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NOMINATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION

With the Annual Meeting practically upon us, the Nominating Committee promptly reports these choices:

Vice President 1979 (succeeding to the Presidency in 1980): **Virginia McDavid.**

Member of the Executive Council 1979-82 (replacing Mary Ritchie Key): **Juanita Williamson.**

Member of the Nominating Committee 1979: **James Hartman.**

Additional nominations may be made by petition of at least ten members in good standing. The ADS Constitution, Article VII, Section 2, specifies December 10 as the deadline for such petitions, but since the election will be conducted November 3, Executive Secretary H. Rex Wilson has interpreted the spirit of the Constitution as calling for a deadline two weeks before the date of the meeting. So petitions need to reach him no later than *October 20*.

The 1979 Nominating Committee will consist of the two most immediate Past Presidents, A. Hood Roberts and Lee Pederson, as well as the member to be elected. President in 1979 will be John Algeo, and Executive Council members at large will include Walter S. Avis (term ends 1980), Paul Eschholz (term ends 1981), and A. Murray Kinloch (term ends 1979).

The current Nominating Committee, which presented the report listed above, consists of Past Presidents Audrey Duckert and Lee Pederson and elected member F.G. Cassidy.

THE CRUNCH COMETH AMID GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

An operating surplus of \$9,000 is foreseen by the end of publication year 1978 in a financial projection by the Executive Secretary. This happy picture is clouded, he reports, by the fact that \$14,000 of this is still in the pockets of members and subscribers. Those with pocket calculators can quickly determine that the Society would be \$5,000 in the red if we had to pay all our projected costs right now.

A GRACE NOTE

The saving factor is that our bills for this period, which will close with the completion of Vol. 52 (1977) of *American Speech*, will probably be spread out until some time in 1980. There is enough available cash in our accounts to pay all bills to the end of this calendar year, but without a response from the membership we will at that point be in a serious bind.

NO NAMES, NO PACK DRILL, BUT ARE YOU ONE OF THESE?

Institutional members owed us \$5,000 at the end of August (the Executive Secretary continues), but *individual members owed \$9,000*. The past year has seen a strong effort to disambiguate dues payments by two means: returning the forms provided in *NADS* 10.1 with a firm statement of the last year for which dues had been paid, and the dunning of members in arrears with forms giving similar information. This has been time-consuming and costly, and the first part of the effort will not be repeated. Instead, a memo of the year will be made (or checked and initialled if written in by the member) on each dues check processed. Duns will continue to go out.

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CHECK NOW, AND YOU'LL BE UN-DUNNED

Interleaved somewhere in this issue, each subscriber will find an anticipatory dues notice for 1979. Return it with your remittance, and for a year you can feel smugly superior to the exhortations and cajolery that will appear in this space. It may not be amiss to remind members and subscribers that the Christmas season is at hand, and that an ADS membership for 1979, with its plethora of publications and multitude of meetings, is the perfect gift. Even the person who has everything is unlikely to belong to the ADS, as our concise membership rolls attest. Try asking the Executive Secretary to send a handsome card announcing your gift, while you're at it!

STATUS OF THE SOCIETY'S PLENTIFUL PUBLICATIONS

Everyone now should have *American Speech* 53.1 and 53.2 (1978), *PADS* Nos. 61-62 and 63-64, and (in hand) *NADS* 10.2.

American Speech 51.1-2 through 52.1-2 is in proof at Columbia University Press; 53.2 and 53.3 are in proof at the University of Alabama Press.

PADS No. 65 is scheduled to appear in November. With this number *Publication of the American Dialect Society* will describe itself as "an occasional series of monographs." *American Speech* will be a serial journal for shorter articles.

The next *NADS* is due in January.

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED TOGETHER

As scheduled, the Summer Meeting of the ADS took place at the University of Illinois, Urbana, on July 27. Convener Dennis Baron reports: "Two people, besides me, showed up. We discussed our work and adjourned. I'll be in France next year, at the University of Potiers, on a Fulbright lectureship, leaving in two days — hence the terseness of this note."

