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CALENDAR OF 1988

Rocky Mountain Regional Meeting in association with RMMLA, Oct. 20-22; Las Cruces, N.M., Las Cruces Hilton.

9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, Soledad Room.
Papers:

"Absolutism and Relativism in American Usage Criticism: Redefining the Spectrum." THOMAS DuBOSE, Univ. of Texas, Austin.

"A Problem in English Morphosyntactic Variation." AVIS K. PAYNE, New Mexico State Univ.

"Social Correlates of Language Attitudes in a Bilingual City (Corpus Christi, Texas)." JAMES A. PIERCE, Del Mar Coll.

Meeting chair: Gary N. Underwood, English Dept., Univ. of Texas, Austin TX 78712. ADS Regional Secretary 1987-88: Grant W. Smith, English Dept., Eastern Washington Univ., Cheney WA 99004.

Membership in RMMLA is $15 regular, $10 student. Write RMMLA Executive Director Charles G. Davis, Dept, of English, Boise State Univ., Boise ID 83725; phone (208) 385-3426.

The RMMLA meeting will include local wine tasting and a banquet with Southwestern food.


South Central Regional Meeting in association with SCMLA, Oct. 21-23; Arlington, Texas, Sheraton Hotel.

Program:

"Bilingualism, Black English, Creole Languages and Other Contact-Induced Phenomena." FRANCIS BYRNE, Shawnee State Univ.

"Theories Regarding the Linguistic Typology of Angloromani and Shelta." IAN F. HANCOCK, Univ. of Texas.

Business session.


Meeting chair: J.L. Dillard, Dept. of Language Arts, Northwestern State Univ., Natchitoches LA 71497; phone (318) 357-8645. ADS Regional Secretary 1988-89: Scott Baird, English Dept., Trinity Univ., 715 Stadium Dr., San Antonio TX 78285;

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Membership in SCMLA is $15 regular, $5 student. Write SCMLA Executive Director Richard D. Critchfield, Dept. of English, Texas A&M Univ., College Station TX 77843-4238; phone (409) 845-7041.


Midwest Regional Meeting in association with MMLA, Thursday, Nov. 3; St. Louis, Marriott’s Pavilion Hotel.

Program:

"The Absence of the Copula in Black English: An Alternative Plausible Account." BETH SIMON, DARE.


Meeting co-chairs: Timothy C. Frazer and Eugene Snouffer, Dept. of English, Western Illinois Univ., Macomb IL 61455. ADS Regional Secretary: Donald W. Larmouth, Communication Processes, Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay WI 54301-7001.

Membership in MMLA is $15 full and associate professors, $12 other faculty, $8 students. Write MMLA, 423 English/Philosophy Bldg., Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City IA 52242; phone (319) 335-0331.


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ADS ANNUAL MEETING 1988
December 27-30
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With the Modern Language Association, New Orleans Hilton and New Orleans Marriott, Dec. 27-30:

10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28, Marlborough B, New Orleans Hilton:

Session 161, ADS-sponsored, MLA registration required. "Abbreviations, Oklahoma, and New Orleans Gastronomy." Papers:

"Abbreviations and Acronyms in Recent American English." Garland Cannon, Texas A&M Univ.

"Don't Eat Them Deadmen's Fingers, Dahlin': A Linguistic Guide to Eating in New Orleans." Connie Eble, Univ. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

With the Linguistic Society of America, Dec. 27-29:

ADS-sponsored session, LSA registration required. Papers:

"Saussure's Forays Into Literary Dialect." Boyd H. Davis, Univ. of North Carolina, Charlotte.
"The Literary Speech Event." Cynthia Bernstein, Texas A&M Univ.
"Lexical Competition in the Short-Order Cuisine." William Labov, Univ. of Pennsylvania.

Independent session, morning of Dec. 30, Omni Royal Orleans Hotel:

"Blue Collar Jargon." Randy Roberts, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.
"Good Grammar in Louisiana: The Word According to LAGS." William W. Evans, Louisiana State Univ.

Break.

"The Acquisition of American English as a Second Dialect." Michael Montgomery and Shanta David, Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia.

Annual Luncheon, noon, Omni Royal Orleans Hotel. Presiding: Richard W. Bailey, Univ. of Michigan.

