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Changes occur. In 1988, the American Name Society underwent some major changes in its editorial area. Thomas J. Gasque, English Department, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069, assumed the editorship, succeeding Kelsie B. Harder, who had held various offices in the Society since 1959 when he was elected to the position of Executive Secretary and Treasurer. Professor Gasque had previously edited the Ehrensperger Memorial Issue (*Names*, 33, nos. 1 and 2, 1985) and has already embarked on a positive series of special issues of names that will enhance the quality and content of the magazine.

During the year, the Placename Survey of the United States was restructured, with a new Commission and a set of bylaws, the latter drafted by Donald J. Orth and later revised and adopted by the Commission at a meeting held on April 7 and 8, 1988, in the offices of the United States Geological Survey. W. F. H. Nicolaisen was elected Chair of the Commission, with Orth as Secretary. The Director of the Placename Survey is Harder, elected at the meeting in San Francisco, Dec. 30, 1987, and convenor of the meeting in April, 1988. The members of the Commission include L. R. N. Ashley, Lurline H. Coltharp, Wayne H. Finke, Thomas J. Gasque, William G. Loy, Lewis L. McArthur, W. F. H. Nicolaisen, Donald J. Orth, Roger L. Payne, Grant Smith, and Fred Tarpley.

The first meeting of the Survey Commission, after the reorganization, took place in Chicago on October 16, 1988. Committees of the Commission met and began to work out a format for entering placename information, compile a working bibliography, and explore ways of directing the obtaining and storing of the material collected. The Commission separated the duties of itself and the Director of the Survey, with the Commission setting policy and closely monitoring the work of the Director.

The Ehrensperger Report contains information on research and publications of members of the Society and, occasionally, others who have produced material that is of interest to the work of the Society. Again, addresses are listed, since correspondence is sometimes essential for the exchange of information. As in the past, the information has been submitted by the informant and has been occasionally ever-so-slightly edited for spatial needs

only.

Sadly I report the death on August 25, 1988 of Arthur m. Hughes, co-author of the outstanding Connecticut Place Names. He was for many years a faithful correspondent and valued mentor, and I shall miss him greatly.

Last year, I noted that the Society needs a new editor for the Ehrensperger Report. At that time, too, I outlined the costs of producing it, which is substantial, probably \$1,000.00 a year. Although the value of the report is unquestioned, since it binds the membership and allows for communication between members on onomastic subjects, thereby saving time of the Executive Secretary and also building onomastic freindship. And I enjoy the work, but age is becoming a factor. A volunteer is needed to continue the work. I will continue until someone accepts the most pleasant and rewarding job, but it is time for a new editor and perhaps some fresh ideas as to how the report can be produced.

The format follows that of the past issues, except that the names of contributors are listed in full instead of last name first, but still alphabetized by last name. Occasionally, diacritical marks have been missed. My computer will do them, but my printer is a chauvinistic American one, refusing to take anything except straight English alphabetical symbols.

Also, this year, not as many contributors are listed. Either less research is being done, or the request for information was ignored. This year, I did not personalize the requests as much as I had done in the past, which may have caused the request to go unnoticed. Future editors should probably take a lesson from salespersons and advertisers.

I extend warm thanks to all who contributed to the report. Everyone has also received a letter of appreciation, too.

Kelsie B. Harder  
December 10, 1988

HUGH A. AKERS (Chemistry, P. O. Box 10022, Beaumont, TX 77710) published "Silver Place Names," *Journal of the West* 27 (2) (1988), 82-86, a commentary on names that derive from silver and the mining of silver. Another of his articles is "Place Names Based on Sulfur (United States and Canada)," NCNS Publication #2, 1988. He is a professional biochemist whose research involves microbial iron metabolism and the using of titanium (III) as an agent for the reduction of biochemical molecules. His avocations include studying the history of biochemistry and the use of chemical terms as parts of place names. With M. C. Vang and A. Yousefpour, he published "Chemical Composition Misconceptions Caused by Common Names" in *The Journal of Chemical Education*, 63 (1986), 255-256. With L. J. Moulton, he published "The History of Metabolites Isolated from Urine," in *The Roots of Modern Biochemistry*, with Kleinkauf and Jaenicke, eds. IBERlin: Walter de Gruyter and Co, 1988), 141-146.

JOHN ALGEO (English, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602) hs been honored as an Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor, one of four appointed at the Unviersity of Georgia. He has also



been awarded a Chair, one of the 12 University-wide Chairs. Honors aside, he continues his busy scholarly pace. In Jan.-Mar., he went to Australia and New Zealand, the result for onomastics being "The Australianness of Australian Place Names," presented before the Names Institute, Baruch College, CUNY, May 7, 1988. He also continues his work on Briticisms at the Survey of English Usage. His "British and American Grammatical Differences" was published in *International Journal of Lexicography*, Oxford University Press, 1 (no. 1) (1988), 1-31.

GRACE ALVAREZ-ALTMAN (Languages, State University College, Brockport, NY 14420) continues to direct the Conference on Literary Onomastics and to edit the *Proceedings*. With Fred Burelbach, Vol. XV was published in 1988. Edited, with Fred Burelbach, *Names in Literature* (University Press, Lanham, MD, 1988). For copies of this excellent collection, write to Grace, or call, 716 637-3560, or 716 395 2269. Paper cover volumes are \$15.00, each.

CHARLES ALVA (412 Walnut Drive S., Monmouth, OR (97361) published "What's in a Name?" *Westwords*, newsletter for the Western Oregon State College Community, Monmouth, OR. It is a discussion of different naming practices, such as giving children genderless names (Robin, Chris, Kelly), foreign names, and others.

REINHOLD A. AMAN (331 S. Greenfield Ave., Waukesha, WI 53186) presented a paper at the Chicago meeting on the names for breasts and other body parts. He reminded all to return, completed, the Onomastic Questionnaire (MOQ).

JAY AMES (Box 5, Station G, Toronto, Ont. 4M4 3E8, Canada) continues his hectic pace of collecting and publishing. Material has appeared in *Word Ways*, *Logophile*, *BINS*, *NCNS*, and others. He is far along toward finishing a book on Toronto street names and has collections of names, military nicknames, and other onomastica. For a list of his recent publications, very long indeed, please write to him.

VAMOS-TOTH BATOR (1700 Makiki St., 209, Honolulu, HI 96822) writes that during 11 years of research, he found and analyzed about 12,000 Carpathian-Identical Toponym-Structures in 10 countries-areas of the five continents. The most typical Ancient Toponym-Structure is TAMANA. Write to him for further information.

