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1977 MEETING SCHEDULE

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(Nov. 1)

APRIL 21: NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING
in association with NEMLAPittsburgh: Univ. of Pittsburgh
Meeting in eveningChair: Willard Martin, Pennsylvania State Univ.
Regional Secretary: Paul A. Eschholz, Univ.
of VermontPapers:

"A Lexicographer's View of Pronunciation Guides." ANN LOUISE SEN, Univ. of Rochester. (Many reference books employ special notation to give readers the proper pronunciation of words. However, most guides are deficient. A good pronunciation guide needs linguistic accuracy, involving such matters as accuracy of the pronunciation, narrowness of phonetic notation, allowances for standard dialect differences, notation of substandard pronunciations, phonemic redundancy and pronunciation of foreign words. Reader comprehension is also important. This includes the use of common or unusual symbols, ease of distinguishing symbols, use of the same symbol for different pronunciations and use of different symbols for the same pronunciation. Finally, typesetting difficulties, copyrights, cost expenditures and traditional use are examples of inherent publishing problems. A great need exists for standardizing, either by using IPA or by using modified symbols.)

"Dialect Variation as a Special Case of Language Change." FRANK PARKER, Purdue Univ. (Specific cases of syntactic and morphological dialect variation may be explainable in terms of a theory of language change. Change results when a child assigns a structural description to an utterance that is different from the SD assigned to the same utterance by the adult. Two constraining factors are language universals and maintenance of meaning. This theory of change may be applied fruitfully to dialect variations such as those that involve substitution of the infinitive without to or the past participle for the preterit, e.g., see/seen for saw as in
I saw/^{*}see/^{*}seen a buffalo yesterday.)

"Is There a Syntaxe Occitane?" by SIMON BELASCO, Pennsylvania State Univ. (Random samples of languedocien and provençal speech obtained from villagers revealing sure-fire remedies for curing different diseases, how to make a loved one stop smoking or drinking, and countless other superstitions, show evidence that the differences between the dialects of Occitania and French stem from syntactic considerations as well as phonological and morphological ones. Such characteristics are reflected by the use of pronouns in post-position, the non-use of subject pronouns, the use of periphrastic ana instead of inflection to indicate preterite as well as future tense, etc.)

"Preserving the Pennsylvania German Dialect on Video Tape." DICK BEAM, Millersville State Coll. (The Pennsylvania German dialect is still spoken in parts of many states as well as in a few counties of Ontario, Canada, but the number of speakers is rapidly declining. Video tape recordings will be made of annual church services conducted entirely in the dialect, annual "Versammlinge," and a variety of conversations among young and old representing different religious groups and in varying dialect areas, but all fluent speakers of the language.)

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March 1
max. 2 pages to:
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APRIL 29-MAY 1: PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL MEETING
in association with the California
Linguistics Association
Fresno: California State Univ., Fresno
Chair: Tracy Terrell
Regional Secretary: Mary Key, Univ. of California,
Irvine

April 15
one page following LSA
format; 2 copies to
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AUGUST 11: SUMMER MEETING
in association with LSA Summer Meeting
and Linguistic Institute
Honolulu: University of Hawaii
Committee in charge: Stanley Tuszaki, Norman
Roberts

March 15
150 words, 2 copies; papers
on dialects of the region
especially welcome; to
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OCTOBER 20-23: ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING
in association with IMMLA
Las Vegas: Aladdin Hotel
Chairman: Bates L. Hoffer
Secretary: John Sharp, Univ. of Texas, El Paso
Regional Secretary: Thomas L. Clark, Univ. of
Nevada, Las Vegas

April 15
20-minute talks
100 words, 4 copies to:
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OCTOBER 27-29: SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING
in association with SCMLA
Hot Springs, Ark.
Chairman: Fred Tarpley, East Texas State Univ.
Regional Secretary: Curt M. Rulon

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OCTOBER 27: MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING
in association with MMLA
Chicago: Conrad Hilton Hotel
Chairman: Richard Payne
Regional Secretary: Donald Lance

April 15
15-20 minute talks
max. 200 words to:
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NOVEMBER 3-5: SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING
in association with SAFLA
Washington, D.C.: Sheraton Park Hotel
Chairman: Raymond O'Cain
Regional Secretary: David Shores, Old Dominion Univ.

Theme: "Go anywhere, General, you'll find lovely fighting along the whole line."
This year's theme was suggested by John Algeo's "The Future of the ADS" (in NADS
8.4) and harkens back to "Needed Research in American English," PAIS 41 (1964).
The theme solicits papers that show the variety of interests ADS members have in
American English, particularly if they (1) suggest ways of re-examining existing
data and analyses or (2) suggest methods for opening little-studied aspects of
variation, perhaps at the intersection with studies in onomastics, lexicography,
the ethnography of communication, non-verbal communication, folklore, etc.
Synchronic or diachronic studies of regional and/or social dialects are still
welcome, of course.

