because of necessary emendations. Enlargements and new entries were made in the earlier publication but there were no major changes. There were a few minor deletions. Along with the interesting additions were five excellent maps not in the 1949 dictionary. Gudde succeeded admirably in presenting a great deal of historical and linguistic material in a highly readable style, no mean achievement. His volume is a model of its kind.

J.B. Rudnyčkyj also reviewed the *Dictionary of Russian Personal Names, With a Guide to Stress and Morphology* (1964), by Morton Benson, showing that the lexicon was an important American contribution to the development of Russian onomastics, that the 23,000 selected out of the vast number of Russian surnames demonstrated the basic trends in the accentuation of Russian surnames in general and gave their morphology and inflection, and that the volume was a significant reference book for linguists, onomatologists, and teachers

and students of Russian at all levels, as well as having value for Slavic in general, since a number of Belorussian and Ukrainian names were included.

Thomas Pyles reviewed *English Place-Names in -stead* by Karl Inge Sandrev; Elsdon C. Smith reviewed *Code Names Dictionary*, edited by Frederick G. Ruffman, Jr. and Robert C. Thomas for Gale Research Co. in 1963, and J.B. Rudnyčkyj's *A Bibliography of Writings, 1933-1963* (1964), containing more than 940 different books, pamphlets, articles, addresses, necrologies, forewords, notes, and reviews, all of a scholarly nature, preceded by a brief outline of his professional life. Smith points out that most of the items are in English, Ukrainian, or German, but that there are a few in Belorussian, French, Italian, Polish, Russian, Portuguese, Serbian-Croatian, Slovak, and Spanish, evidence of great intellectual industry and wide learning. This year death claimed another active charter member, one who regularly attended the annual meetings, Eric E. Ericson (1890-1964), who since his retirement had been a visiting professor of English at St. Louis University.

Demetrius J. Georgacas, the former editor of *Names*, became the president of ANS in 1965. Interest in names of various types continued. In the journal appeared Ian M. Matthey's "Elements of Celtic Place-Names"; Iraidia Irene Tarnawecy's Slavic study "Anthroponomy in the Pomianyńk of Horodyšče of 1484, in two parts; Robert M. Rennick's "Judicial Procedures for a Change-of-Name in the United States"; A.R. Dunlap's "Another Welsh Tract," and Philip B. Gove's "The Nonlexical and the Encyclopedic," read at the Fourth Names Institute at Fairleigh Dickinson University on May 1. Among the reviews that appeared are Hamill Kenny's review of a reprint in 1962 of *The Indian Place-Names on Long Island and Islands Adjacent with Their Probable Significations* by William Wallace Took, edited with an introduction by Alexander F. Chamberlain, and Elsdon C. Smith's review of *Hague's Trademark Thesaurus with Calibrated Word-Formation Computer Dials*, by Morton Hague.

Interest in onomastics was increasing. In July, 1965, a course in methodology of onomastic research was included in the Summer School program at the Ukrainian Free University in Munich, West Germany. The course was conducted by J.B. Rudnyčkyj, a visiting professor at the University. It covered the theory and practice of onomastic studies and, in particular, the problem of functions of proper names in literary works and was attended by 20 persons. Also, at the Second International Congress of Dialectologists in Marburg, Germany, on September 5-10, 1965, papers on onomastic topics were read. Two papers under the same title of "Dialectology and Onomastics" were read at the same sectional meeting on different aspects of the problem, supplementing each other,



one by J.B. Rudnyćkyj, an ANS member and former president, and one by A. Zareba, of Krakow, Poland. Under another section, entitled "Problems Connected with Linguistic Boundaries," D.J. Georgacas, the president of ANS, read a paper on "The Original Territory of Albanian Settlements in Messenia (Peloponnesus, Greece) on the Basis of Toponomy." At the Congress an International Committee of Dialectologists was organized and Dr. Rudnyćkyj was elected to it.

