

Editorial Announcement

With this issue, Kelsie B. Harder assumes the editorship of *Names*. He served as Editor of *Names* from 1966 to 1968 and is familiar to members of the American Name Society for his other activities in the Society. Murray Heller will assume the position of Associate Editor, along with his other many responsibilities to the Society. No change in editorial policy is anticipated, except that a more intensified effort will be made to continue to obtain excellent articles for the magazine and to promote research in onomastics.

To achieve these aims, the editor encourages members to submit their finished research papers for consideration and to look among colleagues and others for promising articles and research. Please send your papers or information about research in onomastics to

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During 1982 and 1983, the editor will publish reports on the status of research in onomastics in other countries. Such reports have been promised from Japan, India, England, Scotland, and countries of Eastern and Western Europe. The publication of these reports will give the members of the Society some intimation of the vast amount of research that is taking place in the study of names. Other areas will be represented as the information becomes available, especially from Africa, Australia, and South America. Members who are acquainted with research in those area are requested to report on the state of the discipline there and to let the editor know the names of the scholars and researchers.

Also, several special issues have been planned and are in stages of being completed. W. F. H. Nicolaisen, English Department, State University of New York, Binghamton, New York 13903, will edit an issue on "theory of names," a set of articles that should give direction to the Society's work. Edwin D. Lawson, Psychology Department, State University College, Fredonia, New York 14063, has already collected several articles for an issue on names and the social sciences. Philip G. Kolin, English Department, Univer-

sity of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi 39401, is editing an issue on personal names in earlier literature. Other issues are planned on names and the law, names' etymology, Canadian names, personal and place names in India, and names in dialect.

The Index to *Names*, Volumes 15-30, is scheduled for the December issue, 1982. This index will supplement the one edited by Clarence L. Barnhart, *Names*, Volume 15, No. 4, which brought together the work accomplished in the first 15 volumes and has provided an outstanding and ready reference to them. Part of the index for the last 15 volumes has been completed but final editing has to await the publication of the September issue of 1982.

The Editor, Associate Editor, and members of the Editorial Board hope to continue to the work of previous editors and boards and to obtain the help of all members of the Society to further the study of names in all aspects. Information concerning names is always welcome and can be used. Also, we would like to obtain suggestions on how to improve the magazine and other publications of the Society and how to enhance other activities.

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The poet's eye, in a fine frenzy rolling,
Doth glance from heaven to earth, from earth to heaven;
And as imagination bodies forth
The forms of things unknown, the poet's pen
Turns them to shapes, and gives to airy nothing
A local habitation and a name.

A Midsummer Night's Dream (V. i. 12-17)