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## CALLS FOR PAPERS: 1988 REGIONAL MEETINGS

**Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting** in association with RMMLA, Oct. 20-22; Las Cruces, N.M., Las Cruces Hilton. *April 1* is the deadline for papers to meeting chair Gary N. Underwood, English Dept., Univ. of Texas, Austin TX 78712. (ADS Regional Secretary 1987-88: Grant W. Smith, English Dept., Eastern Washington Univ., Cheney WA 99004.)

Membership in RMMLA (\$15 regular, \$10 student) is required. Write RMMLA Executive Director Charles G. Davis, Dept. of English, Boise State Univ., Boise ID 83725; phone (208) 385-3426.

The RMMLA meeting will include local wine tasting and a banquet with Southwestern food.

**South Central Regional Meeting** in association with SCMLA, Oct. 21-23; Arlington, Texas, Sheraton Hotel. *March 16* is the deadline for papers plus 100-word abstracts to meeting chair J.L. Dillard, Dept. of Language Arts, Northwestern State Univ., Natchitoches LA 71497; phone (318) 357-8645. (ADS Regional Secretary 1988-89: Scott Baird, English Dept., Trinity Univ., 715 Stadium Dr., San Antonio TX 78285; phone [512] 736-7536.)

Membership in SCMLA (\$15 regular, \$5 student) is required. Write SCMLA Executive Director Richard D. Critchfield, Dept. of English, Texas A&M Univ., College Station TX 77843-4238; phone (409) 845-7041.

Future meetings: 1989 New Orleans; 1990 Houston; 1991 San Antonio.

**Midwest Regional Meeting** in association with MMLA, Thursday, Nov. 3; St. Louis, Marriott's Pavilion Hotel. *April 11* is the deadline for abstracts. Send one copy to meeting chair Timothy C. Frazer, Dept. of English, Western Illinois Univ., Macomb IL 61455, and one to ADS Regional Secretary Donald W. Larmouth, Communication Processes, Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay WI 54301-7001.

Membership in MMLA (\$15 full and associate professors, \$12 other faculty, \$8 students) is required. Write MMLA, 423 English/Philosophy Bldg., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242; phone (319) 335-0331.

Future meetings: 1989 Minneapolis, 1990 Kansas City, Missouri.

**South Atlantic Regional Meeting** in association with SAMLA, Nov. 11-13; Washington Hilton Hotel. *April 15* is the deadline for proposals or papers to the meeting chair, William A. Kretzschmar, Jr., English Dept., Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA 30602. Topic: "Perceptions of Dialect."

Membership in SAMLA (\$12 regular, \$5 student) is required. Write SAMLA, CB# 3530, 120 Dey Hall, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC 27599-3530; phone (919) 962-7165.

## NOMINATIONS INVITED

The Nominating Committee will be busy this year, making nominations for three positions:

*Vice President 1989-90*, who will succeed to the presidency in 1991.

*Executive Council member 1989-1992*.

*Member of the Nominating Committee 1989-90*.

Suggestions from the membership at large are not only permitted but welcomed. Send them to any member of the current Nominating Committee:

—A. Murray Kinloch, chair; Dept. of English, Univ. of New Brunswick, P.O. Box 4400, Fredericton N.B. E3B 5A3, Canada.

—Thomas L. Clark, English Dept., Univ. of Nevada, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas NV 89154.

—Mary R. Miller, 2825 - 29th Place N.W., Washington DC 20008.

## AND MORE NOMINATIONS

Again this year three students will be appointed by President Richard W. Bailey as Presidential Honorary Members for four-year terms. The complimentary memberships are intended to encourage outstanding students, whether undergraduate or graduate, to be active in our field and in the Society.

To nominate a student, simply send a letter to Bailey at the Dept. of English Language and Literature, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 48104. Samples of the student's work and other supporting materials may be attached.

Deadline for nominations is August 1. Frankly, however, too many opportunities have been lost by those who thought they would write at the deadline but then forgot. Send your nomination now!



# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

## ADS ANNUAL MEETING 1988

### December 27-30

### New Orleans

**OPTIONS:** As in past years, those who present papers at the 1988 ADS Annual Meeting will have a choice of three venues:



1. An **independent meeting** all day Friday, Dec. 30 at a site to be chosen (probably a hotel where members may stay at special rates).



2. At the **Modern Language Association** meeting, Hilton and Marriott Hotels. Speakers must be MLA members by **April 1** and must pay MLA registration fees.



3. At the **Linguistic Society of America** meeting, Fairmont Hotel. Speakers and audience need not be LSA members, but must pay LSA registration fees.

## DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS:



## MARCH 21 !

Send abstracts to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on cover). You are encouraged to make a proposal even if you do not have a topic fully developed. Please specify your preference of MLA, LSA, or the independent meeting. If you have no strong preference, let the committee assign you a place. Also indicate audio-visual equipment you will need. Program chair: Vice President Thomas Creswell.

## ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Thirteen ADS members attended the annual open meeting of the ADS Executive Council Dec. 29, 1987 at the Hyatt Union Square in San Francisco. Six of the nine Council members were present for this business, presided over by President Richard W. Bailey:

1. Appointment of Lee Pederson to a second three-year term as a trustee of the Hans Kurath Fund for the Linguistic Atlas. The Council also asked for a report on the Fund at its 1988 meeting.

2. Appointment of Guy Bailey, Connie Eble, Ian Hancock and Robert S. Wachal to the *American Speech* editorial advisory board, as recommended by editor Ronald Butters.

3. Appointment of Thomas Clark as delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies 1988-1991.

4. Editor Dennis Baron's report on *PADS*: it needs more manuscripts. Those present suggested sending a notice to dissertation directors, and awarding a prize for the best manuscript offered to *PADS*.

5. Editor Ronald Butters' report on *American Speech*. The Council expressed appreciation for his work, the work of editorial assistant Campbell Aycock, and the support of Duke University.

6. A resolution: "All publications in celebration of the ADS centennial shall be reviewed by the [Centennial] Publications Committee. When officially accepted, these will be identified by the following statement: 'A publication in honor of the Centennial of the American Dialect Society, 1989.'"

7. Authorization of up to \$200 for a centennial logo. Richard Bailey and Thomas Creswell each knew of possible designers and would investigate further.

8. Mary Key and Virginia McDavid to communicate with Audrey Duckert the Council's encouragement for her progress in writing the Centennial History of the society.

9. Approval of a relatively routine budget for 1988: \$7500 for *American Speech*, \$3500 for *PADS*, \$2000 for *NADS*; \$2000 for office expenses, \$500 for annual meetings, \$700 for ACLS and NHA dues, \$2500 for travel, totaling \$18,700.

10. Authorization of an audit of ADS finances every four years, one to be undertaken in 1988.

11. Discussion of publication possibilities for *American Speech* and *PADS*.

## BUSINESS MEETING 1987

At the annual Business Meeting the next morning, the same number of members were present—13. Since a quorum consists of those who attend, business proceeded as usual. In addition to reports from officers and committees,

1. The three Presidential Honorary Members for 1988-1991 were announced: Karen Holm, Erik Thomas, and Andrea Voorhees. (See story below.)

2. No other nominations having been made, Mary R. Miller was declared elected to the Executive Council for 1988-1991.

## NEW HONORARY MEMBERS

At the Annual Meeting 1987, President Richard W. Bailey announced the appointment of three outstanding students as Presidential Honorary Members 1988-1991:

Karen Holm, a graduate student at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, sponsored by Thomas L. Clark. She checked all citations for the letters H-P for the *Dictionary of Gambling and Gaming*. In fall 1988 she will be entering the doctoral program at Stanford.

Erik Thomas, a senior botany major at Duke University, sponsored by Ronald Butters. He read a paper at SAMLA which is to be published in the *Journal of English Linguistics*, and will be presenting another paper at the Chapel Hill spring linguistics colloquium.

Andrea Voorhees, a senior at the University of Michigan, sponsored by Richard W. Bailey. She led a group of students on field interviews comparing the speech of fifth graders in Ontario and Michigan.

**WHIM (World Humor and Irony Membership)** announces its seventh international meeting April 1-4, 1988 at Purdue University. For information write Victor Raskin, Chair, Linguistics Program, Heavilon Hall, English Dept., Purdue Univ., West Lafayette IN 47907. Or telephone him at (317) 494-3780 or 494-3782.

## MORE DISTINGUISHED ADS SCHOLARS

The first seven recipients of the Society's Distinguished Scholar Awards for lifetime achievement in dialect study are Harold Allen, E. Bagby Atwood, Margaret Bryant, Frederic Cassidy, Hans Kurath, Raven I. McDavid, Jr., and Allen Walker Read. Three of the Distinguished Scholars were profiled in NADS 19.1. Here are two more.

### E. Bagby Atwood 1906-1963

#### Gentleman and Scholar

After high school he was educated at Wayland College, Hardin-Simmons, King's College (London), Phillips University (Marburg, West Germany), and the University of Virginia, where he received his Ph.D. in 1932. He began his teaching career at Stanford University, where he was an instructor for three years before joining the Department of English at the University of Texas (Austin) in 1937. Except for an interval when he served as a Red Cross volunteer in World War II, he remained at the University of Texas until the end of his life, serving as a full professor from 1953 on.

