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The Nominating Committee has a Sept. 1 deadline for proposing a Vice President 1980, a Member of the Executive Council 1980-83, and a Member of the Nominating Committee 1980. These nominations will be announced in the October NADS.

CALENDAR & CALLS FOR PAPERS

- May 5:** PACIFIC COAST REGIONAL MEETING in association with the California Linguistics Association
 Sacramento, California State University
Chair: Manjari Ohala, Linguistics Program, San Jose State Univ., San Jose, Calif. 95192
Regional secretary: Mary Ritchie Key, University of California, Irvine
Guest speaker: Roger Shuy, Georgetown University.
Luncheon for participants in both the CLA and ADS meetings, Redwood Room, University Union; \$4 per person in advance. For reservations write Ann Holmquist, English Department, California State University, 6000 J St., Sacramento, Calif. 95819; phone (916) 454-6580 or 454-6586.
 (Abstract deadline was March 9.)
- August 2:** possible SUMMER MEETING in association with the Linguistic Society of America Summer Meeting (August 2-4) and Linguistic Institute (July 23-August 31)
 Salzburg, Austria, University of Salzburg
 ADS members attending the LSA Summer Meeting are invited to get in touch with ADS Executive Secretary Rex Wilson (see Directory in this issue) to arrange a possible informal meeting.
- April 15:** ABSTRACTS DUE for ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL MEETING in association with RMMLA
 Albuquerque, Convention Center-Albuquerque Inn, Oct. 18-20
Presiding: James W. Ney, Department of English, Arizona State Univ., Tempe, Ariz. 85281
Regional secretary: Thomas L. Clark, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Abstracts: not over 75 words; send to Ney.
- Approximately May 1:** ABSTRACTS DUE for SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL MEETING in association with SCMLA
 October
Chairperson: Jane Black, Richland College
Regional secretary: Curt M. Rulon, English Department, North Texas State University, Denton, Tex. 76203; phone (817) 788-2000
Abstracts: send to Rulon.
- Approximately May 1:** ABSTRACTS DUE for MIDWEST REGIONAL MEETING in association with MMLA
 Indianapolis, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Nov. 8
Presiding: Michael D. Linn, English Department, 420 Humanities Building, University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minn. 55812
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Abstracts: send to Linn.

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CALENDAR & CALLS FOR PAPERS: CONTINUED

Approximately May 1: ABSTRACTS DUE for SOUTH ATLANTIC REGIONAL MEETING in association with SAMLA

Atlanta, early November

Chair: Ronald R. Butters, English Department, Duke University, Duke University, Durham, N.C. 27706

Regional secretary: David L. Shores, Old Dominion University

Abstracts: send to Butters.

Early November: Meeting with NWAWE

Washington, D.C., Georgetown University

Abstracts: Send to ADS Executive Secretary H. Rex Wilson (see directory in this issue).

November 23: NCTE CONCURRENT SESSION

San Francisco

3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Topic: The Speech of the West

Chairman: Raven I. McDavid, Jr., University of Chicago.

Program to be arranged.

May 1: ABSTRACTS DUE for ANNUAL MEETING in association with MLA

San Francisco, Dec. 27-30

President: John Algeo, University of Georgia

Abstracts: Send to Virginia McDavid, Illinois Schools Journal, Chicago State University, 95th Street at King Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60628; phone (312) 995-2016.

July 24 or 31, 1980: SUMMER MEETING 1980 in association with the Linguistic Society of America Linguistic Institute (June 16-August 8) and Summer Meeting (August 1-3) or the TESOL Summer Meeting (July 25-27)
Albuquerque, University of New Mexico

Inquiries: Concerning the ADS meeting, write ADS Executive Secretary H. Rex Wilson; concerning the Linguistic Institute, write Garland D. Bills, Director, 1980 Linguistic Institute, Department of Linguistics, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, N.M. 87131.

FROM RICHES TO RAGS? PERHAPS IT DEPENDS ON YOU

With \$11,000 in its operating account, the Society seems to be in sturdy financial shape, but when the bills for *Publication* No. 65 and *American Speech* volumes 51 and 52 come in, totalling \$11,460, this will be wiped out. The glacial operations of Columbia University Press may not cause this catastrophe in the near future, but with all but one double number of the outstanding volumes in type, all of these bills could come due in 1979.

While the 1976 and 1977 volumes of *American Speech* remain undelivered, the Executive Secretary has not pushed for payment right up to calendar date, but he has been known to drop hints to members to get closer to it, to save the shock of a heavy bill when everything has been delivered.

