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PREFACE

The twenty-fifth volume of the Work Papers of the Summer Institute of Linguistics at the University of North Dakota contains four papers by faculty and advanced students. Each of the papers gives an analysis based on extensive knowledge of the language and contains considerable language data which will be of interest in itself.

The paper on Southern Tiwa is within the framework of relational grammar. The authors argue for a phonologically null direct object that is represented in the initial stratum of some clauses but which has no semantic status, showing that an initial stratum cannot be equated with a semantic representation. The paper on Chichicapan Zapotec demonstrates that a phonological analysis of the completive and potential form of verbs is possible and preferable to the suppletive analysis that is often posited for Zapotecan languages.

There are two papers on Southeastern Tepehuan. The first one is a study of noun phrases, highlighting semantic notions which would be expected to be expressed in noun phrases but which appear in a variety of grammatical forms. Nouns and adjectives are seen to divide into semantic classes corresponding to differences in the syntactic marking of quantity, quality, orientation and possession. The second paper on this language is from the perspective of relational grammar and argues for advancements to direct object of indirect object, benefactive and comitative. This bistratal approach is then contrasted with two other monostratal analyses which are shown to be inadequate to describe all the facts presented about Southeastern Tepehuan.

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