Professor Atwood distinguished himself first as a medievalist and then as the leading dialectologist in the Southwest. In addition to Texas, he contributed significantly to the dialectology of other regions such as Virginia and Belgium.

Professor Atwood received many honors. Among them, he held a Du Pont Fellowship at the University of Virginia and a Fulbright Fellowship in Belgium, and he received an honorary Doctor of Letters from Hardin-Simmons University. Three years after his death, with his personal library forming the nucleus, a branch library for the Department of English was established and was named the Atwood Library. He was honored in his own country.

He had numerous publications. Among his books are *A Survey of Verb Forms in the Eastern United States* (1952) and *The Regional Vocabulary of Texas* (1962). This last is of special interest because Atwood used the computer in his work. I was told that he was the first dialectologist to do so. I remember my own amazement as I saw the machine draw a map of Texas and place the usage symbols accurately. In 1964 it was written, "the active and growing program in linguistics at Texas is, in large meas-

ure, a monument to his pioneering efforts in teaching and scholarship in this field."

As a gentleman—we remember him. As a scholar—we honor him. —*Lurline H. Coltharp*

### Margaret M. Bryant

Miss Bryant received her Ph.D. from Columbia in 1931, and that same year she joined Brooklyn College as one of its first teachers. She served four busy decades before her retirement in 1971.

Dr. Bryant has written a dozen books. These include: *English in the Law Courts*, published in 1930 and republished in 1962; *A Functional English Grammar*, which has also been published in Japan; and *Modern English and Its Heritage*.

Her articles are numerous. To illustrate their variety, I shall mention "Equivalents of Please," "The End Preposition," "Had Ought," and "Provided or Providing."

She has lectured in countries around the world: Australia, New Zealand, Burma, Thailand, the Philippines, France, Spain and Sweden.

Perhaps of equal importance are her contributions to scholarly organizations. She has contributed to the American Dialect Society through the years. In 1944, Miss Bryant started collecting proverbs when she was appointed chairman of the Committee on Proverbial Sayings. She and her committee gathered about 200,000 American proverbs. The computer-assisted result may be published soon.

She has twice been president of the American Name Society and is a mainstay of the group. She has served in many capacities in the National Society of Researchers of English. She has worked for the American Association of University Women, serving as president of the New York City Branch, and she was awarded their "Women of Achievement Award." Another award was a Gold Medal from Columbia University. Another was an honorary Doctor of Literature degree. To stay within a reasonable space, I am omitting many of her significant contributions.

Any one of her areas of endeavor would qualify her as distinguished. Her total contributions are impressive, and we are honored to have her as an ADS Distinguished Scholar.—*Lurline Coltharp*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TEACHING

To the Annual Meeting, Dec. 28-30, 1987

By Donald M. Lance

At this time last year, we had a total of approximately 33 articles or proposals on hand and had submitted a prospectus to MLA (August 6). We had heard from some of the readers, and then in January 1987 we received an official response from Joseph Gibaldi, associate director of book publications and research programs for MLA, that the Committee on Teaching and Related Professional Activities had approved our prospectus—with no promise that they would accept the manuscript. They were particularly concerned that we include essays appropriate for teaching minority students and recommended specific guidelines for the essays:

—Essays written for semiprofessional (non-linguist) audience

—Short discussion of subject, followed by lesson plans or activities

—Essays in “lucid, lively prose” avoiding “heavy use of technical jargon”

Of the 33 applicants, five either withdrew or never responded again. However, seven additional essays have been submitted, making now a total of 35 essays, though some of these are not yet in final first-draft form.

The first section of the book will have some overview essays that do not outline specific lessons: a brief history of the teaching of American English (Harold Allen), a brief history of notions of “standard” English (James Sledd), possibly an essay on how “standard” applied to Classical and Vulgar Latin, whence we presumably inherited the notion of “standard English”; an overview of variation in the speech of black Americans (John Baugh); recent research on Gullah (Salikoko Mufwene).

