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(See Vol. 8, No. 1, April 1976, for list of 1976 ADS officers and editors)
SUMMER MEETING CANCELED

Because of low response to the last-minute call for papers (only one abstract was submitted), chairman Dennis Preston announced that the ADS Summer Meeting, scheduled for July 29 at Oswego, N.Y. in association with the Linguistic Institute and the LSA Summer Meeting, has been canceled.

Late calls for papers should be a thing of the past. The Newsletter will try to inform readers at least three or four months in advance of all deadlines. Note that this issue (p. 5) announces the abstracts deadline for the April 1977 Northeast Regional Meeting. This is just the beginning.

DUES NOTICE

This issue contains, as a detachable centerfold, the DUES NOTICE for the newly attained membership year of 1974. It is the official notification that memberships and institutional subscriptions must now be renewed. All who belong or subscribe, therefore, are asked to fill out the form, enclose remittance, and return it promptly. Payment includes, of course, not just a subscription to this Newsletter, but also American Speech and PADS, the right to present papers at ADS meetings and to hold ADS office, the opportunity to be surveyed about the Newsletter, and so on.

You are invited to make a Xerox copy and invite a friend to join the ADS, too, at the start of this new membership year.

The dues notice detaches without in the least mutilating this issue.

LANCS SESSION AT NCTE

The National Council of Teachers of English has reserved a special session during its annual meeting November 25-27 at the Palmer House, Chicago, for a report on the rapidly-progressing Linguistic Atlas of the North Central States. Speakers at the session on "The Language of the North-Central States" will be Harold Allen, Univ. of Minnesota; Audrey Duckert, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst, and Richard Payne, Univ. of Chicago. Chairman of the session is Raven I. McDavid, Univ. of Chicago.

The tentative plan, Payne reports, is for Allen to talk about the past history of the LANCS project, Payne to talk about editorial plans, and Duckert to talk about the importance of the project and its implications for the study of American English.

GRANT ENABLES MICROFILM PUBLICATION OF LANCS FIELD RECORDS

A $3000 grant from the NCTE Research Foundation, together with acceptance in the University of Chicago Library's Microfilm Collection of Manuscripts on Cultural Anthropology, has made possible the microfilm publication this fall of the field records of the Linguistic Atlas of the North-Central States.

The NCTE grant, announced April 14, will pay for student assistance this summer in preparing the LANCS records for microfilming: collating the late Albert H. Marekwardt's copy with that in the possession of the University of Chicago, and renumbering to accommodate a larger body of data than had originally been foreseen. Each of the two sets of records has about 40,000 pages.

After this preparation, the records will then be microfilmed as Series 34, Items 200ff in the Microfilm Collection, under the general editorship of Norman A. McQuown. The University of Chicago Library will bear the cost of
microfilming, hoping to recover expenses from the sale of copies.

Inquiries about purchasing copies of the records may be directed to Raven I. McDavid, Jr., acting director of LANCS, or Richard C. Payne, assistant editor, both of the English Department at the University of Chicago. Payne will be discussing work on LANCS at several meetings this fall, as noted elsewhere in this Newsletter.

THE YEAR 1976: A CORRECTION

Those who lingered over the cover of Volume 8, Number 1 of this Newsletter long enough will have noticed that it was dated in the wrong year--April 1975 instead of 1976. The editor did not linger long enough, and offers his apologies.

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

The new format of the Newsletter, approved in the main by the current editor’s survey of ADS members last December, saves the Society money and enables prompt announcement of activities, but it has less space than its predecessor. Perhaps the backlog of ADS news and reports will diminish so that future issues may contain more announcements of matters of peripheral interest and ERIC reports, but the editor can offer no guarantee. Two newsletters that cover a wide scope of current linguistic activities are available from the same Arlington, Virginia address as the ADS secretariat. The Linguistic Reporter of the Center for Applied Linguistics, 1611 North Kent St., Arlington, Va. 22209, publishes nine issues a year, announcing grants, meetings and conferences, positions available, and books; publishing specialized bibliographies, and including an occasional Child Language Newsletter. Subscriptions are $4.50. The Linguistic Reporter emphasizes applied linguistics; the LSA Bulletin, in addition to carrying official Linguistic Society of America business, reports on linguistic meetings, grants, and the like. Both publications carry extensive calendars of forthcoming events. The LSA Bulletin appears at least four times a year, and is sent to all LSA members (current annual dues $25). The address is the same as for The Linguistic Reporter.

