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THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL EHRENSPERGER REPORT ON WORK IN PROGRESS

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During 1987, many changes occurred in the directing of the Society. First, a new editor will take control of the magazine on January 1, 1988. Dr. Thomas J. Gasque, Department of English, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069, has accepted the position. I wish him well, and I know that he will have the full cooperation of the members of the Society. Dr. Wayne H. Finke continues as Executive Secretary-Treasurer, with his academic address now Romance Languages, Baruch College, 17 Lexington, New York, NY 10010. Ms. Marion Harris, Bell Communications Research, 445 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960, is now the typesetter for Names. We hope that under the efficient direction of the three that the Society will be strong and successful.

The Ehrensperger Report again contains information pertaining to all aspects of research in names. Originally it was designed to report only on placename research, I have extended the coverage because of the interests of members of the Society. No doubt, this has led to some unevenness in reporting, but many other members now feel that their work is a part of the discipline. Of course, the direction at the moment is toward research in placenames, a positive result of the great work done by Donald Orth and Roger Payne with the publications emanating from the GNIS system. Perhaps in 1988 an article will appear in Names that will describe the system to all members.

Another strong area is the psychology of names which can cover name preference, effect of names, and mind-sets in relation to names. Such work has brought in several members in the social sciences who are concerned with customs, such as methods of naming, national customs, and placename patterns. Social customs are apparent in the names given to animals (pets) and to inanimate objects (just about anything, including automobiles, boats, houses, schools, roads, buildings, or parts of the body). In fact, the social sciences have usurped the whole field, it seems especially if placename studies are placed within the discipline. The proponents of literary onomastics have strength, too, but many of those who work in that area also do research in other aspects of names. I mention in particular the outstanding work of Nicolaisen, Read, and Ashley, who seemingly move with ease into all areas.

A problem does exist. The Society needs a new editor for the Ehrensperger Report. For the past few years, I have edited both the magazine and the ER, the latter pretty much a labor of love, for it kept me in contact with members of the Society and their research, publications, and projects. I came to recognize that the ER was probably far more valuable to the Society than is Names. Still, the increasing cost of producing the ER has caused the Board of Managers to limit its distribution, and rightly so. The postal costs are very large in comparison to the days when Dr. Ehrensperger could poll all members of the Society on a budget of \$50.00 and still have a bit of change left over. Now the cost in postage just to reach the members is about \$600.00, with the cost of paper in addition. Also, the mailing of the report now costs more than \$1.00 a copy. When all the costs are calculated, the production of the annual ER comes close to \$1,000.00 if all expenses are included. Yet, it is vital to the Society as a binder of everyone into a group. So, if a volunteer is found to continue the report, that is all to the good for the Society. I will continue until someone accepts the most pleasant and rewarding job.

The format follows that of the past issues. Alphabetizing the names of the contributors and the use of full addresses have helped members communicate with each other, or so I have been told. I must say that this year many more responded than have in the past. What this signifies, I do not know. Perhaps one of our psychologists can help with an interpretation. Also, much publication and research have been done that we did not know about before. Perhaps future reports will have an even more extended coverage. Again, I encourage you to send me items on names, your own publications, and other materials. Everything seems to be usable.

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the help that I have been given by many. First, I extend warm thanks to all who contributed to the report. Everyone has also received a letter of thanks. Others to thank Wayne Finke, L. R. N. Ashley, and Ann Watson, one for his supplying me with postage and the other for her continuous and selfless service to the Society. Ann has placed into final form all the Ehrensperger Reports that I have done, and she has probably typed more letters to members of the society than any Executive Secretary ever has. For her invaluable contribution, she deserves the warmest and most grateful thanks of the members of the Society.

Kelsie B. Harder
December 1, 1987

AKRIGG, PHILIP AND HELEN (2575 Tolmie St., #8, Vancouver, BC V6R 4M1) are currently making a few additions and changes for the 2nd printing of British Columbia Place Names (1986). Helen is looking after the British Columbia Indian names, while Philip takes care of other names.

ALGEO, JOHN (English, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602) spent the year "doing Briticisms" at the Survey of English Usage, University College, London, while on a Guggenheim Fellowship and a Fulbright Senior Research Award. Some of the results of his work appear in four installments in American Speech, beginning fall 1987; and a two-part article on grammatical Briticisms will appear in Oxford University Press' new International Journal of Lexicography, 1988. He will also collaborate with Allen Walker Read to bring out Read's Dictionary of Briticisms. Probably not appropriate here is Algeo's daily acquaintanceship with the remains of Jeremy Bentham, whose embalmed body is still much in view at University College.

ASHLEY, L. R. N. (English, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY 11210) is the one indispensable member of ANS. This year, he serves as President of the Society, his second term, and only two others have been accorded that honor (Smith and Bryant). He also is Guest Editor for the Shakespeare Issue (Vol. 35, Nos. 3-4, 1987), to which he also contributes a major article. During the year, he read papers at the Annual Meeting, Dallas, Texas, at the Blue Ridge Symposium, the Connecticut Symposium, and at the San Francisco meeting. His efforts to keep the Society productive is appreciated by all members, but we could provide him more help in this positive direction. Without the efforts of Len, the Society would indeed be in sad shape. With him, we can always be assured of an abundance of energy, the appropriate quip and quote, and best of all onomastic knowledge seasoned with humor.

ALVAREZ-ALTMAN, GRACE (Foreign Languages, State University College, Brockport, NY 14420) has now directed the Conference of Literary Onomastics for fifteen years. She edited Vol. XIV of Literary Onomastics Studies in 1987, and published in it her article, "Literary Onomastics of Fear." She read a paper on names in the poems of Jeannette Miller, Dominican author, at the ANS/MLA meeting in New York, Dec., 1986. In addition she gave a lecture on Spanish Culture and Civilization at the Sociedad Latino-Americana de Rochester, July 25, 1986. Her Names in Literature: Essays from Literary Onomastics Studies, in collaboration with Frederick M. BURELBACH, has been accepted and will be published in 1988. It will be a selection of 21 papers read at CLO over the past 14 years. Among the authors represented are well-known ANS members W. F. H. Nicolaisen, Leonard R. N. Ashley, Murray Heller, Allen Walker Read, Elizabeth M. Rajec, Richard E. Wood, and Walter P. Bowman, and others.

AMAN, REINHOLD A. (331 S. Greenfield Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186) reminds those of us who have not returned our Onomastic Questionnaire (MOQ) to do so. The questionnaire has been reported about worldwide, from Die Welt (Germany) to Times Literary Supplement (London, Nov. 7, 1986) and Johannesburg Star (South Africa). He presented a talk on the legal, religious, and lexicographical aspects of sodomy and related terms at the 7th Annual North Central Names Institute, Chicago, Apr. 4, 1987. Two much-expanded articles on this topic will be published in Maledicta, Vol. 9. At the 1988 ANS meeting, Chicago, he will present a talk on "Wicked Willie and Other Genital Pet Names," collected through his Maledicta Onomastic Questionnaire.

Maledicta 8 featured onomastics-related articles and glossaries on derogatory names for old people, satirical bird names, wimp, folk terms for diarrhea, medical nicknames and slurs, American trade names of condoms, as well as nicknames of American and Canadian universities, newspapers, buildings, cities, and college food.

Maldicta 9 will feature euphemisms for copulation, a vocabulary of American and British prostitutes, homosexuals, and necrophiliacs, a British satire of German motoring terms, as well as a comparison of the definitions of sodomy in English and in foreign-language dictionaries.

Among the articles received for publication in Maldicta are lists of unusual first names of American black women and children, medical slang from the San Francisco area, and a glossary of the jargon used in pizza restaurants.

AMES, JAY (P. O. Box 5, Station G, Toronto, Ont. 4M4 3E8, Canada), continues his indefatigable sorting of names. His last report to me was concerned, among pages of other good material, with the name Kelsie, which he has found in mar. forms, but not reported here. Write him for the list. I wish that he would stop finding the names in the obit section of the Toronto Star. Besides the enormous collection of personal names he has, he is now building a collection of slang terms. Again, it is difficult not to quote extensively from his report, but to more specifics: He is trying to complete a book on Toronto street names besides the one he is compiling on surnames/fontnames. I can hope that Jay initiates a newsletter so that others can enjoy his work as well as be informed by it.

ASTOUR, MICHAEL C. (Historical Studies, Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville, IL 62026) published "The Name of the Ninth Kassite King," Journal of the American Oriental Society 106 (1986) 327-331; "Semites and Hurrians in Northern Transjordan," in D. I. Owen and M. A. Morrison, Studies on the Civilization and Culture of Nuzi and the Hurrians, Vol. 2 (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1987) 3-68; Review of Nigel Groom, A Dictionary of Arabic Topography and Placenames (Beirut 1983), in Journal of the American Oriental Society 107 (1987) 339-340. He read a paper, "The Geographical and Political Structure of the Ebla Empire," International Symposium on the Economy and Society of Ebla, Heidelberg, Sept. 5-8, 1986 (to appear in the Proceedings). In press are a review of Sh. Ahituv, Canaanite Toponyms in Ancient Egyptian Documents (Jerusalem and Leiden 1984), Journal of Near Eastern Studies; "Toponymy of Ebla and Ethnohistory of Northern Syria," to appear in Journal of the American Oriental Society; and "The North Mesopotamian Kingdom of Illansura," to appear in Mari at Fifty, ed. G. D. Young. Work in progress includes the study of the topography and toponymy of the Ebla texts and other ancient Syrian records.

AVAKIAN, ANNE (2727 Parker St., Apt. H, Berkeley, CA 94704) published The Avakian Family (293 pp.) in 1986. Her article "Three Apples Fell from Heaven," appeared in Folklore, 98 (1), 1987. Her bibliography, Armenia and the Armenians in Academic Dissertations, Suppl. 1, is being printed. From this work she is annotating a bibliography about Armenian names.

BARNUM, H. GARDINER (Geography, The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT. 05405), has an article relating to French and German influence on New England town names which is nearly completed. He is also teaching a class, Geography of Place Names. We would like to hear more about such classes.

BARRY, HERBERT III (552 North Neville St., Apt. 83, Pittsburgh, PA 15213) is studying the frequent practice of giving the mother's premarital surname as the middle name of presidents of the United States or their brothers. He presented papers on different aspects of this topic at the 26th Annual Names Institute at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City on May 2, 1987, and at the 10th annual convention of the International Psychohistorical Association at Hunter College in New York City on June 10, 1987.

A study of first names frequencies in Pennsylvania 1977-1986 uses birth certificates compiled by the Department of Health, State Health Data Center. The largest increases from 1977 to 1986 were Kyle and Zachary for boys, Ashley and Brittany for girls. These are names of romantic characters in afternoon TV soap operas. Frequencies of these and other names demonstrate an emphasis on tradition and stability in names for boys and on variety and fads in names for girls.

With AYLENE S. HARPER and RICHARD H. WILLIS, he is asking students to rank order the degree to which they like or dislike pairs of personal names (first name and surname). Some of the surnames are female (such as Florence and Shirley) and male (such as Gordon and Thomas).

BEAM, C. RICHARD (Center for Pennsylvania German Studies, Millersville University, Millersville, PA 17551) prints articles in his Es Pennsilfaanisch Deitsch Eck on PG placenames. The same articles appear in four other newspapers in PA and OH. He reminds me that the Thomas R. Brendle Collection of PG Folklore contains lists of PG placenames, dialect names of churches, etc. When he revises the Lambert PG Dictionary, he intends to use placenames material. He believes that "one of our biggest needs is to have a good German-American linguist work at sorting out all the various forms our PG and German-American family names have taken here in America. Fortunately, Jurgen Eichhoff of Wisconsin U. is interested in the problem, but he too has many irons in the fire." Professor Beam is working with types of names that have not been investigated and written about. We can look forward to some original work on names in this area.

BERLINGER, GINA AND ARTHUR (448 Riverland Dr., Roanoke, VA 24014) held their Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium II and have already planned No. III, April 23, 1988. For information, please write to them. As you may know, this is the second symposium that the Berliners have initiated, the first being the Connecticut one, still thriving (see REILEIN).

BLOODWORTH, MARTHA E. (837 NE 5th Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601) writes that Places in the Sun: Romance of Florida Place Names is still in print.

BLOOM, LEONARD (47 Stemway Rd., Trumbull, CT 06611) has read several papers at the Brockport meetings on literary onomastics. He also edits the Journal of Basque Studies, which often carries articles or material on place and personal names in the Basque area--and language.

BOKSTEIN, RUTH (Sociology, Tel Aviv Univ., Israel) reports her thesis "Name Changing in Israel 1923-1972," which has a content analysis of name changes of random samples at five points spread out over the fifty years. The thesis has not been published.