Members who are paid only through 1976 owe the Society a total of \$2,190 to bring their memberships up to 1978. Members paid only through 1977 owe a total of \$1,905 for the same period, and with only a modest start made on 1979 payments, we still have \$8,850 to come in for the current year. With a budget for 1979 of \$11,400, it is apparent that every outstanding cent is going to be needed to keep us solvent.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE WITHOUT A MEDICAL

At the Annual General Meeting in Georgetown, the reinstatement of life memberships in the Society was approved. The Executive Council had recommended the use of the formula which has been applied by many members of the American Council of Learned Societies of 20 times annual dues. Thus any member in good standing through 1978 may now become a life member by paying \$300 instead of his 1979 dues.

The reinstatement of the life membership was undertaken with the understanding that the fees would be invested and the annual dues paid out of the interest. The Executive Council proposed that an effort be made to restore earlier invested funds which had to be used in an emergency in 1976. In addition to life membership fees, this fund is to receive all gifts to the Society. To cover the nine existing life memberships, \$2,700 was set aside as a nucleus for the fund. Since then two new life memberships have been received along with \$415 in gifts. Thus the endowment fund now stands at \$3,715.

PRESENT-DAY ENGLISH GROUP TO SALUTE PAST AND PRESENT

At the San Francisco meeting of the MLA this december, concurrent with the ADS annual meeting, the MLA Present-Day English Language Discussion Group will honor the 50th anniversary of the start of the Linguistic Atlas of the United States and Canada — also at an MLA meeting, in 1929.

Allen Walker Read of Columbia University will preside. "For such a program," Read wrote, "we feel that the papers should be invited, without a general call. We are hoping that the eminent founder himself, Hans Kurath, will prepare a statement for us." Others tentatively on the program will be Tom Clark of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, representing research in the Western states; Bruce Southard of Oklahoma State University, who is working on the Oklahoma atlas, and David Carlson of Springfield College, Mass., who is following some of Audrey Duckert's work with the New England atlas. Raven I. McDavid, Jr., has been asked to be a discussant; "to have such a program without him, Read comments, "would be like the play *Hamlet* without its hero." More names may be announced later.

Read has asked that the session start at 4:45 p.m., so it will not have to come to an abrupt end when the allotted 75 minutes are up; and he has inquired into the possibility of following the session with what the MLA calls a Cash Bar from 6 or 6:30 to 8 p.m., sponsored either by the Discussion Group or possibly the ADS. More information on this should be available in time for the next *NADS*.

LOVABLE CONFERENCE NEEDS HOME

The deadline for proposal of sites for a fourth International Conference on Methods in Dialectology to be held in 1981 has been extended indefinitely — or at least until June. Since a conference like this requires considerable lead time, proposals should not be delayed past then.

Proposals should mention accessibility and amenities of the institution and region. Local tourist and convention literature would not be out of place. Dates may be suggested, but may have to be negotiated in the light of the experience of the former coordinator in dealing with scholars overseas.

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, Department of English, University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario, Canada, N6A 3K7.

ACTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NOVEMBER 1978

Retreating from the loud and darkened rooftop lounge of the Ramada Inn, Rosslyn, Va., to the brighter and quieter Cardinal Room on the second floor, a quorum of the ADS Executive Council and half a dozen hangers-on supped and settled some portion of the destiny of the Society in the evening of Nov. 2, 1978. Council members Roberts, Algeo, Duckert, Kinloch and Wilson were there, along with Margaret Bryant, Fred Cassidy, Lurline Coltharp, James Hartman, and Allan Metcalf.

What thoughtful syllables escaped their lips? What morsels did they ruminate upon? How were they moved to move?

Sing, muse!

1. Walter S. Avis was approved as a signing officer for the ADS accounts, as a precaution for emergencies. Until now only Rex Wilson has been able to sign for the ADS.

2. Rex Wilson presented an interim financial report. He gave current membership as about 785: 444 individuals, 341 institutions, with 51 serious delinquents who have paid only through 1975. The report was unanimously accepted. It was superseded later by the Nov. 30 end-of-year report given elsewhere in this issue.

3. At Wilson's request, the Council directed that Vice President Algeo chair, and appoint members to, a Search Committee to find a new Executive Secretary. Wilson envisioned relinquishing the office in 1980, and hoped that the appointment could be made well in advance of the turnover.

4. The president was empowered to appoint someone to suggest revisions in the Constitution and Bylaws, and bring the proposed revisions to the next Annual Meeting. The current documents give deadlines based on the assumption that the Annual Meeting will always be with the MLA in December.