The next ten years saw a number of changes and much more activity in the study of names. In 1966 Francis Lee Utley of Ohio State University became president. At this same time Kelsie B. Harder became the editor and Louise M. Harder assumed the duties of the executive secretary-treasurer, E. Wallace McMullen and Conrad Rothrauff, associate editors. Elsdon C. Smith continued as book review editor. Dr. Harder began a series of issues in which he invited specialists to edit articles from different disciplines within the purview of onomastics. In this era of the Society, scholars produced the best onomastic articles ever to be published in the journal, or possibly anywhere.

During this year another important work appeared: *New Mexico Place Names*, edited by T.M. Pearce, assisted by Ina Sizer Cassidy and Helen S. Pearce, and reviewed in *Names* by Margaret M. Bryant. Collecting information for this polyglot volume in six languages, those of the Pueblo and Plain Indian language stocks plus Spanish and English sources, began in 1948 under the sponsorship of the New Mexico Folklore Society, with Pearce assuming editorial responsibility for successive instalments. The dictionary was first proposed by Ina Sizer Cassidy of Santa Fe, who, as the director of the Writer's Project in New Mexico, had supervised the preparation of a place-name file in the late 1930's. Other material was also available: files of Spanish names prepared by the Modern Language Department and by the Bureau of Business Research of the State University, lists from the State Department of Game and Fish, and those sent by independent collectors, all of which was useful in this significant work for the State of New Mexico.

This year was likewise the fifteenth anniversary of *Onomastica* (1951-1966), the only topo- and anthroponymic series in Canada relating to research of place and personal names, founded and edited by J.B. Rudnyćkyj. It had appeared twice a year and at that time 30 issues had been published.

The Ninth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences also met. The meeting was held at University College, London, on July 3-8, organized by A.H. Smith. London was an excellent place for the Congress since England, the home of the English Place-Name Society, had major accomplishments in the field. The *Proceedings* published later included 11 papers from members of ANS: Y.E. Boeglin, D.J.

Georgacas, E.P. Hamp, I. Lutterer, W.F.H. Nicolaisen, J.P. Pauls, J.S. Ryan, Y. Slavutych, E.C. Smith, F.L. Utley, and W.T. Zyla, truly a representative list.

This year has to record the great loss of Mamie Meredith (1888-1966), a sponsoring member, a life member, and past president, one who was trained under Louise Pound of Nebraska and remained at the University. Her research was in American popular English, dialectology, and onomatology. In addition to articles that she contributed to folklore journals, *American Speech*, and *Names*, she gave of herself unstintingly on committees and executive offices in learned and professional organizations. She was third, second, and first vice president and president (1961-1962) of ANS and after that a member of its Board of Managers (1962-1965). She was also the co-founder and secretary of the Nebraska Folklore Society (1962-1966), a tireless worker for the committees on place-names, proverbial sayings, and usage of the American Dialect Society, on the "Among the New Words" Department of *American Speech* and on the "New Words and Meanings" Department of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica Book of the Year*. She contributed a great deal to the files of ANS. Her research and scholarly activity was done, until her retirement, in addition to her professional life at the University, where she was a specialist in business communications. In fact, she had the honor of being a Fellow of the American Business Writing Association. Two issues of *Names* were dedicated to her. Another enthusiastic supporter and life member of ANS died in 1966: Charles M. Goethe (1875-1966), a philanthropist and conservationist, dedicated to service of humanity. He was the author of books on conservation, eugenics, botany, and zoology.

The year 1967 saw the lexicographer, Clarence L. Barnhart as president. In this year Elsdon C. Smith published another book on names, *Treasury of Name Lore*, and Richard B. Sealock and the late Pauline A. Seely brought out the second edition of the *Bibliography of Place-Name Literature: United States and Canada*, published by the American Library Association. The third number of *Names* for this year was a special issue on Indian names with the guest editor Hamill Kenny, who also wrote the introduction. In this issue one finds George R. Stewart's "Ouaricon Revisited" with "The Source of the Name Oregon" reprinted from *American Speech*, April, 1944; "The Native Place Names of Arctic America," Part I, by Nils Holmer, the Swedish linguist; "Two Delaware Valley Indian Place Names" by A.R. Dunlap and C.A. Weslager; and "Geographical Names of Amerindian Origin in Canada," Part I, by the Ottawa Geographer, J.A. Rayburn. The fourth number of Vol. XV was also a special issue. The guest editor was Clarence L. Barnhart, who did the excellent index, a time-consuming and tedious task, of the first 15 volumes of *Names*, 1953 through 1967.

