

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We are pleased to announce the winner of the 1970 Thomas Newcomen \$1,000 Award in Business History presented by The Newcomen Society in North America in cooperation with the *Business History Review*. The winner is Robert Ozanne, Professor of Economics and Director of the School for Workers at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, for his related volumes, *A Century of Labor-Management Relations at McCormick and International Harvester* and *Wages in Practice and Theory, McCormick and International Harvester, 1860-1960*. The former book was published by the University of Wisconsin Press in 1967 and the latter by the same press in 1968. This triennial award was given for "the best book on the history of business published in the United States during the years 1967-1969." For the purposes of this award, "the history of business" is interpreted in its broadest sense, including histories of firms and industries and books tracing interactions of businessmen, analyses of business philosophy of behavior, and studies of the adjustment of businesses and businessmen to their economic, political, and social environments.

The two previous winners of this award were Alfred D. Chandler, Jr.'s *Strategy and Structure: Chapters in the History of the Industrial Enterprise* (M.I.T. Press, 1962) and Sidney Pollard's *The Genesis of Modern Management: A Study of the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain* (Harvard University Press, 1965). Selections are made by a committee representing the Society and the *Business History Review*.

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Among company histories recently received are: Roberta Ironside, *An Adventure Called Skelly: A History of Skelly Oil Company Through Fifty Years, 1916-1969* (Appleton-Century Crofts, 1970); Miles C. Boatright and William A. Owens, *Tales From the Derrick Floor: A People's History of the Oil Company* (New York, Doubleday, 1970); Elwell Crissey, *People's Bank of Bloomington: First 100 Years, 1869-1969* (Bloomington, Ind., People's Bank of Bloomington, 1969); and Brad Williams, *The Anatomy of an Airline* (New York, Doubleday, 1970), a popular treatment of National Airlines, Inc.

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Two newly published books may be of interest to readers. The first is Donald C. Swain's *Wilderness Defender: Horace M. Albright and Conservation* (Chicago, University of Chicago Press, 1970), a biography of a central figure in the American conservation movement who also served as president of United Potash Co. from 1933 to 1956. The other is Alan Gilpin's *A Dictionary of Economic Terms* (New York, Philosophical Library, Inc., 1970), the second edition of a British book especially well suited to students of British economic and business history.

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Several reprints have come to our attention and seem worthy of mention. David and Charles Reprints of Devon have reissued a volume first published in 1877, *The Life of Sir William Fairbairn, Bart.*, partly written by Sir William and edited and completed by William Pole. Fairbairn was a leading British engineer of the nineteenth century. Lewis Corey's 1930 book on *The House of Morgan: A Social Biography of the Masters of Money* is available from AMS Press of New York. A collection of Samuel Reznick's previously published articles on nineteenth century American depressions, complete with an introductory essay, has been published by Greenwood Press of Westport, Conn. under the title *Business Depressions and Financial Panics: Collected Essays in American Business and Economic History*. The Reznick volume will be of interest to many students of nineteenth century America.

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Robert W. Lovett, Curator of Manuscripts and Archives at Baker Library, and Eleanor C. Bishop, his assistant, have recently compiled a new, enlarged *List of Business Manuscripts in Baker Library*. The third edition of the *List* includes all new material added to the Manuscript Division up to the spring of 1969. Some items previously unidentified have been included, and new sections have been added to list filed material, not large enough to shelve as a volume, and the "catalogued for manuscripts" items, mainly volumes of typed material. In addition, the size of collections in running feet has also been noted for the first time.

The 1,300 collections described in the new *List* range in size from a single volume account book of a storekeeper or farmer to one thousand volumes of a Lowell textile mill, and in time from the fifteenth century to the 1950's. Copies of the 334 page *List of Business Manuscripts in Baker Library* may be obtained at \$5.00 each from the Acquisitions Department, Baker Library, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Massachusetts 02163.

The Manuscripts Division at Baker also announces the availability of a newsletter concerning its activities in 1969-1970, including descriptions of new manuscript collections acquired. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this newsletter should write Robert W. Lovett, Division of Manuscripts, Baker Library, Harvard University, Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Massachusetts 02163.

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The Eleutherian Mills Library, Wilmington, Delaware, offers Grants-in-Aid to a limited number of graduate students who would like to do research at the Library.