5. PADS Editor James Hartman presented the report printed elsewhere in this issue, and asked the Council for guidance regarding manuscripts accepted by the previous editor but appearing to need further revision. The Council decided that when one editor accepts a manuscript for publication, a subsequent editor will honor the acceptance, but may require revision to meet changed financial and editorial circumstances. The current editor will judge the adequacy of revision.

6. For the Committee on Proverbial Sayings, Margaret Bryant reported that Stuart Kingsbury's team of three student keypunchers at the University of Northern Michigan had stored on tape 51,811 proverb specimen cards from the ADS collection. They hope to have 150,000 proverbs keypunched by April 1, 1979. She suggested that a committee be set up to decide what to do about publication: "Getting it recorded is the first step. I don't know what the second step should be." The matter of formal ADS sponsorship of the publication also needs to be considered. At Fred Cassidy's motion, the Council voted that the President appoint a small committee to aid and counsel Stuart Kingsbury in his efforts.

7. American Speech Editor John Algeo reported that the issues for 1976 and the first half of 1977 are in page proof at Columbia University Press; the last issue with Columbia is that for fall 1977, which has not yet been set. With the Alabama Press, publication is more timely: Spring and Summer 1978 have been mailed, Fall 1978 has been read in second proof and Winter 1978 in first proof. [By March 1979, all issues for 1978 had been mailed]. The manuscript for Spring 1979 had been sent in, and the hope is to have 1979 issues fully on schedule — Spring in March, Summer in June, and so on. Algeo's report was received with jubilation.

8. For NADS, Allan Metcalf reported the usual efforts to be timely and prompt, and the usual delays; and noted the publication of the customary three issues, at a cost

(including printing and mailing) of about \$250 each. This report was officially received with exhilaration.

9. Considerable discussion took place about the location of the 1979 Annual Meeting. The Long Range Planning Committee in 1977 proposed a meeting in the spring (see *NADS* 10.1, p. 10); possibilities for the fall included association with NWAVE in Washington again, with the NCTE in San Francisco, with the Midwest Regional Meeting and MMLA in Indianapolis, and with the MLA in San Francisco. Discussion continued at the Annual Business Meeting the next day, and at the Executive Council open meeting in December, finally leading to the decision to meet with MLA.

10. Life membership was resuscitated, and the fee set at 20 times annual dues, or \$300. The money will be put in an endowment fund and only the interest used for current expenses.

11. In September, the Society received an unexpected though understandable bill for \$5,572.59 from the Center for Applied Linguistics. This covered several years of part-time salary for a clerk, postage, copying, and long distance telephone — expenses which first were absorbed by CAL when the ADS moved under its wing in 1969, but which in 1972 or 1973 CAL began charging to ADS. There were varying opinions on whether the bill should be paid, and when and how. Discussion continued at the Annual Business Meeting the next day, and at the meeting with the MLA in December, but no decision was reached. Pending determination of the Society's response, the item does not appear in the financial report, which would be depressed by its inclusion. Rex Wilson made available a detailed analysis and list of particulars.

DOWN TO BUSINESS

Next afternoon (Nov. 3, 1978) the ADS held its official Annual Business Meeting in Georgetown University's Walsh Building, Palms Lounge — presumably so named for the pale green of its cinder block walls, floor tiles, and chairs; or perhaps for the basement-level view of a garden outside. Looking like Lenin, or Colonel Sanders, in a gray suit, President A. Hood Roberts presided over a group of 25.

Rex Wilson's interim financial report was again presented and approved without dissent. Editors Algeo and Hartman reported for *American Speech* and *PADS* as they had to the Executive Council the evening before; Fred Cassidy said his report on *DARE* would come in the next morning's session (among his comments at that time: "Whenever we could compare our results with Linguistic Atlas results, they agree gratifyingly."). Audrey Duckert said her full report as ACLS delegate would be given in December, but she mentioned that everybody wears black socks to ACLS, and we did manage to keep our ACLS dues to \$300.

Roberts then reported the previous night's Executive Council actions, and took a straw vote on preferences for the 1979 meeting. Sentiments were approximately 9 for another meeting with NWAVE, 8 for a meeting with the Midwest region in Indianapolis, and 7 plus 3 proxies for MLA. Algeo pointed out that the ADS can have co-meetings with everyone; the question is only where to schedule the official Annual Business Meeting.

By acclamation the assembly approved the drafting of a formal resolution expressing gratitude to NWAVE, Roger Shuy, and Georgetown University for their kind hospitality and assistance.

Margaret Bryant again reported for the Committee on Proverbial Sayings.