ROBERT K. BARNHART (Barnhart Books, Box 250, 1 Stone Place, Bronxville, NY 10708) announces the publication of the first edition of the *Etymology Dictionary* in May, 1988. He writes that "the very early record of proper names antedated common words in Middle English by a hundred or so years clearly pushing back previous OED datings. I don't recall Names ever having an article mentioning this. Perhaps some bright young scholar should study the MED (Middle English Dictionary) on this point someday. Another matter the great body of evidence in the MED

allowed us to record systematically is the development of function from verb to noun, noun to adjective, etc., in English. So I think it is fair to say that we have been the first to weave MED's evidence into etymology on a consistent basis." For further information on his dictionary, please write or call Barnhart Books, Inc.

ARTHUR and GINA BERLINER (488 Riverland Rd., Roanoke, VA 24014) held their successful Symposium III, Apr. 23, 1988, and will hold No. IV, Apr. 22, 1989. Prominent among the participants this year was Allen Walker Read (see). Other participants were Modine G. Shramm, "Principal Character Naming in Charles Dickens' Great Expectations"; Wayne H. Finke, "Place-Names in Nicaragua"; Alfred M. Silvia, "The Comic Use of Names in Scarron's Roman Comique"; William A. Withington (see); Natalie Foster, "Street and Place-Names of Roanoke"; Robert M. Rennick (see), "The Post Offices of Beckham: Kentucky's Only Dissolved County"; James K. Skipper, Jr. and Paul L. Leslie, "Nicknames and Blues Singers, 1890-1978"; Jon C. Campbell, "Stream Name Generic Frequency"; Roger L. Payne, "National Gazetteer Program Update"; Mary R. Miller and Donald J. Orth, "Toponymic Research in the Virginia Archives."

MAXINE M. BERNARD (English Department, Holyoke Community College, Holyoke, MA) gave a paper on "The Religious Significance of Names in the Horror Fiction of Stephen King," Onomastic Symposium XIV, Eastern Connecticut State University (Oct. 1988), Willimantic, Ct. Her report dealt with both place names and personal ones

THOMAS L. BERNARD (Psychology and Education, Springfield College, Springfield, MA 01109) presented a paper, "East is East and West is West: Compass Directions and Toponymic Designations," at Onomastic Symposium XIV, Eastern Connecticut State University (Oct. 1988), Willimantic, CT. It dealt with toponyms such as South Africa and Norway which incorporate a compass direction, and those in foreign languages which are not so obvious, e. g., Viet Nam and Australia. He also posed the question as to why some desingantions involve nouns whereas others are adjectival, e. g. West Virginia and Western Australia, North Korea, and Northern Ireland, etc.

JEUTONE P. BREWER (U. of North Carolina at Greensboro) served as secretary of the American Dialect Society (South Atlantic Section) at the 57th Annual Convention of SAMLA, 5-7 Nov. 1987.

FREDERICK M. BURELBACH. See Alvarez-Altman.

JON CAMPBELL. See Roger L. Payne.

FREDERIC G. CASSIDY (DARE, 5125 Helen White Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706) continues to edit The Dictionary of American Regional English, with the second volume soon to appear. He contributed to the Allen Walker Read honorary volume of Names, forthcoming. He also reports that Conan Eaton has finished about 90 percent of his Place Names of the Town of Washington, Door



County. Updated printings of his other Door County studies have been made.

ROBERTA CARKEEK CHENEY (Box 554, Cameron, MT 59720) reminds that her *Names on the Face of Montana* continues in print, advertised in the Mountain Press, Summer 1988, P. O. Box 2399, 2016 Strand Ave., Missoula, MT 59806, \$9.95, paperbound, and noted as "probably the most universally appealing Montana book ever published."

GRADY CLAY (Consulting Editor, 330 Wildwood Place, Louisville, KY 40206) presented a paper, "Ephemeral Places as Testing Grounds for the Future," at the MLA Meeting, New Orleans, Dec. 29. He has published several items pertaining to names: "New Towns for the Appalachian Region" (Ky., Gov. office, 1962); "The Competitors" (Joint Center of MIT-Harvard, 1961); "This is the Place" (Louisville, The Courier-Journal, 1966); *Closeup: How to Read the American City* (Praeger Publishers, 1973, University of Chicago Press, 1960); *Alleys: A Hidden Resource* (Grady Clay & Co., 1978); Ed., *Water in the Landscape* (McGraw Hill Book Co., 1979); Ed., *Landscape for the Living* (McGraw Hill Book Co., 1980); *Unknown Places: Exploring the Obvious* (originator and commentator; public TV documentary, 1981); Cons. Ed., *Landscape Architecture in Ohio* (ASKA-Ohio, 1985); *Right Before Your Eyes* (journalist's essay collection, Planners' Press, c/o American Planning Association, Chicago); and contributor to nine published books and essay collections, including *Streets as Public Property* (Van Nostrand Reinhold, 1987). He is now preparing for publication *A Gazetteer of the American Manmade Generic Landscape*; "Ephemeral Places" the Sept. 1989 issue, *Design Quarterly*; "The Roving Eye" column, for *Sportplace* magazine.

RICHARD COATES (School of Social Sciences, The University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1, 90N, England) compiled a bibliography for the "Names in Shakespeare" issue of *Names*, 35 (1987), 206-223. He is also the author of *Toponymic Topics: Essays on the Early Toponymy of the British Isles and Nomina Hirtensia: The Place-Namer of St. Kilda*. He compiled *A Classified Bibliography of Sussex Place-Names, 1586-1987*. All three of the books are available from Youngsmere Press, 50 Cowley Drive, Woodingdean, Brighton, EN2 6WB, England.

GERALD COHEN (Department of AACS, University of Missouri-Rolla, Rolla, MO 1988) is still collection information on interesting Missouri place-names. He published "The Big Apple: A Preliminary Study, Part 1," to appear in the Nov. 1, 1988 issue of *Comments on Etymology*. Three issues are planned concerning the New York City nickname. Also, "Cant jerry 'a watch' <jerry 'chamberpot'" and "Jerry 'to udnerstand, realize; aware'"--both in *Comments on Etymology*, vol. 17, #9-10, Feb. 1988, pp.2-4. Other items published in *Comments on Etymology* are Joseph Wallfield: "Judas Iscariot = Judas the Deliverer," 17, #7-8, Jan. 1988, pp. 2-5; Michael McKean: "On the existence of Cox's army 'rag-tag group,'" 17, #11-12, Mar., 1988, pp. 3-4; and Archie

Green: "Fink, the labor connection," 17, #15, May 1, 1988, 28 pp. 28.

LURLINE H. COLTHARP (4263 Ridgcrest, El Paso, TX 79902) writes that she has worked at expanding and improving the holdings in onomastics at the Library of the University of Texas at El Paso. The collection encompasses a variety of material with emphasis on Latin American names. This year the Library has printed special book plates and is publishing a brochure on the collection. If you have any suggestions for additions or would like more information about the collection, please write to Lurline.