BOLINGER, DWIGHT (2718 Ramona St., Palo Alto, CA 94306) has several publications in linguistics but none in onomastics, per se: "Each Other and Its Friends," in Another Indiana University Linguistics Club Twentieth Anniversary Volume, Bloomington, 1987, pp. 1-36; "Power to the Utterance," in Jon Aske, Natasha Beery, Laura Michaelis, and Hana Filip, eds., Berkeley Linguistic Society Proceedings of the 13th Annual Meeting, Feb. 14-16, 1987, pp. 16-25, Berkeley, BLS; two chapters of Carlos Gussenhoven, Dwight Bolinger, and Cornelia Keijsper, On Accent, Bloomington, Indiana University Linguistics Club; seven pounds of Intonation and Its Uses to Stanford Press, to appear in 1988 as a sequel to intonation and its parts (Stanford, 1985).

BOONE, LALIA (10000 Brunswick Ave., #302, Silver Spring, MD 20910) writes that Idaho Place Names is now in press and should be out before the end of 1987. She has also organized and partially edited Tales People Tell, items she collected as she did the research on Idaho placenames. Idaho Place Names will be a major contribution to the study of USA geographical names.

BOWMAN, WALTER P. (English, State University College, Brockport, NY 14420) has published "The Underground Way to Literature," LOS, XIV (1987). his "The Titles of Dramatic Works: Problems for Translators" was published in LOS, II (1975) and will be reprinted in the forthcoming Names in Literature, ed. ALVAREZ and BURELBACH. He is currently preparing a paper on "The Names of the Winds in French," but a more appropriate title is in the offing.

BRINNIER, CHRISTINE (6897 Hommelville Rd., Suagerties, NY 12477) replies to personal requests concerning family names.

BROWN, RUSSELL (Germanic and Slavic Language and Literatures, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY 11794) read "Names in Revolt of the Fisherman of Anna Seghers, Names Institute Conference, 25, Madison, NJ, May 1986; "Pen Names in German Literature 1900-1933, Literary Onomastics Conference, Rochester, NY, June 1987, pub. in LOS 14 (1987), 181-98); "Names and Numbers in The Adding Machine, Names 34 (1986), 266-73); 'Strategies of Naming in Peter Handke's Fiction, read at Names Institute, 26, New York, NY, May 1987; and read "Jacob and Joseph in Modern European Literature, LOC, Rochester, June 1987. He continues his work on German literary onomastic topics, the next author to be reported on--Jurek Becker.

BRYANT, HALLMAN B. (English, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634) published Robert Graves: A Critical Bibliography (Garland, 1986); A Separate Peace, Twayne's Masterwork Series (in progress); and Peter Matthiessen, Twayne's Contemporary American Authors (in progress).

BUELL, W. H. (608 N. Cherokee Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90004), continues to travel, with a trip to China, to Belgium, and to England, with in the latter a week each in Dundee, Oxford, and Plymouth. Along the way, he picked up several mass media articles on names, one on British pubs, naturally, a discussion of the Flying Monk, the Frog and Nightgown, the Bull and Spectacles, and the Crab and Gumboil, only a few of the 70,000 pubs in Great Britain, which, by the way, has more than 500 Red Lions. Another item asked: Which is it, Hoover Dam or Boulder Dam? In 1947, Harry S. Truman instructed the 80th Congress to restore Hoover Dam. The other name persists, however. In an article about Eighty Four, PA, a journalist notes that only seven cities in the U.S. have numbers for names. Somebody could check that out.

BURELBACH, FREDERICK M. (English, State University College, Brockport, NY 14420) edited, in collaboration with Grace ALVAREZ-ALTMAN, Names in Literature, which is scheduled for publication in 1988. He is also the author of an article on Shakespeare, scheduled for the forthcoming December issue of Names.

CALLARY, EDWARD (English, Northern Illinois State University, DeKalb, IL 60115) is an officer of the North Central Name Society and Editor of the Spring, 1987 issue of the Bulletin of the North Central Name Society (copies free by writing to him). He edited From Oz to the Onion Patch, published by NCNS. Some copies at \$5.00 each are still available. It contains articles by Kelsie Harder, John Algeo, Frederic Cassidy, and W. F. H. Nicolaisen, among others.

CAMERON, CATHERINE (1855 Foothill E., La Verne, CA 91750) published "The Trouble with 'Junior,'" Sociology and Social Research, April, 1987.

CAMPBELL, JON B. (Geographic Names Information Section, U. S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, Reston, VA 22092) is the excellent historical toponymist for the GNIS, among other duties. He attended the regular meetings of the ANS in 1987. He also published "Names and History in Indiana," a chapter (and a good one, too) in the Indiana volume of the National Gazetteer of the United States of America, 1987. He has in progress a paper on the naming processes associated with western United States exploration and surveys accomplished during the 19th century; and, also in progress, chapters on names and history for the volumes on North Dakota and South Dakota.

CASSIDY, FREDERIC G. (Chief Editor, Dictionary of American Regional English, 50 North Park St., Madison, WI 53706) claims "there's little interest in Wisconsin Place Names." His Place Names of Brown County, finished at least fifteen years ago, he writes, still has not been accepted by a publisher. He reports that Conan Eaton of Washington Island, WI, has completed "ninety percent" of his Place Names of Door County. Fred has enough on his hands with the editing of Volume II of DARE. A responsible correspondent, he will answer any inquiry, however.

CHENEY, ROBERTA C. (Box 554, Cameron, MT 59720) writes that Names on the Face of Montana has gone into a 4th printing and is still selling well. She continues to give programs on Montana names. In addition, she is working on a history of libraries in Montana for a Centennial publication.

CLARK, DONALD THOMAS (500 Sand Hill Rd., Santa Cruz, CA 95066) writes that Santa Cruz County Place Names: A Geographical Dictionary has been a great success, with a second printing of the paperback in the works, and possibly another hardback edition. He makes me envious with all the publication parties he attends, including TV half-hour interviews, radio programs, six book signing parties, and a stack of awards: Santa Cruz County History Trust Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Significant Contributions to the Preservation of Santa Cruz County Heritage; Scotts Valley Historical Society Certificate of Award for Outstanding Service to our Heritage; The Conference of California Historical Societies Award of Merit for Distinguished Contributions to California History; and a Proclamation from the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervision. Glory seeks out the meritorious. He also attended the 11th Annual Western States Geographic Names Conference.

CLARK, THOMAS L. (English, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV 89154) besides his extensive work in ADS is finding time to complete the publication of Dictionary of Gambling and Gaming, due out in December 1987. Announcements will be made at the ANS meeting in SF.

COHEN, GERRY (German and Russian, University of Missouri, Rolla, MO 65401) published "Why Zhivago in Pasternak's Doctor Zhivago?," in the January issue of Comments on Etymology; "A few odd names of political parties in 19th century New York City," Jan. issue; "More early examples of charley horse," Feb. issue; "Gussy up 'dress up,' British School slang gussy 'overdressed person' and Australian Gussie 'affected man,'" Apr. issue; and "Contributions to the study of Missouri place names," May issue. He also published two monographs: Interesting Missouri Place Names, Vol. 2 (1987); and Naming of Rolla, Missouri (1987). Write to him for information on the latter two.

COLTHARP, LURLINE (Linguistics, The University of Texas, El Paso, TX 79968) has for a project (a large one) the library collection of material on names at the UTEP library, some of the expansion underwritten by Lurline from her own collection and from her donations of new onomastic books.

COOPER, DANIELLE CHAVY (Language and Humanities, Monterey Institute of International Studies, 425 Van Buren St., Monterey, CA 93940) has articles in Presence Francophone, Revue Francophone de Louisiane, and World Literature Today, but nothing on names except as they occur incidentally in the literary studies. Her interest in onomastic research remains, however. She noted that the helicopter that Pope John Paul used in California was called Ascension I and that the escort craft were Ascension II, III, IV, and V, respectively. The pontiff's personal plane was called Shepherd I, with the traveling press following in Shepherd II and III (courtesy of The Herald, Monterey, Prof. Toro, Sept. 24, 1987).

COSGRAVE, P. J. (1201 Lincoln Mall, #411, Lincoln, NE 68508) has collected reviews of Paul Dickson's Names and has continued her collecting of Nebraska material, both personal and geographical names.

COULET DU GARD, RENÉ (Languages, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19716) has completed The Dictionary of Spanish Place Names in the USA (5 vols.), \$125.00 to ANS members. He also has in print The Dictionary of French Place Names in the USA (\$30.00). Both available from Editions des Deux Mondes, P. O. Box 56, Newark, DE 19711.

DE BELLIS, JACK (English, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA 18015) has completed a long study of Updike's trilogy in which he examines the author's method of naming. His long article on Timrod just appeared in Fifty Southern Writers Before 1900. Also to be published shortly is his study of Lanier, as well as a Lanier booklet to accompany the University of Georgia film on the Ole Marsh Bard.

DIAMENT, HENRI (40, rue Yves-Leger, 94600 Choisy-le-roi, France) has articles accepted for publication (all were read at meetings recently): "Altérité des noms de lieux ou d'habitants rencontrés par les Croisés au Proche-Orient: Modes de compréhension ou d'adaptation," at Haifu University Colloquium on Altérité dans les récits de voyage au Proche Orient, May 11-14, 1987, to appear in Actes; "Le metonymisme des anthroponymes germaniques sous la Renaissance et de nos jours," at XVth International Congress of Onomastics (ICOS 1987), Université Laval, Quebec, August 16-22, 1987, to appear in Proceedings; paper read at University Paris (Sorbonne) on 21 Nov. 1987, "Valéry Larbaud et la France," to be published in Cahiers des Amis de Valéry Larbaud (Vichy, France).

DICKSON, PAUL (Box 80, Garrett Park, MD 20896) has almost finished his baseball dictionary--in the 8th inning of writing. Facts-on-File will publish it in 1988. He is also working on DOMINYMS--Hoosiers, Haligonians and Other Unruly Citizens--Or, What do you call a person from Connecticut?--, a small book on resident names and will attempt to shed light on the proper name of a person from Atlanta (is it Atlantan or Atlantian?) or from Michigan (os ot <ocjogamder. <ocjogamote or Michigania?). He writes, "For example, they've been quibbling over what to call a person from Connecticut for over 300 years and all sorts of persons have gotten into the act from Cotton Mather (who proposed Connecticutian in 1702) to H. L. Mencken (who came up with Quionaughicotter in 1939). Distinctions are important, too:

Moscovite. Resident of Moscow, USSR
Moscovite. Resident of Moscow, Idaho

In addition to the true geographic dominyms, I am also hunting for items which are closely affiliated or are likely to be confused with dominyms. Mensans (members of the high-IQ group would be included as would Texana (for the Lone Star version of Americana. I would also hope to include a selected number of fictional dominyms (Lilliputians, Lake Wobegonians, etc.) and collegiate examples (such as Hoyas for students at Georgetown University)."

DILLARD, J. L. (Language Arts, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA 71497) is studying groups of names (primarily those of Romance language origin) involving an agglutinated article like Lavaca (river and county) and Lamesa, Texas. Some of that will appear soon as a note: "The Maritime (perhaps) Lingua Franca Connections of a Partly Romance Lingua Franca of the Gulf Corridor Cattle Trade," *Journal of Pidgin and Creole Languages*. He is also revising and expanding his *Black Names*.

DORION, HENRI (President, Commission de toponymy, Gouvernement du Québec, 220 Grande Allee Est, Québec, G1R 2J1) reports the Commission has "just published six different books in the field of toponymy, as a contribution for the Fifth United Nations Conference on Standardization of 'Geographical Names, held in Montreal in August 1987": Repertoire toponymique du Québec, 1987, contains about 105,000 geographic names and meets all the requisites of the United Nations Conferences and Group of Experts' sessions about national gazetteers; a second edition of Repertoire des gentiles du Québec (Glossary of the Collective Names of Quebec) has been published under the signature of Jean-Yves Dugas; two guides have been published (the Guide toponymique and the Guide odonymique); an up-to-date bibliography about Quebec has also been published; and a grammatical study was published by Jean-Yves Dugas.

DOWNNEY, CHARLOTTE (English, Brown University, Providence, RI 02912) continues her study in English grammar and especially its history in Ireland and America. She has just completed the 189th book in her series on American Linguistics 1700-1900. Her paper, "Historic Names of Providence's Waterfront and College Hill," is being revised for publication.