The Nominating Committee report (printed in *NADS* 10.3) was approved by acclamation. Thus the Vice President 1979 is Virginia McDavid, the new member of the

Executive Council is Juanita Williamson, and the new member of the Nominating Committee James Hartman.

Diana Mae Sims suggested that the ADS have a special membership rate for students. Roberts and Wilson envisioned student membership as including only NADS among the publications, and said the matter would be discussed further in December.

Raven McDavid moved that a committee be appointed to work with the Mencken Society for an ADS program at the celebration of the Mencken Centennial in 1980. The incoming president, John Algeo, would appoint the committee. The motion was adopted without dissent.

At 5:40 p.m., an hour after it started, the meeting adjourned.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK: THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS AGAIN

If you read the ADS Constitution (see NADS 10.2) with the right shading, there was a quorum at the Executive Council meeting Dec. 27, 1979 in New York City during the annual meeting of the MLA. Council members John Algeo, Walter Avis, and Rex Wilson were present along with two members for 1979, Virginia McDavid and Juanita Williamson. It is possible to read the Constitution, Art. V.1 and Art. VI.1, as implying that the latter two members were already in office, since the Annual Meeting and election had taken place a month earlier.

Ten other members of the Society also attended.

Your reporter was not on the scene, but documents from two friendly witnesses enable him to reconstruct it. According to Vice President-Elect Virginia McDavid, the assembly decided:

1. The next business meeting will be in San Francisco in December.
2. There may be a meeting in Washington in November 1979, but it will be of the same status as the various regional meetings held, e.g., with the MMLA.
3. The Executive Council will meet in November in some centrally located place (Chicago was suggested), to get its actions out of the way and allow time to poll members not there.
4. The vote was unanimous not to change the name of the Society.

And Executive Secretary Rex Wilson provided these reports:

1. FINANCIAL: Operating expenses have been high this year because of a heavy load of correspondence related to our former billing procedures. But fortunately revenues were high as well, and I was able to engage an excellent assistant almost full time over the summer. There has been a marked falling off in letters recently, although I have still a substantial backlog to take care of.

2. BUDGET FOR 1979: The larger part of our publication costs are predictable, and our anticipated dues income for the year will permit the following expenditures:

ANTICIPATED DUES REVENUE			\$11,400
ANTICIPATED COSTS:	Amount	Portion of Dues	Percentage
<i>American Speech</i>	\$4,760	(\$6.30	42)
<i>Publication</i>	3,200	(4.20	28)
<i>Newsletter</i>	900	(1.20	8)
Non-publication:			
ACLS	400	(.53	4)
Clerical	1,125		
Supplies and postage	312	(2.77	19)
Telephone & misc.	703		
Total costs			\$11,400

3. REMAINING COSTS THROUGH 1978: Although we look pretty rich right now, a good deal of what has been reported as dues covers outstanding issues and our most recent unpaid bill. We would appear to have the following liabilities:

Publication No. 65	\$2,300	
American Speech v. 51	4,580	
v. 52	4,580	TOTAL \$11,460

To cover which we seem to have the following resources:

Balance Nov. 30, 1978	\$12,687	
Less endowment	4,200	
Net	8,487	
Plus arrears	7,557	TOTAL \$16,044
Apparent surplus		\$4,584

4. ENDOWMENT ACCOUNT: The Executive Secretary was commissioned to restore, as far as possible, the fund which had developed out of the sale of the Society's inventory of *PADS* to the University of Alabama Press, but had to be liquidated to meet our expenses in 1976. Since a life membership had been reinstated for \$300, designed to sustain the dues payments through interest, without touching the principal, the first step suggested was the assignment of \$4,200 to cover the existing 14 life memberships. All gifts to the Society would be added to this fund and interest accumulated beyond the dues equivalent would remain in the fund, with *PADS* having first claim upon it.

5. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: The suggestion of Diana Mae Sims made at our General Meeting in Georgetown was brought forward. She had proposed that we provide membership for students at a reduced fee with full voting privileges, but with only the *Newsletter* included. The Executive Secretary reported that this was feasible at \$5.00. Ray O'Cain suggested that we charge a lower fee. We could, but the *Newsletter* and the cost of servicing each account total \$3.97 and \$5.00 seems to be no big deal these days. That figure could be held if the regular membership fee had to be increased. The Executive Secretary was instructed to consult with Professor Sims and report back to the next Council meeting.