PAUL DICKSON (Box 80, Garrett Park, MD 20896) has announced that his Dictionary of Baseball will be published in early 1989. It will include nearly 5,000 entries, along with a historical survey of the entry wherever possible. Unfortunately, the publisher has not been announced, but the book will have 500 pages, ISBN 0-8160-1741-7, \$35.00 hardbound; \$45.00, Canada. Write for further details on the publisher. His Family Words was published by Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, 101 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10003, on Oct. 28, 1988.

CONAN EATON. See Cassidy.

CLEVELAND KENT EVANS (Psychology, Bellevue College, Bellevue, NE 68005) presented two papers, one on first name fashions in Michigan, 1880-1900, and one on racial difference in first names in the United States in 1987, in Chicago at the joint meeting of NCNS and ANS. He also participated in the panel discussion on "Do personal names influence Human Behavior?" He continues to collect computer printouts of first names given each year in several states, including Vermont, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Florida, Missouri, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, Oregon, and Hawaii, and is planning further research on fads and fashions in names, psychological aspects including reactions of whites to "black" names and vice versa, and correlating popular names with popular culture influences. He is slowly collecting data for a dictionary of less common first names and may write it with English expert Leslie Dunkling. He continues to be interviewed by newspaper reporters all over the U. S. since being mentioned as an expert on first name fashions in People magazine in 1985.

F. THOMAS FAIRCLOUGH (The Burkburnett Library, 115 East Fourth St., Burkburnett, TX 76354-3446) sent a copy of the comic strip, Zippy, from the Dallas Times Herald, Feb. 11, 1988, E-9, which lists "52 Amusing Maryland Town Names," such as Savage, Boring, Accident, Chance, Crapo, Frizzelburg, Zittlestown, Flintstone, Loveville, and many more.

WAYNE H. FINKE (7 East 14th St., Apt. 17U, New York, NY 10003) serves as the efficient Executive Secretary and Treasurer of ANS. He has also attended all the meetings and has read papers or participated in all, an altogether busy year. He also reported on the Names Institute, No. XXVII, Baruch College, May 7, 1988, with



participants John Algeo (see); Irving Allen, "The Many Names of Broadway; Leonard R. N. Ashley, "Riotous Assembly: Names in Tom Sharpe's Novel; Robert A. Fowkes (see); Dorothy E. Litt, "The Name Essex: The Earl and the Shire in 17th Century England"; Brenna E. Lorenz, "Some Mechanisms of First Name Formation"; and Constance Brock, "120 Lordships for Sale"; Berbert Barry III (see); Betty J. Davis, "Playing the Role: names and the Concept of Duty in Jean Anouilh's Antigone"; William A. Francis (see); Dennis Browne, "Lexical Gaps in Left Field: Russian Baseball Terminology"; William Over, "Francis Beaumont's Flaming Pestle and the Range of Elizabethan Stage Parody"; Jane Weiss, "Hot to Spot the Villain: Proper Names in Genre Fiction"; Allen Walker Read (see).

ROBERT F. FLEISSNER (367 E. Cassilly St., Springfield, OH 45503) has completed his book, *Ascending the Prufrockian Stair: Studies in a Dissociated Sensibility*, and it has been accepted for publication by Peter Lang Pub. Inc., 62 West 45th St., New York, NY 10036-4202, \$37.50 (tentative). By now the book should be in print. Parts of it were published in *Names*.

VIRGINIA FOSCUE (P. O. Box 3107, Tuscaloosa, AL 35404) has completed her *Place Names in Alabama*, scheduled for publication by the University of Alabama Press.

ROBERT A. FOWKES (632 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705) has written at least 24 articles on various Welsh topics for the two Welsh-American monthlies, *Y Drych* and *Ninnau*, and also some book reviews. On Feb. 26, 1988, he spoke on "Deutsche Wikinger?" at Literararischer Verein, New York City; on Mar. 19, 1988, he read a paper, "The Welsh Bible Translation of 1588 and that of 1988; the Alleged Achievement of a Standard Language." at the Annual Conference of the International Linguistic Association, Museum of Natural History, NYC; on April 5, 1988, he spoke on "Brythonic and Baltic," at Lanyu, the Linguistic Assoc. of New York University; and on May 7, 1988, read a paper on *Vergil vs. Virgil at the Names Institute*, Baruch College, CUNY, NYC. His article, "Brythonic Gender Reduction--the Cornish Picture," was published in *Festschrift for Henry Hoenigswald*, ed. by George Cardona and Norman H. Zide (Tuebingen, 1987), pp. 121-129.

WILLIAM A. FRANCIS (English, University of Akron, Akron, OH 44325) published "Of Madness and Machines: Names in Ken Kesey's *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*." *Literary Onomastics Studies*, XVI (1989), forthcoming. The paper was originally presented at the Conference on Literary Onomastics, Rochester, NY, June 7, 1988. Also, his "From Jazz to Joyce: A Conversation with Vance Bourjaily" was published in *The Literary Review*, XXI (1988), 403-414. He also read "Shelia Bosworth's Almost Innocent: The Onomastics of Guilt and Innocence." *MLA*, New Orleans, LA, Dec. 28, 1988; "Winter Storms and Creation in Saul Bellow's 'What Kind of Day Did You Have?'" and "A Silver Dish," "Cultural Heritage of the Midwest Symposium, East Lansing, MI, May 12,

1988; "The Hieroglyph of Names in Vance Bourjaily's *Brill Among the Ruins*," Annual Names Institute Conference, New York, NY, May 7, 1988; "Going Crazy in America and Coming Back Alvie: Madness in Vance Bourjaily's *The Hound of Earth*," Ninth International Conference on the Fantastic in the Arts, Dania, FL, Mar. 19, 1988; and "Shelia Bosworth's *Almost Innocent: A Search for Lost Innocence*," Philological Association of Louisiana, New Orleans, LA, Mar. 11, 1988. He also will serve as the chair for the Literary Onomastics Section, NEMLA Conference, Wilmington, DE, Mar. 1989.

THOMAS J. GASQUE (English, University of South Dakota, Vermillion, SD 57069) assumed the editorship of *Names* in January 1988 and has published one issue of the journal so far. He is also active in the effort to revitalize the Placename Survey of the United States. For the 1988-89 academic year, he is a Fulbright fellow at the University of Oldenburg in West Germany. Among his activities while there are visits to the placename commissions of a number of European countries in order to determine what has been done in placename surveys and to see what kind of archives are being maintained. Until August of 1989, he can be reached at Haareneschstrasse 10, D-2900 Oldenburg, West Germany. His assistant in the English Department at the University of South Dakota, Elizabeth Goehring, can also answer inquiries and relay messages.

MICHEL GRIMAUD (French, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181) published "Toponyms, Prepositions, and Cognitive Maps in English and French," *Geolinguistics*, Dec. 1988. His "Discourse Anaphora: The Functioning of Proper Names in Narrative," appeared in *Psychological Approaches to the Study of Literary Narratives*, ed. Colin Martindale (Helmut Buske Verlag, Hamburg, 1988, 96-132, a major text in literary onomastics).

