

American Name Society

In Detroit, last December, a group of scholars met in a conference of Onomastics and voted to organize the American Name Society for the purpose of promoting and encouraging the study of place names, personal names, and scientific and commercial nomenclature. The new Society plans to publish a quarterly devoted to articles on names written by members.

A Sponsoring Committee of twenty-nine was appointed. Elsdon C. Smith was elected president and Erwin G. Gudde was named secretary-treasurer. A meeting will be held in December, 1952, in Boston, to complete the organization.

Those in the academic field, and others who are interested in the subject, are cordially invited to become members. The dues are: active member, \$5.00; sustaining member, \$25.00; library member, \$5.00; and patron, \$1,000.00. The first year will end December 31, 1953.

Dues should be sent to Professor Erwin G. Gudde, treasurer, American Name Society, University of California Press, Berkeley 4, California.

The American Studies Association, newly founded national society for the study of American civilization, invites persons who have a general interest in American culture to join. Membership in the organization costs either four dollars or two dollars. The four-dollar rate includes the *American Calendar*, the ASA newsletter, and the *American Quarterly*, the ASA journal. The two-dollar rate includes only the *American Calendar*. For further information write to

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