

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

On behalf of the *Business History Review* and the Newcomen Society in North America, we are pleased to announce the winners of the 1971 Newcomen Awards in Business History. The awards are given annually for articles published in the *Business History Review* and are voted on by the Editorial Advisory Board. Criteria for selection of the winning articles include: originality, value, breadth, and interest of contribution; quality of research materials and method; and quality of presentation.

Winner of the \$250 First Prize is: Harold C. Livesay, Assistant Professor of History at the University of Michigan for his article, "Marketing Patterns in the Antebellum American Iron Industry," which appeared in our Autumn, 1971 issue.

Winners of the \$100 Special Award are David Bunting, of the Department of Economics, Eastern Washington State College, and Jeffrey Barbour, of the Department of Economics, Central Michigan University, for their article, "Interlocking Directorates in Large American Corporations, 1896-1964," which also appeared in our Autumn, 1971 issue.

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The 1972-1973 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History has been awarded to James Madison, who is completing his doctoral work at Indiana University.

This fellowship is jointly sponsored by the Newcomen Society in North America and the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration. The purpose of the fellowship is to assist a Ph.D. graduate in history or a related discipline such as economics or sociology to improve his acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase his skills as they relate to these fields, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The Fellow must be under the age of thirty-five. He participates in the School's business history courses and in at least one other formal course of instruction based on his particular needs or interests. One-half of the Fellow's time during his twelve-months' residence at the School is spent on research of his own choosing in the field of business history.

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Baker Library of the Harvard Business School announces the acquisition of a large collection of survey maps of factory properties prepared for the use of insurance companies. The diagrams were issued by Barlow and Bancroft of New York City during the years 1870-1890. The maps, with accompanying printed statements, provide information on a thousand or more New England firms, plus some in New York. Represented are paper mills, shoe manufactories, the establishments of arms makers, carriage makers, brewers, machinery producers, textile mills, and a variety of other enterprises.

The drawings provide a comprehensive picture of New England factory architecture after the Civil War, as well as data on the size of work forces, hours of work, the organization of production inside the factories, sources of power, and other aspects of manufacturing. They will be stored in the Division of Manuscripts, Baker Library. Anyone desiring further information on this collection should write Robert W. Lovett, Curator of Manuscripts at Baker Library.

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The Department of History of the College of William and Mary, in cooperation with the Earl Gregg Swem Library, the Institute of Early American History and Culture, and the Research Library of Colonial Williamsburg, offers a fourteen-month apprenticeship in the operations of a historical library which combines nine months of academic study leading to the degree of Master of Arts with practical training in managing a historical library. The program commences on July 1 of each year and extends to August 31 of the succeeding year with breaks of approximately two weeks each before and after the intervening academic session in addition to the usual college holidays. The Institute of Early American History and Culture, in conjunction with the Department of History of the College of William and Mary, also offers a similar apprenticeship program in the editing of historical books and magazines. Anyone desiring further information should write to the Director of Graduate Studies, Department of History, The College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va. 23185.

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A number of books have come to the attention of the *Review* which merit mention but not a full review. Frederick Merk's classic *Economic History of Wisconsin during the Civil War Decade* has been reprinted by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin and may be ordered from them at a cost of \$10.00. Two recent reference works may be of interest to readers: Robert Sobel, ed., *Biographical Directory of the United States Executive Branch, 1774-1971* (Greenwood Press, 1971); and Portia Christian's contribution to the Gale Research Co.'s management information guide series, *Ethics in Business Conduct* (Gale, 1971, \$14.50).

In addition, two company histories should be mentioned. The first is Paul Neils, *Julius Neils and the J. Neils Lumber Company* (Seattle, Frank McCaffrey Publishers). The other is William H. Marnell's *Once Upon a Store: Biography of the World's First Supermarket* (New York, Herder and Herder, \$6.95).

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The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library in Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware, announces the acquisition of the business archives of the Sun Oil Company. The first installment of the firm's historical records, covering the period from 1889-1963, has been received at the library. The research collection totals approximately 150,000 items.

Dr. Richmond Williams, Director of the library, remarked that "This first segment of archives covers all the important events, developments and innovations of the company through 1947. Included are documents relative to the Peoples Natural Gas Company of Pittsburgh prior to 1903;

the use of tankers to bring oil to Marcus Hook [Pennsylvania] from Texas; improvements in lubricants and motor fuels; the development of pipelines; the Houdry catalytic process; innovations in marketing; and exploration for new sources of crude oil.”

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The William L. Clements Library has issued a brief descriptive guide to its manuscript holdings which are of research value for the study of American economic history: *Manuscript Collections in the William L. Clements Library of Interest to the Economic Historian*, compiled by John C. Dann. Copies are available upon request from John C. Dann, Curator of Manuscripts, William L. Clements Library, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104.