PADS: ANNUAL EDITORIAL REPORT, NOVEMBER 1978

I. Appeared:

1. *PADS* Nos. 61-62, April-November 1974; Howard Dunlap, Social Aspects of a Verb Form: Native Atlanta Fifth Grade Speech — the Present Tense of BE.
2. *PADS* Nos. 63-64, April-November 1975; Thomas Creswell, Usage in Dictionaries and Dictionaries of Usage.

II. Edited with final proofs:

PADS No. 65, 1978 copyright; Virginia Foscue, Place Names of Sumter County, Ala.

III. Manuscripts in Editor's hands (major and minor decisions pending):

1. Gary Underwood, Dialect of the Mesabi Range.
2. Harold Paddock, Dialect Survey of Carbonear, Newfoundland.
3. W. Kruck, Looking for Dr. Condom.
4. Norman Heap, A Word List from Bucks County.

IV. Manuscripts being negotiated:

1. Ann Senn, Linguistic Geography of Eighteenth Century New Jersey.
2. Frank Anshen, Speech Variation among Negroes in a Small Southern Community.
3. Raoul Smith, Jonathan Fisher, Early American Linguist (working title).

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V. The status of Paddock and Underwood are to be decided by the Executive (see the report on the November 1978 meeting elsewhere in this issue). Accepted by the previous Editor (with reservations), these manuscripts were judged by the present Editor to need revision. This decision is in dispute.

PADS, as of No. 65, has become an occasional publication. Monographs will appear as material and money will allow. The serialization will continue, dated by copyright only.

I wish to express my thanks to Mr. John Defant and Mr. James McMillan of the Press for their good work, support, and tolerance. — *James W. Hartman, Editor*

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1978

OPERATING ACCOUNTS

Received, U.S. Funds:

Dues	\$17,198.74
Gifts	376.36
NWAVE registrations	60.00
Royalties	781.49
Interest	273.61
<i>Total</i>	<u>\$18,690.20</u>
Less disbursements	<u>12,394.58</u>
Surplus	6,295.62
Balance 1977	4,920.51
	<u><u>\$11,216.13</u></u>

Received, Canadian Funds:

Dues	\$2,554.15
U.S. Funds transfers	2,304.50
Interest	1.47
<i>Total</i>	<u>4,860.12</u>
Less disbursements	<u>4,418.28</u>
Surplus	441.84
Balance 1977	1,029.41
	<u><u>\$ 1,471.25</u></u>

Disbursed, U.S. Funds:

Publications:	
<i>American Speech</i>	\$4,700.00
PADS (Claims)	327.79
Nos. 63-64	3,711.92
<i>Newsletter</i>	850.00
ACLS Dues	300.00
Council of Secretaries	118.29
Travel	386.58
Transfers to Canadian account.	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$12,394.58

Disbursed, Canadian Funds:

Clerical	2,084.97
Supplies (postage, printing, stationery, etc.)	1,331.50
Telephone	477.78
ACLS Council	170.03
Travel	<u>354.00</u>
	\$4,418.28

Distribution of Funds:

U.S. account 7008, Royal Bank of Canada, Sherwood Forest Mall, London, Ont., Canada	\$6,216.13
U.S. Dollar Term Deposit, Royal Bank of Canada	5,000.00
Canadian Account 736, Royal Bank of Canada	634.73
Comptroller's Office, Special Accounts, Univ. of Western Ontario	836.52

— *H. Rex Wilson, Executive Secretary*

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF AMERICAN ENGLISH TO APPEAR

American Studies International will shortly publish a bibliographical essay on American English by Raven McDavid. If there is a demand, the editors will be glad to make an overrun. Write American Studies International, American Studies Program, George Washington University, Washington, D.C. 20052.

NEH SUMMER SEMINAR: THE REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Among the many NEH Summer Seminars for College Teachers, one has particular relevance for ADS members: James Sledd's "Standard English: Social Control and Individual Freedom."

It will be held at Sledd's University of Texas, Austin, from June 11 to August 3. You may write him for a three-page single-spaced information sheet: Department of English, University of Texas, Austin 78712; he even invites telephone calls, office (512) 471-4991, home 264-1061. The deadline for completed applications is *April 1*, so a phone call may be necessary.

He predicts that the Seminar will have three parts. The first will deal with "the emergence of standard written and spoken forms of English in England, with the spread of English around the world in modern times, and with the consequent emergence of new national and regional standards.

"The second part of the shared work will be a consideration of the nature and functions of standard English as (1) the creation and instrument of centralized power and hence a (the?) primary means of social control, and (2) the indispensable vehicle of culture and therefore a possible means to free self-development and self-realization.

"Part 3 will raise the question of the availability of standard English to different groups and individuals in the English-speaking world."