EATON, CONAN. See **CASSIDY, FREDERIC G.**

FARROW, STEVE (P. O. Box 373, Richmond, VT 05477) is seeking a grant to complete an updated version of Jacob's Vermont Gazetteer for the Center for Research on Vermont. In November, he spoke to the Vermont Association of Surveyors on "Vermont's Evolving Boundaries and Place-Name Changes."

FIELD, JOHN (10 Bayley Close, Uppingham, Oakham, Rutland LE15 9TG, England) has recently published Place-names of Greater London, rev. paperback ed., Batsford, 1986; Compliment and Commemoration in English Field-names, 2nd ed., enlarged, and partly rewritten, with maps and illus., Council for Name Studies in Great Britain & Ireland, 1986 (copies from author, \$3.00, including surface mail); "Crops for Man and Beast," in Turville-Petra, T. and Gelling, M., eds., Studies in Honour of Kenneth Cameron, Leeds Studies in English, XVIII, 157-71; and "What to read on Place-Names in Britain," Local Historian, 1987, pp. 396-404. Still in print is Discovering Place-Names: Their Origins and Meanings, 3rd ed., Shire Publications, 1984; and work in progress: Field-names in Rutland, preparing for the EPNS volume on the (former) county, ed. Dr. Barrie Cox and JF; Field-names of the type "Gospel Close," to be submitted to Names; The street-name "Silver Street," examples of which occur in many towns and villages in English; a new book on English field-names, not in dictionary

form, and enquiries from US publishers are welcome; collaborating with Jeffrey Spittal in compiling a comprehensive bibliography of works on placenames in the U.K., possibly to be published by the British Association for Local History.

He lectured at the Centre of East Anglian Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich, to the Norfolk Research Group on "Norfolk field-names," Feb. 28; King's College, London, to State University of New York studies taking part in W. F. H. Nicolaisen's London Program, on "Place-names of Greater London," Mar. 19; Study day on Place-names, with Jennifer Scherr, at the Wiltshire Local History Forum, Avebury, April 4; Talk on "Field-names" to the Young Wives' Club, Fothernighay, Northants, Apr. 14; Contribution on "Land, people, and field-names" at the study day of the Bedfordshire Family History Society, Houghton Conquest, Bedfordshire, May 9. He helped organize the annual conference of the Council for Name Studies, Nottingham, Mar. 27-31.

He also mentioned engagements for Mar. 11-13, 1988, with Dr. Margaret Gelling and Mr. A. E. Brown, in a weekend course at Knuston Hall, Northampton, "Field Names: For the Archaeologist and Local Historian"; and in Mar. 1988, contributor to the annual conference in Sawnsea of the Council for Name Studies. Enquiries to IAN FRASER, q.v. He also noted that Nicolaisen's Scottish Place-names and Gelling, Nicolaisen, and Richards's Names of Towns and Cities in Britain came out in early 1986, in a uniform set with Place-names of Greater London and two other titles; Kenneth Cameron's English Place-names is being published in a revised paperback ed., by Batsford; Richard Coates has recently published a detailed bibliography of the placenames of Sussex. David Mills issued in Nov. 1986 his Dorset Place-names: their Origins and Meanings, a paperback text utilizing materials collected for this scholarly survey of the county, for the English Place-Name Society, of which the first two parts have appeared. Parts 3 and 4 of his Place-names of Dorset are in active preparation.

FINKE, WAYNE H. (7 East, 14th St., Apt. 17U, New York, NY 10003) continued his efficient work as Executive Secretary-Treasurer) and attended the annual and regional meetings.

FLEMING, MARGARET B. (English, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721) has given presentations on names at conferences, the most recent of which was "Place Names and Arizona History." Her article on Spanish surnames appeared in the Arizona English Bulletin. Her next book will be centered on the study of names, possibly a sort of resource book that can be used as a textbook in an introductory sense.

FLETCHER, BARBARA (RAINBOW) (9520 NE 120th, #A-2, Kirkland, WA 98033) reports that her book, Don't Blame the Stork, continues to sell and that she continues to give radio talks and to appear on TV talk shows. Her subject is, naturally, names.

FLEXNER, STUART B. (Editor in Chief, Reference Department, Random House, Inc., 201 East 50th St., New York, NY 10022) reports the publication of the Random House Dictionary of the English Language--Second Edition, Unabridged, in early September. It has been widely reviewed in major mass media publications. He writes that "it took a staff of thirty of us to produce it over a period of nine years, and with the help of almost five hundred consultants, so I am vastly relieved that we have finally finished, and also saddened that some of the excitement of total immersion of a major project is finished for a few months." Several members of ANS are listed among the consultants and editors: Flexner, Hamp, Kinloch, McDavid, Penzl, Burrill, and Algeo, plus several who died before the dictionary was published (Janzen, Malone, Utley, and Raven McDavid). Others listed who were at one time or another members of ANS are Creswell, Avis, and Wraight.

Flexner now is directing the abridging of the book into a future edition of The Random House College Dictionary--"which should be out in another five or six years."

The Unabridged still does not contain etymologies of placenames: "The problem," writes Flexner, "is that placename etymologies do not follow the usual formulas and research procedures that are etymologies for regular words. That is, quite frankly, the other etymologists involved in our book felt that they had traced everything back, step-by-step, to the source, whereas placename etymologies often are of a more storybook nature, that is, giving the original meaning or reason for the name having been given, but not going through all the stages of changes in pronunciation, spelling, etc." Other problems exist, too, including the different versions of etymologies of the "old" names, such as Europe, Asia, the Don, Moscow, Rome, and many, many more. The debate over such names can become quite acrimonious when two or three or four equally provable etymologies appear.

FOSCUE, VIRGINIA (Box 3101, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404) reports that James L. Jolly has completed his dissertation, "The Place Names of Calhoun and Etowah Counties, AL," and will receive his Ph. D. in December. Dr. Foscue's book on Alabama placenames is now being proofread in preparation for typesetting and publication by the University of Alabama Press.

FOWKES, ROBERT A. (632 Van Cortland Park Ave., Yonkers, NY 10705), presented a paper at the Willimantic Onomastic Symposium XII, "The Accommodation of Italian Names in the System of the Welsh Language," Oct. 4, 1986. On May 1, 1987 he spoke at the Literarischer Verein, NY, on "Heidelberg: Stadt und Universitaet. In addition, he wrote 12 monthly lessons for the Welsh paper NINNAU and wrote reviews and articles for Y DRYCH. He also taught a graduate course in Old Irish in the graduate linguistics department at NYU. Retirement seems to increase workload.

FRANCIS, WILLIAM A. (English, The University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325) published "Vance Bourjaily's The Man Who Knew Kennedy: A Novel of Camelot Lost," Literary Onomastics Studies, XIV (1987), 199-211, originally presented at the CLD, Rochester, NY, June 3, 1986; "A Conversation about Names with Novelist Vance Bourjaily," Names 34 (no. 4) (1986), 355-363; and "The Motif of Names in Bourjaily's The Hound of Earth," Critique, 17, No. 3 (1976), 64-72. He read the following papers: "Naming in Philip Roth's Goodbye, Columbus, CLO, Rochester, NY, June 2, 1987; "The Garden by the Lake: (story), Midwest Poetry Festival, East Lansing, MI, May 14, 1987; "Names in Mary Wilkins Freeman's The Jamesons: Insights to Character," NMLA, Boston, MA, Apr. 4, 1987; "The Hero's Altered Vision in Walker Percy's Lancelot," Popular Culture Association, Montreal, Mar. 26, 1987; and "Name Play and the Search for Truth in Vance Bourjaily's Confession of a Spent Youth," MLA, New York, NY, Dec. 28, 1986.

FRASER, IAN A. (School of Scottish Studies, 27 George Square, Edinburgh EH8 9LD) has investigated (towards publication) of the placenames of the Island of Arran. The Scottish Field-Name Survey now contains field-name surveys of some 1,200 farms from throughout Scotland. A pilot project to establish a data-base for field-names and topographic names is under way in association with the Dept. of Geography, U. of Edinburgh. He published "The Place-Names of ARgyll--An Historical Perspective," Transactions of the Gaelic Society of Inverness, LIV (1984-86), 174-207; "Place Names of Scottish Origin in Nova Scotia," Names, 34 (1986), 364-372; "Norse and Celtic Names around the Dornoch Firth," in Firthlands of Ross and Sutherland, ed. J. R. Baldwin, Scottish Society for Northern Studies, Edinburgh, 1986, 23-32. He also notes other studies of interest: Barbara E. Crawford, Scandinavian Scotland (Leicester University Press in the series, Studies in the Early History of Britain. It contains a concise and readable account of the linguistic and onomastic evidence for

Viking settlement in Scotland. Another item is Peter Drummond, Place-Names of the Monklands (38 pp., Monklands Library Service Dept.). The booklet contains several useful early maps and much on oral tradition.

FREEDMAN, IRA (46 Bailey Ave., Latham, NY 12110), is sharing the joys of onomastics via the spoken word. As a member of the Albany Rotary Speakers Bureau he addresses many groups, such as senior citizen centers, genealogical societies, DAR chapters, historical associations, and church or temple Mr. and Mrs. clubs. Entitled "Your Name and What it Means," Freeman's presentation begins with a review of the four main origins of surnames (ancestor's occupation, place of residence, personal characteristics, and father's name). The remainder of the talk focuses on ethnic variations and versions of widespread or fairly well-known family names. Freedman says that his main sources of information are name dictionaries, magazine and journal articles, and foreign language dictionaries. He augments this material with gleanings from clergymen, educators, and local residents who are familiar with Polish, Armenian, Russian, and other non-Romance languages.

FRENCH, KATHRINE S. (Research Anthropologist, Reed College, Portland, OR 97202) continues her research on the significance of personal names in Indian culture and to the ceremonies surrounding them. She also reviewed Naming Systems, 1980 Proceedings of the American Ethnological Society, ed. Elizabeth Taylor, in Language in Society, 16 (1): 130-132 (1987). This review is especially appreciated, since the assigned reviewer for ANS never produced the review. Her current interest in American Indian names focusses principally on the changes which have occurred in naming practices over the past 40 years in a reservation community in Oregon. In addition, she maintains a research interest in contemporary American uses of personal names in various speech contexts (for instance, names used when strangers are addressed--a paper she read before the American Anthropological Association).

FULLERTON, RALPH O. (Geography and Geology, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN 37132) reports that little has been done "relative to place names in Tennessee." He intends to return to his research and possibly flesh out the placename listing that he made some years ago.

GASQUE, THOMAS J. (English, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069) has been quite busy this year with names activities. "Naming the Dakotas," a paper read at MLA last December is scheduled to appear in the annual publication of the North Central Names Institute. Another paper, on the use of historical maps in placename research, jointly written with South Dakota colleague John Van Balen, was read before the ICOS in Quebec in August. In May, Gasque went to Dallas for the ANS meeting held with Fred Tarpley's Names Institute, where he chaired a panel assembled to discuss the future of Names. A summary of that discussion and the many helpful comments that came in by mail is still being written. He was in Reno in September for the 11th Western States Names Conference and had a chance to meet with several of the people who will participate in a panel he and Lewis McArthur have organized for the purpose of discussing the classification of placenames. This panel is scheduled for the ANS session on the afternoon of December 28, 1987, San Francisco. Gasque is in his first year as a member of the Board of Managers of ANS and has been heavily involved in the tasks that come with being associate editor and editor-nominee of Names. Meanwhile, he has optimistic hopes that his South Dakota placename study can be in some sort of shape by the state's centennial in 1989.

GOOD, DANIEL D. See **PRESLEY, DENNIS.**

GROOTAERS, WILLEM A. (28-5, 2-chome, Matsubara, Setagaya-ku, 156 Tokyo, Japan) sent a list of recent publications: Kagami (Akitatsu), Introduction to Toponymy, 1985, 279 pp., yen 1800; Matsuzaki (Iwao), Folklore and History, 1985, 246 pp., yen 1800; Sugimura (Oomori), World Geographical Names Using Terms from National Features, Vol. 1, 1985, 440 pp. yen 8500; Kagami, Japanese Language as Reflected in the Toponyms, 1985; Matsuo, Exploring the Toponyms, 1985; Yamato (Iwao), When Was the country's name "Japan" first used?, 1985; Matsumoto (masaaki), ed., Encyclopedia of the Historical Toponyms; vol. 44 is The Toponyms of the Kumamoto province, 1985). The titles are, obviously, translations. For complete information, write to Dr. Grootaers.

HARDER, KELSIE B. (English, State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676) served as Editor of Names (1987).