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approx. March 15

NOVEMBER 25: NCTE MEETING

to: W. R. Van Riper

in association with the National
Council of Teachers of English

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DECEMBER 26-29: ANNUAL MEETING

to: H. R. Wilson

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WE ARE GREATLY MOVED

On January 28, after a hiatus of many months, the membership records of the ADS arrived at Executive Secretary Rex Wilson's office. These and some other files of the Society had lingered, ready for shipping but unshipped, for quite some time at the former secretariat in Arlington, Virginia, where no one seems to have known what to do with them after the departure of the last of the three people who had been handling ADS materials. A telephone inquiry of mid-January finally got the records sent on their way.

It now appears that nearly all of the ADS records have finally made their way to London, Ontario, although there is at least one more box to come, a package which was mis-shipped to California.

By the time you receive this NADS, the new Secretariat will be in a position to answer inquiries regarding memberships and subscriptions. We apologize for the inability to respond helpfully during the last three months.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 1975

The ADS marches to a different calendar than the rest of the civilized world, but right now it is marching faster, intending to catch up. Publication Year 1975 is upon us; the first American Speech for 1975 is ready to be sent to subscribers and members. We take this occasion, therefore, to solicit your dues for 1975, at the usual rate of \$15, inclusive of AS, PADS, NADS and the rest of our fringe benefits. You may use the slip in the center of this issue; if it has slipped out, just send the \$15, clearly marked "for 1975," to Executive Secretary H. R. Wilson

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In case you have not yet paid for Publication Year 1974 (billed in June 1976 with NADS 8.2), please send the \$15 for that year as well. And thanks for your prompt support of the Society in these pinched times.

THE FUTURE OF THE ADS

Space precludes publishing in this issue a number of responses received in response to John Algeo's article in NADS 8.4. They have been circulated among the Executive Council and will be referred to the Long Range Planning Committee (see report of Annual Meeting); if space permits they will appear in a future NADS.

HELP WANTED (SOUTHERN)

Jerry Cohen, Humanities Dept., Univ. of Missouri, Rolla, Mo. 65401 seeks "one or two linguists in Alabama and Mississippi who would be willing to pass out questionnaires to their classes." Cohen, editor of Comments on Etymology, wants

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responses from what he terms "the Deep South" to a two-page questionnaire investigating the origin of ker- in kerflop, kerplunk, etc. (see his journal for Nov. 1, 1976; Vol. 6, No. 3-4). The questionnaire is brief, and he writes that he will be very grateful for the help.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGIONALISMS AND LINGUISTIC GEOGRAPHY, 1976

Paul A. Eschholz, chairman

Nineteen hundred and seventy six was a good year for dialect study. A number of new books of special interest to dialectologists were published. With the appearance of the third volume of the Linguistic Atlas of the Upper Midwest (Univ. of Minnesota Press) in July, Harold Allen (Univ. of Minnesota) has successfully completed this monumental project that began in 1947. The third volume deals with "The Pronunciation." J. L. Dillard's (Univ. of Puerto Rico) American Talk (Random House) carries his explorations of how we came to talk the way we do into the traditions of the frontier, the underworld, and the media; of particular interest are sections on the vocabulary contributions of lumbermen, trappers, and advertisers. The Center for Applied Linguistics has within the past year published two noteworthy books, Appalachian Speech by Walt Wolfram and Donna Christian and a Handbook for Staff Development Workshops in Indian Education prepared by the Indian Education Clearinghouse. Indiana Place Names (Indiana Univ. Press) by Marvin Carmony and Ronald Baker (Indiana State Univ.) was published late in 1975 and was not noted in last year's report. Also of interest to word lovers are: Naughty Names, No. 4 (South Central Names Institute, Names Institute Press, Commerce, Texas) edited by Fred Tarpley (East Texas State Univ.); An Almanac of Words at Play (Potter), Willard Espy's witty anthology of language curiosities; Stuart Berg Flexner's illustrated treasury of American words and phrases I Hear America Talking (Van Nostrand Reinhold); and Edwin Newman's A Civil Tongue (Bobbs Merrill). Readers should watch for the revised edition of Carroll E. Reed's (Univ. of Massachusetts) Dialects of American English (Univ. of Massachusetts Press) and Thomas J. Creswell's (Chicago State Univ.) monograph Usage in Dictionaries and Dictionaries of Usage (PADS) in the spring of 1977.