E.C. Ehrensperger followed Barnhart as president. For *Names* he reviewed in 1968 the monumental Dictionary of *Alaska Place Names* by Donald J. Orth, published in 1967 by the U.S. Government Printing Office, made available in the state's centennial year. This work was three years in preparation and contains 44,000 entries. The research took much longer. The introduction contains the history of the most important explorers and geographers who have worked in Alaska since the time of Vitus Bering. At the end of the volume is a selected bibliography and topographic maps.

The third number of Vol. XVI was a special issue on names in folklore and the guest editor was Jan Harold Brunvand, who wrote the introduction to this issue. The fourth number was likewise a special issue concerned with names in literature. The guest editor was Arthur F. Beringause, who contributed the introduction to this issue.

This year the ANS lost one of its first foreign members and its first life member: Albert Hugh Smith, an outstanding scholar in English onomastics. He served as the Honorary Secretary of the English Place-Name Society, President of the Council for Name Studies in Great Britain, and president of the Ninth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences held in London in 1966. The Society also lost another of its first foreign members, Professor H.J. van de Wijer, Director of the International Centre of Onomastics and editor of *Onoma*, who died at Louvain on December 4, 1968, at the age of 85. He had been responsible for organizing the International Centre and for the creation of its journal, *Onoma*.

In 1969, Allen Walker Read of Columbia University, one of the first and one of the important place-name scholars in the country, became president. During this year a second institute was begun at Indiana State University at Terre Haute, initiated by Ronald Baker and Marvin Carmony. This institute meets annually and published for awhile a semiannual journal, *Indiana Names* (1970-1974) now appearing as *Midwestern Journal of Language and Folklore* (vol. 1, no. 1, Spring, 1975).

In the year 1969 death claimed the founder of the Society and the first editor of *Names*: Erwin G. Gudde. He died at the age of 80. In 1922, he received his doctorate from the University of California and remained there until his retirement in 1956. In 1968 he and his wife Elizabeth were honored with the University's Centennial Award "for distinguished achievements and notable service to the University," chiefly for his volume on California place-names, which was undergoing a third printing at his death. He had also completed a book on California gold camps. His other published works, particularly in California history, are many, extending over areas of literary criticism, philology, onomatology, and folklore. His self-portrait, entitled "Vita Nostra Brevis Est," was

published in *Names* in March, 1959. On October 11, 1970, five miles of wooded ridge, northeast of Oakland, California, were dedicated to the memory of Erwin G. Gudde and named in honor of him, the co-founder of ANS and the first editor of *Names*. The dedication was under the auspices of the U.S. Department of the Interior, the California Board of Geographic Names, the East Bay Regional Park District, and the California State Senate and Assembly. The ANS also dedicated the third issue of the 1969 volume to his memory.

The year 1970 found Elsdon C. Smith president for the second time in honor of the great service he had given to the Society in his many capacities as co-founder, attorney, bibliographer, book review editor, member of the editorial board, chairman of Local Arrangement Committees, and writer of articles and reviews for the journal, not to mention the number of books on names that he has published and continues to publish. In the first issue of Vol. XVIII of *Names* Kelsie B. Harder reviewed his *American Surnames*, published in 1969.

In this volume one finds an article by Allen Walker Read entitled "The Prospects of a National Place-Name Survey for the United States." Much discussion had gone on concerning a project of this kind. In the third issue, one also finds a progress report of the International Committee for Outer Space Onomastics for 1966-1969, the Executive Committee of which consists of D.J. Georgacas, chairman (U.S.A); J.B. Rudnyćkyj, vice-chairman (Canada); A.J. Windekens, vice-chairman (Belgium); E. Wallace McMullen, executive secretary-treasurer (U.S.A.); John S. Ryan, assistant secretary (Australia). The Committee was attempting to get consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, but so far has not been successful.