The remaining 30 will pose some challenges for grouping, because some are specialized and some combine features of several of the categories that the editors have been considering for section divisions. The following is a very rough outline of the areas covered:

9 Collecting, analyzing and displaying (e.g. mapping) data

3 Variation in ethnic and creole lects

3 Stereotyping, gender-related lects, linguistic anxiety

2 Variation and historical change

5 Usage and dictionaries

5 Applications in composition classes

1 Analysis of dialect in literature

1 The use of voiceprinting in the analysis of variation

1 Variation in language taught in foreign language classes

Professor Glowka and I apologize to the ADS members who have been waiting as long as four years since submitting the proposal and three years since submitting the first draft. One source of delay has been our need to wheedle essays out of certain very busy individuals in order to get a broader perspective in the book. Another is that we are all extremely busy in our teaching/service/research obligations to our home universities, and consequently some contributors, as well as the editors, have had to let other matters take precedence over this project more often than we had anticipated.

We are now in the process of editing all the manuscripts, as time is available, and sending lists of suggested revisions to the contributors for their approval or rebuttal. Most contributors have been able to respond promptly. Professor Glowka and I are aiming at getting the manuscript in final edited form by the summer. Then we must submit it to MLA again and await their decision.

Though we originally daydreamed of completing the book by 1987, it now appears that the ADS Committee on Teaching will consider this volume as our main contribution to the celebration of the ADS Centennial in 1989, though we are still aiming for a 1988 copyright.

The BBI Combinatory Dictionary of English (John Benjamins) was honored as an innovative dictionary at the English-Speaking Union's English Language Book Competition Nov. 19. Awards were presented at Buckingham Palace by Prince Philip to authors Morton Benson (U. of Pa.), Evelyn Benson (La Salle U.), and Robert Ilson (University Coll., London). The book was announced in *NADS* 19.1.

## MIDWEST CALL FOR PAPERS

Abstracts or proposals, one or two typed pages long, are invited for chapters of a book on Midwestern English to be edited by Timothy C. Frazer of Western Illinois University. Chapters will be 15-30 manuscript pages long.

Frazer's original deadline was December, but he is still looking. Write him promptly at Dept. of English and Journalism, Western Illinois Univ., Macomb IL 61455. He explains:

"The University of Alabama Press has recently published a regionally oriented collection of papers on language variation, Montgomery and Bailey's *Language Variety in the South*. I am planning a somewhat similar collection about the Midwest, but one with a particular thesis: the American 'heartland' is a complex language area affected by divergent settlement history, by social forces acting against assimilation, by the presence of foreign-language groups, by shifting language attitudes and other dynamic variables. The University of Alabama Press has expressed interest in this volume. . . .

"I think such a book is needed. Misperceptions about Midwestern speech persist, even among linguists. For one thing, the myth about 'General American' dies hard, and that mythic dialect is associated very much with the Midwest. The myth of uniformity in Midwestern speech persists even among prominent dialectologists; in his recent *International English*, Peter Trudgill discusses the phones of "US English—Midwest" as if one vast linguistic monolith flourished in the United States' somewhat obscure and rarely visited Middle. . . .

"Chapters might examine regional variation, social variation, ethnic influences, networks, or gender relations peculiar to the region. Chapters dealing with change (or stasis) in the region are of course appropriate. Chapters dealing with dialect perceptions about the area might explain much about the persisting myths mentioned above. . . .

"We do not plan to include any articles previously published elsewhere, but papers from MMLA and other meetings are welcome, with appropriate revision."

## NEW FOR PADS

"Variation and Change in Geographically Isolated Communities: Appalachian English and Ozark English" by Donna Christian, Walt Wolfram and Nanjo Dube will be *Publication of the American Dialect Society* No. 74.

Editor Dennis Baron announced the acceptance and sent the manuscript to the University of Alabama Press in mid-February. It should be published in about a year.

He is still looking for a few good manuscripts for future numbers of our monograph series. Write him at English Department, University of Illinois, 608 S. Wright St., Urbana IL 61801; phone (217) 333-2392.

## SUMMER AT MICHIGAN STATE

### 15th International Systemics Congress

August 8-12, 1988

Beginning and advanced workshops, panels, and papers on or related to systemic theory. Program information available from Peter Fries, Box 310, Mt. Pleasant MI 48858. (The deadline for abstracts was Jan. 1.)

Registration and housing information available from Ruth Brend, Dept. of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State Univ., A-615 Wells Hall, East Lansing MI 48824-1027. Phone (517) 353-0741 or (313) 665-2787.

### 15th Annual LACUS Forum

August 16-20, 1988

Linguistic Association of Canada and the United States. Papers on any area of theoretical and applied linguistics by members of the Association. (The deadline for abstracts was Jan. 31.)

Registration to Valerie Makkai, LACUS, P.O. Box 101, Lake Bluff IL 60044 by June 15. Further information from David Lockwood or Ruth Brend, Dept. of Linguistics and Languages, Michigan State Univ., A-615 Wells Hall, East Lansing MI 48824-1027.