AMERICAN DIALECT SOCIETY

1976-77 MEETING SCHEDULE

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Regional Secretary: Thomas L. Clark, Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas |
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Dallas: Hotel Adolphus  
Chairman: William Evans, Louisiana State Univ.  
Regional Secretary: Gary N. Underwood, Univ. of Texas, Austin |
NOVEMBER 4: MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
in association with MMLA
St. Louis: Chase-Park Plaza Hotel
Chairman: Donald Lance, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia
Regional Secretary: Allan Metcalf, MacMurray Coll.
Papers: "The DARE Pronunciation Guide."
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   "Preliminary Findings from a Preliminary Survey of the Kansas Linguistic Atlas." Albert B. Cook III, Univ. of Kansas.
   "The Patterning of Language Variation in Writing." Robert and Nancy Terrebonne, Forest Park Community Coll.
   "Verb Forms in the North Central States." Virginia McDavid, Chicago State Univ.
   "American Dialect Acquisition in Foreign Settlement Areas." Timothy C. Frazer, Western Illinois Univ.

(April 15)
"Bicentennial themes"

NOVEMBER 4-6: SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING
in association with SAMLA
Atlanta
Chairman: Jeutonne Brewer
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(May 10)

DECEMBER 26-29: ANNUAL MEETING
in association with MLA
New York City

November 1
max. 100 words to:
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APRIL 21-23, 1977: NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING
in association with NEMLA
Pittsburgh: Univ. of Pittsburgh
Chair: Willard Martin
Regional Secretary: Paul A. Eschholz, Univ. of Vermont
Atcheson L. Hench, Linden Kent Memorial Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Virginia and a stalwart of the American Dialect Society for many years, died August 9, 1974. He was 83 years old.

Professor Hench's contributions to the work of the ADS were manifold. He served as vice president and president, the latter for two years. As a member of the Society's New Words Committee from its inception in 1943, he made substantial contributions to its work.

This will come as no surprise to those who remember Professor Hench's contributions to lexicology from the 1920's on. At the time of his death his files numbered 60,000 entries. Of these he had edited around 10,000; the remainder are on 3600 feet of microfilm. For him, this extensive file was no private monopoly; witness H. L. Mencken's acknowledgment "to Atcheson L. Hench . . ., who has made me free [use] of his large and valuable accumulations and given me generous help otherwise"; and R. W. Burchfield's inclusion of him in his list of proofreaders who "rendered valuable help by regularly reading the proofs and making suggestions and additions to the new OEDS.

As recently as April 1974 in reply to my request to use in "Among the New Words" in American Speech two of his cites in the ADS new words file, he wrote: "Of course you may use [these cites]. You may use anything of mine. Thanks for the honor." Of such is the fabric of unself-centered scholarship made.

The Society mourns the loss of this fine scholar and gentleman and extends its deepest sympathy to his two daughters, to whom copies of this memorial are being sent.

I. Willis Russell

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT, 1975

One of the happy roles your Past President plays in the affairs of the Society is that of Shepherd (?Shepherdess) to the increasingly lively and well-attended regional meetings, which are often held in conjunction with regional MLA or Folklore Society groups. The reports of the several Regional Secretaries will speak for themselves; meanwhile, thanks to all who helped in planning and participating. Many of our members who might never attend a national meeting are able to be part of a regional one. It is a specific joy to note the increasing participation of younger scholars in these and other activities of the Society--the corollary of which is, of course, the generosity and good counsel provided by some of those who have been members for many years. Thanks and more thanks to you all.

During the past two years, negotiations and arrangements and shifting of cartons have resulted in the following:

The carbon copies of the field records for the Linguistic Atlas of New England have been placed in the Archives of the University of Massachusetts Library (Amherst, Mass. 01002). The records, which arrived sorted according to response, have been re-sorted so the entire record for one informant is now stored as one unit—in an acid-free folder in an acid-free box. Since the LANE informants were promised anonymity, the character sketches written by the various field workers and the Xerox copy of the log book are stored apart from the records themselves, and are available only to persons who demonstrate responsible concern.
Also in the Archives, though not as yet in shape for easy consultation, are the records of the ADS itself. A quick overview would indicate that some of the earlier (19th Century) records may not be there, but nothing can be said until all the sorting and archiving have been done. When this is achieved, your Emeritus President hopes to compile a history of the ADS which might, appropriately, appear at around the same time as DARE, the dictionary the founding fathers had organized to write.