In the final weeks, the seminar "will be devoted to one or more from a series of case studies: (1) linguistic relativism and the teaching of English, (2) the supposed "crisis in writing," (3) bi-dialectalism, "basic writing," and "valid assessment," (4) the language of women."

For this and all other Summer Seminars, NEH instructs the master to pick a dozen disciples from those who send applications to him, and then gives each of the disciples a stipend of \$2,500.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION 1978

By *Curt M. Rulon, regional secretary*

The eighth annual regional meeting of the American Dialect Society in conjunction with the South Central Modern Language Association was held Friday, Oct. 20, 1978, in the Dogwood Room of the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Houston from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., attended by a peak audience of 20.

The following papers were presented:

"Horse tradin' vocabulary in the works of Ben K. Green" by **Jane Black**, Richland College. Texas cowboy and author of four books on horse trading, Ben K. Green wrote as he talked, using dialect often not recorded in any existing dictionary. This study surveys the horse-trading vocabulary peculiar to Green's four major books, discusses his running battle with Eastern editors who did not understand his dialect, and describes Green as a folk legend reflecting Texas speech.

"More on *anymore*" by **Frank Parker**, University of British Columbia. The fact that nonstandard *anymore* and *nowadays* are not only synonymous but also have the same syntactic restrictions suggests that nonstandard *anymore* is an allomorph of *nowadays* rather than the same lexical item as standard English *anymore* with relaxed subcategorization restrictions. The development of nonstandard *anymore* can be explained in terms of restructuring. Since *nowadays* and nonstandard *anymore* now have the same structure (both are constituents of S) and since they overlap in meaning,

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anymore is entered into the lexicon of the speaker of the nonstandard dialect as allomorph of *nowadays*.

"Investigating the regional dialect of North Central Texas" by **Patricia E. Dean**, East Texas State University. This paper presents the results of a word atlas survey conducted with natives of 13 North Central Texas counties, an area of Texas which has not been researched in detail. Personal interviews will be conducted with each native chosen, using a questionnaire with 126 items. Informants of non-white ethnic groups are included, and responses of all informants were grouped according to age, education, sex, and community size and location.

"A small town factory as microcosm for dialect study" by **Fred A. Tarpley**, East Texas State University. A surgical glove factory staffed with management from Ohio and labor from Commerce, Texas provides the basis for this sociolinguistic study. Management employs official terminology for the work processes, but the Texas workers have another lingo.

At the business meeting, Jane Black of Richland College was elected to serve as chairperson for the 1979 meeting. Curt M. Rulon will continue as regional secretary, and ADS members interested in presenting papers should get in touch with him (see Calls for Papers earlier in this issue).

SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 1978

On Nov. 11, 1978, the South Atlantic Regional Meeting of the ADS was held in Atlanta with the South Atlantic Modern Language Association. Connie C. Eble, who chaired the meeting, reports "the session was well attended; despite the fact that the site of the session was eight blocks from the main convention hotel and that several other sections were going on at the same time, seventy people signed the attendance sheets at the ADS section.

"The first presentation was in honor of SAMLA's Golden Anniversary. James McMillan, emeritus, University of Alabama, reflected on the study of American English since he took his first linguistics course 50 years ago."

Three other papers were read:

"Sociolinguistic aspects of language attitudes towards Southern American English" by **William L. Coleman**, anthropology department, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The semantic differential technique, as developed by Osgood and used by various sociolinguists, is used to measure the attitudes of a population of 250 native North Carolinians with respect to nonstandard Southern American English (male and female speakers), Standard Southern American English (male and female speakers), and Network English (male and female speakers). The speech samples are linguistically characterized as Southern American English. The study measured the attitudes of Southern speakers towards Southern American English with respect to sex of the speaker and sex of the respondent, educational level of the respondent, and age of the respondent.

"Towards a unified perspective on final unstressed vowels in Appalachian (etc.) English" by **Ronald R. Butters**, Duke University. In a recent sociolinguistic study called *Appalachian Speech*, Walt Wolfram and Donna Christian maintain that "final unstressed schwa" is variably raised and fronted to "a high front vowel (symbolized [i] phonetically)" and spelled either *y* or *ee* in literary dialect (*soda* becoming *sodee* or *sody*, etc.); final unstressed /o/, however, as in *tomato* or *meadow*, becomes either [ə] or [ɚ] — never, in their view, the high vowel of *sodee* (Center for Applied Linguistics, 1976, pp. 66-67). A look at earlier scholarship, however — particularly that of dialect geographers