Work on the various Atlas projects has progressed on schedule. Lee Pederson and Raven I. McDavid, Jr. report that LAGS and LAMSAS respectively are proceeding apace. Thomas J. Creswell and Virginia McDavid are at work editing the grammatical items for the Linguistic Atlas of the North Central States, and Marvin Carmony and Alva Davis are busy with the phonology volume of LANCS. Frederic G. Cassidy (Univ. of Wisconsin) reports that "with four full-time and two half-time editors each having contributed to the letter 'A', and each now working on an individual letter, 'B' through 'G', we can believe that some day there really will be a DARE. We hope that 1980 is not too optimistic as a publication date." James Hartman (Univ. of Kansas) has completed the first draft of the "DARE Pronunciation Guide" (an overview in reference form of pronunciation variation across the United States). It is very encouraging to see a number of talks and articles recent or about to appear that deal with DARE research; for example, Jeffrey Hirshberg's "Instant Mapping of American Regional Vocabulary--A New Computer Technique" (NCTE, 1976) and "Acknowledge the Corn" (forthcoming American Speech) and Cassidy's "Of Matters Lexicographical: The Meaning of 'Regional' in DARE" (American Speech 48, 282-89).

Many continuing projects and a good number of new ones have been brought to my attention this year. In the United States, William Labov (Univ. of Pennsylvania) is completing a book The Local Origins of Linguistic Change for the Univ. of Washington Press and is working on a NSF Research Project on "Linguistic Change and Variation in the Philadelphia Speech Community"; Bob Van Riper (Louisiana State Univ.) is actively working on the "Linguistic Atlas of Oklahoma" and "A Linguistic Survey of Louisiana"; T. M. Pearce (Univ. of New Mexico) plans to produce a "Word Geography for New Mexico"; Fred Tarpley (East Texas State Univ.) is involved in research for "Comparison of Black Dialect of Northeast Texas and

of Northern Louisiana" (with Lucile Folk) and "Pronunciation of Texas Place Names" and has completed a project entitled "A Word Atlas of Dallas County, Texas"; Audrey Duckert (Univ. of Massachusetts) reports that the Linguistic Atlas of New England Revisited continues with the help of David Carlson and that they look forward to getting the field records made for DARE and putting them into the computer at the University of Massachusetts; Rudolph C. Troike (California) notes that the Center for Applied Linguistics is currently involved in holding conferences involving different disciplines (social sciences, linguistics, law, education) as they relate to bilingual education--the project is entitled "Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives in Bilingual Education"; Curt Rulon (North Texas State Univ.) reports of a research grant which he hopes will result in a book of the same title "Generative Dialectology: The State of the Art"--the project focuses on seminal work by Bailey, Fasold, Labov, O'Neill, Rosenbaum, Underwood, Wolfram, and others; and Tom Clark (Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas) sends word that the Nevada Language Survey received two grants totaling \$6000 for completion of the field work. Other projects in progress include: Patricia Tway's (Woodmere Studio, Consultant) "Marketing Research: Language and Its Uses in Marketing" and her work with occupational jargon ("Social Stratification and Linguistic Forms of Factory Workers"); Thomas J. Creswell's and Virginia McDavid's (Chicago State Univ.) study of the occurrence/non-occurrence of some 200 questioned or criticized locutions in the Brown Standard Corpus; Carroll E. Reed's (Univ. of Massachusetts) research on "The History of Pennsylvania German Morphology" and his investigation of Flurnamen in Pennsylvania German, that is names of places or districts which normally do not appear on maps or in records; Bethany Dumas (Univ. of Tennessee) reports that work continues on The Arkansas Language Survey (with Gary Underwood), that the fieldwork for The Tennessee Language Survey will be complete by June 1977, that she and Gary Underwood (Univ. of Texas) are completing the manuscript of Manual for Investigating Southern American English, and that she is at work on Elicitation Techniques: A Guide for the Fieldworker (with Elizabeth Brandt and John F. Webb); Frank Merchant (Union College) continues collecting items for his "Slob's Handbook," a dictionary of the "correct" use of words and phrases sloppily and wrongly applied in General American, particularly by post-1950 students and teachers; W. Nelson Francis (Univ. of Trondheim, Norway) has planned and researched but has not yet written an introductory text on dialectology; and Marvin Carmony (Indiana State Univ.) sends word that a revision of Indiana Dialects in Their Historical Setting (1972) is underway, that he is continuing his analysis of the speech of amateur radio operators in the United States and Canada, and that he is studying Citizens Band radio speech--"sources of vocabulary and characteristics, with special attention to 'handles,' nicknames for cities, and regionalisms."