The matter of archiving copies of voice recordings made in connection with both LANE and DARE is under study. Sincere thanks to Professors Kurath, McDavid, Davis, and Cassidy and to Executive Secretary A. Hood Roberts for making these moves and acquisitions possible. Thanks also to Mrs. Katherine Emerson, University Archivist, for handling the reception and processing of these materials with cheer, grace, and good sense. We should like to add the other dialect materials, especially those from Massachusetts and the Northeast, to these archives. Either Mrs. Emerson or I would be happy to hear from anyone who has field records or other collectanea to donate.

December 17, 1975
Audrey R. Duckert

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVERBIAL SAYINGS FOR 1975

The collecting of proverbial sayings continues, particularly in Arizona and in Newfoundland. The Chairman continues to go through various folklore journals, putting all proverbial sayings found on slips. She then xeroxes each article from the separate issues. Perhaps some day a means of computerizing the material will be found.

The Committee consists of: Harold B. Allen (Minnesota, emeritus), Ernest R. Cox (Florida, emeritus), Herbert Halpert (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's), Wayland D. Hand (California, Los Angeles, emeritus), Muriel J. Hughes (Vermont, emeritus), Thelma G. James (Wayne State, emeritus), Lorena E. Kemp (West Virginia State College), William E. Koch (Kansas State), Maria Leach (Barrington, Nova Scotia), James H. McMillan (Alabama), Aiton C. Morris (Florida, emeritus), T. M. Pearce (New Mexico, emeritus), Henry A. Person (Washington), W. Edson Richmond (Indiana), G. M. Story (Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's), and Margaret M. Bryant (Brooklyn College of The City University of New York, emeritus), chairman.

Margaret M. Bryant

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION 1975

The South-Central regional meeting of the American Dialect Society was held in the Gold Room of the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, Saturday, December 13, 1975, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the South-Central Modern Language Association. The chairman, Scott Baird of Trinity University, presided, and Gary Underwood of the University of Texas at Austin served as secretary.

Twenty-five persons attended.

The following papers were presented: (1) "Stylistic Differences between Social Dialects and the Teaching of Composition," Michael D. Linn, Virginia Commonwealth University. (2) "On Smoking in the Shower: or Vernaculars in College English," Lilith M. Haynes, New Mexico State University. (3) "Black English Versus Standard English," Nancy N. Jones, Mountain View College. (4) "Written and Spoken English: A Case of Diglossia," Peter Gingiss and Hilda Jaffe, University of Houston.

In the business meeting William Evans of Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, was elected to serve as chairman of the 1976 meeting to be held October 29 in Dallas.

Gary N. Underwood, Regional Secretary
The chief event in dialectology in Canada in 1975 was the Second International Conference on Methods in Dialectology (Methods II), held at the University of Prince Edward Island from July 30 to August 6. Smaller than Methods I, this conference attracted 38 dialectologists from seven countries: United States (17), Canada (15), France (2) and one each from Britain, Germany, Ghana and Norway. Methods III is planned for the summer of 1978.

Regional Reports

Newfoundland—Harold Paddock, Memorial University of Newfoundland (St. John's) has been awarded a Canada Council grant, and with the help of a research assistant, is mapping dialect features throughout the island.

The Maritimes—A. M. Kinloch, University of New Brunswick, continues his field work in southwest New Brunswick while A. B. House is doing the field work in French-speaking areas in their languages-in-contact phase.

The editing of the earlier Nova Scotia field work is in the stage of developing a word geography of southwest Nova Scotia. In anticipation of the later phonological aspect of this work, Kinloch, M.G. Wanamaker, University of Winnipeg, and H.R. Wilson, University of Western Ontario, have been developing a single-element phonetic system for use on typewriters and computer terminals. This is the subject of a paper given by Wilson at the Eighth International Congress of Phonetic Sciences in Leeds, August, 1975.

Québec—"l'Atlas linguistique de l'Est du Canada" under the direction of Gaston Dulong, Université Laval, is moving toward publication.

Normand Beauchemin, Université de Sherbrooke, is conducting a valuable socio-linguistic survey in "Estrie", in the neighbourhood of Sherbrooke. Beauchemin read a detailed report on this research at the Canadian Linguistic Association meetings in Edmonton, May, 1975.

Ontario—In the familiar regional mode there has been a striking new development, the long-awaited survey of the Ottawa Valley. Ian Pringle and Enoch Padolsky, Carleton University (Ottawa), with a team of Carleton University students are doing preliminary studies for the design of a full-scale study of the region in the next five years.

