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Louise Kaiser als dialectologe

*Bij de honderdste geboortedag van
Louise Kaiser (1891-1973)*

Summary

This article is the written version of a lecture that commemorated the one hundredth birthday of the Dutch phonetician dr Louise Kaiser, focusing on her activities as a dialectologist. In the field of dialectology, she occupied a somewhat excentric position, caused by her use of phonetic methods and techniques as well as her preference (in the thirties!) for large informant groups above a few ideal speakers. Her dialectological work concentrated on the area of the former Zuyder Zee and its polders. Here she carried out field work, and she also played a leading role in the 'Foundation for Population Research in the Reclaimed Zuyder Zee Polders' (Stichting voor het Bevolkingsonderzoek in de drooggelegde Zuiderzeepolders).