A REPORT ON METHODOLOGY

Dialectologists from nine countries met at the University of Western Ontario, from August 1 to 9 to discuss methodological innovations at the Third International Conference on Methods in Dialectology. The 43 registrants heard 25 papers.

The 15 dialectologists who stayed on for a planning and evaluation meeting proposed a fourth such conference for 1981. A site for this conference is being sought, and proposals will be received by the coordinator until the end of January. If you are willing to serve as local arrangements coordinator, or can persuade someone else to do it, send your site proposal to H.R. Wilson, Dept. of English, Univ. of Western Ontario, London, Ont., Canada N6A 3K7.

LAMSAS TO APPEAR IN LITTLE BUNDLES

Having weighed the respective advantages of publication in volumes and in individual fascicles, the University of Chicago Press recently approved the latter for the *Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States*, reports the editor, Raven I. McDavid, Jr. No prospectus is ready yet, he adds, but inquiries and subscriptions are welcome.

ICCH/4 ISSUES A CALL

December 1 is the deadline for submitting abstracts of 500 to 1000 words of papers on any topic involving computing in the humanities, for presentation at the Fourth International Conference on Computing in the Humanities, August 19-22, 1979, at Dartmouth College. Papers on languages and lexicography are specifically welcomed. Send abstracts or requests for further information to: Stephen V. F. Waite, Chairman, ICCH/4, Kiewit Computation Center, Dartmouth College, Hanover N.H. 03755.

Oct. 19-21: SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING

In association with the South Central Modern Language Association
Houston

Regional Secretary: **Curt M. Rulon**, North Texas State University
(The Administrative Secretary of the English department at North Texas State Univ.
writes that Rulon is on sick leave of absence for the current academic year. Information
about this meeting was not available at press time.)

October 28: ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING

In association with the Rocky Mountain Modern Language Association
Phoenix, Hyatt Regency, Russell B & C, 1:45-3:15 p.m.

Presiding: **John M. Sharp**, Univ. of Texas, El Paso

Regional Secretary: **Tom Clark**, Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas

Papers:

"Dialect of the Last Frontier in Texas as Found in Newspapers, 1875-1880."

Ernestine Sewell, Univ. of Texas, Arlington. (Dialecticians have failed to note the incidence of slang in frontier journalism as an active agent in the shaping of modes and morals of the settlers. This study investigates the language of *The Flea*, *The Frontier Echo*, and *The Albany Echo*, Texas frontier newspapers, from 1875 to 1880, tracing certain phonological and morphological peculiarities to specific influences of the Civil War, popular literature of the period, and emigration. It will be found that newspaper editors made use of many terms much earlier than dialecticians have recorded.

"Foreign Students' Difficulty with Spoken and Written Dialect." **Charles B. Martin**, North Texas State Univ. A report on a study of three sophomore literature classes for international students to determine their ability to understand both spoken and written regional variations in American English.

"Language Variety in Juarez, Mexico." **Adela Davila**, Univ. of Texas, El Paso. This study investigates the language varieties of three age groups in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, with special concentration on adjective choice and set phrases.

"Language Attitudes and Their Reflection in Chicano Theatre: An Exploratory Study." **Guadalupe Valdes Fallis**, New Mexico State Univ. This paper examines the attitudes of a number of Mexican-American dramatists toward both English and Spanish and their various varieties and registers. It focuses specifically on the perceptions of these dramatists concerning the appropriateness of certain types of language for different characters and for use in varying kinds of situations and settings.

"Work in Progress on Australian English in the Sydney Metropolitan Area." **James W. Ney**, Arizona State Univ. Robert Eagleson, University of Sydney, is currently working on problems of language contact involving the Australian aborigines in bilingual programs in the Sydney area. Arthur Delbridge and John Barnard are doing spectrographic analysis involving the vowel structure of Australian English at MacQuarie University. They have concluded that "The English spoken in Australia appears to be quite extraordinarily uniform over the whole land" (*Orbis* 18 [1969], 62).

November 2: MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING

In association with the Midwest Modern Language Association
Minneapolis, Leamington Hotel, Hoover Room, 1:30-5:30 p.m.