In Canada, G. M. Story (Memorial Univ.), William Kirwin (Memorial Univ.), and J. D. A. Widdowson (Univ. of Sheffield) report that the preliminary editing of the Dictionary of Newfoundland English should be completed by August 1977. Stephen Lipton (Memorial Univ. Institute for Social Economic Research) is doing a two-year sociolinguistic study of changes in folk speech in a specific rural area due to population movements under the centralization program. Walter Avis (Royal Military College) reports that a new edition of Beginning: Canadian Junior Dictionary is complete and printed for January 1977, that the Intermediate revision is underway for 1978, that the Canadian edition of the Funk and Wagnalls Standard College Dictionary (reprinted, revised, and updated) is ready for release, and that he continues taping samples of Canadian regional speech. Finally, an article by Harold Paddock (Memorial Univ.)--"Linguistic Research in Newfoundland," Regional Language Studies, 7 (22 June 1976)--lists "recent completed studies and present projects being conducted by scholars, students and residents of Newfoundland and Labrador."

Two completed dissertations have been reported this year: Melanie Lusk, Phonological Variation in Kansas City, Univ. of Kansas, Lawrence, and Arvilla Payne, The Acquisition of the Phonological System of a Second Dialect, Univ. of Pennsylvania. Four dissertations have been reported as in progress: Larbi Oukada, "Louisiana French of LaFourche Parish, Louisiana," Louisiana State Univ.;

Mohammed N. Wohaibi, "Sociolinguistic Perspectives of an Adult Reading Program for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia: Needs, Problems, and Promise," North Texas State Univ.; Michael I. Miller, "Noun and Verb Morphology in the Central Savannah River Area," Univ. of South Carolina; and Guy H. Bailey, "The Phonology of East Tennessee," Univ. of Tennessee. Also, four completed M.A. theses have been reported: Richard Wright, Jr., "Linguistics, Pedagogy, and Freshman Composition," North Texas State Univ.; Walter Schlager, "Literary Dialect in Flannery O'Connor," Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas; Ave Maria Gayer, "Black Attitudes Toward White English," East Texas State Univ.; and Billye Foster, "Punctuation: Historical Development and Current Practices at the Ninth-Grade Level," East Texas State Univ. M.A. theses in progress include: Zella Delmar, "An Analysis of Jim's Dialect in Huck Finn," East Texas State Univ., and Barbara Ann Johnson, "The Dialect of Husser and Uneedus in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana: A Study in Generational Change," Louisiana State Univ.

Any ADS members with books, articles, projects, or dissertations and theses to report are encouraged to drop me a line at the Department of English, Univ. of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05401. Thanks to all my colleagues who have kept me posted of their scholarly (and not so scholarly) activities during 1976.

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EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING: DECEMBER 26, 1976

After a communal dinner at the House of Chan, the Executive Council of the American Dialect Society convened in the Americana Hotel, Buckingham A, New York City, at 8:06 p.m. Sunday, December 26, 1976, chaired by president H. Rex Wilson. Present were Council members Daniel Cardenas, Audrey Duckert, Murray Kinloch, and William Van Riper; and non-members John Algeo, Walter Avis, James Hartman, Virginia McDavid, Allan Metcalf, and Willis Russell.

President Wilson reported that "this has been a very strange year," but we are alive and more or less well. The ADS section at the NCTE meeting in November, for which he was responsible, came off well; and he resurrected the 1976 summer meeting at Oswego (see NADS 8.3).

Van Riper offered the following Vice President's Report:

Abstracts of papers for the annual meeting were accepted until mid-April. Eleven of these were selected and a two-section program organized and sent to the Executive Secretary for forwarding to MLA. Those people sending abstracts were notified of the decision made about their papers.

In November the program was reorganized to fit the three-section meeting which we will have this year, and the participants were notified of the change.

I urge that ADS establish a fail-safe system for scheduling meetings and programs. Our Constitution states that "The Vice President shall serve as the chairman of the program committee for the Annual Meeting...." I suggest that he should have the duty of handling the arrangements for the Annual Meeting as well, and these duties for all other meetings which are called, unless other arrangements are made for a specific meeting. He should be directly responsible to the President for this. In this way, there will be a unity of purpose, a focus of duties, and a minimal chance for confusion.

After discussion, Wilson said he would consult with Van Riper in 1977 about spelling out, and possibly changing, current procedures for arranging the Annual Meeting and the NCTE concurrent meeting.

Duckert presented the Membership and Financial Report for former Executive Secretary Hood Roberts:

I. Membership as of December 20, 1976

Individuals paid through publication year 1974, 171; through publication year 1973, 252; total, 423. Institutions paid through publication year 1974, 40; through publication year 1973, 286; total, 326. Exchanges, NADS only, 35; full, 10. Life members, 14. Total membership, 808.