In slightly less familiar forms dialect studies are being done in the schools. Terrence O'Neil and his grade 10 students in Clinton studied the vocabularies of the oldest residents of the community as a Clinton Centennial project. H.R. Wilson has received a Ministry of Education grant to design a Classroom Usage Research Instrument for Computer Processing for the Ontario Council of Teachers of English.

British Columbia—The second round of the Postal Survey by R.J. Gregg, University of British Columbia and James Polson, Concordia University (Montreal) brought the total number of responses to over 400. All this material is currently being computer-analysed in Montreal by Polson, who hopes to utilize computer graphics resources to make maps. The phonological section of this Survey has already been analysed by a computer program devised by Roberta Stevenson and Gabor Sandi at the University of British Columbia. Roberta read a paper based on her findings at the Pacific Coast American Dialect Society meeting May 3, 1975.

Further, in British Columbia, there was a special regional follow-up to the Survey of Canadian English. Lilita Rodman devised a computer program and carried out a research project which allows her to establish contrasts between e.g. the Vancouver area and the rest of the B.C. mainland. She gave a talk on her project at the Canadian Council of Teachers of English meeting in Vancouver published in the current issue of the English Quarterly. She also read a 1974
paper on particular aspects of her findings at the San José meeting of the American Dialect Society.

Publications

ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION 1975

The meeting of the Rocky Mountain ADS was held Saturday afternoon, October 18, 1975, in the Broadway Arms Room of the Cosmopolitan Hotel in Denver.

Don Nilsen, chairman, and Lurline Coltharp, vice chairman, co-conducted the meeting. Five papers were read: (1) "Semantic Compounding in the Speech of Mexican-American Bilinguals: A Re-examination of the Compound-Coordinate Distinctions," by Rodolfo Jacobson of the University of Texas at San Antonio; (2) "Presenting the Data: The Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States," by Raymond K. O'Cain of the University of South Carolina; (3) "The Use of Black Dialects by William Faulkner," by Bates L. Hoffer of Trinity University; (4) "The Horizontal Isogloss: A Study in Sexist Dialectology for Lay People," by Alleen Pace Nilsen of Arizona State University, and (5) "Paradigmatic Semasiology and Onomasiology: A Semantic Description of Selected Lexical Items in a Middle High German Corpus," by S. James Hintze of Louisiana State University.

It was announced that Peter Pabisch of the University of New Mexico is the American representative of the International Dialect Institute founded last summer in Vienna, Austria (headed by Dr. Hans Haid).

We had attempted to get the time of the meeting changed but were told that all MLA conjoint meetings were held at the same time--3:30-5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Despite the lateness of the hour, the meeting was well attended.

Elected officials for the 1976 Rocky Mountain American Dialect section are: Chairman, Lurline H. Coltharp of the University of Texas at El Paso; Vice-Chairman, Bates L. Hoffer of Trinity University.

Don L. F. Nilsen, Arizona State Univ.

CENSUS BUREAU SEEKS SUGGESTIONS

Seeking "the recommendations of as wide a range of users and potential users of decennial census data as possible," the Census Bureau invites the suggestions of ADS members in planning for the 1980 census.

According to the Bureau, "Important decisions have to be made in the relatively near future. For example, the full content of the basic census questionnaire must be determined by the spring of 1977."

Suggestions, questions, or comments on the 1980 census should be sent to:

Director
U.S. Bureau of the Census
Washington, D.C. 20233

Telephone calls may be directed to Ms. Carolee Bush of the Census Bureau at (301) 763-2740.
AN EDITOR'S REQUEST FOR HELP

(presented December 29, 1975 at the ADS annual meeting)

As editor in chief of the Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States, I am hoping that those colleagues who have concerned themselves with American English and related fields (especially those who have used the Linguistic Atlas of New England and the materials from the Middle and South Atlantic States) will draw on their experience to make suggestions toward the preparation of the LAMSAS Handbook.

I assume that such colleagues have access to Kurath et al., 1939: *Handbook of the Linguistic Geography of New England*. Here is a recapitulation and an indication of the problems for the Middle and South Atlantic States. I redundantly remind you that the MSAS materials cover all of the states of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Delaware, Maryland, D.C., Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina; about the eastern third of Georgia; the eastern strips of Ontario, Ohio and Kentucky, and five communities in northeastern Florida—a total of about 1216 field records.