PATSY (MRS. OWEN K.) HAND (Route 2, Box 356, Frogmore, SC 29920) reports that the post office name of Frogmore has been changed to St. Helena, and a group is now trying to change the name of the village.

KELSIE B. HARDER (State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676) attended and participated in several meetings during the year. He retired from the position of Editor of *Names*, but assumed the duty of being Director of the Placename Survey. He published several reviews, three articles, and two commercial paperback name books. He was also interviewed several times both by the press and radio, with a profile written in the Potsdam College Reporter and several long articles in the Syracuse Herald-American and the Courier and Freeman.

SARAH EVELYN JACKSON (English, Georgia Tech) read a paper, "The South and Southerners: Images and Memories" at the Southeastern Name Society special session: "A Tribute to Claude Henry Neuffer," at the 57th Annual Convention of SAMLA, 5-7 Nov 1987. She also read "Mississippi County Names" at the annual ANS



meeting in Chicago.

HELEN KERFOOT (Executive Secretary, Geographic Names, 615 Booth St., Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0E9, Canada) writes that she has produced two copies of *Canoma* and is currently involved in publishing Canada's contributions to the Fifth United Nations Conference on Geographical Names held in Montreal in 1987. A new pamphlet about geographical naming in Canada is being published, too. Ongoing work involves methods of collection, sorting and automation of names used by native people of Canada. She has also started putting together some material on the initial establishment of the Geographic Board of Canada in 1897, and on Canadian sovereignty and Scandinavian geographic naming in the Canadian Arctic--aiming for ICOS XVII in 1990.

MARION O. HARRIS (Bell Communication Research, 435 South St., Morristown, NJ 07960-1961) writes, "This year I have been collecting data to try to explain the history of the name pattern I found last year in U. S. downtown street clusters. I am also developing a computer program that generates variant spellings of surnames. The prototype of this program is running now in the genealogy department of my local library. The idea should be interesting to indexers and to workers in the field of peasant history as well as genealogists; onomastically it is something of a tour de force. In addition to surname indexes that I have prepared for several years for a couple of New Jersey genealogical and historical groups, I am now doing a full-name index for the upcoming reprint of John McNamara's *History in Asphalt, the Origin of Bronx Street and Place Names, for The Bronx Historical Society*. It seems that everybody wants an automatic ethnic name recognizer, and I am thinking of trying to do that next. Any comments? Any users out there?

HENRY and RENEE KAHANE (Linguistics, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801) published the following: "Desdemona: A Star-Crossed Name," *Names*, 35: 232-235. "On the Meaning of barbarus, Hellenika, 37:129-132 (contains an analysis of the toponym Costa Brava). Review of G. Paulis, *Lingua e cultura nella Sardegna bizantina* (Sassari, 1983), in *Medioevo Romanzo*, 12:485-493. (Analysis of several place- and family names in Sardinia of ancient or Byzantine provenience). Review of L. Zgusta, *Kleinasiatische Ortsnamen* (Heidelberg, 1984), in *Byzantinische Zeitschrift*, 79:355-357.

STEWART A. KINGSBURY (English, Northern Michigan University, Marquette, MI 49855) read a paper at the meeting in Chicago. He continues to work on names in North Michigan and also edit the forthcoming text, *American Proverbs*, incorporating much of the material collected by Margaret M. Bryant. The body of the material contains many onomastic items.

BERNICE W. KLIMAN (70 Glen Cove Drive, Glen Head, NY 11545) recently published *Hamlet: Film, Television, and Audio*

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Performance (Cranbury, NJ: Fairleigh Dickinson University Press, 440 Forsgate Drive, 1988, \$45.00), a text of the play and a critical analysis of "moving image performances, pointing out that while unique characteristics of each medium shape the individual presentation, strong ties of tradition bind all Hamlet productions."

ALLA KTOROVA (5838 Edson Lane, Rockville, MD 20852) published several articles: "The Sweetest Gift," pertaining to the name Oliver, in *Novoye Russkoye Slovo*; "Foreign Names in Russia," in both Russian and English, published in Russian, Los Angeles newspaper *Panorama*, scheduled also to be published in *ANS Bulletin*; "Russian Names Abroad," in *Onomastics, Typology, Stratigraphy, Soviet Academy of Science*. She also gave presentations and read papers on "Russian Names Abroad." Her book, *The Sweetest Gift* is scheduled for publication. She has also been interviewed on Voice of America on Russian names.

ANDRE LAPIERRE (Linguistics, University of Ottawa, Ont. K1N 6N5 Canada) is ANS 3rd Vice President. He was on sabbatical leave from January to July and completed a survey of Franco-Ontarian toponymy in Eastern Ontario for the Ontario Names Board as major research undertaking during that period. He read "Some Observations on Proper Name Derivation: The Case of French Eponyms," at the CSSN Annual Meeting in Windsor, Ont., June 2-4 and "The Handling of Alternate Names" at the UN sponsored training session for French-speaking toponymists, Quebec City, in August. He chaired the Advisory Committee on Toponymy Research at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names at Yellowknife, NWT, Sept. 22-24. He continues to serve on the editorial board and as book review editor for *Onomastica Canadiana*.

DONALD B. LAWRENCE (2420 34th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55406) is devoting his time to an extensive manuscript on Ecology of the Glacier Bay Region, Alaska, the study of which he has been involved since 1941. He does report, however, that he has found definitive evidence that a number of plant names of the Great Plains Indians have roots in Sanskrit and Japanese. When he finds time to devote to this, he intends to prepare a manuscript to show the influence that people from India and Japan have had on cultural history of some Amerind tribes.

EDWIN D. LAWSON (Psychology, State University College, Fredonia, NY 14063) has been interviewed by many radio stations, possible 100, on his work in names. His "Palestinian First States: An Introduction," with Hanna Y. Tushyeh of An-Najah University, and Nablus and George Rishmawi of Bethlehem University, has been accepted for publication in *Names*. He read a paper, "Social Psychological aspects of Personal-Naming," before the Council for Name Studies in Great Britain and Ireland, Swansea, March 1988. He continues to update his bibliography, now with 650 additional items, many acquired in the British Isles. He would appreciate receiving reprints or citations on new items from members of ANS.



In addition, he is working on a book: Psychology of Names.

WILLIAM LOY (Geography, University of Oregon, Eugene, Or 97403-1251) gave the presidential address to the Association of Pacific Coast Geographers, Sept. 28, 1988. He continues to be active in the study of Oregon placenames.

EMMA W. LOUIE (1648 Redcliff St., Los Angeles, CA 90026) published her "History and Sources of American Family Names of Chinese Origin" in North Central Name Society, Festschrift in Honor of Allen Walker Read, 86-98. The article, edited for newspaper space also appeared in the Seattle Chinese Post (six installments) and in the Gum Saan Journal, Chinese Historical Society of Southern California.