HARRIS, MARION O. (Bell Communications Research, 445 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960) presented two papers on street names, one describing step-by-step the process by which a local contemporary street got its name, and one analyzing the pattern of names in the U. S. downtown street cluster. She has also taken over the typesetting of the ANS journal Names, producing camera-ready copy on a high-resolution laser printer. She has had, she claims, "generous encouragement of my employer." She also writes, "In the past I have spoken informally about computer applications in names research; my field is computer science research, linguistics, and natural language processing. I have written a program which handles text-to-speech pronunciation of surnames for synthetic voice output, and I am collecting data on variant spellings of surnames for a project on automatic indexing/name searching. I am a professional genealogist."

HILTY, PETER (English, Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Missouri 63701) requires that students write a "Family Name Paper." He has detailed directions for the preparing of such a paper, avoiding the genealogical approach, although some genealogical information obviously will appear. The emphasis is linguistical and historical, with emphasis on language, such as form, pronunciation, morphological changes, incidence, and research. He will be glad to provide information on this project to anyone who would like to have it. Also, he is "working" (which he calls an academic euphemism) on a collection of eponymous words and a classification of them.

HINKLE, DOUGLAS P. (president, Observations Skills Associates, Route 1, Box 1807, Howerton, VA 22454) has moved completely into police work and all its attendant duties. He has continued to work with onomastic material in his course at Ohio University on Hispanic street slang and has arrived at a point where he has a full-length paper on the terms used for the male and female genitals, but, being a police officer, he has legal hesitancy, but not scholarly hesitation about reading it in mixed company. Nevertheless!

HOLUTIAK-HALLICK, STEPHEN P., JR. (2755 Kenwood Court, Duluth, GA 30136) has begun doing research in placenames for the Gwinnett County (GA) Historical Society. His main concentration, however, is in Ukrainian names. He has collected over 50,000 surnames and plans to publish his dictionary, Ukrainian Surnames in the United States, in 1988 in commemoration of the Millennium of Christianity in Ukraine. He has also begun a Ukrainian First Name Dictionary, the material already collected. His third project is the Byelorussian-American Surname Dictionary, now in its initial stage. His other ongoing project is the Slavic Toponymic Atlas of the US: I-- Ukrainian

HUGHES, ARTHUR (28 Silk Oaks Drive, Ormond, FL 32074) has been asked to write a history of Volusia County, FL.

HUMPHREY, JEAN (Waubensee Community College, Sugar Grove, IL 60554) has read papers on yacht names at two meetings of North Central Names Institute. She plans to read one on automobile names in 1988, and has completed a paper on names of musical instruments. She writes, "In connection with my classes in Illinois history and my work with Kane County Restorations, I have done extensive work in the 19th century census and am gradually placing all the names in our local communities on disks."

JOLLY, JAMES L. See **FOSCUE, VIRGINIA**.

JONES, DONALD B. (President, Charles Jones, Inc., Box 8488, Trenton, NJ 08650) writes that his firm searches "in our large computerized database of general liens, bankruptcies, etc., to determine whether there are any proceedings in that database which affect the names of the sellers or mortgagors of a particular parcel of real estate." Two of his publications illustrate the work. "Donald B. Jones, Plaintiff-Respondent vs. Asa C. Parker, Hazel Parker, his wife, Tar Asphalt Service, Inc., a New Jersey corporation, Defendants, and Sharp Bros. Building Suppliers, Inc., a corporation of New Jersey, Defendant-Appellant," A-372-68, Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division; and "Reliance upon Variance in Middle Names or Initials as the Sole Means of Distinguishing Judgment Creditor from Record Owner (and Related Topics)," Summary of address to the New Jersey Title Association, June 1968).

JVLIAN, BOB (RR 5, 31 Avenida Almendro, Albuquerque, NM 87112) writes, "I am continuing my work with New Mexico geographic names and recently signed a contract with the University of New Mexico Press to revise T. M. Pearce's New Mexico Place Names, first published in 1965. I also have been active as chairman of the Geographic Names Committee of the N. M. Geographic Information Council, which is becoming increasingly active in names issues in the state. In addition, I continue to work on a miscellany of names topics and most recently have been preparing an article on the names of the world's winds."

KAGAMI, AKIKATSU (kannonji-cho, 511, Daigoku-shukusha, C-21, Tsu-shi. 514, Japan), published "Hauptprobleme der japanischen Onomastik, Namenkundliche Informationen, NI 49, Leipzig, Karl-Marx Universität, 1986, 39-42.

KAHANE, HENRY AND RENEE (Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801) published "On Wolfram's mahmumelin," Archiv für das Studium der neueren Sprachen, 222 (1985), 336-338, treating the connotations and the literary implications of a Moroccan emir's name for Wolfram's Parzival; "On the Meanings of Barbarus," Hellenika, 37 (Thessalonika, 1986), 129-133, on the complex history of barbarus, which involves the ethnoym Berber and the toponyms Barbary and Costa Brava; and a review of L. Zgusta, Kleinasiatische Ortsnamen (Heidelberg, 1984), in Byzantinische Zeitschrift 79 (1986), 355-357, commentary on the link in toponymics between etymological analysis and historical geography.

KAPLAN, BERNICE A., and GABRIEL W. LASKER (31339 Pierce Rd., Birmingham, MI 48009) have continued their anthropological studies of surnames. On Sept. 12, Professor Kaplan, Wayne State University, Dr. C. G. N. Ascie-Taylor, University of Cambridge, and Professor Lasker, a member of the American Name Society, addressed the League of One Name Studies at Soppforth, Yorkshire, on aspects of scientific studies of surnames.

Professor Kaplan described a social anthropological study of British double-barreled surnames. Hyphenated surnames have been forced at times throughout the history of surnames for a very wide variety of reasons and their onset, continuance, and abandonment follow generally informal rules without much legal or broad social sanction. Interviews and correspondence with bearers of many different combinations and statistical analysis of hundreds of such double-barreled combinations revealed many patterns. Combinations with Smith and Jones are far more common than expected at random, but these two elements are rare in the first position of double-barreled names. The paternal element is by no means always the last half of a double-barreled name, however.

Dr. Mascie-Taylor discussed the computer mapping of surname and the analysis of geographic distributions. He illustrated his lecture with marriage records and from telephone directories of England and Wales. Although the telephone directories yielded samples about 100-fold larger than those of the samples of marriages available to him, the greater number of registration districts (443) than of telephone districts (88) allowed him to depict different details of the geographic distribution of the two data sets.

Prof. Lasker explored the surnames of those who marry into one-surname "lineages." The relationship to each other of the surnames to these individuals, that is the extent to which the same two surnames are likely to repeat in such marriages, proves to be a better measure of assortative mating in the population than previous indices based on surnames developed by Prof. Lasker and others.

KERFOOT, HELEN (Geographic Names Secretariat, EMB, 650-615 Booth St., Ottawa, Ont., Canada K1A 0E9) edits CANOMA and writes articles on Canadian placenames. In Vol. 12, No. 2, Dec. 1986, she listed current toponymic research projects (1986), a valuable document that includes the name of the researcher, location of researcher, project, and approximate time frame. A copy of "The Role of the Advisory Committee on Names for Undersea and Maritime Features in the Offshore Regions of Canada can be obtained from her, as well as a list of the publications of the Gazetteer of Canada and prices.

KINGSBURY, STEWART A. (English, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855) is gathering types of folklore found in geographic placenames, especially in dialects in the Upper Peninsula, MI. He is also editing the Margaret M. Bryant collection of proverbs, the text accepted by Oxford University Press, scheduled for publication in 1990.

KINLOCK, MURRAY (English, University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, NB E3B 5A3, Canada) assures me that no placename study is going on in NB now.

KTOROVA, ALLA (5838 Edson Lane, Rockville, MD 20852) read "The Adaptation of Russian Names in the United States and Other Countries" at the Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium, May 24. On July 7 and 9 she made reports on "Adaptation of Russian first names in English-speaking countries," Universities of Norwich and Middlebury, VT. She was also interviewed on Radio Canada by E. Sokolow, with the broadcast heard throughout USSR. A large extract from her forthcoming book on Russian names was published in Novoye Russkoye Slovo (New Russian Word), 1987.

LANCE, DONALD M. (English, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211) published "The Origin and Pronunciation of 'Missouri.'" Missouri Folklore Society Journal, VII (1985), 1-27. He also reports that Walter Schroeder, Geography Dept., U. of Mo., has been planning to submit an application to do the USGS up-dating of Missouri and will direct the project. Joe Astroth, who is joining Schroeder in the project, will be the computer person. Don will be the ANS contact.

Don also calls attention to Missouri Folklore Journal which publishes articles on names occasionally (his own being an instance). Another is Rosemary Hyde Thomas, "Traditional Types of Nicknames in a Missouri French Creole Community, in Vol. II. Other ANS members represented in the contents of the first seven volumes are William K. McNeil and James L. Evans. A special issue is devoted to Vance Randolph. Membership, which includes the journal, is \$8.00 a year, individuals; retired persons, \$3.50. Other membership categories are available.

LANG, MABEL L. (Greek, Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010) has "Pylian Place Names" coming out this year in a Festschrift on Mycenaean Epigraphy (Linear B) for Emmett L. Bennett.

Her volume on the ostraka found in Athenian Agora has been accepted and shortly will be in press with the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. She writes further that "since the ostraka are those potsherds on which 5th century B.C. wrote the name of the person they thought too powerful to stay in town, I suppose it is a study of names after a fashion.

LAMBERT, ANNE H. (51 Fairmont St., Cambridge, MA 02130) is working on a study of regional terms for fast foods. Interest in names of foods for some reason led to the publication of one book of poems.

LAPIERRE, ANDRÉ (Linguistics, University of Ottawa, 78 Laurier, Ottawa, Ont., K1N 6N5, read at the ANS NYC meeting, "When Names become Nouns: An Examination of Eponymy in English and in French"; "Prolegomenes de l'onomastique au Canada français," read at ICOS XVI, Quebec; chaired ICOS XVI Programme and served as a member of ICOS XVI Organization Committee; appointed chair of the Advisory Committee on Toponymic Research, Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographic Names; and, with a sigh of relief, ended his 3-year term as Chair of Linguistics (U. of O.) and will be on sabbatical in 1988. We have much to thank Andre for, especially his efficient and effective production of the ICOS program in 1987.

LASKER, GABRIEL W. See **KAPLAN, BERNICE A.**

LAWRENCE, D. B. (2420 - 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406), writes, "In the past two years I have concentrated on accumulating as many names as possible for plants that have been utilized in special ways by humankind over the past centuries, on a world-wide basis, a discipline called ethnobotany, with an onomastic twist. This is a narrowing of focus to my special botanical interest, training, teaching and research over the past half-century. I feel more confident in applying my intuition here and in making more authoritative contributions than in place names. My prime objective is search for similarities in colloquial names among Asian and Amerind languages of plants that have had similar uses on opposite sides of the Pacific Basin. Names of plant fumitories (for smoking), and masticatories (for chewing) have thus far been found to be especially interesting. Amerind names for tobacco (*Nicotiana* species, all proven to be indigenous to the Americas, so seed had to be transported from here) are found to be very closely related phonetically to names of several narcotic plants or plant products similarly used extensively in South Asia and Indonesia. None of the Asiatic plants are genetically (Hereditarily) related to tobacco, but the method of ingestion, even to the associated use of pulverized lime that aids release of the alkaloid content, has been noted. My former assistant, Dr. M. S. Jawadekar, now employed in the Research Division of Pfizer Corp. (pharmaceutics), continues his interest and important help, through his own arrival of maize in South Asia (from the Americas, where it is known to have originated) prior to the voyages of Columbus. A Japanese colleague, Dr. Sadao Sakamoto,

Professor of Agronomy, Koyoto University, also is contributing to this effort. My assistant this past summer, Mr. Zhu Yanga, a native of Shanghai, a Ph.D. candidate in linguistics, has assembled a massive list of Chinese plant names for comparison with Amerind names of plants that are genetically related or siliarly utilized. But these comparisons have yet to be made in a systematic way. My associate, Gregg Shadduck, Information Specialist, has devised a computer program for handling the plant name data. As a footnote, Modern Maturity, Vol. 30, No. 5, Oct.-Nov., 1987, contains an item, "Inca Link," that supports evidence that I have presented at ANS meetings."

LAWSON, E. D. (Psychology, State University College, Fredonia, NY 14063) published the most important book of the year, Personal Names and Naming: An Annotated Bibliography (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1987), 185 pp. An outstanding publication, it should be on the book shelf of all who work in onomastics, whatever the area. He presented "Psychological dimensions of women's names: A semantic differential analysis," ICOS, Aug. 17, 1987. His current project: Book: A Psychology of First Names. In addition to all the writing and collecting he does, he teaches, travels, and serves on the Editorial Board of Names.