Chairman: **Garrett Scott**, Bloomington (Ill.) Public Schools
 Regional Secretary: **Donald M. Lance**, University of Missouri, Columbia
 Acting Regional Secretary (while Lance is at Saar University, Germany): **Michael D. Linn**, University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Session I, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Papers:

"Consonant Variation in Four LANCs Records." **Dagna Simpson**, YMCA Community College, Chicago.

"Some North-South Contrasts West of the Mississippi." **George W. Abernethy**, DARE.

"Aspects of the Dialect on the Iron Range." **Michael D. Linn**, University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Session II, 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Papers:

"Some Features of Upper-Class Urban Black Speech." **Joy Gleason Carew**, IIT.

"The Rise in Status of *Snuck* (Pret.)." **Thomas J. Creswell**, Chicago State University.

Session III, 4:30-5:35 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Videotape (4:35-5:35 p.m.):

"Linguistic Atlas: Speech of the Upper Midwest." **Harold B. Allen**, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

DINNER, 7 p.m., Wilson Room, Leamington Hotel. Breast of Capon with Emerald Sauce; Florida Fruit Cup; Mixed Garden Greens with Bleu Cheese Dressing; Minnesota Wild Rice; Green Beans Almondine; Cherry Suisse Parfait; Paul Masson or Almaden Rose Wine. Cost per person, including sales tax and gratuity, \$12.35. Advance reservations required: write Harold B. Allen, 200 Cecil St., S.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55414.

November 11: SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING

In association with the South Atlantic Modern Language Association Golden Anniversary Meeting

Atlanta, Sheraton-Biltmore

Chair: **Connie C. Eble**, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Regional Secretary: **David L. Shores**, Old Dominion Univ.

SAMLA Golden Anniversary Tribute:

"Some Reminiscences About Dialect Studies in the Southeast." **James B. McMillan**, Univ. of Alabama. (35 minutes)

BUSINESS MEETING. (5 minutes)

Papers:

"Sociolinguistic Aspects of Language Attitudes Towards Southern American English." **William L. Coleman**, Univ. of North Carolina, Greensboro. (20 minutes)

"Towards a Unified Perspective on Final Unstressed Vowels in Appalachian English." **Ronald R. Butters**, Duke Univ. (20 minutes)

"From Black to White: William Faulkner's Use of Dialect in his Lucas Beauchamp Stories." **Bruce Southard**, Oklahoma State Univ.

November 2-4: ANNUAL MEETING**ROLES AND VARIETIES OF AMERICAN ENGLISH****JOINT MEETING WITH NWAVE****GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY****WASHINGTON, D. C.**

Thursday, Nov. 2, Library of Congress, Whittall Pavilion (take Metro Blue Line to Capitol South, 50 cents)

2:00 p.m. "Resources of the Library of Congress for the Study of American Dialects." **Alan Jabbour**, Director, American Folk Life Center. Followed by tour of the Division of Recorded Sound, Library of Congress.

8:00 p.m. (Walsh Building, Georgetown University.) Joint meeting with Washington Linguistics Club.

Friday, Nov. 3, Georgetown University, Walsh Building, Palms Lounge or Hall of Nations (NWAVE will meet concurrently in the other room)
(Tentative schedule; times subject to change)

9:00 a.m. "Radio Jargon." **Krisanne Bursik**, Villanova Univ.

9:30 a.m. "The Language of Personal Radio Communications." **Marvin Carmony**, Indiana State Univ.

10:00 a.m. "The Language of Government Documents." **Fred Emery**, Director of the Federal Register.

10:40 a.m. "Legal Language: What Is It and What Should We Do About It?" **Veda Charrow** and **Jo Ann Crandall**, Center for Applied Linguistics.

11:10 a.m. "What Is Technical English, American Style?" **Diana Mae Sims**, Tarrant County Junior Coll., Ft. Worth, Tex.

11:40 a.m. "Baby Talk as a Variety of American English." **Allen Walker Read**, Columbia Univ.

12:10 p.m. LUNCH

1:40 p.m. "The Linguistic Style of American Journals." **Ann L. Sen**, Univ. of Rochester.