IVAN LUTTERER (Praha 4 Sporilov, Hrusicka 2510, Czechoslovakia) was a visiting professor at The University of Nebraska at Omaha, International Studies and Programs, Omaha, NE 68182, during the fall of 1988. He attended the ANS meeting in Chicago in October. During his stay, he worked on his purpose for the visit, "The Surnames of Czech Immigrants in Nebraska." He also gave lectures at the Slavic Departments of the University of Chicago, University of Illinois, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and at universities in Texas. He writes that his stay has been successful and that he looks forward to his friends here visiting him in Prague.

VIRGINIA G. MCDAVID (9 Beach Lane Court, Ogden Dunes, Box 669, Portage, IN 46368) wants all to know that she has taken to rural life (note the new address). She participated in the ANS meeting in Chicago in October and continues her work in dialect geography.

JAMES B. MCMILLAN (7 North Pinehurst, Tuscaloosa, AL 35401) has delivered to the press his bibliography of articles on speech in the South, including a long section on onomastic items. It is an excellent addition of the the bibliography of onomastic studies.

JOHN MCNAMARA (2886 Randall Ave., Bronx, NY 10465) is having a full-name index prepared by The Bronx Historical Society for the upcoming reprint of his History in Asphalt. Marion Harris is doing the indexing.

MARY R. MILLER (English, U. of Maryland) spent a busy year as President of the American Name Society, 1988, and for that reason was unable to attend to research as much as usual. However, she continues to collect information on new names and name changes in the Northern Neck of Virginia and hopes to do a revised version of Place-Names of the Northern Neck of Virginia. She plans to attend ICOS in Helsinki in 1990. She is also a member of the Placename Survey of the U. S. Commission and served as chair of the Nominating Committee for the American Dialect Society (South Atlantic Section) and also moderated a session of the Onomastic Symposium, Willamantic, CT, Oct. 1, 1988.

VIOLET MOORE (Montezuma Public Library, Montezuma, GA 31063) send an article, "What's in a Name?" by Robert Gibson, Rural Georgia, 44, No. 9 (Sep. 1988), pp. 8-9, that treats some of the names of the nation's 960 rural electric systems that have such names as Forked Deer, Sangre de Cristo, Choctawhatchee, Chimney Rock, Cherryland, Singing River, Surprise Valley, French Broad, Spoon River (for the book by Edgar Lee Masters), Wild Rice, Wheatland, Cotton, Tuscarawas-Coshocton, Northern Lights, and the downtowner Rural Electric Convenience Co-op. Moore also sent a copy of her own column that contains the information that 16 "Columbuses" exist in the U.S., 7 "Viennas," and at least 6 "Montezumas." She has also made a collection of Indian maiden legends, the ones who were disappointed in love and jumped over hundreds of waterfalls and off hundreds of cliffs. Along the way, she found the name of a rare-book dealer who changed his name legally from Gary Duda to Gary Zippedy Duda (Atlanta Constitution, Sept. 1, 1988).

MIREILLE MOREU (Balmes, 173 (4-1), E-08006 Barcelona, Catalunya, Spain) reports on the publications of her father, which include Els Noms de Lloc, introduction to the toponymy of Catalunya (Barcelona, 1965); Toponimia urbana i Onomastica varia (Palma de Mallorca, 1974); Grafia d'articles fossilitzats en Toponims (Barcelona, 1978); Renoms, Motius, Malnoms i Noms de Casa (Barcelona, 1981); and Els Nostres Noms de Lloc (revised and enlarged edition) (Barcelona, 1982), plus several articles. The complete bibliography of the works of Enric Moreu-Rey will appear in the third volume of miscellania d'homenatge a Enric Moreu-Rey, in Publicacions de l'Abadia de Montserrat (c. o. Rd. Josep Massot i Muntaner, O.S.B., ALLC, 08699 Abadia de Montserrat, Spain). The Spanish publication for onomastics is Societat d'Onomastica. Write to Ms. Moreu for information.

ROBERT MEYER, JR. (838 Lowerline St., New Orleans, LA 70118) has completed his manuscript on Names Over Airports USA and is now looking for a publisher.

NORMAN NATHAN (English, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL 33431) is looking into names in Twelfth Night, Henry IV (Part 2), and All's Well that Ends Well. He expects to complete one or two of these items by January 1989.

W. F. H. NICOLAISEN (English, University Center, SUNY-Binghamton, NY 13901) divided his scholarly interests between his two main loves--name studies and folk-narrative research--occasionally managing to combine the two. He spent another summer in Scotland, mostly Aberdeen, collecting more documentary evidence for his Concise Dictionary of Scottish Place Names. At the meeting of the American Name Society in San Francisco (Dec. 27-30, 1987), he read a paper on "The Toponymy of Remembered Childhood." On Mar. 7 and 8, 1988, he chaired the meeting of the U. S. Place-Name Commission in Reston, VA. At the annual meeting



of the Canadian Society for the Study of Names in Windsor, Ontario, June 1-4, he read a paper "Maps of Fiction: The Cartography of the landscape of the Mind," and at the Sixteenth Annual Conference on Literary Onomastics, Rochester, NY (June 6 and 8), he gave an after-dinner address on "The Function of Names in Autobiographical Writings." On June 29, he attended a meeting of the Executive Committee of ICOS in Leuven, Belgium, to plan ICOS XVII with the Finnish Organizing Committee, to be held in Helsinki, Aug. 13-18, 1990. At the second International Conference on the Languages of Scotland (Glasgow, June 30-July 2), he read an invited plenary paper on "Gaelic and Scots 1300-1600: Some Place-Name Evidence"; and at the annual meeting of the American Name Society in Chicago (Oct. 15-16), he read a paper on "Toponymic Presence and Linguistic Presence," and chaired the meeting of the U. S. Place-Name Commission.--Among his publications are articles on "Semantic Causes of Structural Changes in Place Names," *NORNA-rapporteur* 34 (Uppsala 1987) 9-19, and "Once upon a Place, or where is the world of the Folktale?," *Lebensformen* 3 (Berlin-Hamburg 1988) 359-366, and ten reviews, two of them in *Names*. His article on "The Place Names of Wessex," first published in *Literary Onomastics Studies* 2 (1975), was anthologized in *Names in Literature* (Lanham: University Press of America, 1988) 35-45.

DON L. F. NILSEN (English, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-0302) continues this work for the *World Humor and Irony Movement (WHIM)*, which accepts many items on onomastics at its conference. He also announced the initiation of a new magazine, *Humor*, *International Journal of Humor Research*, published by Mouton de Gruyter, Walter de Gruyter Inc., 200 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY 10532, subscription price, \$30.00.