LEVITT, JESSE (Modern Languages, University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT 06601), has over the years published several articles on onomastic subjects. Some of them are noted here: "Irony and Allusiveness in Gide's Onomastics," LOS, 1976, 110-119; "Names in Beckett's Theater: Irony and Mystification," LOS, 1977, 49-74; "Onomastic Devices in Balzac's Cousine Bette," LOS, 1978, 207-219; "Onomastic Devices in Ionesco's Theater," LOS, 1979, 15-26; "Onomastic Devices in Voltaire's Candide," LOS, 1980, 55-65; "Literary Names as Common Nouns and Adjectives in Modern French," LOS, 1981, 15-26; "From Literature to the Lexicon: Names of Authors, Books and Literary Characters as Vocabulary in the Romance Languages," Papers on Onomastics (supplement: Comments on Etymology, 1981, pp. 15-69; The Adaptation of Names as Scientific Terminology in Romance Languages," LOS, 1982: "Geographic Names as a Source of French Lexicon," Geolinguistics, 1982, 29-40; "The Spanish Term 'Flamenco': Its Origin and Meanings," Geolinguistics, 1984, 91-94; "Names in Samuel Beckett's Theater: Multilingual Humor," Geolinguistics, 1985, 119-138; "Geographic and Ethnic Names as a Source of Spanish Lexicon," Geolinguistic Perspectives (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1987), 167-178; and "Biblical Names as a Source of Vocabulary," LOS, 1983, 23-42.

LITTLE, GRETA D. (English, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC 29208), in collaboration with Michael Montgomery, presented a "Tribute to Claude Henry Neuffer" at the November meeting of the Southeastern Names Society. She is a founding member of SNS, or is it SENS? She will present a paper on book titles at the ANS meeting in SF.

MAC AODHA, BREANDÁN S. (Geography, University College, Galway, Ireland) has published many items on placenames in Ireland and elsewhere. Among them are "Placenames in Ireland and elsewhere. Among them are "Placename Research in Ireland," Anglo-Irish Studies, 1 (1975), 97-104, which also contains bibliographical materials; "Placenames in Yeats's Poetry and Plays," Athchlo ar Gaelina (Caen), 6 (1984), 224-231; "Ríocht na haitainmniochta in Éirinn," Athchlo ar Irish Geography 1934-1984), 6 (1984), 167-185; "The Big House in Western Ireland: The Background to Yeats's Writing," Athchlo ar Caeliana (Caen), 6 (1984) 217-223; "Mionainmneacha Chontae Lu," County Louth Archaeological and Historical Journal, n. d., 127-143 (separate); "Mionainmneacha I GCONTAE FHEAR MANACH: Locha, Oileain, Tithe," Bulletin of the Ulster Place-Name Society, Series 2, Vol. 4 (181-82), 11-20; "Some Major

Elements in Spanish Placenames," Geography, 64, Part 1 (Jan. 1979), 17-20; "Children's Burial Grounds in Ireland, with Particular Reference to Co. Galway," Nomina, 10 (1986), 29-38; and "An Untapped Source for Irish Place-Names," Nomina, 8 (1984), 79-82. He also has forthcoming articles in Names and other publications.

MARKEY, THOMAS L. (3400 Daleview Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105) writes that he is recovering from "a quadruple coronary artery by-pass operation and as a consequence has voluntarily taken early retirement from his professorship at the University of Michigan. He continues to be engaged in research and writing. This continuous engagement has developed a symposium, "When Worlds Collide: The Indo-Europeans and Pre-Indo-Europeans," Bellagio, Feb. 8-13, 1988, with John A. C. Greppin, Linguistics, Cleveland State University. Markey claims that "When Worlds Collide" is not some Italian version of Star Wars with Clint Eastwood in the lead.

MARTIN, CHARLES B. (English, North Texas State University, Denton, TX 76203) reports the following material: "Name Study as Motivation for Minority Students" (panel), NCTE, New Orleans, Nov. 29, 1974; "Terms of Land Measurement and Land Ownership in Anglo-Saxon Documents," ABS, San Francisco, Dec. 28, 1975; "Those Faraway Students with Strange-Sounding Names, ANS, SC-MLA, Biloxi, MS, Oct. 25-27, 1984; "Teach Foreign Students? I Can't Even Call the Roll!" TESOL, New York, Apr. 20, 1985; "Naming Practices in Sub-Saharan Africa, SCNI, Commerce, TX, June 20, 1985; and a forthcoming article in Names.

MASCIE-TAYLOR, C. G. N. See **KAPLAN, BERNICE A.**

MCARTHUR, LEWIS L. (4154 S.W. Tualatin Ave., Portland, OR 97201) reports, "Most place name activity in Oregon during the past year has revolved around the Geographic Names Information System or GNIS II. The hard copy publication 1200 OR will not be printed until next summer, but we have the magnetic tape file and it has already been put to use. The Highway Division Cartographic Section has developed a system to extract each county name by its generic, display in a suitable type font and locate digitally on a computer produced map. Other agencies such as Water Resources and Energy are finding it of value in their work.

"We expect to have a working copy of the original, along with an entry program, at the University of Oregon. This will allow us to input additional names and variants as well as perform routine error corrections. The corrected tape can be forwarded periodically to Washington where, after suitable examination and review, the new and corrected material will be incorporated in the master. Bill Loy and Lewis McArthur are also working on a design for a matching tape to carry name classification, origin, and history.

"Loy and McArthur attended the ANS meeting in May in Dallas. We also represented Oregon at the 11th Western Geographic Names Conference in Reno in September. At both meetings there were long informal discussions of the Name Classification problem. This topic will be pursued in detail in San Francisco in December. In Reno the states' representatives and the U.S. Board on Geographic Names discussed off shore names, names of water rights, native American names, and scientific names.

"Gerald W. Williams has completed her exhaustive study of McKenzie River names and is working out publication details. Loy and McArthur are both involved in how to use GNIS for geographic and historic applications."

MCDAVID, VIRGINIA (5736 South Blackstone Ave., Chicago, IL 60637) read a paper on names in DARE at the North Central Names Institute, Oct., 1987. She also continues to recommend members for ANS.

MCMILLAN, JAMES B. (7 North Pinehurst, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401) reports that he and Virginia FOSCUE are on the local advisory committee for the GNIS project being carried on by Henry Kallsen (U. of AL., Geography Department).

MCNAMARA, JOHN (2886 Randall Ave., Bronx, NY 10465) reports that History in Asphalt: The Origin of Bronx Street and Place Names (Bronx, NY The Bronx County Historical Society, 1984), rev. ed., \$23.00 soft cover, \$34.00 hard cover, is selling very well. He also published a bit of wonder, "After you, Julius Caesar: My Travels Through the Brenner Pass," Bronx Times Reporter, Aug. 6, 1987, p. 22, four columns of steadiness and onomastics.

MEYER, ROBERT (838 Lowerline St., New Orleans, LA 70118) continues his work on airport names and other onomastic matters.

MILLER, MARY R. (2825 29th Place, NW, Washington, DC 20008) read "Spanish-English contact in New Mexico Place-Names" at ICOS, Quebec, August, 1987. She also chaired the committee to arrange the ANS program for December, in San Francisco. She assumes the office of President, American Name Society, in 1988. We wish her all kinds of successes!

MINKEL, C. W. (Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, Andy Holt Tower, Knoxville, TN 37996) has been taken over by heavy administrative commitments but will continue his interest in names.

MONTGOMERY, MICHAEL. See **LITTLE, GRETA D.**

MOORE, HEYWARD (Political Science, California State University, Fresno, CA 93740) presented a paper, "The Kaiser Sweepstakes: Origin of a Name," to the Henry Madden Associates (CSUF Library), in an attempt to explain the cluster name "Kaiser" in Fresno County. He has begun the final writing of his book on the origins of Fresno County placenames and has scheduled it for completion by August 1988.

MULLER-WILLE, LUDGER (Geography, McGill University, Montreal, PQ H3A 2K6 Canada) has published several important articles: "Snow and Ice in Inuit Place Names in the Eastern Canadian Arctic," 42nd Eastern Snow Conference, Montreal, 1985 (Proceedings, 1986), 55-57; "The Heritage of Inuit Place Names," The Northern Raven, a publication of the Center for Northern Studies, Wolcott, VT 05680, Vol. 4, No. 2 (New Series), Autumn 1984, p. 1; "Une methodologie pour les enquetes toponymiques autochtones: Le repertoire inuit de la region de Kativik et de sa zone cotiere," Etudes/Inuit/Studies, 9 (1985) 51-66; and work on the Gazetteer of Inuit Place Names of Nunavik (Quebec, Canada), XVIII, 366 pp., Avetaq Cultural Institute. 1987. He writes, The Gazetteer is "the first complete placename inventory of an indigenous cultural area in Canada, ... includes all placenames reported during nearly 20 years of surveys in the Inuit regions of Northern Quebec and its adjacent islands, with each name defined by geographic entity, coordinates and map sheet numbers. In addition, the nearly 8,000 names all appear in both syllabics and Roman orthography,

NALIBOW, KENNETH L. (German and Russian, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405) is working on an article, "Product Names in USSR."

NATHAN, NORMAN (1189 S. W. Tamarind Way, Boca Raton, FL 33486) continues to work on names in Shakespeare's plays. His notes often appear in Names but not as often as we would like, for they are excellent and more of them would be an enhancement, with apologies to W. Safire.

NEUFFER, IRENE L. (4532 Meadowood Road, Columbia, SC 29206) is especially pleased that the new-established chapter of American Name Society will have its Fall program feature the late Claude Henry Neuffer and his annual Names in South Carolina (1954-83). These four soft-bound books, along with other hard-bound by the Neuffers-- Correct Mispronunciations of some South Carolina Names, The Name Game, and Coogler Revisited -- are still in print; write Neuffer's NSC, above address, for information. The state chamber of Commerce's South Carolina Business, 1987 annual, commissioned Irene for a delightful article, "From Apeyard to Zigzag Alley." During the past year her many invited speakings before civic, historic, and literary clubs have been mostly for free meals and sale of enough Neuffer books that she occasionally eats steak-o-lean 'stead of fatback.

NEWMAN, JOHN B. (146-15 20th Rd., Whitestone, NY 11357) continues his interest in onomastics, but has no publications for this report.

NICHOLS, DAVID G. (P. O. Box 1028, Smithville, TX 78957) AKA Crazy Paw Dave, has moved his onomastics endeavors from Colorado to Texas.

NICOLAISEN, W. F. H. (English, University Center, SUNY, Binghamton, NY 13901) continued his strong interest in name studies through participation in onomastic conferences, involvement in ICOS and the publication papers and reviews. His presence in Europe as Resident Director of the SUNY Binghamton "Semester-in-London" Program during the Spring of 1987 gave him an opportunity to attend the meeting of the Executive Committee of ICOS in Leuven, Belgium, Mar. 4-5, to participate in the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland at the University of Nottingham, Mar. 27-30, at which he read a paper, "Imitation and Innovation in the Scandinavian Place Names of the Northern Isles," and to contribute a paper, "Names in the Landscape of the Moray Firth," to the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Society for Northern Studies in Forres, Scotland, Apr. 10-14. At the Sixteenth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences in Quebec (Aug. 16-22), he gave an invited opening address on "Onomastic Onomastics" and deputized for the Secretary-General of ICOS by chairing the statutory meeting of the International Committee on Onomastic Sciences and the closing congress session. He was re-elected to the ICOS Executive Committee for another three years. During the period under review he published the following articles: "Personal Names in Place Names," NORNA-rapporter 33 (1986) 207-216; "The Structure and Function of Names in English Literature," Studia Anglica Posnaniensia 18 (1986) 139-152; "Names and Abstraction," Publications of the North Central Names Society 1 (1986) 11-26; "Names as Intertextual Devices," Onomastica Canadiana 68/2 (Dec. 1986) 58-66; "The Official Treatment of Non-English Placenames in the United States," in Amtlicher Gebrauch des geographischen Namensgutes (Bozen 1986) 253-265; "Gaelic Place Names in Scots," Scottish Language 5 (1986) 140-146; "Names of Strangers in Traditional Ballads," in Ballad Research: The Stranger in Ballad Narrative and Other Topics, ed. Hugh Shields (Dublin: Folk Music Society of Ireland, 1986) 111-113; "Fun and Names," Grazer Linguistische Studien 25 (1986) 215-220; "Is There Room for Name Studies in Geolinguistics?" in Geolinguistic Perspectives ed. Jesse Levitt, et al. (Lanham: University Press of America, 1987) 129-137; "Names in Derivative Literature and Parodies," Literary Onomastics Studies 14 (1987) 49-67. He also contributed three reviews to Names.