2:10 p.m. "The Language of Flight Control." **Gene Lawing**, Federal Aviation Administration.

2:50 p.m. "Role and Variety in American Popular Fiction: The Case of the Dime Novel." **Michael G. Crowell**, Knox Coll., Galesburg, Ill.

3:20 p.m. "Social Factors and Pronoun Variation in an Upper Class Community: A New Approach to Community Studies." **Barbara Frant Hecht** and **Susan Shepherd**, Stanford Univ.

3:50 p.m. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

9:30 p.m. Wine and cheese party with NWAVE. (Place to be announced at registration.)

Saturday, Nov. 4, Georgetown University, Walsh Building, Palms Lounge or Hall of Nations (NWAVE will meet concurrently in the other room)
(Tentative schedule; times subject to change)

- 9:00 a.m. "Variability and Invariability: Three Phonological Rules of a South Midland Dialect." **M. Stanley Whitley**, West Virginia Univ.
- 9:30 a.m. "DARE." **Frederic G. Cassidy**, Univ. of Wisconsin.
- 10:10 a.m. "A Report of Progress on the Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States." **Raymond K. O'Cain**, Univ. of South Carolina.
- 10:40 a.m. "Loss of [r] in the Colonial Rhode Island Dialect." **Celia M. Millward**, Boston Univ.
- 11:10 a.m. "Rule Innovation in Hispanicized English." **Rosario Gingras**, Center for Applied Linguistics.
- 11:50 a.m. LUNCH
- 1:20 p.m. "Toward a More Truthful Description of the Speech of Black Americans." **Juanita V. Williamson**, LeMoyne-Owen Coll., Memphis, Tenn.
- 1:50 p.m. "Mungo, Ralpho, Sambo, and Harry." **Marianne Cooley**, Univ. of California, Davis.
- 2:20 p.m. "Sexism in English: Its Importance in ESOL Classrooms." **Dale A. Myers**, Univ. of Tennessee.
- 2:50 p.m. "A Regionally Distributed Politeness Marker: at all." **Carolyn Temple Adger**, Washington, D.C.
- 3:20 p.m. "A Comparison of the Speech of Two Black and Two White Farmers from Delmarva: A Pilot Study." **Ronnie Leon Collins**, Georgetown Univ.
- 3:50 p.m. "Methodology: Isolating the Geographic Variable." **Lou Ann Daly**, Trinity Coll., Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Georgetown University, Walsh Building Lobby.
Fee \$4 (includes wine and cheese party Friday night).

ROOMS: Ramada Inn — Rosslyn, 1900 North Fort Myer Drive, Arlington, Va. 22209, (703) 527-4814 will have rooms at their convention rate (mention ADS) of \$34 for a single, \$40 for a double if reservations are made no later than October 19. This Inn is at the opposite end of Key Bridge from Georgetown. (Regular rates are \$38 for a single, up to \$60 for a double.)

LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS are in care of ADS President A. Hood Roberts, English Language Institute and Program in Linguistics, Room 200, McKinley Building, The American University, Washington, D.C. 20016; phone (202) 686-2197.

November 24: NCTE CONCURRENT MEETING

Kansas City, Mo., Bartle Convention Center, 8:30-9:45 a.m. (Concurrent Session A.24)

Chairman: **Raven I. McDavid, Jr.**, Univ. of Chicago

Co-chairman: **Albert B. Cook III**, Univ. of Kansas

Topic: "The Speech of the American Heartland"

Papers:

"Oklahoma." **Mrs. W. R. Van Riper**, Louisiana State Univ.

"Missouri." **Gerald Udell**, Ohio Univ.

"Kansas." **James Hartman**, Univ. of Kansas.

Reactor: **Raymond K. O'Cain**, Univ. of South Carolina.

December 27-29: MLA CONCURRENT MEETING

New York, Hilton

President: **A. Hood Roberts**, American University

[Executive Council meeting, 9-10:15 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, Morgan A]

Session I, 2:45-4 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 28, Petit Trianon

Papers:

"Their, There, and They." **Frank Parker**, Univ. of British Columbia.