## IDEAS FOR THE 1989 ADS CENTENNIAL

Mary Ritchie Key, Centennial Committee chair, presented the following list of possible functions and contributions of Centennial Committees at the 1987 Annual Meeting in San Francisco. "Please note that these suggestions are open for discussion," she wrote. All members are invited to join in the discussion—just get in touch with the chair of the appropriate committee.

These are her suggestions:

1. **Publications:** John Algeo, Dept. of English, Park Hall, Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA 30602. — Note his brainstormed list published in *NADS* 19.1.
2. **Centennial History:** Audrey R. Duckert, One Maplewood Terrace, Hadley MA 01035. — A written record of 100 years of ADS.
3. **National Archive:** Mary R. Miller, 2825 - 29th Place N.W., Washington DC 20008. — To explore the possibilities and hunt for a permanent location for archiving members' research files when people retire.
4. **Cambridge Celebration:** David K. Barnhart, Lexik House, P.O. Box 247, Cold Spring NY 10516. — To plan a gathering of joyous remembrance at the site of the first meeting, with a challenge to the next generation for the century to come.
5. **Advance Planning for 1989 Annual Meeting:** Richard W. Bailey, Dept. of English Language and Literature, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 48109. — To work with the chair who will be chosen for the 1989 meeting. Since this is a special meeting, it deserves more thought and ahead-planning.
6. **DARE Celebration:** Joan Hall, 2724 Regent St., Madison WI 53705. Other volumes will be off the press by then. To work with chairs of other meetings to acknowledge this project and perhaps plan extra special dedications.
7. **Regional Conferences:** Thomas L. Clark, English Dept., Univ. of Nevada, 4505 Maryland Parkway, Las Vegas NV 89154. — Special regional conferences in 1989, with the Executive Secretary as guest at all the conferences he can attend. Also inasmuch as possible, the President of the ADS for that year. A volume prepared by various members giving a summary of the work of the past century.
8. **English in the Americas:** Garland Cannon,

English Dept., Texas A&M Univ., College Station TX 77843. — Subcommittees: a. Languages in Contact: American Indian, Eskimo, German, French, Spanish, etc. And now Vietnamese! Chair: C. Richard Beam, 406 Spring Drive, Millersville PA 17551. b. English as the national language in the U.S. (neutral position). c. English as a world language (neutral position). d. Teaching about dialects. Chair: Donald M. Lance, English Dept., 231 Arts & Science Bldg., Univ. of Missouri, Columbia MO 65211.

9. **Dictionary Committee:** Roger J. Steiner, Dept. of Linguistics, Univ. of Delaware, Newark DE 19716. — Publish "state-of-the-art" material? Write blurbs for Publicity and Documentary committees.

10. **Atlas Committee:** Virginia G. McDavid, 5736 S. Blackstone Ave., Chicago IL 60637. — A presentation at the Cambridge meeting. Survey of current research and future activities. Prepare hand-out for various meetings of the year.

11. **Sister Organizations:** Connie C. Eble, English Dept., Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill NC 27514. — To make contacts for little "spots" of emphasis on dialects during meetings in 1989. Encourage/promote special issue on dialects, if they have a journal.

12. **Dialect Research in Other Countries:** Mary Ritchie Key, Program in Linguistics, Univ. of California, Irvine CA 92717, and William G. Moulton, James Loeb Strasse 5, D-8110 Murnau, West Germany. — To report on the work being done in other countries. Publish a collection, under 1 above.

13. **Publicity:** William Kretzschmar, Jr., English Dept., Univ. of Georgia, Athens GA 30602. — To prepare PR paragraphs which can be sent out to newspapers. By regions, locate members and publicize their publications and dialect work in the local papers. And radio/TV?

14. **Documentaries:** Donna Christian, Center for Applied Linguistics, 1118 - 22nd St. N.W., Washington DC 20037. — Prepare "Centennial Commemorative Cassette" from the material in the Library of Congress. Radio and TV spots (with illustrations of dialect differences). In coordination with Publicity Committee: newspaper releases, interviews, etc. aimed at the regional membership and their media.



**15. Research:** Dennis R. Preston, 6960 Hickory Run, Superior Township, Ypsilanti MI 48198. — A view of the next century. A computer component of the Research Committee.

**16. Life Membership:** Lurline H. Coltharp. — Attract new memberships. Prepare some figures/

statistics/interesting items about the century-old membership.

**17. Finance:** Thomas J. Creswell, R.R. 2 Box 184, Michigan City IN 46360. — The bottom line! What do we want to budget? And how do we get it?