The bulk of the Library holdings relate to American economic and business history, with special reference to the middle Atlantic States region, but they also include a great deal of material on French history. In addition, the staff is compiling a list of business and industrial manuscript collections that are held in institutions within an eighty-mile radius of the Library.

The grants are issued throughout the year upon approval of the Re-

search Committee of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, of which the Library is a part. For further information on the collections and the Grants-in-Aid write to the Director, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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As mentioned above in this issue, we are featuring in this number of the *Review* three papers presented at the seventeenth annual meeting of the Business History Conference, held at Iowa City, Iowa on April 3-4, 1970. In order to give readers an indication of the activities of the Conference, we list here the program details of the various sessions at last year's Conference.

AFTERNOON SESSION, April 3

Progress Report on Current Ph.D. Theses

Chairman: Richard Overton, University of Western Ontario

Participants: Gordon J. Blake, Kearney State College

"Reasons for Entering Into and Exit From Small Business, Farming and Ranching in Buffalo County, Nebraska Since 1946."

David P. Doane, Oakland University

"Regional Structure of the Cotton Textile Industry, 1880 to 1900."

Kenneth O. Elvik, University of Nebraska

"Some Nineteenth Century English Accountants' Contributions to Reporting for the Use of Long-Lived Assets."

Howard F. Newell, Indiana University

"Intra-Metropolitan Manufacturing Decentralization, 1890-1930: A Chicago Case Study."

Patrick G. Porter, Johns Hopkins University

"The Changing Distribution System in American Manufacturing, 1870-1900,"

Albert D. Smart, South Carolina State College

"Specialization Among Retailers in Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio, 1870-1910."

EVENING SESSION, April 3

Dinner Address: "The Public Responsibility of Business History, Comments by a Non-Business Historian."

Jonathan R. T. Hughes, Northwestern University

Panel Discussion on the Future of Business History

Chairman: Harold F. Williamson, Northwestern University

Participants: James P. Baughman, Harvard University

Fred Bateman, Indiana University

Arthur M. Johnson, University of Maine

Ralph W. Hidy, Harvard University

MORNING SESSION, April 4

Chairman: Theodore Marburg, Marquette University

- “Large Scale Manufacturing in the South and West, 1850–1860.”
 Fred Bateman, Indiana University
 James D. Foust, Indiana University
 Thomas Weiss, Kansas University
- Discussant: Louis Cain, Loyola University
 “Technological Change, Productivity Growth, and Linkages to Economic Development, 1820–1850.”
 Paul Uselding, University of Illinois
- Discussant: Joseph A. Swanson, University of Iowa
 “Businessmen and the Regulation of Railroads and Public Utilities in California During the Progressive Era.”
 Mansel G. Blackford, University of California, Berkeley
- Discussant: Louis Cain, Loyola University
 “Changing Patterns of Concentration in the Meat Packing Industry, 1880–1963.”
 Richard J. Arnould, University of Illinois
- Discussant: Robert Aduddell, Loyola University
 Luncheon Address: “The Study of Business History in Japan.”
 Moriaki Tsuchiya, University of Tokyo

AFTERNOON SESSION, April 4

- Chairman: Arthur M. Johnson, University of Maine
 “The Tax Buyer as a Frontier Investor Type.”
 Robert P. Swierenga, Kent State University
- Discussant: John James, University of Iowa
 “The Role of Trust Companies in Diffusion of Financial Innovation, 1897–1914.”
 Larry Neal, University of Illinois
- Discussant: John James, University of Iowa
 “The Trust Period Revisited.”
 Alfred S. Eichner, Columbia University
- Discussant: Patrick G. Porter, Johns Hopkins University
 “The Standard Oil of New Jersey Combination of 1899 — America’s First and Foremost Conglomerate Merger.”
 Samuel M. Loescher, Indiana University
- Discussant: Ralph W. Hidy, Harvard University
 “The Banking Crisis of 1933: Some Iowa Evidence.”
 Lynn Muchmore, Grinnell College
- Discussant: John James, University of Iowa

EVENING SESSION: April 4

- Dinner Address; “An Environment of Involvement.”
 James Olson, Vice President and General Manager,
 Northwestern Bell, Des Moines, Iowa