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Dear Member:

By the time you receive this issue of the Newsletter, you should have also received your invoice for the 1970 publication year. I would like to remind all members that publication is behind schedule for PADS and that, therefore, we bill by the publication year rather than the calendar year. The publication year includes two issues of PADS, the most recent issue being Volume 52 dated November 1969. If you have not received Volume 52, please notify us. Volume 53 and 54 will come out in 1970. When we are back on schedule, you will receive PADS twice a year, in April and November.

I would also like to point out that the dues for the American Dialect Society were raised by the Executive Council at the annual meeting last December to \$10 per year and \$5 for students. Some people had already paid \$5 for this coming year, and we invoiced them for the additional \$5 only.

--Editor

1971 MLA/ADS ANNUAL MEETING

The American Dialect Society will hold two sessions during the MLA meeting in Chicago, Illinois. The first meeting will be on December 26 (THE DAY BEFORE MLA BEGINS) from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; the second on December 27, 1971, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Both sessions will be in the Crystal Room of the Palmer House Hotel. Papers will be given as follows:

First Session: December 26, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

"Black English from a Historical Perspective." Val Helquist,  
Thiokol Chemical Corporation.

"Inside the Interview: A Model and a Method." Melvin J. Hoffman,  
State University College at Buffalo.

- "A Sociolinguistic Investigation of the Productive Acquisition of a School Language Instruction Register by Black Children." Johanna S. De Stefano, The Ohio State University.
- "Verbal and Kinesic Correlations in Dialect Switching." Walburga von Raffler Engel, Vanderbilt University.
- "Graduate Students Investigate English Usage in the 'U.P.' of Michigan." Stewart Kingsbury and Zacharias Thundyil, Northern Michigan University.
- "Differences between Written and Spoken Languages." Mary Ritchie Key, University of California at Irvine.
- "Comparative Expressions from the South Midlands." Dennis R. Preston, State University College at Fredonia.
- "From Blinky to Blue-John: Some Northeast Texas Isoglosses." Fred Tarpley, East Texas State University.
- "On Short Workshops in Regional and Social Dialects for K-12 Teachers." Thomas L. Clark, University of Nevada.

A public discussion of the future of the ADS will follow these papers.

Second Session: December 27, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

- "Slip as a Combining Form in English." W. Bruce Finnie, University of Delaware.
- "On the 'Uniquity' of One and Own in a Pandialectal Grammar of English." Curt M. Rulon, North Texas State University.
- "The Dialect Areas of Southern Illinois." Timothy C. Frazer, Millikan University.
- "Syntactic Indicators of Social Class Membership." R. E. Callary, Northern Illinois University.
- "Appalachian Speech in Chicago: an Approach to Structural Dialectology." Lawrence M. Davis, Illinois Institute of Technology.

Following these papers, the ADS business meeting will be held. An important item on the agenda is the newly revised ADS Constitution, as follows:

A PROPOSED CONSTITUTION FOR THE AMERICAN  
DIALECT SOCIETY

I. Name

The name of this association shall be the American Dialect Society.

## II. Purpose

The American Dialect Society is a not-for-profit organization whose object is the study of the English language in North America, together with other languages influencing it or influenced by it.

## III. Membership

1. Active membership shall be open to all persons interested in the object of the Society.
2. A person may become a life member by paying an amount set by the Executive Council. A life member shall be exempt from further payment of dues.

## IV. Annual Meeting

The Society shall hold an Annual Meeting at such time and place as the Executive Council shall determine. The Business Meeting shall be held during the Annual Meeting. Those members in good standing present at the Business Meeting shall constitute a quorum.

## V. Officers

1. The officers of the Society shall be a Vice-President, a President, and a Past President. Each shall hold office for two years beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting at which the Vice-President is elected.
2. The Vice-President shall serve as the chairman of the program committee for the Annual Meeting and shall perform the functions of the President during the latter's absence or inability to serve.
3. The President shall preside at the Annual Meeting and at meetings of the Executive Council. He shall appoint any committees as authorized by the Council. He, or his appointed delegate, shall represent the Society in appropriate official functions. He shall work with the Executive Secretary to promote the interests of the Society.
4. The Past President shall act as the liaison officer between the Society and the regional secretaries and at the Annual Meeting shall report upon their activities.