NOGG, DON (Urban Geographer, 323 South 10th, Omaha, NE 68102) writes that his interest in toponymy has expanded into an interest in onomastics in general. ANS will do that to a person.

NUESSEL, FRANK (Languages, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292) has completed the first draft of a book-length study, Onomastics: An Introduction to the Study of Names, and is now revising.

OISHI, ITSUO (7 Saruhashi-machi, Otsuki-shi, Yamanashiken 409 06, Japan), gave a talk on Japanese placenames in North America, Seattle University, Sept. 14, 1987. His essay on the subject appeared in ANS Bulletin, no. 74. Information received in response to the essay was used in a talk given at Yamanashi University, Kofu, Japan. He also wishes to combine his interest in onomastics with his work on American dialects. He has so far found that personal names representing heroes of the Revolutionary War are more often found in the South; that names originating in Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania outnumber those from other states; and that eastern Midwest states like Ohio served as "transit ports" between the East and West (for example, Ohio imported many Eastern names and exported the same to Western states).

ONAN, MARTHA (Foreign Languages, State University College, Brockport, NY 14420) continues her interest in names but has been sidetracked by her directing a group of students in France in 1986 and a visiting professorship at Indiana University, Bloomington, 1987.

ORTH, DONALD J. (Executive Secretary, Domestic Names, U.S. Board on Geographic Names, 523 National Center, Reston VA 22092) continues to direct activities in naming of places and added to the USGS series of state placename listings. With ROGER L. PAYNE, he wrote The National Geographic Names Data Base: Phase II Instructions, U. S. Geographical Survey Circular 1011, GPO, 1987, pp. 133. During 1987, he also published (1) Principles, Policies, and Procedures: Domestic Geographic Names, U. S. Board on Geographic Names, U. S. Geological Survey, Reston, VA, 1987, pp. 42. (2a) International Boundary Names: United States of America, Canada, and Mexico (10 pp.); and (2b) Toponomic Guidelines for Map and other Editors (11 pp.), document/paper distributed at the 5th United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Montreal, 1978. A forthcoming publication (1988) is Organization and Formation of a National Geographic Names Standardization Programme, United Nations: World Cartography, New York, pp. 97. Works in progress include Field Manual for the Collection and Investigation of Native American Placenames, U. S. Board of Geographic Names; field Manual for the Investigation of Geographic Names, U. S. Geological Survey; Manual on the Office Treatment of Geographical Names, U. S. Geological Survey; and the preparation of Proceedings of several meetings.

Under the auspices of the Branch of Geographic Names, Orth directed the publication of The National Gazetteer of the United States of America: Arizona 1986, GPO, 1987, pp. 722; and The National Gazetteer of the United States of America: Indiana 1987, GPO, 1987. Among the work in progress and some planned for publication in 1988 are (1) The National Gazetteer of the United States of America: North Dakota 1988; (2) The National Gazetteer of the United States of America: South Dakota 1988; (3) ditto, Florida, 1988; (4) Alabama; (5) Mississippi, 1988; (6) Utah, 1989; (7) Pennsylvania, 1989; (8) Iowa, 1988; (9) Massachusetts (1988); and (10) The Concise Gazetteer of the United States of America, 1988. See also PAYNE, ROGER L. Don deserves the thanks of everyone who studies placenames and their effects. The ANS especially owes much to Don for keeping the Society alive and active over the years. His wise direction has served ANS and its officers well over the years and continues to do so.

PAIKEDAY, T. M. (1176 Chalkdene Grove, Mississauga, Ont. L4W 2C3) claims, "I have been taking a breather since disposing of Chomsky's "native speaker" in The Native Speaker is Dead!, Toronto, 1985. The book has been greeted with what may be called "raves," the most raving of them from America's foremost onomatist Kelsie Harder who wrote after using the book in a discussion in his class in linguistics: 'This native is restless. [bleep]. And I always get lingam and lingo confused when my acquisition device goes limp.'" Price of book: \$6.00 US; \$8.00 Canadian. Paikeday is the lexicographer for the Canadian Dictionary of English (100% Canadian content) to be published by Penguin Books Canada Limited of Markham and Copp Clark Pitman Ltd. of Toronto. Paikeday was the Chief Editor of the Winston dictionaries of Canadian English and was and is involved in other Canadian dictionaries currently on the market.

PAYNE, ROGER L. (Chief, Geographic Names Information Section, U. S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, Reston, VA 22092) continues his work in producing the Atlas of the United States. The GNIS has become the most important source of information on categorizing placenames and on location, incidence of generics, and much else that is needed to survey an area for the geographical placenames that occur. With DONALD J. ORTH, he published The National Geographic Names Data Base: Phase II Instructions, U. S. Geological Survey Circular 1011, GPO, 1987, pp. 133. He is author of Update on the Geographic Names Information System, document/paper distributed at the 5th United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, Montreal, 1987, pp. 13. He read "The Geographic Names Information System: A toponymic Research Tool" at the 16th International Congress of Onomastic Sciences, Quebec, 1987; and "Geographic Names and Cartographic Application" at the 6th Annual Meeting of the Association of Cartographic Information Societies, Philadelphia, 1987.

PETERS, BERNARD C. (Geography, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855) published "The Origin and Meaning of the Name 'Sault Sainte Marie,'" Michigan Academician, XIX (1987), 253-257.

POLLIN, BURTON (One Stoneleigh Plaza 4J, Bronxville, NY 10708) continues his publication of the works of Edgar Allen Poe and of interpretations. In Oct. 1987 appeared Poe's Broadway Journal Writings (vols. 3 and 4 in Pollin's Critical Edition of Poe's Writings), including full glosses on all his individualized names and new word coinages. Insights and Outlooks: Essays on Great Writers was published in Nov. 1986, many of onomastic interest, some with direct emphasis, "Rapaccini's Daughter: Sources and Names," "Kipling's Debt to Poe," and "Thomas Mann and Poe: Two Houses Linked." Poe's coinage of "Ulalume" will be published in American Notes and Queries soon. "Poe as the Proved Author of 'Outis; Essays'" will appear in a Poe journal in 1988. "Poe and Bellow" shows how three of Bellow's novels uses themes and names from Poe's works. A paper on the sources of PYM and their connection with Poe's life has been completed and is scheduled for May 1988. The Collected Writings is being published by The Gordian Press, Inc., 85 Tompkins St., PO Box 304, State Island, NY 10304. All the book-length studies by Pollin have also been published there.

POWELL, WILLIAM S. (History, The University of North Carolina, Hamilton Hall 070 A, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) reminisces, "Publication of the North Carolina Gazetteer in 1968 was my primary venture into something of that sort. Originally cloth-bound, it has now been issued in paperback and is in its sixth printing. Each time it is reprinted the University of North Carolina Press gives me an opportunity to make minor revisions and additions.

It continues to sell extremely well and is offered in nearly all of the bookshops in the state, and occasionally I see it offered in the adjoining states."

PRESLEY, DELMA AND DANIEL D. GOOD (Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, GA 30460) published "The Origins of Bulloch County Georgia Post Office Names" in The Southern Folkways Journal, Sept. 1987. Professor Christy Trowell, South Georgia College, Douglas, GA 30642 has agreed to be Director of the Georgia Place Name Survey, replacing Daniel D. Good.

RAJEC, ELIZABETH M. (The Library, The City College, Convent Ave. at 138th St., New York, NY 10031) published a two-vol. bibliography, Ferenc Molnár (Wien, Bohlau, 1986); "imre Madach," in Research Guide to Biography and Criticism - Drama (Washington, DC: Research Pub., 1986), 42-43; "Philip Roth," Popular Fiction in America, (Washington, DC: Research Publishing, 1986), 399-402; "Theatrical Kaleidoscope," Ujérete (June 1986), 42-43; "Philip Roth," Popular Fiction in America, (Washington, DC: Research Publishing, 1986), 1197-1203; and "Notes of a Librarian Abroad," American Library Association Newsletter of College and Research Libraries, Slavic & East European Section, 3 (1987), 73-74. She submitted a paper, "Shakespeare and Names, a Bibliography," to the Shakespeare issue of Names; and read a paper, "Tom Stoppard and Ferenc Molnár: A Companion of Onomastics," to the North Central Names Society.

RANDALL, LOUISE (Anthropology/Archeology, 1372 Hancock St., Quincy, MA 02169), reports a work-in-progress, "An Inquiry into the Reasons for the Naming of Pearl Streets in Seventy-Seven Towns of Greater Boston," in preparation for a Master's Degree. The 77 Pearl Streets in cities and towns of the Boston Metropolitan Area Statistical District, are similar in length, age, proximity to water, and poor streetscape. The hypothesis advanced is that a common reason exists for the name-- that Pearl Streets were the ways over which prehistoric Indian shellheaps were mined for lime by the colonial settlers, and they attracted their name for their appearance and their product.

RANDALL, RICHARD (Executive Secretary, U. S. Board on Geographic Names, Defense Mapping Agency, Bldg. 56, U. S. Naval Observatory, Washington, DC 20305) was active in programs concerning geographic names. As the principal BGN staff officer, he was involved in the work of the Board as a whole and its committees, particularly the Foreign Names Committee, the Advisory Committee on Antarctic Names, and the Advisory Committee on Undersea Features. These bodies, coupled with the BGN Domestic Names Committee, process and standardize thousands of geographic names each year for official U.S. purposes.

In March, he moderated day-and-a-half conference on the role of foreign geographic names in the programs of Federal agencies. This event was designed to acquaint departments and agencies with the BGN role of standardizing names and to establish a network whereby organizations can exchange information about their names requirements and coordinate their program responses with greater efficiency.

He also participated in a Conference on Standardization of Geographical Names held in Montreal from August 18 to 31. The conference was immediately preceded and followed by the 13th Session of the UNGEGN. He was active in planning U. S. positions on conference topics, preparing papers, and, during the meeting, participating in the discussions. One important conference resolution calls for the UNGEGN to study its programs to determine how its work can be made more efficient. Dr. Randall is convenor of a working group created for this purpose.

Dr. Randall traveled to Central and South America during the year to promote programs of the Working Group on Gazetteers and Geographic Names of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH). In October, this working group, which he chairs, held a two-week course on geographic names attended by some 20 students from 8 countries. Lecturers included Dr. Randall and Mr. HENRI DORION, the President of the Commission du Toponymie de Quebec. Mr. Dorion provided a link with programs of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names (UNGEGN), a body he serves as chairman.

RAPER, PETER (Human Sciences Council, Private Bag X41, 0001 Pretoria, South Africa) reports the following on onomastic activities in SA: "The central research body on names in South Africa is the Onomastic Research Centre (ORC). Established in 1970, its functions are to undertake, stimulate and help to co-ordinate research into names.

"Completed research projects dealt with names of regions in South Africa, Khoekhoen (Hottentot) place names, and German place names in South West Africa/Namibia.

"Current projects deal with Khoekhoen tribal names, theoretical aspects of onomastics, and the standardization in Afrikaans of geographical names outside South Africa. The latter is a contract project undertaken for the State Department of National Education.

"In an attempt to cover the various onomastic fields, the Onomastic Research Centre enlists the co-operation of research partners at universities elsewhere. In this connection research is now being done on Afrikaans surnames, on nicknames, Northern Sotho and Zulu place names, Tswana personal names, and sociolinguistic aspects of personal names. A pilot study of Xhosa place names has been completed by Dr. C. J. Skead and this material, representing nine years of intensive field work and literature study, is being computerized to serve the basis for further study.

"With a view to promoting onomastics the Names Society of Southern Africa (NSA) was established in 1981. Four names congresses have been held, namely in Durban (1982), Pretoria (1983), Windhoek (1985) and Stellenbosch (1987). The proceedings of the 1983 and 1985 congresses have been published, while the other two are in preparation. The NSA has a membership of just over 200, and is in the process of launching its journal, *Nomina Africana*.

"At the most recent congress, held in Stellenbosch from 29 September to 1 October 1987, 23 papers were delivered on a wide variety of subjects. One of the keynote papers was delivered by Professor H. Löffler of Basel, Switzerland.

"The Onomastic Research Centre enjoys considerable international collaboration. The Head of the Centre is a member of the International Committee of Onomastic Sciences. The United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names, the American Name Society, and the Canadian Society for the Study of Names. Staff of the ORC attended the XVIth International Congress of Onomastic Sciences in Quebec and the Fifth United Nations Conference on Standardization of Geographical Names in Montreal in 1987. The ORC exchanges onomastic publications with some 30 people and organizations abroad." A bibliography of publications on names will be sent to anyone who requests it.