Annual Business Meeting, time and place to be announced.
THANKS to faithful readers and responders. Some have even made surveys of local usage in school classes and otherwise—very useful. We hate to attempt definition on the basis of single examples. DARE Vol. II progresses, covering D through H, but the entire alphabet is active territory. As before, address Prof. F.G. Cassidy, Dictionary of American Regional English, 6125 Helen White Hall, 600 North Park St., Madison, WI 53706.

d.d., d.w.i., etc.—abbreviations of official terms (drunk driving, driving while intoxicated, etc.) that become local or regional. What are they in your area, and what does that area include?

drown the duck—a children’s game played in the water. Reported only from Grundy Center, IA. Is this played elsewhere? What procedures and rules?

duck lights—the dim lights on a car. One report, 1967, from Nebraska. How widely is this used? We assume that duck means to go or put down or lower quickly?

fourth-proof oath—figuratively, a very powerful oath. We have quotes from 1846 (Wm. T. Porter) and 1886 (Mark Twain). The sense is quite clear. What we do not know is the literal connection: Is it legal? Has it got to do with liquor? Or something else? Is it still in use?

Franciscan potatoes—From southwestern California, near Mojave, we are told that these are potatoes cooked around a pot roast. Is the term familiar? It sounds very local. Any monastic connections?

freedom bunch—a children’s game in which every player hides except “it,” who must try to find the others. This seems like normal hide-and-seek. Reported once from south-central Wisconsin. Is the term known elsewhere? Why “bunch”?

game ball—another children’s game, but older; recorded 1897 from South Carolina. The ball was apparently thrown or bounced against the chimney end of a house or the side of a barn. Is it still remembered or still played, and if so, how was it scored?

Geneva—In a puzzlingly brief entry in the Midwest Journal of Language and Folklore IXa, we find Geneva glossed as “hell,” with a cross reference to Bad Place, and nothing further. The list is from Estill County in central-eastern Kentucky, 1956. Can anyone explain?

hant bleach—single quote from eastern Tennessee: “His skin, it was white as a strawberry blossom. Some folks said he looked like he had the hant bleach.” Does this mean he was “white as a ghost” or “white from fright at seeing a ghost”? Or was this some more permanent skin condition? Is the phrase still in use anywhere?

hare or hair tangle—The DARE question was “A place where underbrush, weeds, vines, and small trees grow together so that it’s nearly impossible to get through.” A middle-aged farmer from Presque Isle, Michigan, gave this reply, and the field-worker wrote “hare.” Can someone familiar with the term disambiguate the homophone?

haygate—a regular piece of equipment or a make-shift? Informant Kentucky 84 said it was 6-8 feet by 10-12 feet and that you “drag it on the ground,” presumably to get hay in from the field. Does anyone else know the term?

help the poor—said to be what children in Detroit call out instead of “trick or treat” at Halloween time. Can anyone confirm this? A special part of Detroit or surroundings?

Hitch-up-Matilda—Our sole example is from 1942 Peattie Friendly Mountains 246: ... deep, narrow Avalanche Lake, in the Adirondacks with great gray cliffs and ledges crowding it so closely that in places the trail must be carried on log bridges, locally known as “Hitch-up-Matildas.” Does anybody know of this term used elsewhere? How current was or is it?

hit the bottle—a marble game, reported 1969 from Cooperstown, NY. How was it played? Is it known elsewhere?

hit-up—“A bat-and-ball game for just a few players.” Reported from Quakertown, PA, 1967. Any further information would be welcome.
HELP THY NEIGHBOR, ASKS DARE (CONT.)

help thy neighbor—a table game using dice. Reported from Coudersport, PA, 1969. Any further information especially as to the meaning of the name? Aleators onymous or anonymous, this is your chance!

honesty weed—again, a name that begs for an explanation. Our source is 1933 Small Manual of Southeastern Flora, and it is otherwise Baptisia tinctoria, a wild indigo. Is there some ritual for testing honesty?

hobby—from central-eastern Massachusetts, a name for a large stone or rock. We have found the word nowhere else. If you know it, does the vowel agree with that of ruby or ruddy? What could be its origin?

hooley—We have examples from New England and San Francisco, and as late as 1960, meaning an uproar, or a loud party. Where else is it known? It sounds somewhat Irish.

hoop cheese—reported from Mississippi and Louisiana as "homemade from curd." Can someone from that corner, or anywhere else where it is known, explain hoop?

hot belt (Charlie)—a game in which a belt is hidden, and the child who finds it tries to whip the others as all run back to base. We have it from Louisiana. Where else was it played?

hot pot, hot socket—other children's games on which we'd like more: method of play, where played, whether still current. We have one report only from northwestern Maryland as of 1900-1918. Are hot pies or hot potato in any way related?

ice candle—an icicle. Wright's E.D.D. reports it, 1736 forward, from various parts of England, but we have picked it up only once: central-eastern Wisconsin. Is it in use elsewhere?