— necessitates modification of this view. First, earlier studies as well as this writer's own data on North Carolina dialects show a much more complex array of reduced vowels than just [i] (which is in fact rarely a reduced vowel at all), [ə], and [ɚ]: typically, the reduced vowels are centralized to [ɪ], [ɪ], [ɚ], [ɚ], and [ə]. Secondly, r-color addition and schwa-raising are in fact closely-related phenomena. Indeed, /o/ is often raised and fronted (typically to [ɪ]) in the words *minnow* and *borrow*, according to dialect geographers, and my own data show variable [ɪ] occasionally in such words as *piano*, *radio*, and *Shilo*. Finally, the resources of earlier studies add weight to Wolfram and Christian's assertion that both r-color addition and schwa-raising are "becoming more sporadic" and even "dying out" in Appalachian speech. — Both sociolinguists and dialect geographers ignore each others' work at their own loss. A unified effort will greatly enhance our progress towards the goal of the description of American English.

"From black to white: William Faulkner's use of dialect in his Lucas Beauchamp stories" by **Bruce Southard**, Oklahoma State University. Prior to their publication as Chapters 1 and 2 of "The Fire and the Hearth" section of William Faulkner's *Go Down, Moses*, two Lucas Beauchamp stories, "A Point of Law" and "Gold Is Not Always," appeared in *Collier's* and *Atlantic Monthly* respectively. Of interest to the student of dialect is Faulkner's presentation of Black English in the original and revised versions. As Jane Millgate has pointed out (*English Studies* 45:310-7, August 1964), because of thematic considerations involving black-white relationships within the McCaslin family, Faulkner consciously revised Lucas Beauchamp's language to make it that of standard Yoknapatawphan English. An examination of the revisions discloses syntactic features which have been identified as characteristic of Black English.

Though the speech of Lucas Beauchamp, as well as that of his wife Molly, is changed to Standard English, the language of Nat, Lucas' daughter, and George Wilkins, his son-in-law, remains Black English, unchanged from the earlier version. Faulkner's skillful use of Black English is one of the factors lending support to Irving Howe's estimation of Faulkner as among the greatest American writers of dialect.

ATLANTIC PROVINCIALS INVITE ASSOCIATION

Yes, you still can get an annual journal, three issues of a newsletter, and an annual meeting for only \$5.00 — and \$5.00 Canadian at that. It's possible through the (Canadian) Atlantic Provinces Linguistic Association, which includes a number of dialectologists among its members and includes many papers on dialectology in the sessions of its annual meeting.

At the second APLA annual meeting last December, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, papers included: "A sociolinguistic study of Lewiston, Maine: a methodology," by Irène Mailhot-Bernard, Mount Saint Vincent Univ.; "Mécanismes et causes de l'assimilation: une étude de l'ouest canadien," by Henri-Dominique Paratte, Acadia Univ.; "De la pertinence du concept d'isotème dans la description phonologique d'un parler dialectal," by Gérard Etienne, Univ. de Moncton; "Language maintenance in Acadian communities," by Araceli Chadwick-Jones, Mount Saint Vincent Univ., and John Chadwick-Jones, Saint Mary's Univ.; "Language as a factor in intergroup relations," by Wallace Lambert, McGill Univ.; "The reflection of 'ouisme' of 16th-century European French in Acadian French," by Tony House and Maurice Holder, Univ. of New Brunswick; "L'Emploi des auxiliaires *avoir* et *être* dans le parler acadien de la Baie Sainte-Marie, Nouvelle-Ecosse," by B. Edward Gesner, Dalhousie Univ.; "Les Parlers acadiens accèdent à la dignité littéraire," by Pierre Gérin, Mount Saint Vincent Univ.

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CALIFORNIA, NEVADA RECORDS OPENED TO LINGUISTIC PROSPECTORS

The complete Linguistic Atlas field records for California and Nevada are now available on microfilm.

These are the records of 300 interviews, 270 in California and 30 in Nevada, conducted between 1952 and 1959 for the Linguistic Atlas of the Pacific Coast, directed by David W. Reed. Each interview consists of 75 pages in phonetic notation, recording responses to a 602-item questionnaire patterned after those used in Linguistic Atlas studies of eastern regions.

With the notable exception of Elizabeth S. Bright's *Word Geography of California and Nevada* (University of California Publications in Linguistics 69, Berkeley 1971), very few publications have been able to make use of this material, which until now has been accessible only at the archives of the LAPC, now with Reed at Northwestern University.