## VI. Executive Council

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The Newsletter of the American Dialect Society (NADS) is published three times a year, in February, June, and November, at the Center for Applied Linguistics, 1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20036.

The editor, A. Hood Roberts, (1) would be happy to receive news of the activities of ADS members and comments and suggestions from them; (2) hopes to be able to provide information concerning recently completed research; and (3) invites the readers to use the queries section for certain of their specialized inquiries to the membership as a whole.

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1. There shall be an Executive Council, composed of the three officers, the delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies, and three members-at-large.
2. The Executive Council shall convene during the Annual Meeting and at such other times as may be desirable and convenient. No member of the Executive Council may be represented by a proxy. Four members shall constitute a quorum.
3. When necessary, vote upon an immediate matter may be taken by means of a mail ballot to be distributed by the Executive Secretary. For a mail vote five affirmatives shall be required for passage.
4. The Executive Council shall direct the activities of the Society within the general policies determined by the membership.
5. The Executive Council shall appoint an Executive Secretary under such arrangements as the situation may require. The Executive Secretary shall have the functions of a secretary-treasurer and shall serve as secretary of the Annual Meeting and of the meetings of the Executive Council. He will be an ex officio but non-voting member of the Executive Council.
6. The Executive Committee shall authorize the formation of any committees not provided for in this Constitution.
7. The Executive Council shall fill any vacancy occurring in the Nominating Committee.

## VII. Elections

1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members. At the Executive Council's meeting prior to the Annual Meeting at which the Vice-President is elected, the chairman of the Nominating Committee shall be chosen from among the three members of the previous Nominating Committee.
2. Not later than the September 1 prior to the election of the Vice-President the Nominating Committee shall declare to the Executive Secretary its nominee for the Vice-Presidency; and the Executive Secretary shall so inform the Society membership by mail or through the Newsletter no later than October 15. Additional nominations may be made by a petition signed by at least ten members in good standing, such petition to be received by the Executive Secretary by December 10. Election shall occur during the Annual Meeting.

## VIII. Amendments

Proposed amendments to this Constitution must be approved by four members of the Executive Council or submitted in a petition to the President not less than sixty days prior to the Annual Meeting. The petition must be signed by at least ten members in good standing. Ratification of an amendment shall require a two-thirds vote of the members in good standing at the Annual Meeting.

## By-Laws

### I. Membership and Dues

1. Membership dues shall be for the calendar year.
2. Dues shall be set by the Executive Council.
3. Non-voting institutional membership shall be available to non-profit institutions and agencies, with dues to be set by the Executive Council.

### II. Publications

1. The Executive Council shall appoint the editor of PADS, whose term of office shall be five years, and shall be subject to renewal once. After consultation with and upon the advice of the editor the Executive Council may appoint an associate editor when such appointment is considered desirable. After consultation with and upon the advice of the editor the Executive Council shall appoint

a publications committee of not fewer than three members for the purpose of advising the editor upon submitted manuscripts and matters of policy.

2. The Executive Council shall appoint the editor of any other journal that may be authorized by the Society. His term likewise shall extend for no more than five years, but it may not be concurrent with that of the editor of PADS. In cooperation with the editor the Executive Council shall appoint such associate and special editors as the journal may require.

3. The editor of PADS, and the editor of any other serial publication of the Society, shall make an annual report in person to the Executive Council. A written copy of such report shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

#### Regional Meetings

1. The Executive Council may authorize the holding of regional meetings of the Society. Such regional meetings may be held during the conventions of the regional associations affiliated with the Modern Language Association or of the Canadian Linguistic Association or upon such other occasion as may seem desirable.

2. To facilitate the holding of regional meetings the Executive Secretary shall appoint regional secretaries, one for Canada and one for each region in which there is an affiliate of the Modern Language Association. A regional secretary shall hold office for a term of three years, which shall be subject to one renewal. He shall have the responsibility of serving as liaison with the Canadian Linguistic Association or with the regional Modern Language Association affiliate and shall plan the program for the regional meeting with the assistance and counsel of the regional chairman.

3. At the regional meeting the Society members in good standing who are present shall elect a chairman whose responsibility will be to preside at the next annual meeting and to assist the regional secretary in planning the program.