RAY, DOROTHY JEAN (P. O. Box 586, Port Townsend, WA 98368), a specialist in ethno-history and Eskimo art, during the past year renovated the exhibits in the Carrie M. McLain Memorial Museum in Nome, AK. For her work in onomastics, she has been trying to ascertain if any papers have been written about the German suffix -leben, which appears in many placenames in a section of Germany. Many surnames have this suffix, also. She would like to know if any members of ANS have information concerning this.

RAYBURN, ALAN (5 Solva Dr., Nepean, Ont. K2H 5R4) will retire from the Public Service of Canada on December 30, 1987. He then plans to devote more time to toponymic research and writing "without having to be concerned with administrative duties and going to an office." We all know that Alan was a productive scholar despite the heavy public duties which he discharged so well. In his 1986-87 "Report of the Executive Secretary" of CPCGN, he noted the completion and publication of Principles and Procedures for Geographical Naming (Ottawa: Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names, 1987). A copy can be obtained from the Executive Secretary, CPCGN Secretariat, 615 Boot St., Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9. Also, he arranged a meeting, attended by Helen Kerfoot and Alec McEwen, with USA representatives to revise the procedures for the treatment of transboundary names. Other material on Canadian placenames is discussed in the report, a copy of which can be obtained from the Secretariat. He also announced the publication of Generic Terms in Canada's Geographical Names (address orders to Canadian Government, Publishing Centre, Ottawa, Ont., Canada K1A 0S9). More could be added to Alan's listing here. Indeed, he has been totally committed to the study of geographical names, and we have all been the better for it.

READ, ALLEN WALKER (39 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027) reports: "I've enjoyed attending several place-name meetings in 1987. At the meeting of the newly re-named North Central Name Society, Newberry Library, Chicago, April 14, I surveyed my work in the field for the past 60 years, since my dissertation in Iowa place names in 1926. I chose the spacious title, 'The Forward Sweep of American Place-Name Studies.' Then I gave papers at the Names Institute in NYC on May 2; the Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium, Roanoke, VA, May 16; at the XVth International Congress (ICOS) in Quebec, Aug. 21; and at the Onomastic Symposium XIII, Willimantic, CT, Oct. 3. Also at the MLA session of the American Dialect Society, San Francisco, Dec. 27-30, I will deal with "Frisco": Emotional Involvement in a Nickname."

REILEIN, DEAN (Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT 06226) directed the 13th Onomastic Symposium at ECSTU, Oct. 3, 1987. The program was as follows: Leonard R. N. Ashley, Brooklyn College, "Merger Most Foul: Naming Companies in Corporate America." Wayne H. Finke, Baruch College, "Municipality Names in Panama." Thomas L. Bernard, Springfield College, "Etymology of European Nation State Designations." Theodore Holland, Jr., Railroaders Memorial Museum, Altoona, PA, "Code-mediated Adaption: 'Cold-water Mike' and other Steam-era Railroaders Nicknames." Betty J. Davis, Hunter College and Baruch College, "Epic Names for Modern Indian Children." Allen Walker Read, Columbia University, "Compounds with the Name Connecticut." Kelsie B. Harder, Potsdam College, NY, "Some Water Names in Connecticut." Dean Reilein, ECSTU, "Names of the Buildings at Eastern Connecticut State University."

RENNICK, ROBERT (312 Riverside Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653) writes, "Since June 1986 I've published a half dozen articles on Kentucky place names and have another half dozen in preparation for later this year and 1988. Included among the latter are an article on unusual pronunciations of a sample of Ky. place names, one on some 250 Kentucky "number names," another on Ky's two letter-names (Ep, Ed. Oz, Uz, Ok, Ek, No. Bo), another on geographic feature names of Martin Co. (in e. Ky), and a series on post office names (which I may send to LaPosta).

My paper on Bowling Green, Ky, was presented at the 2nd annual Blue Grass (sic!) Onomastic Symposium (Roanoke, VA., May 16) and will be published in Sept. 1987 in the Bull. of the North Central Names Soc. I'm still gathering data on Kentucky place nicknames and the names of Kentucky rocks and rock formations.

My article on 'No Names' -- my all-time favorite and the pinnacle of my achievements--remains unpublished. It's now up for grabs to any bidder. I'd like to think that someone, somewhere will want to publish it.

I'm still vitally committed to the U.S. Place Name Survey but have found precious few persons who wish to share this with me. Nothing would please me more than to establish a collegial relationship (or colleagueship) with fellow place name scholars."

RICH, STANLEY (English, University of South Carolina, Aiken, SC 29801) writes that during "1986-87 I assisted John Idol of Clemson University in the process of setting up the Southeastern Name Society. We have gone through the process of affiliating with SAMLA, and now we plan to have our second meeting at the Annual Meeting of SAMLA in Atlanta, Nov. 1987. I have also continued to collect information on South Carolina placenames and continued to work on the theory of church names."

ROHE, RANDALL (U. W. Waukesha, 1500 University Dr., Waukesha, WI 53186) continues the study of mining placenames.

ROOM, ADRIAN (171, The Causeway, Petersfield, Hants GU31 4LN, England) has many books in print, among them Great Britain: An English-Russian Background Studies Dictionary (Russian Language, Pub., Moscow, 1978); Room's Dictionary of Confusibles (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1979); Place-Name Changes Since 1900: A World Gazetteer (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1980); Naming Names: A Dictionary of Pseudonyms with a 'Who's Who (Routledge & Kegan Paul, 1981); Room's Dictionary of Distinguishables (R & KP, 1981); Dictionary of Trade Name Origins (R & KP, 1982); Room's Classical Dictionary (R & K, 1983); Dictionary of Cryptic Crossword Clues (R & KP, 1983); A Concise Dictionary of Modern Place-Names in Great Britain and Ireland (Oxford University Press, 1983); Guide to British Place-Names (Longman, 1985); Dictionary of Confusing Words and Meanings (R & KP, 1985); Dictionary of Irish Place-Names (Appletree Press, 7 James St., South, Belfast BT0 8DL, U.K., 1986); Dictionary of Britain (OUP, 1986); Dictionary of Etymologies, (R & KP, 1986); Dictionary of Changes in Meaning (R & KP, 1986); Dictionary of Coin Names (R & KP, 1987), Place Names of the World (Angus & Robertson, 1978, an updated and enlarged edition from 1974 ed.)

RUDNYCKYJ, JAROSLAV B. (5790 Rembrand Ave., Apt. 404 Cote Saint Luc, Montreal, H4W 2V2) is a charter member (1938) of the International Congress of Onomastics and is one of the few surviving participants at the first congress in Europe. At the XVI Congress at Laval University, 1987, he shared his experiences for the last 50 years during the opening ceremony on Aug. 16. He also read "Socio-onomastic Status of Women" and, subsequently took part at the meeting of ICOS on Aug. 20. While in Europe in 1987, he delivered a lecture on the above topic in Ukrainian at the Ukrainian Free University, Munich, Sept. 9. There, he also discussed some onomastic etymologies with the author of the first Etymological Dictionary of Ukrainian Surnames, due to appear in 1988. He also published Ukrainian-German Dictionary (1,500 pp) (Wiesbaden, 1987); Rudnyckiana III (Ottawa, 1987); and Prof. J. B. Rudnycky and Onomastics (Quebec, 1987).

SCHEETZ, GEORGE H. (2814 Summit St., Sioux City, IA 51104-3743). Scheetz is the director of the Sioux City (Iowa) Public Library. He has had a life-long interest in words and names, and has been influenced and inspired by the works of Virgil J. Vogel, Dmitri A. Borgmann, and Allen Walker Read. This is his first appearance in the Ehrensperger Report. Scheetz's "Place Names in Story County," Iowa, was published by the Ames (Iowa) Public Library, in 1985, and will be reprinted by the North Central Name Society, in 1987. His "What's In a Name" Chapbook Series

premiered in 1986 with "Trevor," a discussion of the origin and meaning of the Cornish name, with an addendum detailing numerous alleged etymologies. Scheetz's works in progress are devoted to: (1) words -- about names -- ending in -onym, (2) words and names ending in -gry, (3) the origin and usage of Potosi, (4) anniversary words, and (5) the place names of Woodbury County, Iowa. He has had an enduring interest in the name Peoria, and has read two papers, and published two articles devoted to its origin and usage. Scheetz has new evidence implying that Peoria means "waterfall," but that's another article.

SCHORR, ALAN EDWARD (The Denali Press, P. O. Box 1535, Juneau, Ak 99802) has announced the publication of Alaska Place Names, Third Edition (1,100 placenames), 144 pp., \$15.95 + \$1.50 for shipping. His press also has other books in publication: Director of Services for Refugees and Immigrants; and Guide to Smithsonian Serial Publications. He has a long and distinguished career in library and academic professions, including years on the Governing Council of the American Library Association and a member of its prestigious Reference Books Bulletin. From his work he has received many awards.

SEITS, LARRY (711 South Main St., Apt. A201, Sycamore, IL 60178), writes that The North Central Name Society (NCNS), formerly the Illinois Name Society, continues to grow (now 73 members), meet, and publish. The NCNS met for its annual symposium on April 4, 1987, at the Newberry Library, Chicago, with 65 persons present. Papers read were Kelsie Harder, "Some Indiana Placename Leftovers"; Betty J. Irwin, "Illinois of the Imagination: Place Names in Literature"; Stewart Kingsbury, "Names in American Proverbs (from the Margaret Bryant/American Dialect Society Collection); Virgil Vogel, "Observations on Indian Place Names in Wisconsin"; Edward Callary, "A Study of Spelling"; J. Peter Maher, "What Is This Crap: The Lexicographic Evidence"; Myra J. Linden, "Strolling Jim Across the Years to the Fat Ass Fifty Franchies: Names of American Ultramarathons"; Reinhold Aman, "What is this Crime that Dare Not Speak Its Name? Legal and Dictionary Definitions of Sodomy"; Virginia G. McDavid, "Names in DARE"; Ken Grabowski, "The Jackalope: An All-American Name"; Judith Weise, "Street Names in Reykjavik"; and Allen Walker Read, "The Forward Sweep of American Place Name Studies.

In July 1987 Ed Callary of Northern Illinois University and president of NCNS edited the annual light-hearted, "frothy" Spring Bulletin of the NCNS, which included Cleveland Kent Evans' frequency list of infant names in Nebraska in 1985; Robert Rennick, "Mystery of the Lost Kentucky Place Name Survey"; and Jay Ames, "Indian Love Song," an account of Amerindian-related street names in Toronto.

The NCNS has now decided to publish three kinds of material each year: its annual book; the light and popular Spring Bulletin; and a Fall journal with more scholarly articles. The 1986 Publications of the NCNS (Number 1) is titled From Oz to the Onion Patch (available from Larry Seits for \$7.50). Its 186 pages contains articles by Kelsie Harder, W. F. H. Nicolaisen, Frederic Cassidy, Andre Lapierre, Virgil Vogel, Betty Irwin, James K. Skipper, Jr., Eric Hamp, Virginia McDavid, Ken Grabowski, Glenn Meeter, John Algeo, Marcia Yarmus, Stewart and Mildred Kingsbury, and Myra J. Linden.

The forthcoming 1987 book, Festschrift in Honor of Allen Walker Read, should be available in January, 1988. Some of the articles included are Thomas Gasque, "Naming the Dakotas"; Martha Cornog, "Names for Sexual Body Parts"; Emma Woo Louie, "History of Chinese American Family Names"; George H. Scheetz, "Place Names of Story County (Iowa)"; Hugh A. Aker, "The Conspicuous Use of Words Based on Sulfur"; Don L. F. Nilsen, "Names: Some Subsidiary Functions"; and Elizabeth Rajec's comparison of naming in Stoppard and Ferenc. The Festschrift should be available in early 1988 for \$8 by writing to Larry Seits; free to 1988 NCNS members.

Ron Peddicord, Chatham, IL, is working on a sorely needed complete bibliography of toponymics in Illinois.

Jean Humphrey, St. Charles, IL, is researching the origins of automobile names.

The NCNS will be hosting the annual ANS meeting on October 14-16, 1988 (n. b. 1988) at the Newberry Library and the McCormick Center Hotel. The focus for both the ANS sessions as well as the NCNS will be on toponymics and social and historical aspects of names. The deadline for submitting abstracts of papers to read at the meeting is July 1, 1988 (n.b. 1988) to Larry Seits.