FRANK NUESSEL (Modern Languages, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY 40292) provided several clippings of articles and items on names, including "Name Game is a Business for Ohioan," *Indianapolis Star*, Oct. 9, 1988, p. A-11; "Famous Names Prove to be Mixed Blessing," *Courier-Journal*, Nov. 10, 1988, p. C-5; "Baby's unusual name Lives on for her 4-year-old sister," *Courier-Journal*, July 17, 1988, p. B-1, with the name being Samantha Rose Rainbow Cherry Drop Armstrong; "Make no Ms.-take about it; judge wants married names only," *Indianapolis Star*, July 14, 1988, p. D-1; and "Name Change Through the Years," *Sunday Tribune*, New Albany, IN, Sept. 1, 1988, p. 4-A.

ITSUO OISHI (7 Saruhashi-Machi, Otsuki-shi, Yamanashi-Ken, 409-06, Japan), published "Prescriptivism in The American Heritage Dictionary," in a Japanese publication; "Recent Dialect Study in the United States," *Bulletin of Seikei University*, 17, No. 2 (May 1980), 1-13; "Some Archaisms in American Dialects," *ibid.*, 19, No. 1 (Sep. 1981), 1-15; "Regional Vocabulary of Three American Cities," *ibid.*, 20, No. 1 (June 1983), 1-19; "The Regional Vocabulary of Marietta, Ohio," *ibid.*, 22, No. 1 (June 1985), 1-22; and "Postvocalic r in American Dialects," Japanese publication. He has written an article about names for the

dictionary Wadaigen, published by Tokyo-Horei-Shuppan. The article treats names that have New in them, such as Newman, Newton, New Britain, Newport News, and New Caledonia.

DONALD J. ORTH. See ROGER L. PAYNE.

ROGER L. PAYNE (Manager, Geographic Names Information System, U. S. Department of Interior, Geological Survey, Reston, VA 22092) writes that he, Donald Orth and Jon Campbell "are actively in pursuit of gazetteers." Eleven states are complete, but only five have been published. He further writes, "Personally, my research is primarily in historical placenames (primarily populated places) and recently I have begun work on offensive and derogatory names. I hope to present a paper on some preliminary results of the research at the XXVIII Institute at Baruch.... Both Don and I are keeping active in the BGN subcommittee on Native American placenames. Don, Jon, and I continue our research on generic terms, eventually working toward a dictionary. Jon will present a paper on unusual stream generics in New Orleans."

LEE PEDERSON (11364 Springdale Rd, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306) has placed on a diskette the list of all the placenames recorded in "The General Index" of Vol. 2, Linguistic Atlas of the Gulf States, ed. Lee Pederson (Athens, GA: The University of Georgia Press, 1986). The location in the Basic Materials of all items in the list is recorded in the Concordance to the Basic Materials (University Microfilms International, 1986). He plans to "prepare a pronouncing dictionary that offers pronunciations of all items because each word in the list reflects at least one phonetic transcription in the Basic Material. He further writes, "Since I have no idea when I might get around to that dictionary project, I do not want to play dog in the manger. I hope someone might find ways to use the information."

BENEDICT PFALLER (St. Ann Catholic Church, Box 12, Hebron, ND 58638) sent along "Meet Spike, Buster, Stub: A really good nickname could stick for a lifetime," by Maureen Willenbring, The Bismarck Tribune, Apr. 3, 1988.

BURTON POLLIN (1 Stoneleigh Plaza, Bronxville, NY 10709, but from Jan 1, 1989 to July 30, 1980, International Institute, Miguel Angel, 8, Madrid 28100, Spain) published "Poe as Author of the 'Outis' Letter and 'The Bird of the Dream,'" Poe Studies, 20:10-15 (1987); "Poe's 'Ulalume': Its likely Source and Sound," American Notes and Queries, Jan., 1988, NS 1:17-20; and "Poe and Bellow: A Literary Connection," Saul Bellow Journal, 7:15-26 (1988).

ALAN RAYBURN (5 Solva Drive, Nepean, Ont. K2H 5R4, Canada) retired from the public service of Canada in 1987, having served as Executive Secretary of the Canadian Permanent Committee on Geographical Names for 14 years. He has not, however, withdrawn from names study. Since 1983, he has written a names column for



Canadian Geographic, a popular bimonthly journal with a circulation of over 200,000. To date, he has published 31 columns. He has continued to participate actively in both the Canadian Society for the Study of Names and the American Name Society. At the annual meeting of ANS in Chicago, he presented a paper on the use of the word "generic" in toponymy. He attended the ANS meeting in New Orleans and will give a paper at the annual meeting of the CSSN in Quebec, May 27 and 28, 1989.

ALLEN WALKER READ (39 Claremont Ave., New York, NY 10027) has gallivanted around the country to various conferences and meetings, such as these: On April 23rd to the Blue Ridge Onomastic Symposium III at Salen, Virginia, with a paper on "The Wide Scope of the Words 'Virginia' and 'Virginian'"; on May 7th by a subway ride to the 27th Place name Institute at Baruch College, CUNY, in New York City, with a paper on "What the People of the Lower Hudson Valley Call Themselves: Some Documentation"; on June 7th to the 16th Annual Conference on Literary Onomastics, at Rochester, NY, with a paper on "Onomastic Components in Eco's 'Name of the Rose'"; on Oct. 1st to the Onomastic Symposium XIV at Willimantic, CT, with a paper on "The Boundaries of Yankee-Land"; on Oct. 15th to the Annual Meeting of the North Central Name Society at the Newberry Library in Chicago, with a "Tribute to Robert L. Ramsay"; and next day, Oct. 16th, at the Annual Meeting of the American Name Society, at the McCormick Center Hotel, Chicago, with a paper on "How Did Illinoisians Come to Called 'Suckers'?" His paper on Dec. 29th at the ANS session of the MLA meeting in New Orleans will be on "The Knowledge of Place Names as an Element of 'Cultured Literacy'."

DEAN REILEIN (Library, Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT 06250) reports that the 14th Onomastic Symposium, sponsored by the American Name Society and the English Department of Eastern Connecticut State University was held Oct. 1, 1988 in the Media Building at ECSU. The program was as follows: Leonard R. N. Ashley, Brooklyn College, CUNY, "Progress Report on the Place Name Commission of the United States"; Wayne H. Finke, Baruch College, CUNY, "Municipality Names of El Salvador"; Kanika Som, Baruch College, CUNY, "Evolution of the Naming of Some Modern Indian Cities"; Thomas L. Bernard, Springfield College, MA, "East is East and West is West: Compass Directions and Toponomic Designations"; Maxine Bernard, Holyoke Community College, MA, "The Religious Significance of Names in the Horror Fiction of Stephen King"; Edward M. Jackson, ECSU, "How Black Americans Came to Name Themselves: A Literary and Historical Approach"; Betty J. Davis, Hunter College, CUNY, "The Number SEVEN in Antiquity and Christianity"; Allen Walker Read, Columbia University, "The Boundaries of Yankee-Land"; Kelsie B. Harder, SUNY, Potsdam, NY, "Elevation Names in Connecticut." Moderator for the morning session was Mary R. Miller, University of Maryland, President of the American Name Society; for the afternoon session, Dean Reilein, ECSU. Other members of ANS attended: Louise Harder, Wallace and Marion McMullen, Murray Heller, Marion Harris, and Irving Lewis Allen.