II. Finances

Balance as of November 30, 1975	\$ 4,150.00
RECEIPTS: Membership dues	\$11,960.30
Donations	100.00
	<u>12,060.33</u>
	\$16,210.33
DISBURSEMENTS: <u>American Speech</u> costs.	\$ 7,174.55
<u>PADS</u> costs	6,700.83
Newsletter costs	832.10
CAL costs (including clerical help,	

	office supplies, and expenses)	2,486.29	17,193.77
SUB TOTAL			= \$983.44
Cashed in Savings Certificate with First Commonwealth			
Savings & Loan Association			\$ 3,329.01
TOTAL			\$ 2,345.57

Wilson reported that in addition he had received \$902.50 this fall, not included in the above figures. He had received a bill for over \$4,000 from Columbia University Press for American Speech, but not having received the records from Arlington, Virginia yet, he was unable to determine whether that bill had been paid or not.

At Duckert's motion the Council voted, without dissent, to empower the President to appoint an auditor.

Duckert presented the following Report of the Delegate to the American Council of Learned Societies:

The 1976 annual meeting of the ACLS was held in Baltimore on January 22-23. It was this delegate's first, but she was well shepherded by the amiable Hood Roberts who was, unbeknownst to us then, attending his last meeting as our Secretary.

The annual dinner was held at the Baltimore Hilton on the evening of the 22nd, and was as warm and congenial as the weather outside was not. On the following day we were transported to the Johns Hopkins campus, where the morning session was devoted to a panel discussion of "The State of China Studies and of Scholarly Exchanges with the People's Republic of China" by Professor Albert Feuerwerker (Chinese Studies, University of Michigan), Prof. B. Michael Frolic (Political Science, York University, Canada) and Prof. Frederick Mote (East Asian Studies, Princeton). A dialectologist might understandably feel far afield in such a subject, but the panel was lively and informative.

Following lunch, Deputy Chairman Robert J. Kingston of the National Endowment for the Humanities spoke in place of the Chairman, Ronald Berman. The burden of his song was not cheerful: the good things receive too little attention, the foolish ones too much. Money is hard to find--or was.

The official meeting of the Corporation, which followed, went smoothly because most of the work had been done by the secretaries of the constituent societies on the previous day--who attended the corporation meeting only as observers.

Memorial resolutions were read for former associates of the Council. The list of course included--sadly--our own Albert H. Marckwardt.

After election of officers and some discussion about changing the time of the annual meeting from January to May, the meeting was amicably adjourned.

During the course of the year, the delegates voted to change the meeting time to May, at a place as yet to be decided.

Communications from Council Headquarters also informed us of a large number of applications for Council membership. This matter has not yet been decided.

Another bit of intelligence, perhaps of some interest, is that the Council, in order to keep its tax exempt status, must tread lightly in the area of Congressional lobbying (witness the fate of the Sierra Club), but that there are no such constraints on any of its members acting on their own as private citizens.

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Only a few days ago, your delegate received a request--or invitation--to suggest to the Council, who had been asked by the Carter Administration recruitment team for their suggestions, names of possible candidates for the position of Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Time was short, and it was not possible to get as many opinions as might have been helpful, but since the name of John Hurt Fisher seemed to be the one that turned up most consistently, it was the name relayed by telephone by your delegate to Mr. James N. Settle of the Council on Wednesday, Dec. 22. This is, of course, not an official action of the Society, and any member who wishes to make his own suggestions is most welcome to do so.

For Lee Pederson, Duckert reported that there would be no Past President's Report.

Virginia McDavid presented the following Annual Editorial Report for PADS:

PADS 60, November 1973, The Speech of the Central Coast of North Carolina: The Carteret County Version of the Banks "Brogue" by Hilda Jaffe appeared in 1976.

PADS 61-62, April-November 1974, "Social Aspects of a Verb Form: Native Atlanta Fifth Grade Speech--the Present Tense of BE" by Howard Dunlap and PADS 63-64, "Usage in Dictionaries and Dictionaries of Usage" by Thomas J. Creswell have been completely edited and turned over to the University of Alabama Press.

All other materials have been given to James Hartman, the new editor.

As I resign as editor, I am more than ever grateful for all the help I have received in the past years--from I. Willis Russell and James B. McMillan, from the University of Alabama Press, from the reading committee of Marvin Carmony, Audrey Duckert, and Murray Wanamaker--indeed, from everyone whom I have asked for assistance. Editing PADS has been true work with a community of scholars, and I count it one of the most fortunate events of my professional life that I have had the experience.

Wilson expressed the Council's thanks for all she has done as editor.