During this year another Institute was started, the South Central Names Institute, sponsored jointly by East Texas State University and the Society, and initiated by Fred Tarpley. The papers from the 1970 meeting were published under the title *Of Edsels and Marauders*, edited by Dr. Tarpley and Ann Kerns Moseley, the first proceedings of an institute to be published. The title was taken from the first article, an account of the naming of the unfortunate Edsel by Ford. The volume was reviewed by Kelsie B. Harder in *Names* (March, 1972). The institute has met each year since its beginning at East Texas State University, and so far the proceedings have been published annually.

Another first took place in 1970: the first onomastic medal, struck for J.B. Rudnyćkyj of the University of Manitoba. He was awarded the Margaret McWilliams Medal of the Historical and Scientific Society of Manitoba for the best scholarly book published in Winnipeg in 1970. The book chosen was *Manitoba: Mosaic of Place Names*, published on the occasion of the centennial of the province (1870-1970), by the Canadian Institute of Onomastic Sciences. It was well received by critics

and reviewed in *Names*, March, 1971, by the immediate past president of ANS, Elsdon C. Smith.

Following Elsdon C. Smith, Audrey R. Duckert became president in 1971. Twenty years had passed since the founding of the Society. *Names* now carried a great variety of articles and reviews. In this twentieth anniversary volume, one finds among the articles D.J. Georgacas' "The Waterway of Hellespont and Bosphorus: the Origin of the Names and Early Greek Hapology," dedicated to Henry and Renée Kahane; Celia Millward's "Place-Name Generics in Providence, R.I."; L.R.N. Ashley's "Changing Times and Changing Names: Reasons, Regulations, and Rights"; C.A. Weslager's "Name-Giving Among the Delaware Indians"; and "Place-Names and Dialects in Massachusetts: Some Complementary Patterns" by Eugene and Rosemary M. Green.

The loss to onomastic studies in this year was great, occasioned by the deaths of two distinguished scholars, one on the West Coast and one on the East: Assar Janzén and Kemp Malone, respectively. Janzén (1904-1971) was a member of ANS from its beginning and will be remembered by the readers of *Names* for his excellent series of seven articles, published from 1957 to 1964, on "Scandinavian Place-Names in England" and "The Provenance of Proto-Norse Personal Names," as well as for his reviews. A native of Sweden, he came to this country in 1946 to play an important role in establishing at Berkeley the first Department of Scandinavian Studies in the United States and to act as its chairman for eight years in the fifties. Before coming to California he had worked in onomastics, having written a series of studies on the place-names of his native Swedish province, thereby thoroughly acquainting himself with onomastic procedures and the bibliography necessary for the study of names in general.

Kemp Malone (1889-1971), a sponsor of ANS from the beginning and its president in 1956, had an early interest in names, as is evidenced in his work, *The Literary History of Hamlet*, published in 1923. He had a special interest in phonology, particularly in Germanic and Celtic sounds. His bibliography includes 500 items, ranging over a vast field. He was etymologist for the *American College Dictionary* and the *Random House Dictionary of the English Language*. He was co-founder of *American Speech* and was its managing editor from 1925 until 1932. He was also connected with other journals, particularly *Modern Language Notes* and the *American Journal of Philology*. For his expert knowledge and distinction as a scholar he was honored at home and abroad. He held a number of honorary degrees, served as president of the American Dialect Society, the Linguistic Society of America, the Modern Humanities Research Association, and the Modern Language Association of America, as well as the ANS. He was a member of the Danish Order of the Dannebrog and the Icelandic Order of the Falcon.