ROBERT M. RENNICK (312 Riverside Drive, Prestonburg, KY 41653) published "Place Name Derivations are Not Always What They Seem (Some Eastern Kentucky Cases)," *Appalachian Heritage*, 16(1), Winter 1988, 50-61; and "The Post Offices of Anderson County, Kentucky, La Posta, 19(1), 1988, 54-59.

ADRIAN ROOM (173 The Causeway, Petersfield, Hants, GU31 4LN, England) published "Naming the Pacific," *The Pacific Review*, 1 and 2 (1988), 181-185, a recounting of the naming history of the places, many English, many local names, and many from other sources. An arresting history, it contains material on names originally given, including The South Sea, now the Pacific, or Mar Pacifico, as given by Ferdinand Magellan. He published *Dictionary of Place-Names in the British Isles* (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2, Soho Square, London W1V 5DE, England; and *The Dictionary of Astronomical Names* (Routledge, Chapman and Hall, Inc., 29 West 35th St., New York, NY 10001).

J. B. RUDNYCKYJ (5790 Rembrandt #404, Montreal-Cote St. Luc, Montreal H4W 2V2, Canada) is continuing to compile his onomastic bibliography for 1935-1988, which will comprise over 1,000 titles (books, brochures, articles, and reviews. He has also elaborated two etymologies: that of the name Lisianski Island in the Hawaiian archipelago and the anthroponym Nerissa in Lesia Ukrainka's drama, *Orgy* (1912/13). He is preparing a book on "Toponymic de-Stalinization of Canada"--removal of the two toponyms Stalin in Canada in 1987, an action which was initiated in 1985.

GEORGE E. RYAN, ed. *Bulletin: The Erie Society of Boston* (49 Franklin St., Boston, MA 02110), sent copy of the issue which announces the Fiftieth Anniversary Year: 1937-1987 (Vol. 46, No. 3, Dec. 1987). It is taken mostly with names of those who have served on the Board of the Society, especially among those families that have made service on the Board a tradition, all Irish, of course. The most common surname among all is Sullivan. Ryan also surveys the incidence of men and women in offices, with 11 women and 39 men as presidents, with the women dominating in recent years. However, the Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary (two different positions) have been 44 women and 0 men in both positions. It is a revealing document on how organizations are governed and by whom.

GEORGE H. SCHEETZ (2814 Summit St., Sioux City, IA 51104-3743) is the directory of the Sioux City (Iowa) Public Library. He has a life-long interest in words and names, and has been influenced and inspired by the works of Virgil J. Vogel, Dimitri A. Brogmann, and Allen Walker Read.

Scheetz's "Place Names in Story County," Iowa, was published by the Ames (Iowa) Public Library, in 1985, and was reprinted by the North Central Name Society in 1987. His "What's In a Name?" Chapbook Series premiered in 1986 with "Trvor," a discussion of the origin and meaning of the Cornish name, with an addendum



detailing numerous alleged etymologies. His second chapbook, "Names' Names: A Descriptive and Prescriptive Onymicon," published in 1988, is a dictionary of words with the suffix-onym, and contains 137 entries, including one trade name. Each definition or recorded usage is keyed to a bibliography of 91 citations.

Scheetz's works in progress are devoted to (1) words and names ending in -gry; (2) the origin and usage of Potosi; (3) anniversary words; and (4) 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 meaning "waterfall," but that's another article.

LAURENCE E. SEITS (155 Buckthorn Drive, Apt. 203, North Aurora, IL 60542) reports that the North Central Name Society (NCNS) held its annual meeting at the Newberry Library in Chicago on Oct. 15, 1988. Papers read were Stewart Kingsbury's "Surnames as Ethnic Markers in the Place Names of Marquette County (Michigan)," Cleveland Kent Evans' "King Arthur and Baby Ruth: First Name Fashions in Michigan, 1880-1900," Virgil J. Vogel's "Indian Place names derived from Insect Names," Kelsie Harder's "Leftover Place Names in Michigan," Donald M. Lance's "Robert L. Ramsay's Contributions to Place Name Study in Missouri," and Betty J. Irwin's "Illinois Trail Names: Historical and Recreational." Papers were also read at the McCormick Center, including ones by Rey Aman, Judith Weise, Sarah Jackson, Donald Lance, and others.

The NCNS also hosted the annual meeting of the American Name Society (ANS) on Oct. 15 and 16, 1988, at the Newberry Library and the McCormick Center Hotel. Over 40 people registered for the meetings; nearly 35 attended the annual ANS banquet where Mary Rita Miller, outgoing (and also charming) ANS President gave the traditional keynote speech.

In 1988 the NCNS continued publishing its "frothy, fun-filled" Bulletin with articles by Canadian Jay Ames ("More Hard-to-Swallow Names"), Cleveland Kent Evans ("Most Popular Names in Missouri, 1986"), Cornelia Fuykschot ("The Power of a Name," a study of the name Brutus from Roman times to the assassination of A. Lincoln), Myra J. Linden ("Strolling Jim across the Years," a survey of ultramarathon race names), and Robert M. Rennick ("Kentucky's Two-Letter Place Names").

Also the NCNS issued its Publication #2 (New Series) Festschrift in Honor of Allen Walker Read in the Spring of 1988. Ken Grabowski of the Field Museum of Natural History in Chicago presented two handsome leather-bound copies to Professor Read at the ANS' annual banquet in October.

The NCNS' annual Journal, edited by Ed Callary (NCNS President) of Northern Illinois University, was in press as this report was submitted.

NCNS members' activities include Mohammed Hussain's work on the meanings, origins, and frequencies of Arabic names in the United States and Joseph Ramsay's work in the family archives and papers of Joseph's father, the late Robert L. Ramsay of the

University of Missouri.

Larry also reports that NCNS member Ron Peddicord continues to compile his annotated bibliography of place name articles for the state of Illinois. Ron now has over 100 entries and is now seeking a publisher.

Larry read his paper, "Teacher Attitudes toward Names: Are Elmers and Elviras Really Stupid?" at Don Lance's ANS session at the National Council of Teachers of English convention in St. Louis in November.

Finally, Larry reports that he is now beginning the compilation of a book on the origins of "unusual" place names in Illinois.