## LANCE, SMITH LOCATE SARAH'S PAST IN PENNSYLVANIA

"SARAH GRAY," a woman in her 30s, came to Columbia, Mo. last Oct. 14 with a memory that went back only a few months. Her past was a mystery to herself and everyone else until two ADS members located her linguistic origins in western Pennsylvania.

Donald Lance of the University of Missouri, Columbia was the principal investigator. Here is the story as reported by Henri Rix in the *Kansas City Star*:

"Columbia police and other authorities were getting nowhere fast when Nancy Lankford had an idea. Lankford, associate director of the Western Historical Manuscript Collection at the University of Missouri-Columbia, had met [Sarah] and noticed her distinctive speech style. Lankford suggested calling in a friend who was a dialectologist.

"Enter Donald M. Lance, an English professor at MU with a keen ear for language characteristics. Lankford arranged a meeting and Lance interviewed [Sarah] in mid-November.

" 'Someone had suggested that Sarah was from Canada,' Lance said. 'I went in ready to hear "about the hoose." Within two or three sentences, however, I thought she had a western Pennsylvania dialect. She pronounced "cot" like "caught," a tell-tale sign of western Pennsylvania, although it also can indicate areas of California and New Jersey.'

"Lance consulted a former colleague, Riley B. Smith, an associate professor of English at Bloomsburg University in Bloomsburg, Pa. Smith advised Lance to conduct another interview and record [Sarah's] voice. Turning to linguistic atlases, Lance drew up pronunciation and vocabulary lists.

"In their second meeting, Lance asked [Sarah] to use a selection of words in sentences so that he could note her pronunciation. Then he asked her to name a series of objects he had selected because the items

had forms specific to western Pennsylvania.

" 'In Sarah's case, pronunciation was more important than word usage,' Lance said. 'For example, she pronounced "greasy" as "greezy," which indicated western Pennsylvania.'

" . . . Acting upon his interpretation, Columbia police contacted Pittsburgh police, who distributed information about the woman.

"On Dec. 31, [Sarah]'s sister in Clearfield, Pa., contacted Pittsburgh police, identifying Sarah Gray as 38-year-old Marylouise Moskel.

"Police in Columbia and Kansas City, as well as the FBI, say they've never heard of a linguist assisting in an investigation. Neither has Lance. Now he's considering writing a dialect identification guide should the need for such arise again.

"As for Moskel, she left Columbia for parts unknown on Jan. 8."

### OUR NEW BOOKS

*If you have recently published a book, send pertinent information to Executive Secretary Allan Metcalf (address on cover), and we'll mention it here.*

Thomas L. Clark. *Dictionary of Gambling & Gaming*. Lexik House (P.O. Box 247, Cold Spring, N.Y. 10516), 1987. 286 pp. \$48. More than 5500 entries.

Charles F. Meyer. *A Linguistic Study of American Punctuation*. New York: Peter Lang, 1987. xv + 159 pp. \$20 (estimated).

Lewis J. Poteet and Aaron C. Poteet. *The Hockey Phrase Book*. Montreal: Eden Press, 1987. 64 pp. \$6.95 Canadian. To be distributed in the United States by Univ. of Toronto Press, 340 Nagel Drive, Cheektowaga NY 14225.

## THE INAUGURAL PARADE

Three delegates represented the ADS at inaugurations in 1987:

*Virginia McDavid* at the inauguration of Gordon H. Lamb as president of Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, April 5. "It was a properly impressive occasion, and one followed by a lavish buffet. I saw several old friends, to my delight. Northeastern began as a branch of my old school."

*Boyd Davis* at the inauguration of M. Christopher White as tenth president of Gardner-Webb College, April 8. "A death in the family prevented my participation in the inauguration. Dr. Joseph Patterson, of Celanese-Hoechst, who was representing Centre College, agreed to bear greetings from the ADS as well. Roughly 200 academics in splendid regalia represented academic institutions and societies at the

### NEW SERIES IN ETYMOLOGY

Gerald Cohen, editor and publisher of the journal *Comments on Etymology*, is at it again—this time with a new monograph series entitled *Etymology and Linguistic Principles*. Cohen explains:

"Yakov Malkiel's 1975 *Lingua* article, 'Etymology and Modern Linguistics,' deplores the divorce of etymological and general linguistic research, calling for each to shed light on the other. The present monograph series is being started as an experiment to see where the vigorous effort to carry out Malkiel's directive may lead."

