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- We are pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Harold W. Davey of Iowa State University to our Editorial Board, and to welcome him cordially to the staff. He replaces Wayne Wheeler, now of Tarkio College, whose association with the Journal is not only honorable but also older than anyone else's: Wayne was Editor of the Bulletin of the CMVASA until the Bulletin moved to Lawrence and became the Journal CMVASA, a name which we changed (in order to confuse librarians and bibliographers) to the present MASJ.

- The program for the Ninth Annual Meeting of the MASA, in Pittsburg, Kansas at Kansas State College of Pittsburg, April 10-11, 1964:

Friday Evening

- 8:00 p. m. An Evening of Folk Music
Sponsored by Kansas Folklore Society
Presiding: S. J. Sackett, Fort Hays Kansas State College,
President, Kansas Folklore Society

Saturday

- 8:30 a. m. Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 a. m. Joint Session with Kansas Folklore Society
- Presiding: William E. Koch, Kansas State University
Welcome: Alvin H. Proctor, Dean of Graduate Studies, Kansas State College of Pittsburg
- Part I – "American Immigrant Folklore: Survival and Living Tradition," Robert A. Georges, University of Kansas
Commentator: S. J. Sackett
- Part II – "Immigrants and Their Linguistic Development in the Pittsburg Coal Fields," J. Neale Carman, University of Kansas
Commentator: Gordon R. Wood, Southern Illinois University (Alton)
- 11:15 a. m. Second Session
- Presiding: Dudley T. Cornish, Kansas State College of Pittsburg
"The Background of Snopesism in Mississippi Politics,"
Warren French, Kansas State University
Commentator: Clinton Keeler, Oklahoma State University

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12:30 p. m. Luncheon

Presiding: Norris Yates, Iowa State University

Presidential Address: Kenneth J. LaBudde, University of Missouri at Kansas City – “Some Notes on the Urban Community”

Business Meeting – Presiding: John Q. Reed, Vice-President of MASA, Kansas State College of Pittsburg

2:00 p. m. Third Session

Presiding: Tom Hemmens, Kansas State College of Pittsburg

“The Major American Writer in American Studies: The Case of Thoreau,” Alexander Kern, State University of Iowa

Commentator: Walter Shear, Kansas State College of Pittsburg

- Professor John Willingham of the University of Kansas, who watched the store while the Editor dodged bullets in Buenos Aires, has consented once again to be Acting Editor during the Editor's sabbatical year. Kindly consented, one should properly say, for he is now Director of Freshman English and a very busy fellow.
- The selection of the St. Louis area for the 1965 meeting marks the completion of a kind of cycle:

MEETINGS OF THE MASA

April 14, 1956	Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
April 13, 1957	St. Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri
March 29, 1958	Park College, Parkville, Missouri
March 21, 1959	MacMurray College, Jacksonville, Illinois
March 26, 1960	State University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa
March 25, 1961	University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
March 31, 1962	Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa
April 6, 1963	University of Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri

While it is not yet clear whether we have achieved through its completion a state of mystical one-ness (the upstate returns are not yet in), it is clear enough that we have left a lot of tire-rubber on the highways of the midcontinent and learned much of its wonderfully varied liquor laws. May the next nine meetings....

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE MASA

1956-57	Guy Cardwell (Literature)	Washington University
1957-58	Arthur E. Bestor (History)	University of Illinois
1958-59	Stow Persons (History)	State University of Iowa
1959-60	Edward F. Grier (Literature)	University of Kansas
1960-61	Wayne Wheeler (Sociology)	University of Chicago – Kansas City Study of Adult Life
1961-62	Robert Cobb (Literature)	University of Kansas
1962-63	Richard Herrnstadt (Literature)	Iowa State University

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- The Tenth Annual Meeting of the MASA will be held on the campus of the Southern Illinois University in Alton, Illinois, April 3, 1965.
- The Executive Committee of MASA assembled for lunch and a business meeting afterward at the home of Professor and Mrs. Jerzy Hauptmann in Parkville, Missouri, October 3, 1964. New subscription rates for MASJ were set at \$2.50 for non-members of MASA, \$1.00 for members. Back issues may be purchased for \$1.50 each.
- Professor Myra Olstead, University of Kansas, President of the Kansas Folklore Society, announces an annual membership drive for KFS. Memberships at \$3.00 per year begin on January 1. Checks should be sent to Mrs. Portia Allbert, Secretary-Treasurer, KFS, Kansas Historical Building, Topeka, Kansas. The annual meeting of the Society will be held at the University of Kansas in Lawrence in March. The principal speaker will be Professor John Messenger, a specialist in folklore, African studies, and anthropology at Indiana University.
- On May 14-15, 1965, the Purdue University English Department will sponsor a Mid-America Conference on Literature, History, Popular Culture, and Folklore. Persons interested in attending should write to Ray B. Browne, English Department, Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana.
- Those interested in joining the Kansas State Historical Society may write to the Society at Memorial Building, 120 West Tenth, Topeka, Kansas 66612. Annual membership is \$5.00; sustaining, \$10.00 annually; patron, \$100.00 annually. Life membership is \$50.00.
- Editor Stuart Levine has spent a busy sabbatical semester over his typewriter. He and his wife Susan interrupted their work on manuscripts only to celebrate the birth of a son, Aaron, in late November. He will return to his editorial and teaching duties at the University of Kansas in February.