I. The dialect areas: A summary of evidence that can be extracted largely from Kurath's *Word Geography*, Atwood's *Verb Forms*, Kurath's and my *Pronunciation*, and miscellaneous articles on various areas.

II. Methodology. The procedures for selecting communities and informants can be taken over with little change; probably one of my colleagues at South Carolina will make a table of informants by type. Instructions for field work need little change, perhaps only a comment on the problems in using tape recorders.

Differences among field workers constitute a somewhat trickier problem here than in New England. In New England the work was shared by nine, and Lowman did a little less than forty per cent. About as many field workers contributed to the MSAS, but Lowman did 2/3 of the interviews, and I conducted or transcribed from tape all but 11 of the rest, so that the chief problem is that of comparing Lowman's practices and mine. Since this could strain my editorial objectivity, I have asked that any comments be sent to: William R. Van Riper
Department of English, LSU
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70803

Here I am particularly concerned with the problems of phonetic recording; but any comments from those who have used the Atlas materials would be welcome. In the end, I suspect, the table of field-worker rankings (NE Hbk 52-3) will be replaced by a short essay.

The make-up of the maps. Since LAMSAS will be published in tables rather than in maps, this section will be adapted to the new situation.

Bibliography of linguistic geography. Here I invite contributions from all who have worked in the vineyard during the past four decades, whether in American English or in other languages and dialects. I suspect that there will be a need for delenda as well as addenda; I would like attention to the section on "individual works" from as many as care to help.

III. The history of settlement. I am working on this myself, with what help I can get locally (notably David Shores in Virginia and Martha Howard in West Virginia). So far as I know there is no Marcus Hansen available to take on the entire burden, though I am getting what help I can from historians.

The historical bibliography will be arranged slightly differently; since the county rather than the township is the basic community unit for LAMSAS,
county histories will be shifted to the community bibliographies in chapter VI. There are new bibliographical tools that weren't available in the 1930s, and of course there is illumination from the WPA American Guide Series, uneven as the quality may be.

IV. The phonetic alphabet and other symbols. The old comparisons can be dropped, but the new ones will be important. For those familiar with the Atlas materials: please send in any comments about your observations of differences between my practice and Lowman's (familiarity with these problems from a day-to-day point of view, editing the New York State materials where Lowman and I split the state, is a great breeder of modesty).

V. The work sheets. Introductory statements need little change; contents, of course, need revision. There were some items Lowman introduced without fully commenting on (affirmative anymore, for example), and that I didn't know were included until I got into the editing; there were some similar innovations on my part, e.g. rice as a pronunciation item. A full inventory will be possible only when the first stage of editing is complete, a few months hence. But it is possible to make a fairly accurate inventory if one exercises adequate patience.

VI. Communities and informants. As I have mentioned, all county histories are to be shifted to this section. I have been helped a great deal by various local bibliographical guides; but I am sure there are omissions. The Peterson Consolidated Bibliography of County Histories is very helpful; but a lot were missed, and more have been done during the past 15 years. Even the recent four-volume bibliography by Marion J. Kaminkow, of the local histories in the Library of Congress, is not exhaustive. If any of you have knowledge of local bibliographies and local histories, please let me know. I am surprised, not to say a trifle distressed, to learn how many major cities seem not to have been treated recently by serious historians; among these are New York and Charleston.

As I have said orally to many--and in writing to some when I received my NEH Fellowship to work on the Handbook project this year, I do not look upon my work here as a matter of personal aggrandizement, but as the duties of a trustee, in behalf of all who are concerned with the understanding of American speech and culture; particularly in behalf of the American Council of Learned Societies, which originally sponsored the Atlas project--and in behalf of Hans Kurath, who planned the survey, who brought out the Linguistic Atlas of New England, who supervised the gathering of the materials for the rest of the Atlantic Seaboard, who helped train most of the serious students of linguistic variety in America, directly or through their preceptors, and who has provided an example of meticulous scholarship for us all to emulate.

Raven I. McDavid, Jr., Univ. of Chicago
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GENERAL INFORMATION: As you are probably aware, ADS publications are still appearing behind schedule. As a result we are billing by publication year rather than calendar year. This situation will continue until all publications are current.

We are still using publications of the ADS (PADS) as the basis for the publication year. Since PADS dated 1973 have already been mailed, we are herewith billing you for publication year 1974, to include the items listed below. The membership fee, for both individuals and institutions, is $15.00 again this year. Please detach the enclosed membership renewal form and return with payment to:

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