**RALPH SLOVENKO** (Law School, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202) called attention to some medical initialisms, acronyms, and abbreviations, by James Trager, "PTA is Not Parental, Nor Is CON a Crook," Medical Tribune, February 25, 1988, which quotes Slovenko extensively on acronyms. Among the ones found by Slovenko are SHUR (System for Hospital Uniform Reporting), COBRA (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act), and a host more.

**GRANT SMITH** (905 Gary St., Cheney, WA 99004) has been adding to and polishing the paper on Indian placenames that he present in San Francisco in 1987. He is also preparing a paper on Shakespeare's use of the name Antonio, which he is scheduled to present in New Orleans. He is also working with a group of students on railroad placenames. He has been invited to join the Washington State Board on Geographic Names. He also is a member of the Placename Survey Commission.

**LOU STEIN** (P. O. Box 3314, San Diego, CA 92103), who proudly proclaims 80 years of life as of August 1, 1988, continues to be active in name work, lecturing in the Gifted Program of San Diego City Schools, on his San Diego County Place-names and Clues to our Family Names, over 40 lectures in one school year.

**FRED TARPLEY** (Language and Literature, East Texas State University, Commerce, TX 75428) sponsored and directed his placename institute. I regret that I have not received a copy of the program to pass along to you. See WOODS.

**GUTIERRE TIBON** (Avenida Gutierrez Tibon 11, Cuernavaca, Mor. 62440 Mexico) has completed his Etymological Dictionary of Spanish, Hispano-American and Filipino Family Names, some 43,000 names, and the printing of the work has begun. He also received El premio Alfonso Reyes at a recent awards ceremony, the award being presented by Presidente Miguel de la Madrid. Please note also that the street he lives on has now been named in his honor.

**FRANK H. TROLLE-STEENSTRUP** (P.O. Box 582, Clermont, FL 32711) continues his weekly column, "From Under the Bridge," South Lake Press. He also publishes articles on jazz for the Jazz journal. He writes about names in many of his columns.



BARBARA KAY TURNER (430 Monticello St., San Francisco, CA 94127) has published a different kind of baby name book, *Name that Baby: The Complete Guide to Choosing your Baby's Name* (Berkley Publishing Group, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016, 1988). Instead of glossing a list of names with "meanings," she has written chapters which provide information of alternate spellings, traditional names, very popular names, juniors and heritage, think-twice names, nicknames, exotic and ethnic names, cross-gender names, and others. The approach is psychological, but it will help the name giver make a choice. The work is well researched and is the result, too, of much field work with surveys.

VIRGIL J. VOGEL (1819 Maple Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062) reports that his manuscript on Wisconsin Indian Names has been accepted for publication by the University of Wisconsin Press. He also reviewed the reissue of Robert Ramsay's *Storehouse of Missouri Place Names* for the North Central Place Name Society.

STEPHEN WALKER (415B King, Warrensburg, MO 64093) publishes *The Criticaster*, which he calls a fanzine. In a recent issue, he discusses the origin of two names, Cthulhu and Alhazred in the fiction of H. P. Lovecraft. He claims that his magazine circulates among some twenty fans.

JUDITH WEISE (English, State University College, Potsdam, NY 13676) continues her work on names in Iceland and in Viking history and legend. She presented a paper at the Chicago ANS meeting and also chaired a session.

CLYDE AHAD WINTERS (Uthman dan Fodio Institute, 11541 South Peoria Chicago, IL 60643), "Common African and Dravidian Place-Name Elements," *South Asian Anthropologist*, 9 (1988), 33-35, defends the thesis of Vamon-Toth Bator that the founders of ancient civilization came out of a common universal culture called Tamana, a study based on the numerous common toponyms that point to "a common origin in the Equatorial region for Dravidian and African societies."

WILLIAM A. WITHINGTON (113 Johnston Blvd., Lexington, KY 40503) is now on the Kentucky Advisory Place Name Committee for the U. S. Board on Geographic Names. In Nov. 1987, at Charlotte, Nc, annual meeting of Southeast Division, Association of American Geographers (SEEDAG), he read a paper on street name comparisons in three large Sumatran cities--Medan, Pekanbaru, and Palembang: "Street Names as Indicators of Urban Elements in Three Intermediate Third World Cities." At the Roanoke BROS III meeting, he read a paper of port names and name meanings in Sumatra, Indonesia. He has also revised his *Kentucky in Maps*.

RICHARD D. WOODS (Foreign Languages 715 Stadium Dr., Trinity University, San Antonio, TX 78234) writes, "I am still collecting and studying, very sporadically, Spanish surnames with the prefix Villa-. My other work in onomastics has been of a more

practical nature. I am trying to inventory the name books in the Trinity Library so that we have all possible sources that can be used during the Texas Folklife Festival. Fred Tarpley has been in charge of the onomastic booth for the past two years at this annual event held in San Antonio, Texas.

LIONEL D. WYLD (20 Country Side Drive, Cumberland, RI 02864) found the article, "Have You Ever Wondered How Plants Derived Their Names," by Robert E. Gough, *In Touch*, a publication of the College of Resource Development, The University of Rhode Island, May/June 1988, p. 10.

LADISLAV ZGUSTA (Director, The Center for Advanced Study, 912 West Illinois St., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 61801) published an annotated bibliography of lexicographical theory and methodology called *Linguistics Today*. He did editorial work on the *International Encyclopedia of Lexicography* to be published in German. In Munich, he has begun to write a short encyclopedia of onomastics which will be published under the title *Handbuch der Namenkunde*.

DONALD J. ZEIGLER (Geography, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA 23529-0088) continues his research on generic placenames (burg, boro, town, etc.), vernacular regions within metropolitan areas, and the linguistic landscape. With Justin C. Fribers, he published "Tidewater: A Metropolitan Toponym for Southeastern Virginia?" *Names*, 36 (1988), 5-20.

WILBUR ZELINSKY (Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, 302 Walker Building, University Park, PA 16802) published, with Colin H. Williams, "The Mapping of Language in North America and the British Isles," *Progress in Human Geography*, pp. 337-368. Also published was "Where Every Town is Above Average: Welcoming Signs along America's Highways," *Landscape* (1988), 1-10. He has in progress an analysis of both the specific and generic elements in about 84,000 names of American cemeteries provided in a printout from the U. S. Geological Survey's GNIS program. If all goes well, this will be part of a general study of the geography of U. S. cemeteries. A query: "My good friend and eminent scholar Alan Gowans, 2020 F St., N. W., Apt. 524, Washington, DC 20006, has asked me for an explanation of the popularity of the terms Sodom and Gomorrah, esp. the former, in American place-names, and I find myself at a loss. Could you plant a query in the *ANS Bulletin* on his behalf?"

The index that follows contains the entry with the name or names of the contributors placed immediately after the colon:

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Trevor: Scheetz

Villa-: Woods

Virginia: Berliner; Miller;

Read

Welsh: Fowkes

Wisconsin: Cassidy; Vogel

Yankee-Land: Read