Volume 1 (1988) has 152 pages, articles by Malkiel, Nathan Süsskind and Gary Bertrand, and 13 articles by Cohen. It is available for \$15 plus \$1.50 for postage and handling from Prof. Gerald Cohen, Dept. of Applied Arts and Cultural Studies, Univ. of Missouri, Rolla MO 65401. Make checks payable to *Etymology and Linguistic Principles*.

### ADS OFFICERS 1988

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 (1988), David K. Barnhart (1989), Mary Ritchie Key (1990), Mary R. Miller (1991)

inauguration. Gardner-Webb is located in Boiling Springs, N.C., a town whose name preserves its earlier history, noted by settlers and those in search of healing waters. Begun as a two-year institution, this private, Baptist-affiliated college has since won four-year accreditation and prizes its emphasis on the liberal arts. This emphasis was underscored in the address by Dick Spangler, president of the Consolidated University of North Carolina. New to but firm in his office, Spangler has ties to the region Gardner-Webb supports in the foothills of the Western Carolina Appalachians. The most recent snows had melted; the dogwood and azaleas were in full bloom, and the town stopped to note the inauguration ceremonies and festivities."

*Allen Walker Read* at the inauguration of Augusta Souza Kappner as fifth president of the Borough of Manhattan Community College (City University of New York), October 14, "marching in a procession of gaudily hooded academics. There were many eloquent speeches of a populist tendency, as this college draws its students mostly from blighted sections of lower Manhattan. The ADS has a deep interest in the speech of this segment of the population."

### COMING IN AMERICAN SPEECH

Spring 1988

"Chinese Borrowings in English," GARLAND CANNON; "The Commingling of Orality and Literacy in Giving a Paper at a Scholarly Conference," DEBORAH TANNEN; "Cutting English on the Bias: Five Lexicographers in Pursuit of the New," JOHN WILLINSKY; "Among the New Words," JOHN ALGEO.

Reviews of Mark Newbrook, *Socollinguis-tic Reflexes of Dialect Interference in West Wirral*; John Harris, *Phonological Variation and Change: Studies in Hiberno-English*; Peter Trudgill, *Dialects in Contact*; Ingrid Neumann, *Le créole de Breaux Bridge, Louisiane*; Richard M. Lederer, Jr., *Colonial American English*.

Miscellany.

## FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1987

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1985</b>
Dues net .....	\$14,493.58	\$22,883.84	\$14,617.76
Sales of back issues and subscriptions .....	12.00	38.00	19.00
Gifts .....	108.00	100.00	1,001.10
Royalties from University of Alabama Press .....	420.24	717.65	504.98
Sale of mailing labels .....	40.00	40.00	60.00
Computer use .....	10.00	—	—
From Kurath Fund for expenses .....	—	—	20.00
Interest .....	<u>3,824.96</u>	<u>4,076.58</u>	<u>4,308.16</u>
<b>Total receipts</b> .....	<b>\$18,908.78</b>	<b>\$27,856.07</b>	<b>\$20,531.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
<i>American Speech</i> , Vol. 62 .....	\$7,035.66	\$7,465.86	\$7,253.24
<i>PADS</i> No. 73 .....	3,491.65	68.40	3,816.64
<i>Newsletter</i> , Vol. 19 (includes \$947.50 postage) .....	<u>1,956.60</u>	<u>1,945.66</u>	<u>1,744.05</u>
<b>Total publications expense</b> .....	<b>\$12,483.91</b>	<b>\$9,479.92</b>	<b>\$12,813.93</b>
ACLS dues .....	—	\$400.00	\$400.00
ACLS travel (Washington, D.C. \$257.74, Seattle \$126.50) .....	384.24	364.43	407.94
Other Executive Secretary travel (Philadelphia summer meeting \$66.98, Los Angeles NCTE meeting \$367.20, San Francisco annual meeting \$489.00) .....	923.18	1,431.66	623.58
Annual Meeting expenses .....	1,400.40	615.07	144.85
National Humanities Alliance contribution .....	300.00	300.00	200.00
Assistance for Midwest Regional Meeting .....	90.00	—	—
Postage (excluding <i>NADS</i> ) .....	227.47	319.41	374.20
Telephone .....	91.66	65.28	176.89
Office expenses (including shipping and labor) .....	1,018.28	159.19	224.64
Computer (one-time purchase in 1987 and upkeep) .....	8,274.40	364.00	—
Misc. printing (stationery, dues notices, etc.) .....	59.14	80.84	233.47
Bank service charges, accounting fees .....	16.49	24.64	31.52
Support for journal editors .....	289.02	20.00	64.04
Advertising, promotion .....	60.00	—	61.90
Support for summer meetings .....	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	—
<b>Total operating expenses</b> .....	<b>\$13,634.28</b>	<b>\$4,644.52</b>	<b>\$2,943.03</b>
<b>Total expenses</b> .....	<b>\$26,118.19</b>	<b>\$14,124.44</b>	<b>\$15,756.96</b>
Excess of receipts over expenses .....	(-\$7,209.41)	\$13,731.63	\$4,774.04
<b>BANK BALANCES DECEMBER 31</b>			
	<b>1987</b>	<b>1986</b>	<b>1985</b>
Savings certificates .....	\$33,500.00	\$33,500.00	\$33,500.00
Savings account .....	23,832.44	30,907.79	16,688.80
Checking account .....	<u>74.39</u>	<u>236.41</u>	<u>764.67</u>
<b>Total on hand</b> .....	<b>\$57,406.83</b>	<b>\$64,644.20</b>	<b>\$50,953.47</b>