"The Dialect of Ben Jonson's *Irish Masque*." **James P. Sullivan**, Lovell, Maine.

Session II, 8:30-9:45 a.m., Beekman

Papers:

"The Rev. John Witherspoon and the Study of English in America." **Connie C. Eble**, Univ. of North Carolina.

"Dialect Humor in Normalized Spelling." **Raven I. McDavid, Jr.**, Univ. of Chicago.

REGIONALISMS AND LINGUISTIC GEOGRAPHY: REPORT FOR 1977

By *Paul Eschholz*, Chairperson of the Committee

The year 1977 saw the publication of a number of new books and pamphlets and the revised editions of several others. The new books include *James B. McMillan: Essays in Linguistics by His Friends and Colleagues* (University of Alabama Press), edited by James C. Russell and I. Willis Russell — a collection of essays with ones on dialectology by Harold Allen, Audrey Duckert, Raven McDavid, Raymond O'Cain, and Virginia McDavid — and *Papers in Language Variation: SAMLA-ADS Collection*, a handsome and useful collection of papers presented at recent SAMLA-ADS meetings. Carroll E. Reed reports that a revised edition of *Dialects of American English* (University of Massachusetts Press) has appeared. A paperback edition of Mencken's *The American Language* under the editorship of David Maurer and Raven McDavid was published. Harper and Row brought out Virginia McDavid and Macklin Thomas's *Writing Today's English*, while St. Martin's Press published a second edition of *Language: Introductory Readings* edited by Virginia Clark, Paul Eschholz, and Alfred Rosa. *Exercise Exchange* (Dept. of English, University of Vermont) devoted a special issue to "Black Students and Standard English: An Annotated Bibliography" by Molly Mack. Harold Allen writes of a 50-minute videotape he has completed on the speech of the Upper Midwest (based upon materials in the *Linguistic Atlas of the Upper Midwest*). The videotape is intended for use in American English, linguistics, and social studies classes. For details, write Allen at 200 Cecil St. S.E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55414. John Algeo advises that we should all look for two

lengthy reviews of scholarship from 1945 to 1973 — Harold Allen on “Regional Dialects” and Lee Pederson on “Pronunciation Studies” — in the Fall-Winter 1977 issue of *American Speech*.

While actual reports on the various Atlas projects have been few, I am assuming that work on them has proceeded apace. Virginia McDavid reports that “I’m hard at work editing the grammatical materials in the *Linguistic Atlas of the North-Central States* and have the term off for the purpose.” Raven McDavid sends word of an NEH grant for LANCS and asks the membership for its help in securing additional funds:

The National Endowment for the Humanities has given the University of Chicago \$91,000 for the editing of the *Linguistic Atlas of the North-Central States*, a project initiated by Albert H. Marckwardt and directed by him until his death in 1975. In addition, the NEH has allocated \$55,500 on a gifts-plus-matching basis, by which the NEH matches, dollar for dollar, contributions received from other sources. Friends and colleagues of Al Marckwardt are invited to contribute to this project; their contributions will not only be tax-deductible but matched by the NEH. Such contributions should be sent to the LANCS Fund, Division of Humanities, University of Chicago, Chicago, Ill. 60637, with an indication that they are to be used for matching NEH funds.

McDavid also reports that fascicle 1 of the *Linguistic Atlas of the Middle and South Atlantic States* is now in press (Chicago). David Reed, director of the *Linguistic Atlas of the Pacific Coast*, and Allan Metcalf have begun to explore the possibilities for on-demand publication of the microfilm which Metcalf made in 1970 of the complete LAPC field records for California and Nevada, about 24,000 frames of microfilm on 20 reels. [The Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley, has agreed to accept the microfilm and make on-demand copies of it, as well as of a 160-page Guide to the field records. Further information will be announced shortly.—Ed.]

Frederic Cassidy sends word that the *Dictionary of American Regional English*, begun in 1965, is now well into the editing and writing phase. Letter A is in virtually final form; letters B through G are in active preparation. Following a grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities, two extra editors are being added. The anticipated completion date for this important project is 1980-81.