SEWELL (LINCK), ERNESTINE (Box 3002, E. T. Station, Commerce, TX 75428) read a paper at the Dallas meeting (see TARPLEY) on the names of shops in malls and elsewhere that give no clue to the merchandise being sold--Velvet Pumpkin for arts and crafts; Moonshadows for retail clothing, and Remember When Shop for books, etc. She writes that the "anonymity of these names adds to the impersonality of the city, which sociologists say is the curse of the city, leading ultimately to its demise." She is also publishing a book, Eats: The Folklore of Texas Foodways, in which she calls attention "to names in several ways. For example, I have 'A Texas Menu' listing names of towns in Texas, now ghost towns, which were named for a favorite food or the availability of a certain food in the area, as Bacon, Crawfish, Okra, etc." She also calls attention to basic foods which now have extravagant names on restaurant menus, as "Pechugas de Pollo Rellenas Barbacoa" for barbecued chicken, and "Chuletas de Puerco Fameado" for flaming porkchops. This one should be mouth-watering!

SKIPPER, JAMES K., JR. (Sociology), The University of North Carolina, Greensboro, NC 27412) published "Hey There, Old Timer! Do you Play Baseball Like a Little Girl, Too?", Washington Times, May 21, 1986, p. S-3, on feminine nicknames of baseball players; "The Big Horseshoe," in Laurence Urdang, ed., Names and Nicknames of Places and Things, 1987; "Baseball in the Windy City: Teames, Parks, Names and Nicknames," in Edward Callary, ed., From Oz to the Onion Patch, DeKalb, IL, NIU Press, 1987, pp. 79-80; "The 1927 Yankees: Great Team, Great Nicknames," Baseball Research Journal, 16 (1987), in press.

SLOVENKO, RALPH (Law, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202) was given an impressive write-up in the Wall Street Journal just about the time a stringer writer was giving ANS a hard time for being an unneeded, though not unnamed, society. Besides his law duties, Dr. Slovenko has long been a faithful member of ANS and edited the special issue on names and the law, one that has been requested many times. This year, he published "Relegating Sambo to History's Shadow's," Detroit News, Aug. 19, 1987, p. 15; and the excellent and witty "The Ubiquitous X," The Journal of Psychiatry & Law, 1987, pp. 149-168.

SOLOMON, J. FISHER (English, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024-1530) has a forthcoming book, Discourse and Reference in the Nuclear Age (Norman, OK: Oklahoma University Press Project for Discourse and Theory), duplicates material from his "Speaking of No One: the Logical Status of Fictional Proper Names," Names 33 (1985), 145-157.

STUMP, ROGER W. (Geography & Planning, State University of New York, Albany, NY 12222) reports that his "major activity in the area of onomastics this year has been a project dealing with the commemoration of John Kennedy and Martin Luther King through school and street names." He presented a paper, "Toponymic Expressions of American Civil Religion: The Case of Kennedy and King," at ICOS in August. He is also examining the diffusion of distinctive street names associated with particular large cities as a means of identifying the latter's cultural hinterlands.

TARPLEY, FRED (Language and Literature, East Texas State University, Commerce, TX 75428) sponsored and directed the ANS meeting in Dallas in June. The program was given recognition on a CBS Evening News program by Dan Rather.

THOMAS, NORMAN (714 S. State St., Champaign, IL 81820) has been studying the placenames (and their translations) in Malcolm Lowry's poetry. He also presented a paper at the Midwestern MLA Conference in Columbus in November.

THROCKMORTON, R. J. (1267 Douglas Dr., Las Vegas, NV 89102) works in several areas of names, including reviewing books for several magazines and papers. He has begun a book on American surnames and has distributed some chapters for comments. Now that he is retired, he can join the union of very busy persons--those ostensibly and formally retired.

TIBON, GUTIERRE (Ave de las quintas 11, Cuernavaca, Mor., Mexico) writes that his Etymological Comparative Dictionary of Spanish and Hispano-American Family Names, begun in 1960, should appear in January 1988. He is now (Oct. 30) proofing the 36,000 names in the index. The dictionary "will not be a gray, boring book, but offers an agreeable reading like a detective story to the ordinary public."

TOWNSEND, RUTH (Rte. 1, Box 66, Tipton, IA 52772) writes a column each week for three local papers. Several include material on onomastics; for instance, "'Number-name' towns are rare" is a discussion of several of the anomalies (perhaps not at all, since we keep discovering such names).

TROLL-STEENSTRUP, FRANK H. (P. O. Box 582, Clermont, FL 32711) continues to write his trollish column, "From Under the Bridge," South Lake Press. To quote extensively from the columns is one of my temptations by Satan. Most of the columns have material on language (onomastics, political terms, song titles, pen names, and artificial languages, just to mention only a few) and jokes (Get away from me!).

TROWELL, CHRISTY. See PRESLEY, DENNIS.

TURNER, WILLIAM L., JR. (108 East Lenox St., Chevy Chase, MD 20815) is completing an article, "The Issue of Names in Restoration Comedy," examining how the dramatis personae reveal, conceal, remember, forget, malign, mutilate, sign or forge names as part of the action on stage. He also chaired the ANS program at the Midwest MLA Convention, Columbus, OH, with the topic being "Names in Literature." Papers read were "Conspicuous Naming in Ralph Ellison's Invisible Man," James R. Saunders, University of Toledo; "Names and Factuality in Fiction, Eugene L. Huddleston, Michigan State University; "'Oh, Cousin': Propriety, Morality, Michigan State University; "'Oh, Cousin': Propriety, Morality, and Forms of Address in Jane Austen's Mansfield Park," Mollie Sandock, Valparaiso University; and "Naming and Meaning in Willa Cather's The Professor's House," Rhoda Orme-Johnson, Maharishi International University.

URDANG, LAURENCE (4, St. Mary's Row, Aylesbury, Bucks, England) published Names & Nicknames of Places and Things (G. K. Hall, 1987), paperback to be published by New American Library. The British edition, different from the American one, was published October 29, 1987, by Grafton Books (Collins Pubs.), London. Dictionary of Favorite Regional & Colloquial Phrases (Putnam, 1987)--Larry claims no responsibility for the title. He wrote the forward to a facsimile of the first edition of Roget's Thesaurus, published by Bloomsbury Publishing, London, 1987. And of course Verbatim,

the Language Quarterly, usually containing onomastic materials. Among more fleeting affairs with lexicography can be counted a dictionary for Facts on File (American edition) and Longman (British edition) to be published in the spring of 1988; consulting ed. of Oxford Companion to the English Language, scheduled for 1990; consulting ed. Oxford Journal of Lexicography, first issue 1988; won first prize for a short story in Buckinghamshire, England; and signed contract with Oxford University Press for a new dictionary to be delivered in 1988. Exhausting! And praiseworthy.

VAN BALEN, JOHN (I. D. Weeks Library, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069) continues research in the compilation of a gazetteer of South Dakota and North Dakota derived from selected historical maps. He also assisted THOMAS GASQUE with the paper read in Quebec at the ICOS meeting.

VOGEL, VIRGIL J. (1819 Maple Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062) has completed the manuscript for a book on the Indian placenames of Wisconsin and is now being considered by publication by a university press.

WALKER, STEPHEN (415B King, Warrensburg, MD 64093) produces his own fanzine, The Criticaster. The most recent edition has an article discussing the origins of the names Cthulhu and Alhazred, fictional creations of the horror writer, H. P. Lovecraft. Steve is currently in a long hiatus concerning his work in progress on the origin of dinosaur names. Sticks and bones make a museum.

WEISE, JUDITH (English, State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676) read "Street Names of Reykjavik," North Central Names Institute, Apr. 2, 1987; and published "Onomastic Contrast in Beowulf: Hygd and Hygelac," Names, 34 (1986), 1-9.

WELLS, JOHN C. (German and Russian, Tufts University, Medford, MA 02155) describes his work on the proper-name material in the Althochdeutsches Glossenwörterbuch (Dictionary of the Old High German Glosses), a work that includes a complete word-index to Steinmeyer and Sievers' Die althochdeutschen Glossen and all supplements. The work is expected to run around 900 pages, several hundred already published by Carl Winer in Heidelberg, Germany. The text includes all German and German names, personal, ethnic, and geographical, which occur in association with the glosses-- dating from the 8th to 12 centuries. In a special section (pp. 777-784) are compiled Latinized words and names of Germanic origin, such as Alemannia, Aldhelmus, Alsaci, Angli, Heinricus, Hlodovicus (Ludwig), Langobardi, Wolfhramnus (Wolfram).

WITHINGTON, WILLIAM A. (Geography, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506) read "Kentucky's Lakes and Their Names," at the Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium II, Roanoke, VA, May 16, 1987. He published "The Intermediate City Concept Reviewed and Applied to Major Cities in Sumatra, Indonesia," The Indonesian Journal of Geography, Vols. 15-16, Nos. 49-51 (1985-1986), 1-14. He read "Kentucky's Lake Landscape--A Dynamic Segment of the Ohio River Basin" before the Huntington, WV, Museum of Art, Sept. 19, 1986, a survey of 107 Ohio lakes. At the SEDAAC meeting, November 22-24, 1987, he presented "Street Names as Surrogates for Urban Diversity in Intermediate Size Third World Cities." Kentucky in Maps is being revised.

WOODS, RICHARD D. (Foreign Languages, 715 Stadium Dr., Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78234) helped Fred TARPLEY at the Texas Folk Festival, where he had a booth on name definitions and the response from the public was overwhelming. Woods is also submitting units of study for stereotype-free materials to be used in grades K-12 and distributed under the auspices of the Latin American Studies Association. Several of the units relate to place and personal names.

WORTHING, RUTH (Twenty Sunset Circle, Fond du Lac, WI 54935) published "Applause for Abbie," Newmonth, July 1987, pp. 14-16; and "Women of Wisconsin: Lucy Abner," NEWmonth, October 1987, pp. 14-15 (Brown County Pub. Co., Denmark, WI 54208). Both items contain onomastic material on personal names.

WYLD, LIONEL D. (20 Countryside Dr., Cumberland, RI 02864) read "Ship Names and Other Naval-Related Onomastics" at the Onomastics Symposium XII, Eastern Connecticut University, Willimantic, CT, Oct., 1986; and "Teaching Regional Literature," New England Association of Teachers of English, Plymouth, MA, Nov., 1986. He also published two articles: "Santa's Origin Varied, his Appeal Worldwide," The Woonsocket Call, Dec. 24, 1986, pp. 1, 22; and "Nonverbal Communication" (coauthor) in Methods of Teaching Selected Topics in Business Education, ed. Steven R. Golen (Urbana, IL: Assoc. for Business Communication, 1986). Several of his books are available: Boaters and Broomsticks, Low Bridge! Folklore and the Erie Canal, Walter D. Edmonds, Storyteller, and a research text on American Civilization, as well as a bibliography of publications about the Erie Canal. Each of the narrative texts has material on onomastics. Write to the author for details and prices.

YARMUS, MARICA D. (Foreign Languages, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 445 West 59th St., New York, NY 10019) directed the XXVIth Annual Names Institute (1987) at the John Jay College on May 2, 1987. The meeting was dedicated to E. WALLACE MCMULLEN, founder of the Institute and its director for 25 years. A Proceedings will be published.

ZELINSKY, WILBUR (Geography, Pennsylvania State University, 302 Walker Building, University Park, PA 16802) writes "I have managed to lay hands upon a printout of all the names of cemeteries (a total of ca. 84,102) appearing in the U. S. Geological Survey's Geographic Names Information System and derived from topographic map coverage of all the coterminous United States except Rhode Island and Massachusetts. I have classified the specific terms in these names into ten categories, and am busy mapping and analyzing this material. Using these specific names and various generic terms as well, it will be possible for the first time ever to postulate a first approximation of the regional patterns in American cemeteries." He also suggested that an article on GNIS be run in Names.

ZIEGLER, DONALD J. (Geography, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23508) continues his research on generic placenames (burg, boro, town, etc.), vernacular regions within metropolitan areas, and the linguistic landscape.

ZGUSTA, LADISLAV (Linguistics and Classics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801) published "The Lexicon and the Dictionaries: Some Theoretical and Historical Observations," Papers in Linguistics, International Journal of Human Communication, 19: 1-4 (1987), pp. 67-81; Grimm, Littré, OED, and Richardson: A Comparison of their Historicity," Journal of the Dictionary Society of North America, No. 8 (1986), 74-93; "Inscriptionis palaeo-Osseticae apud Zelencuk flumen repertae lectiones quaedam novae proponuntur," Festschrift for Henry Hoenigsawald: On the Occasion of this Seventieth Birthday, ed. George Cardona and Norman H. Zide, Gunter Narr Verlag Tübingen, 1986, pp. 409-415; and The Old Ossetic Inscription from the River Zelencuk (Wien: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1987, pp. 68 (monograph).