Donald J. Orth became president of ANS in 1972 at the beginning of the third decade. During this year the work of the Committee on the Survey of Place-Names in the United States, headed by Byrd H. Granger, went forward. Many of the state and regional chairmen were selected and the method of recording the material was formulated by Dr. Granger. In addition to work on the Survey, other activity in onomastics was evidenced in *Names*, such as Assar Janzén's "The Viking Colonization of England in the Light of Place-Names," published posthumously; T.P. Field's "Religious Place-Names in Kentucky"; M.S. Beeler's "Inyo"; and reviews, including Marvin Carmony's review of *Wood County Place Names* (1970), by Robert S. Rudolph, a study based on Frederic Cassidy's important work, *The Place-Names of Dane County, Wisconsin*, published earlier in 1947 by the American Dialect Society; Kelsie B. Harder's reviews of more reprints in *Onomastics* of the Gale Research Company and of the English Place-Name Society's *The Place-Names of Cheshire, Part Three: The Place Names of Nantwich Hundred and Eddisbury Hundred* (1971) and Geart B. Droege's review of a tribute, *Professor J.B. Rudnyćkyj—Sexagenarian* (1910-1970); and Arthur F. Beringause's review of *Dei Gratia in Royal Titles* (1971) by Jack Autrey Dabbs.

The second issue of this volume was dedicated to the memory of Elliott V.K. Dobbie (1907-1970) of Columbia University. In this issue one finds Francis L. Utley's "Onomastic Variety in the High Sierra"; Audrey R. Duckert's "*Erce* and Other Possibly Keltic Elements in the Old English Charm for Unfruitful Land"; W. Bruce Finnie's "The Structural Function of Names in the Works of Chrétien de Troyes"; Frederic G. Cassidy's "Old English *Gārsecg*-an Eke-Name?"; Margaret M. Bryant's "Some Indian and Dutch Names Reflecting the Early History of Brooklyn"; Leo Pap's "The Portuguese Adstratum in North American Place-Names"; Fred C. Robinson's "Appropriate Naming in English Literature." The reviews include Frederic G. Cassidy's review of *American Place-Names* (1970) by George R. Stewart; Conrad M. Rothrauff's review of "The Names for the Asia Minor Peninsula and a Register of Surviving Anatolian Pre-Turkish Place-Names" (1971) by Demetrius Georgacas; Fred Tarpley's review of the second edition of *British Columbia Place Names* (1970), by G.P.V. and Helen B. Akrigg; and others by Geart H. Droege, Kelsie B. Harder, and D.J. Georgacas.

In 1973 the president was Lalia P. Boone of the University of Idaho. Work was still going forward on the Place-Names Survey under the able directorship of Byrd H. Granger. During this year a souvenir issue of *Names* honoring Kemp Malone appeared in September with Thomas Pyles as the special editor. At the front of the issue are two articles devoted to Professor Malone: "In Memoriam" by H.B. Woolf and "Kemp Malone, Onomatologist," by the editor. Following one finds

Fred C. Robinson's "Anglo-Saxon Onomastics in the Old English *Andreas*"; Norman E. Eliason's "Personal Names in the Canterbury Tales"; Audrey R. Duckert's "Place Nicknames"; "*Cracker* and *Hoosier*" by Raven I. McDavid, Jr. and Virginia McDavid; Frederic G. Cassidy's "The Names of Green Bay, Wisconsin"; and Francis Lee Uteley's "Hog Crawl Creek Again."

One finds, in the June issue of this year, Elsdon C. Smith's review of B.O. Unbegaun's *Russian Surnames*, a brilliant, outstanding, and authoritative work written for the English speaker and published by the Oxford University Press in 1972, and in the December issue two reviews by Francis Lee Uteley of studies of names in states: *Kansas Place-Names* (1972) by John Rydjord of interest to the scientific worker and the general reader; and *Washington State Place Names* (1972) by James W. Phillips, a work essentially for the tourist. Kelsie B. Harder reviews two important works of 1972: *The Place-Names of Berkshire, Part One* by Margaret Gelling, the first of a projected three-volume series published by the English Place-Name Society, a fitting volume to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Society; and Elsdon C. Smith's *New Dictionary of American Family Names*, the companion to his *American Surnames*, published in 1970.

In 1973 another institute was launched by Dr. Grace Alvarez-Altman of the State University College of Brockport, New York, devoted to literary onomastics, the significance of names in drama, poetry and fiction in any language. These include names of places, characters, and cosmic symbols as they relate to theme, structure, and other literary considerations. A new annual journal entitled *Literary Onomastic Studies* has also been initiated along with the annual conference.