W. Nelson Francis attended the International Symposium on Automatic Linguistic Cartography at Marburg an der Lahn, 12-16 September 1977. His report on automatic dialect mapping discussed at the Marburg Symposium will appear in *Computers and the Humanities*. Many ADS members reported that they went to the conference on “Language Variety and Its Implications for American Cultural Pluralism” held at the University of Chicago, April 7-9, 1977.

Garland Bills sends word of a bibliography entitled “Current Research on the Language(s) of U.S. Hispanos” that he did with Jerry Craddock and Richard Teschner for *Hispania* 60: 347-358 (1977). Also of interest is Joseph Foster’s article “Of Natural and Unnatural Dialect Differences: When the Standard is the Deviate” in *Language Today* 2: 46-56 (1977).

Several continuing projects and some new ones have been reported this year. Raven McDavid has two projects in press — *Varieties of American English* (Stanford) and *Dialects in Culture* (Alabama). W. Nelson Francis continues to write on his introductory dialectology textbook; he regrets that progress is slow. Fred Tarpley has undertaken a study of dialect in a small-town factory; the study emphasizes how vocabulary differs from one department of the factory to another. Also, he continues to compile a bibliography of Texas language. Tom Creswell is in the middle of an elaborate study of

snuck as preterite and past participle of *sneak*. Rudy Troike sends word that he hopes to get some time away from administrative duties so as to start analyzing the materials he collected on the Texas Dialect Survey. T. M. Pearce reports that he plans to prepare "A New Mexico Word Geography." Also, he has talked with Garland Bills and Thomas Clark about a cooperative effort on the "Linguistic Atlas Project for the Rocky Mountain Region." D.W. Maurer is at it again — two books in progress: *The Argot Hunter* and *The Professional Criminal in America*. Word has it that Maurer and Raven McDavid are talking about a joint effort on a project tentatively titled "The American Idiom." David Shores hopes to get back to his "Dialect Survey of Virginia" — a project he planned and did preliminary field work for several years back. Finally, Jacob Ornstein and Robert St. Clair have submitted "Bilingualism and Bilingual Education: New Readings and Insights" to a publisher.

In Canada, *Languages in Newfoundland and Labrador* (Memorial University of Newfoundland) under the editorship of Harold Paddock has been published. It includes nine essays by eight authors on six languages of the province, including four on various aspects of Newfoundland English dialects. William Kirwin reports that the first stage of editing the complete alphabet for "The Dictionary of Newfoundland English," which he is working on with George Story and J.D.A. Widdowsen, has been finished. The first letters are now being re-edited, and numerous additions are being made. Completed manuscript may be ready for submission to a press in late 1978. R.J. Gregg (University of British Columbia) sends word that *The Scotch-Irish Dialects of Ulster: Their Distribution and Their Boundaries* has been delivered for publication. Also, his *Canadian English*, a specially written monograph, is forthcoming in English as well as Japanese.

Harold Paddock, Brenda Renaud, and Philip Hiscock are at work on "A Preliminary Dialect Mapping of the Island of Newfoundland." Data has been compiled on 46 linguistic features from mostly older speakers in 72 coastal communities. From the data, 21 features (12 phonological plus 9 morphosyntactic) have been selected for mapping. Maps are now being edited. L.R. Smith and Sandra Clark have started to work on "Towards a Survey of Language Attitudes in Newfoundland." Stimuli are from four varieties of English: two local (both St. John's dialects), two non-local (RP-type and CBC-type). Responses are from seven different St. John's groups. Questionnaire and statistical analysis is being used. The project was started this year with Canada Council funding. R.J. Gregg has completed his "Pilot Survey of the English Spoken in Vancouver, B.C." and has undertaken "An Urban Dialect Survey of the English Spoken in Vancouver, B.C." — a full scale survey, funded by Canada Council, 1978-80.

One completed dissertation has been reported in 1977: Robert A. Sanders, *Alexander John Ellis: A Study of a Victorian Philologist* (Memorial University of Newfoundland). Several dissertations are in progress: Michael I. Miller, "The Speech of Augusta, Georgia: Inflectional Morphology" (South Carolina); Rowan K. Daggett, "Upper Wabash Valley Place Names: Wabash and Miami Counties, Indiana" (Indiana University); Patty Reagan, "Vocabulary of Central Texas" (East Texas State University); Patricia Dean, "Vocabulary of North Central Texas" (East Texas State University).