Algeo presented the following Annual Editorial Report for American Speech:

The status of issues since last year's report is as follows:

Fall-Winter 1973: Published in May 1976
Spring-Summer 1974: Published in June 1976
Fall-Winter 1974: Proof for index returned to the Press in August 1976
Spring-Summer 1975: Page proofs returned to the Press in May 1976
Fall-Winter 1975: Manuscript sent to the Press in April 1976

The issue for Fall-Winter 1975 was a trying one to prepare. It contains an author index covering the first 50 years of American Speech. As the old joke goes, it doesn't have much plot, but what a cast of characters! The index was prepared by our editorial and secretarial staff in Athens. We have several issues with themes in preparation; they will comprise all of the 1976 and the first half of the 1977 volumes when they are complete. The first half of calendar 1977 should see a bumper crop of issues sent to the Press.

For the first time this year we are displaying copies of American Speech at the booth of the Conference of Editors of Learned Journals at MLA; we also have a flier advertising the journal and the Society. Jim Hartman and Murray Kinloch, associate editors, will help with manning the booth and making us known.

We are preparing a questionnaire concerning the contents and editorial policy of American Speech that I would like to send to all members of the Society. (It will appear in a future NADS--ed.) The aim will be to discover what the members like best (and least) about the magazine, so that we can decide what our future editorial policy ought to be. The Society has been responsible for editing the journal for nearly five years now; it is time that we evaluate what has been done and decide whether changes are called for.

I have carried on correspondence with various university presses about succeeding Columbia University Press as the publisher of American Speech. Four have showed some interest, and I am still in touch with them. It should be possible to settle matters during the coming year.

Two other projects are temporarily in abeyance: the 50-year cumulative subject index (it is on 4 by 6 cards that have been initially classified by general subject and partially edited); and the revival of the American Speech bibliography, which I hope may follow upon the completion of the subject bibliography.

Our editorial office in Athens continues with most of the same staff as last year. All are part-time, and some are volunteers. A new member is Betty J. Irwin, who is serving as assistant editor. Ann Kingston and Kay Postero do our secretarial labors. Adele Algeo helps with proofing.

Maria Caliandro continues as our manuscript editor at the Columbia University Press; and Henry Wiggins, the Assistant Director, looks out for us in many ways.

The University of Georgia, especially through the kindness of John C. Stephens, Jr., Dean of the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, gives us the support we need to carry out the editorial functions of the journal.

Algeo also presented a table showing expenses of publishing American Speech, as stated by Columbia University Press for the 1971 volume (paid in fiscal 1975) and as estimated by two other university presses; and showing currently available income, which does not cover any of the estimates for annual expenditure. He also offered a sheet listing a number of periodicals surveyed to determine if they make page charges; some universities have funds to pay authors' page charges, and charges can be waived for authors who are not from subsidizing institutions. Discussion included some of the topics brought up in Algeo's manifesto published in NADS 8.4.

Metcalf presented the following Annual Editorial Report for NADS:

A new era for the Society's toeprint on the sands of time, the Newsletter of the American Dialect Society, dawned, as is customary with the ADS, somewhat behind schedule this past April. To emphasize the sense of arrears, Volume 8, Issue 1 of NADS bore on its cover the erroneous date April 1975. But it also bore some marks of the struggle to overcome ADS publication lag with its announcements, obtained by long distance telephone, of all regional meeting plans, and its use of first class postage to bring the information to members as promptly as possible.

With each of the succeeding three issues for 1976, NADS, thanks to the cooperation of ADS officers and members vigorously engaged in meeting, giving talks, undertaking research, and publishing the results, has inched towards its goal of comprehensive and up to the minute coverage of the Society's activities and those of its members and friends. In June, barely halfway through his term of office, NADS succeeded in establishing communications with the President of the Society; by September it had even

12 made contact with the Vice President/program chairman. At the same time, to be sure, communications with Arlington, Virginia headquarters became more and more difficult.

The December 1976 extra issue, announcing the change in headquarters and executive secretaries, had finally, in the editor's opinion, caught up. In 1977 he will not have the excuse of novelty for being tardy, and he intends that every issue will be on time--starting with a mid-January issue (late again!--ed.) to report on the Annual Meeting and give the full calendar of ADS events for 1977.

So much for the utopian future; the pollyannish recent past also deserves an accounting. Scarcely more than a year ago, at the Midwest Regional Meeting, Donald Lance instigated a discussion between Allan Metcalf and Hood Roberts, then serving as editor of NADS as part of his executive secretarial duties. Metcalf told Roberts of a number of the regional secretaries' concern that NADS was too slow in publishing to be useful in announcing regional meetings, and offered his help in making it more timely, perhaps even less expensive to produce. Roberts welcomed the concern and asked Metcalf to poll the membership to determine if they would support such a change. Metcalf did, in early December 1975. Over 100 members responded, in general approving of then-current features of NADS but also of greater timeliness and simplicity of format. Metcalf reported this to the Executive Council meeting in December 1975.