In 1974, Byrd H. Granger of the University of Arizona, on becoming the president of the Society, gave up the chairmanship of the National Place-Name Survey and turned it over to the energetic Fred Tarpley, the director of the Texas Place-Name Survey and of the South Central Names Institute. She, however, still worked with the Survey and also appointed regional chairmen who are to promote name-study at other scholarly meetings where name sections can be introduced, as at the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English or at the different divisions of the Modern Language Association throughout the country. Meetings of this kind had been arranged formerly at various times by Kelsie B. Harder, Clarence L. Barnhart, and Allen Walker Read at the N C T E. The Society continues to sponsor the meeting with the N C T E. On October 30, 1974, Lurline H. Coltharp of the University of Texas at El Paso initiated the ANS Regional Meeting with the South Central Modern Language Association at Houston. Others followed in different sections of the country.

Important articles continued to appear in the journal. The September

issue was a *Festschrift* in honor of Margaret M. Bryant. The December issue contained a bibliography by Richard B. Sealock and Margaret S. Powell on "Place-Name Literature, United States and Canada 1971-1974," a supplement to Sealock and Seely's *Bibliography of Place-Name Literature, United States and Canada*, 2nd ed., published by the American Library Association in 1967. Dr. Granger also initiated a newsletter to be sent to all the members of the Society at intervals so as to keep them informed as to what is happening during the year. During this year another important reference work on names appeared by Helen Carlson of Purdue University: *Nevada Place Names*. It was selected by the United States Information Agency for inclusion in book exhibits in nineteen foreign countries.

On October 5, 1974, another conference began. Arthur Berliner, the director of the Connecticut Place-Name Survey, held a successful symposium on place-names. It was sponsored by the Department of English at Eastern Connecticut State College in Willimantic. He is continuing these conferences each year in October as a stimulus to place-name study in his state and elsewhere.

In this year the Society has to record the loss of two important members: Francis Lee Utley (1908-1974), Professor Emeritus of English at Ohio State University, an internationally known folklorist and past president of the American Name Society, American Folklore Society and College English Association; and Arthur R. Dunlap (1906-1974) of the University of Delaware, dedicated to the study of names as evidenced by articles in *Names, American Speech*, *Pennsylvania* and *New Jersey* historical journals, as well as by his monographs *Dutch and Swedish Place-Names in Delaware* and *Indian Place-Names in Delaware* (with C.A. Weslager). He was a member of the American Name Society from its beginning in 1951, served on the Society's Board of Managers and helped to promote the formation of the place name survey in the United States.

In 1975 Margaret M. Bryant, Professor Emerita, The City University of New York (Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center), became president for the second time and in 1976 E. Wallace McMullen, after serving the Society in many capacities, including editor, associate editor, director of the New Jersey Survey as well as of the original Names Institute at Fairleigh Dickinson University for 15 years, was elected president.

On looking back one should not overlook the contributions of the Canadians, particularly that of the Onomastic Commission of the Ukrainian Free Academy of Sciences at Winnipeg, Manitoba, the organization of which was announced in the first issue of *Names* in which not only Ukrainian names but place and personal names in Canada and elsewhere were to be treated. Under the general editorship of J.B.



Rudnyčkyj at the University of Manitoba, the publication of *Onomastica*, a special series, began in 1951. He was one of the sponsoring members of ANS and was elected to the Board of Managers at the annual meeting in December, 1953. A second sponsoring member was P.E. Palmer, then Chairman of the Canadian Board on Geographical Names at Ottawa. In *Names* 1:2 (June, 1953) 79-84, he had described the work of the Board and gave its history since establishment in 1897.

In 1966 in London, England, at the time of the Ninth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, the Canadian Institute of Onomastic Sciences was organized. The first annual meeting was held in 1967 at the University of Carleton, Ottawa, Ontario. J.B. Rudnyčkyj was elected president and Yar Slavutych the secretary-treasurer.