## DARE HUNTS THE SOLDIER: NO. 26 IN A SERIES

**NO QUERIES** in the last issue, but here we come again. Your answers are helpful and gratefully received. As usual, address to Prof. F.G. Cassidy, *DARE*, 6123 Helen White Hall, 600 North Park St., Madison, WI 53706.

**egg stove**—a disagreement of sources, OH, PA, and MD. One says the stove was shaped like an egg; another, that it burned egg coal; the third, that it was a wood-burning stove. Can someone sort this out?

**fleering**—ppl. adj., meaning sneering, contemptuous; used of a remark, of laughter, etc. Our quotes are only from 1815 and 1879 but it seems current. Can anyone furnish twentieth-century examples? Latest *OED* quote is 1890; nothing in *OED Supplement*.

**flurd**—a dust roll (under furniture, beds). Our only informant (1982) says it's an Oklahoma and Texas word, but we need further evidence, confirmation or contradiction.

**foot-off-and-foot-on**—In 1969 a Barnegat, NJ informant reported that this is a children's outdoor game but did not say how it is played. Does anyone know it? Where else is or was it played?

**hunt the soldier**—another game. From the *Baltimore Sun* (1934) we have: "I exclaim . . . about the disappearance from the modern spring picture of grace hoops, mumblety peg, I spy, kick the wicket, hunt the soldier," etc. Where and how was *hunt the soldier* played?

**drop the hat**—another game. We have one quote from Appalachia and one from Illinois but neither explains how to play it.

**droplets**—To *DARE* question, "Jewelry that a woman wears on her ears," we have *droplets* as the answer once only (1968 Minnesota, old, rural). Is the term used elsewhere?

**dumb-devil**—Surprisingly, Brown's *North Carolina Folklore* is our only source for this: a noisemaking device used at shivarees and similar occasions. We need more on it: how it was made and used, where and when.

**hand pie**—The *DARE* informant from Hardshell, KY said in 1967 that a hand pie is "made of dried apples." That's all the evidence we have. Is the

term familiar to our readers? Can anyone explain "hand"?

**hinkers**—said by our informant from Cheyenne Wells, Colorado (1967) to be "The posts standing in the water that landing piers rest on." That's all we have. Can anyone confirm or cast light?

**gemeinde**—apparently a parish meeting of some sort: "West gemeinde was at Mrs. Ella Hochstetter's; Middle gemeinde will be . . . etc.; East gemeinde will be . . ." In what church does this organization exist? Where is the term used?

### ADS AT NCTE

November 18-20, St. Louis

ADS-sponsored session. *Chair*: DONALD M. LANCE, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia. *Associate Chair*: HAROLD L. LUTENBACHER, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia. *Recorder*: JO ANN VOGT, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

#### Program:

"Floating with Huck and Jim: Taking Note of the Dialects in *Huckleberry Finn*." LINDA MORROW, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

"An Inquiry into the Validity of Linguistic and Nonlinguistic Criteria for Distinguishing American Dialects (Using Appalachian Informants)." JAY ROBERT REESE, East Tennessee State Univ.

"Stylistic Differences Across the Disciplines: How Information Management Affects Sentence Structure." KIM BRIAN LOVEJOY, Indiana Univ., Indianapolis.

American Name Society program at NCTE Convention: "Teacher Attitudes Toward Names" by Laurence E. Seits, Waubesa Community Coll.; "Changes in Christian Names and Surnames in Appalachia" by R. Chelsa Sharp, East Tennessee State Univ.; "Names and Personality in Adolescent Novels" by Mark W. Vogel and Dana Fox, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

*Future meetings*: 1989 Baltimore, 1990 Atlanta.