On January 30, 1976, without previous warning, Metcalf heard from Roberts that the Executive Council had appointed him newsletter editor. Metcalf knew that, by his schedule, Issue 1 was already past due; but he also knew it would involve some effort to establish the new format and procedures, so he did not greatly regret the slow pace of arrival of, first the funds, then the materials for the new NADS. In April, with the arrival of the last-minute call for papers for the summer meeting, he knew there could be no further delay, and Issue 1 appeared. The rest is history.

No history nowadays is complete without a cliometrical report, so let it be appended that, with some bills still not paid, NADS 1976 will have cost (at the Jacksonville, Illinois end) about \$770, including printing, postage, and long distance phone calls to gather information for the four issues. This amounts to slightly under \$200 per issue. Long distance calls have become less frequent as regular reporting procedures have evolved, but printing costs have risen, so NADS is likely to cost a good \$200 an issue in 1977 as well. A full accounting is being kept, and a copy will be sent annually to the Executive Secretary.

Wilson stated that he would follow the policy of continuing to send NADS (but not PADS or AS) to members who fall behind in payment of dues by as much as a year--or less.

For the Nominating Committee, Duckert presented the report which appeared in NADS 8.3. The report included this Addendum:

The resignation of A. Hood Roberts as Executive Secretary-Treasurer necessitated some immediate action for which there seems to be no clear provision in the ADS constitution. Therefore, the undersigned, acting by common consent of the available officers as chairman of an ad hoc committee to poll as many members of the Executive Council as possible, did so. We were fortunate in securing the consent of H. Rex Wilson to take over the office for two years, and he has already begun to function in it.

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The Council agreed to Algeo's proposal that the 1976 Past President and Past Past President be continued in those roles for 1977, since the person slated to assume the past presidency, Wilson, already had a time-consuming office for the coming year.

Discussion of a possible audit resumed, and the Council agreed to wait until Wilson had the records and looked them over before determining on a particular action.

Appointments were then approved as follows: Algeo, editor of American Speech for a second five-year term; Hartman, editor of PADS for a four-year term (the By-Laws specify that editors of ADS publications cannot serve concurrent terms); Donald Lance, Midwest Regional Secretary for the usual three-year term (replacing Metcalf). All appointments begin January 1, 1977.

Wilson then reported on devices to build membership, including the "membership committee of the whole" (statement published elsewhere in this issue) and a flyer about the next two days' ADS meetings.

Algeo reiterated some of his concerns about the Society's future: "I do not think we can continue American Speech or anything else of our present size with the current membership." An editor at the University of Wisconsin press told him that a society needs 2,000 members to break even.

Suggestions from those present on increasing membership included advertising in NCTE publications, mentioning our association with DARE, conducting personal letter-writing campaigns, and offering a student rate.

At Kinloch's motion, the Council voted, without dissent, to have the President in January appoint a Long Range Planning Committee which would review proposals for the Society's future and present recommendations to the 1977 Annual Meeting.

In other business, Duckert suggested that the Society establish a policy for determining when it officially sponsors a particular research project, and that it establish a repository for archives.

At 10:38 President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned.

ANNUAL MEETING 1976: AMERICANA HOTEL, GEORGIAN B, NEW YORK CITY

Session I: 8-10 a.m. Monday, December 27

Lulled by the steady tinkle of the chandeliers in the breeze of the hotel ventilating system, in what President Wilson called the "windchime room," more than three dozen people came to the Annual Meeting's first session, at which four papers were presented.

Thomas E. Toon of the University of Utah, reporting on his study of the language of black Americans in Salt Lake City, said that the relatively few blacks in the Mormon capital tend to show northern urban speech patterns rather than southern rural ones, which is surprising, since most Salt Lake City blacks come from the South.

Barbara Q. Gray of Rutgers University, reporting on the departures of 3 to 5-year old Black English Vernacular-speaking children from standard English rules, said she had found not sufficient departures to warrant Stewart's contention that the "basilect" is most clearly found in young children's speech. Her subjects were 15 Headstart children in a Harlem community center.

Jacob Bennett of the University of Maine spoke of regional author George Savary Wasson, an accurate recorder of late 19th-century Maine dialect. In 1908 Wasson exchanged correspondence with philologist Prof. George B. Chase, who praised the accuracy of his dialect recording. Wasson's notebooks include regional terms such as "as thick as burgoo" and "a flirt of snow," as well as accurate notes on phonetic peculiarities. An article by Bennett on Wasson appears in the most recent American Speech (Spring-Summer 1974).