FROM STRATHY LANGUAGE UNIT:


Forthcoming: The English Language as Used in Quebec by Tom McArthur.

Order from Strathy Language Unit, 207 Stuart St., Rideau Building 316, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6, Canada.

Language Variation and Change, a new journal from Cambridge University Press, will publish its first issue in Spring 1989. It will be devoted to quantitative analysis of linguistic variation and change. Articles should be sent in Language format to David Sankoff, Centre de recherches mathématiques, C.P. 6128, Succursale “A,” Montreal H3C 3J7, Canada.
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GUNTER, RICHARD. A Primer of American Intonation. Ibis (6520 Courtwood Dr., Columbia SC 29206), 1987. vi + 90 pp. $7.95 paper. A cassette tape to accompany the booklet is available. Includes thirteen lessons, an appendix which summarizes Trager-Smith phonology, and bibliography. Aimed at graduate students in technical linguistics but also in anthropology, sociology, and even rhetoric.


EDGAR W. SCHNEIDER. Variabilität, Polysemie und Unschärfe der Wortbedeutung. Linguistische Arbeiten, Vols. 196-7. Tübingen: Niemeyer, 1988. 2 volumes, 610 pages. $132. This study develops a new model of complex word meaning. Polysemy is understood as hierarchically structured meaning variation under the influence of syntactic, syntagmatic and other context factors. The model is applied to 140 mental verbs of English (think, understand, remember, know, believe, etc.), based upon analysis of dictionaries, computerized corpora, interviews, and standardized tests. (In German.) ISBN 3-484-30196-1.
AMERICAN NAME SOCIETY
at the MLA Annual Meeting in New Orleans

495. Place Names. Dec. 29, 12:00 noon-1:15 p.m., Norwich, Hilton.
1. "Place Names in León, Spain." Steven Hess, Long Island Univ., C.W. Post Campus.

For copies of papers, send $3 to Roger Payne, P.O. Box 3356, Reston VA 22090, by Nov. 15.

THE FIRST PAPARAZZI
According to the May 1988 American Photographer (p. 43), in an article by Pamela Kruger, "The word 'paparazzi’ was first used by Federico Fellini in 1960 to disparage the photographers who were hanging around the set of his film La Dolce Vita. Paparazzi has its roots in two French words: paperasse, 'waste paper,' and paperassier, which means ‘rummager of old papers.’"

ADS AT NCTE
November 18-20, 1988, St. Louis
ADS-sponsored session at the 1988 Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English.
Chair: Donald M. Lance, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.
Associate Chair: Harold L. Lutenbacher, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.
Recorder: Jo Ann Vogt, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.

Program:
"Floating with Huck and Jim: Taking Note of the Dialects in Huckleberry Finn." Linda Morrow, Univ. of Missouri, Columbia.


NEW GERMANIC JOURNAL
ALL ASPECTS of the Germanic languages, including English and Scandinavian, will be the domain of the new American Journal of Germanic Linguistics and Literatures, edited by ADS member Richard K. Seymour. "Instructions for Authors and Reviewers" are available from the editor at Webster 202, 2528 The Mall, Honolulu HI 96822. Individuals may receive the journal by joining the Society for Germanic Philology ($25 regular members, $15 students), P.O. Box 020255, Brooklyn NY 11202-0005.

NWAVE XVII
Seventeenth Colloquium on New Ways of Analyzing Variation, Université de Montréal, October 28-30. Contributions are invited on all areas of variation theory.

One-page abstracts, with author identification on the reverse side only, should be received no later than September 15. Write: D. Sankoff, Centre de recherches mathématiques, Université de Montréal, c.p. 6128, Succursale "A," Montréal H3C 3J7, Québec, Canada.
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