Several completed M.A. theses of interest have been reported: Lars Sigfred Evensen, "Black American Speech Patterns in a Foreign Setting" (University of Trondheim); Gabor Sandi, "The Phonology of the Dialects of England" (University of British Columbia); Roberta Stevenson, "The Pronunciation of English in British Columbia: An Analysis" (University of British Columbia). There are two in progress: Tea Ann DuPriest, "Disappearance of /hw/ in American Speech" (East Texas State University), and Kathy Hargrove, "The Use of West Texas Dialect in Preston Jones' *Texas Trilogy*" (East Texas State University).

If any ADS members have items of interest to report, I would enjoy hearing from

them. I can be reached at the Department of English, 315 Old Mill, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vt. 05401.

DARE CALLS ON EVERY READER TO TAKE SIDES (OR ENDS)

Thanks (writes Fred Cassidy) to correspondents who have written about items in our former lists. This is *DARE* Queries, Fourth Series:

Flower-woman. What is it? Some sort of pot, jar or vase? Our sole quot tells the reader to "Plant flower seeds in the 'flower woman' in the light of the moon" (Southern Illinois, 1950). If we could see a picture of her. . . .

Emmies. *Dialect Notes* (1912, 3.575) attests the word once, from western Indiana, meaning 'molasses'. Does anybody know the word? What source? Perhaps a foreign loan? This is our only example.

Dr. Walker. We have this as the name of a weed that was boiled and eaten (Hyatt *Marthy Lou's Kiverlid*, 1937, laid in Kentucky). Presumably, from the name, it was believed to have curative powers. But why "Walker"? Is this a reference to its manner of growth or spread? If the plant could be identified we could go on from there.

A Game for the Widow. In the game of tick-tack-toe, this is a 'draw'. We have only one example, from Dover, Delaware 1968. Does anyone know the term? When used, and where?

It ain't done it! We have two examples of this, meaning 'It isn't true!' — one each from central-western Tennessee and from central-eastern Kentucky. This looks regional enough, but it is a strange expression and we'd like to have more evidence on it. Is anyone familiar with it? Is it still current?

Auction Block. In Baltimore, some years ago, farm produce was brought in bulk to a central place and sold at auction to retailers. This place was called an "auction block." We'd like to know whether places other than Baltimore used this word, and whether this procedure is still followed and the word is still current.

Chizzywink. From the Florida swamps — this is an insect similar to a mosquito, but stingless. We have this from only one source (1967 *Will A Dredgeman of Cape Sable*); is it known in other swampy places? More evidence, and explanation of the word, would be welcome.

Turkey Bag. A large paper grocery bag — one evidence only from Rhode Island. Is the term in use elsewhere? Presumably it means a bag big enough to hold a turkey?

Genary. With second-syllable stress — means a crowd — "a whole genary of people." We have it only from New Jersey. Is it used elsewhere? What explanation?

Hog Dollar. A half dollar. From California, but with inadequate evidence. What currency, among what kind of speakers (an occupational term?), and what does it mean?

Dry-land Fish. From central-south and central-east Kentucky, but with disagreement as to the meaning: generally, 'fried mushrooms'; specifically, 'the morel mushroom'. It may, of course, be both, or mushrooms in general — we need further evidence. And is this term used only in Kentucky?

SIDE vs. END. In designating the parts of a city, there may be some geographic distribution as between *end* and *side* (live in the East *End*, or on the North *Side*, etc.) — and we have some evidence but would like more. If *every* reader of *NADS* would send us the evidence from the city or cities with which he or she is familiar, this might add up to what we need. Readers — do give us this information for your nearby city! Every letter will be a help! Write Professor F.G. Cassidy, *DARE*, 6125 Helen C. White Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis. 53706. All contributions will be acknowledged in *DARE*.

*Newsletter of the
American Dialect Society*

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