4. Not later than December 1 each regional secretary shall report to the Past President the regional program and other relevant information. The Executive Council may invite regional secretaries to report in person at a Council meeting in order to consider matters of regional import.

ACLS Delegate

At the appropriate time the Executive Council shall appoint a member to serve the customary four-year term as the Society's delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies. Such a delegate shall not be eligible to reappointment.

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended by a majority of members in good standing present at an annual meeting.

MEMORANDUM TO NORTHEAST ADS MEMBERS

There will be an ADS meeting in conjunction with the spring meeting of the Northeast Modern Language Association on April 7-8, 1972, at Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, New York. NEMLA, the newest of the regional organizations, is pleased at the prospect of ADS joining its meeting; they are also scheduling a section on Linguistics and Literature and one on General Linguistics.

We hope eventually to have a smooth-running regional organization, but in order to meet deadlines for the first year, I have assumed responsibility for assembling the program and have appointed Allen Walker Read (Columbia) to chair it. He will appoint a nominating committee that will present a candidate for the next year's chairmanship, to be elected by the assemblage in April.

There will be time for three papers in our first meeting. Anyone wishing to read one should send an abstract to me by November 25 at the latest. Final deadline for program material is December 1. Further details will appear in the next ADS Newsletter.--

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ADS/SOUTH ATLANTIC MLA MEETING

The ADS (South-Atlantic Section) held its meeting on Saturday,

November 6, with the following papers given:

- "French-English Literary Dialect in George Washington Cable's Novel The Grandissimes." William Evans, Louisiana State University.
- "DARE In Louisiana." August Rubrecht, University of Florida.
- "The Progress of DARE." Frederic G. Cassidy, University of Wisconsin.
- "Evidence." Raven I. McDavid, Jr., University of Chicago.

#### PROFESSOR KEMP MALONE DIES

Dr. Kemp Malone, the world authority on Chaucer and a professor at Johns Hopkins University for 30 years, died October 13 at his home in Eastport, Maine, after suffering two strokes. Dr. Malone was 82 years old. In successive years, he had served as president of the American Dialect Society, Modern Language Association, Linguistic Society of America, the American Name Society, and the Modern Humanities Research Association. He was also etymology editor of the American College Dictionary.

#### 1971 INAUGURATION DELEGATES

The following members represented the American Dialect Society in inaugural processions:

Allen Walker Read at the inauguration of Edgar D. Draper as Third President of the Borough of Manhattan Community College on October 29, 1971;

John S. Tong at the inauguration of John Paul Schaefer as President of the University of Arizona on October 29, 1971.

#### NCTE AIDS RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board of Trustees of the Research Foundation of NCTE has given grants-in-aid to the following:

Alva L. Davis, Illinois Institute of Technology, for a project for the Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States;

Lee A. Pederson, Emory University, for a project, "The Speech of

Eastern Tennessee: Regional and Social Dialect Markers in Southern Appalachia," for the same Atlas;

Gordon R. Wood, Southern Illinois University, for a computer study, "Word Frequencies in Recorded English Discourse."

#### BOOK NOTICES

Hans Kurath, et al., Linguistic Atlas of New England. Also, Handbook of the Linguistic Geography of New England.

Available from: AMS Press, Inc.  
56 East 13th Street  
New York, New York 10003  
17 Conduit Street  
London, W. 1, England  
P. O. Box 317  
Toronto Dominion Centre  
Toronto 111, Ontario, Canada

The Linguistic Atlas of New England was the first systematic study of dialect differences in English and has come to be recognized as the most significant project of its kind in the 20th century. As the pioneer volumes of the projected Linguistic Atlas of the United States and Canada, the LANE constitutes a model for all such future work in the English-speaking community. This is the only reprinting of the Atlas since its first, limited edition of 200 copies more than 30 years ago. The set of six buckram-bound volumes has a list price of \$550. A special introductory offer of \$465 is valid until January 31, 1972.

The Handbook is a second edition with a new introduction and reverse index of LANE maps to worksheets by Raven I. McDavid, Jr. and an inventory of LANE maps and commentary, together with a word index, edited with introduction by Audrey R. Duckert. The Handbook will be available February 1972 for \$15.00--from the publisher's announcement.