The Institute holds its annual meeting in conjunction with the Conference of Learned Societies of Canada, usually at various places. The 1975 meeting was held in Edmonton at the University of Alberta. The Institute publishes *Onomastica* annually. In addition three volumes have appeared under its auspices.

Others important in Canadian onomastics are A.I. Bereskin, Controller of Surveys in the Surveys Branch in Regina, Saskatchewan, whose chief interest is Indian names; Executive Secretary J. Keith Fraser, and J. Alan Rayburn, the latter two being members of the Permanent Committee on Geographical Names at Ottawa. In 1974 the Committee published a new Gazetteer of *Prince Edward Island* (2,200 names) and *Geographical Names of Prince Edward Island*, recording the origin of 1,600 current and historical names. Others who should be mentioned here are G.P.V. Akrigg and Helen B. Akrigg of the University of British Columbia, authors of *1000 British Columbia Place Names*, now in its third revised edition, and E.R. Seary and E. Heier, authors of articles in *Names*.

Nor should one in glancing backward forget the Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Kelsie B. Harder, who has served the Society for 21 years and has managed to keep the Society growing as is evidenced by its history despite the difficulties that arise from time to time. He has served as editor, program chairman, secretary, treasurer, and in many other capacities. In addition, he manages to write articles on names and to review many works, as can be seen in glancing through the journal. His wife, Louise, served as Secretary-Treasurer for three years, and, for a time, he had the aid of colleagues, Jean M. Kelty and Anthony O. Tyler, in his secretarial duties. In addition to the journal, edited since 1969 by Conrad Rothrauff, the Secretary has begun an *ANS Bulletin* which includes much interesting material that does not belong in *Names*, the official journal. More than 40 numbers have appeared.

If one considers the significant volumes of place-name study, the gazetteers, the learned and not-so-learned articles that have appeared,

the ever-increasing number of Names Institutes and now the regional sessions in conjunction with regional Modern Language Association meetings and other educational and scholarly groups plus the National Place-Name Survey now underway, one can see that during the last 25 years much interest has been created and much work has been done in the field of onomastics, a good foundation for the next quarter of a century.\*

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## TWELFTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF ONOMASTIC SCIENCES: A REPORT

In Bern, Switzerland, on August 25-29, 1975, 376 persons from 33 different countries attended the Twelfth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences. Of this number 283 were participants in the Congress with 93 accompanying individuals. The meetings were held at the university where 157 papers were read and discussed on the general subject of "Names in Contact" in six sections: (1) language-frontiers and multiple nomenclature; (2) nomenclature and man (sociological, psychological, and philosophical aspects of nomenclature); (3) onomastic sciences and linguistics; (4) contacts with reference to the history of settlements, legal and socio-historical relations (connections); (5) cartography and onomastic sciences; (6) literary name-research. Of the papers presented 62 percent were devoted to place-names and 25 percent to personal names. The official languages used were German, French, Italian, English, Spanish and Russian.

The United States was very well represented at the Congress. The following persons attended: John G. Alleer\*, L.R.N. Ashley\*, Casimir Borkowski\*, Walter P. Bowman\*, Robert M. Duncan, Demetrius J. Georgacas\*, W.F.H. Nicolaisen\*, Donald J. Orth, Leo Pap, Peter Richardson, Karl Rosen\*, and W.T. Zyla\*. The starred names read papers. In addition, Professor Duncan presided at one of the sessions and at another a paper of Professor Thomas L. Markey of the University of Michigan was read by his research assistant, Miss Linda Hooper. The principal lecture on Friday, August 29, was delivered in the aula by Professor Nicolaisen on "Words as Names."

At the meeting of the International Council (ICOS) I, as president of ANS, was the Deputy representing the U.S.A. At that meeting Dr. Meredith F. Burrill, who had been a representative since 1949, was made an honorary member and the following members were appointed to represent the U.S.A. in the Council: Demetrius J. Georgacas, Kelsie B. Harder, W.F.H. Nicolaisen, and Donald Orth to join Elsdon C. Smith who was appointed in 1952. The U.S.A. is now well represented.

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