Curt M. Rulon of North Texas State University, discussing current theoretical and methodological trends in American "lectology," gave examples of a variety of approaches to dialect phonology arising from different theoretical approaches, and posed the question whether or not variable rules are needed.

Session II: 1-3 p.m. Monday, December 27

Again about three dozen assembled for the second session, once more in the Windchime Room with Wilson presiding.

Raven I. McDavid began with a survey of methods and presentation of data in American dialectology. Using elements of both the German technique (written questionnaires, interpretive studies) and the French (field work, simple presentation of data), the different Linguistic Atlas studies in North America show a high degree of comparability, because of common training and checking among those conducting the studies. Reviewing the different formats for presenting Linguistic Atlas materials, he observed a general tendency toward making more of the data accessible.

The annual Business Meeting then was held.

1. On Margaret Bryant's motion, Hood Roberts' statistical report (see above) was accepted by voice vote, without dissent.
2. On Raven McDavid's motion, the appointments of Algeo, Hartman, Lance, and Wilson to various offices (see above) were accepted by voice vote, without dissent.
3. Wilson reported on reorganization and on the matters brought up in Algeo's memorandum (see above). He asked for volunteers or suggestions for the Long Range Planning Committee to be appointed in early 1977 (see above). Suggestions from the floor on building membership included publicity among participants at the Chicago conference in April 1977, circularizing public libraries, and providing a list of previously published materials for use in courses in dialectology.
4. Vice President Van Riper presented his report (see above).
5. Duckert presented the ACLS report (see above).
6. At Duckert's motion, the Nominating Committee's report (see NADS 8.3) was approved by voice vote, without dissent.
7. Raven McDavid announced that he will direct an NEH Summer Seminar for college teachers in American dialectology this summer, and he invited inquiries and applications. The deadline is March 15.
He also mentioned that a collection of his papers will be published in 1977 in Anwar Dil's series.

8. Raymond O'Cain announced that the entire archive for the Linguistic Atlas

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of the Atlantic Seaboard is now at the University of South Carolina. The first fascicle of the Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States, with explanation of apparatus, introduction of informants, and the like, is scheduled for publication by the University of Chicago Press sometime in 1977.

Richard C. Payne of the University of Chicago then offered the latest report on the editing of the Linguistic Atlas of the North Central States (see NADS 8.2, 8.3, 8.4). His handout was a 27-page bibliography of studies of the speech of the North-Central States, a draft version for which he invited corrections and additions. Copies are available to anyone willing to look it over for errors and omissions; they may be had from Payne or Raven McDavid at the English department, University of Chicago, 1050 East 59th St., Chicago, Ill. 60637.

Session III: 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, December 28

Assuming his Presidential role four days early because of Rex Wilson's airplane schedule, William Van Riper presided over the final session of the Annual Meeting in the same tinkling room.

W. N. Francis of Brown University was in Trondheim, Norway at the time he was scheduled to speak to the ADS on dialectology and the future, but he had left his paper with Fred Cassidy, who gave it a careful reading. What do we do with the wealth of material now finally becoming available in the Linguistic Atlas studies of North America and in the studies of English and Scottish dialects? Francis asked. He proposed that it be used to pinpoint areas for future study, and to provide the basis for future detailed studies. Matters to explore include the relationship between language change and mutual intelligibility; the relation of local to standard dialects; and the present status of the heretofore universal trend to diversity of dialects and languages.

Sidney I. Landau of J.G. Ferguson Publishing Company, formerly with Funk & Wagnalls and now with the Doubleday Dictionary, discussed current attitudes toward usage as evinced in such matters as the direct-mail advertising that sells a "Magic Power of Words" program to improve your business, social, and personal life, and also in books on usage and dictionaries. "If competent language scientists refuse to offer the advice others want, you can be sure someone will."

Russell Tabbert of the University of Alaska concluded the program with a 15-page handout and introductory discussion of some features of Alaskan English. By the year 2000, it is estimated, English will have displaced the native languages in Alaska. Only 19 per cent of white Alaskans in the last census were native born. His handout listed distinctive vocabulary, including "Outside" to refer, sometimes pejoratively, to the contiguous 48 states of the U.S.

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CULTURE TO BEGIN FIVE MONTHS LATE

Tim Frazer announces that the first annual conference on the culture and life of the upper Mississippi valley, originally scheduled for April, is now to be held October 1. June 1 is now the deadline for his receipt of two copies of papers designed for 15-minute oral presentation, addressed to a general audience, and in any academic discipline, including linguistics. His address: English Department, Western Illinois Univ., Macomb, Ill. 61455.

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