L. M. Davis, ed., Studies in Linguistics in Honor of Raven I. McDavid, Jr.

Available from: University of Alabama Press  
Drawer 2877  
University, Alabama 35486 (\$17.50)

This volume, containing articles by 37 distinguished linguists, was published on October 16, 1971, in honor of Raven McDavid Jr.'s 60th birthday. Sixteen of the articles are on dialectology, eleven on the structure of English, and nine on the history of American English. Authors include: Harold Allen, Frederic Cassidy, William Labov, Henry Lee Smith, Paul Garvin, Roger Shuy, Josef Vachek, and George Trager.

C. T. Onions, Modern English Syntax

Available from: St. Martin's Press  
175 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York 10010 (\$5.95)

At the time of his death, C. T. Onions was deeply engaged in writing a new revised edition of his widely adopted (six editions) An Advanced English Syntax. The work was taken up by B. D. H. Miller, who, with the aid of the enormous supply of materials left by Dr. Onions, succeeded in completing it this year.

In a systematic form in accordance with traditional principles of grammar, this newly revised edition presents the main aspects of current English syntax. Beginning with a full scheme of sentence analysis, the book then divides into a study of the way words are used based on sentence analysis and an examination of such usages of form as case, voice, tense, and mood. The survey is reinforced by historical matter which serves to explain important aspects of syntax development. Archaic and obsolete constructions are also considered so that Modern English Syntax can be used as an introduction to the study of early modern English.--from the publisher's release.

BEST SELLER LIST FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF ENGLISH

The following sixteen books, listed in order of priority, were the best selling NCTE books for the period August 1, 1970, through July 31, 1971.

On Writing Behavioral Objectives for English. Edited by John Maxwell and Anthony Tovatt. 1970.

Dramatizes the problems caused when the current pressure to define the goals of instruction in terms of visible behaviors by students is applied to a humanistic subject such as English.

Discovering American Dialects. Roger Shuy, 1967.

A discussion of dialect regions and varieties. Its aim is to help teachers develop in students a healthy attitude toward the diversity of American speech in place of the language prejudice that has been evident in much of past education.

The Students' Right to Read.

Includes defenses by leading educators of the student's right of access to literature. Suggests steps English departments and school administrators should take to defend themselves against censorship attempts.

The Study of Nonstandard English. William Labov. 1970.

Result of years of study of the language of New York's slums and ghettos. Offers guidelines for teachers attempting to understand the structure of pupils' nonstandard speech.

Literature and the English Department. Barrett John Mandel. 1970.

Appeals to college English departments to break with the formulas that have allowed them for years to concentrate on the few students who may aspire to become literary critics or grammarians while ignoring the majority who need a personal, living relationship with literature.

Classroom Practices in Teaching English. Edited by Edward Fagan and Jean Vandell. 1970-71.

What Every English Teacher Should Know. J. N. Hook, Paul Jacobs, and Raymond Crisp.

Ideas for Teaching English, Grades 7-8-9. Edited by Ruth Reeves.

Growth through English. John Dixon.

Negro Literature for High School Students. Barbara Dodds.

A Guide for Evaluating Student Composition. Edited by Sister Judine.

We Build Together--A Reader's Guide to Negro Life and Literature for Elementary and High School Use. Edited by Charlemae Rollins.

High Interest--Easy Reading for Junior and Senior High School Reluctant Readers. Raymond Emery and Margaret Houshower.

From Thoughts to Words. Marlene Glaus.

Book Selection Media. Ralph Perkins.

Creativity in the English Program. Rodney Smith.

#### PUBLICATIONS

J. Windsor Lewis. "The American and British Accents of English," English Language Teaching. Vol. XXV (June 1971), 239-48.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The American Dialect Society and the Columbia University Press have reached an agreement whereby the quarterly American Speech will become an official journal of the Society. The Press will continue as publisher; the Society will provide editorial direction. Under the new editor, John Algeo (University of Georgia) and his assistant editors, James Hartman (University of Kansas) and Murray Kinloch (University of New Brunswick, Canada), American Speech will serve as the Society's journal for shorter articles, while the Publications of the American Dialect Society, under the editorship of Virginia McDavid, will be devoted to major research essays and monographs.

Members will receive copies of American Speech beginning with the issue for February 1970.

Harold B. Allen  
President  
American Dialect Society

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