Along with the microfilmed field records, a Guide to their use is available. In 162 pages it presents a history and description of the LAPC project, a bibliography, a map of the communities where interviews took place, the full text of the questionnaire (the "work sheets") and two indexes to it, tables giving information about each person interviewed, and supplementary biographical statements about those interviewed. The Guide may be considered a first approximation of a Handbook of the LAPC, in some ways aspiring to emulate the one that started it all, Hans Kurath's *Handbook of the Linguistic Geography of New England* (2nd ed. New York: AMS Press, 1973).

With the aid of a grant from the American Philosophical Society and in collaboration with Reed, Allan Metcalf of MacMurray College prepared the Guide last summer. It and the microfilm of the field records are now housed at the Bancroft Library of the University of California, Berkeley.

Prospective users may wish to purchase the Guide alone first, to get an idea of the nature of the collection. It is suggested that the Guide be ordered in hard copy rather than microfilm, since it contains material that users will want to refer to as they view the microfilmed field records.

For information on prices and ordering, write: Mrs. Vivian C. Fisher, Head, Microforms Division, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, Calif. 94720.

For information on the LAPC, write: Allan Metcalf, English Department, MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Ill. 62650; or David W. Reed, Northwestern University, Department of Linguistics, 2016 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Ill. 60201.

EUROPEAN SURVEY OF AMERICAN DIALECTOLOGY

At the request of the journal *Germanistische Linguistik*, Prof. Juergen Eichhoff of the University of Wisconsin-Madison is preparing a survey for the European scholarly community of major projects in dialectology presently planned or currently under way in North America. He invites any readers whom he has not yet personally contacted to inform him of any such project, whether regional or sociological in nature, of which he may not yet have heard. His address is Juergen Eichhoff, German Dept., University of Wisconsin, 802 Van Hise Hall, Madison, Wis. 53706.

DARE OFFERS A WHOLE GENAVY OF INQUIRIES

(Fifth in a series of reader-response requests from the ADS-sponsored Dictionary of American Regional English)

Correction: In our fourth series (NADS 10.3, October 1978) we asked about *genary. This was an error for genavy (a large number or collection), as some respondents surmised. What about "genavy," then? We have examples with both /g/ and /j/ initially. If you know either, please report place of use, pronunciation, source, and any other information.

hanky as a noun: "He's kind of a hanky" (doesn't fit in); as an adjective: "She's too hanky for me" (puts on airs) — both from Missouri. These don't jibe very well semantically. How familiar are they — common use, rare, or something between? If current, where?

red dog road, road surfaced with — what? Where is this term used? We have reports chiefly from southwestern Pennsylvania, also West Virginia and southern Ohio. Is the surfacing material called "red dog"? Why?

fallover, a waterfall — any evidence, in place names or otherwise, will be welcome. (As always, where, when, by whom.)

face tag, a variant form of the game of tag. But we don't understand the sense of "face." If genuine, please explain this; if you think it may be an error, what for? Reported only from Rhode Island and New York.

falls colt, something of little value — reported from central-western Tennessee only. The idea seems to be that a colt born late in the year won't be strong. Further information would be helpful. Also the grammar of "falls" (plural or possessive?).

bear('s) corn, name current for at least three plants: *Conopholis americana*, *Clintonia borealis*, *Veratrum viride*. Any others? What is the reason for the name (color, shape, etc.)?

hailstorm or **hailstone**, an alcoholic drink. Reported from Kentucky, Virginia, Florida, 1830s to 1850s. Is the term still in use? A recipe would be appreciated. (Lexicographical purposes only.)

to hang the moon, to think oneself important. Found in the Ozarks, Tennessee, Kentucky. What, exactly, is the meaning, and in what context would it be used? The quotes we have are not very enlightening.

autumn summer, Indian summer. We picked this up in Kentucky and Ohio. Is it in use elsewhere? How current?

dickey, a type of sleigh. In a small area (Steuben County, N.Y. and in nearby Condersport and Wellsboro, Pa.) a "dickey" is described as a two-section sleigh and as two sleighs in tandem for pleasure rides. The sense of "two-section," however, is not clear to us. Can someone elucidate?

cunnell yeast, a type of yeast. But what type? And what does cunnell mean — its etymology? Reported from Michigan, Nevada, California.

rank a car, to park it. Reported only from New Jersey (1920). This looks like an import from Britain. Is it still in use in New Jersey? Where else, if at all, and how currently?

put, an invitation or "bid." *Dialect Notes* has a 1916 quot for this from southeastern Pennsylvania. Our only examples are three from Maryland (1968), all old informants. Could this possibly be a confused form of *bid*? If actually *put*, the semantic nexus is hard to see. Marylanders to the rescue!

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