

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

With the Winter 1979 issue, two members of the Editorial Board of the *Business History Review* completed their three-year terms. The Editor and Associate Editor wish to express their deep appreciation for the valuable assistance provided by Stuart W. Bruchey, and Kozo Yamamura during their terms, and to announce that they will be succeeded by John J. McCusker, associate professor of history at the University of Maryland, College Park; and Akio Okochi, professor of economics, University of Tokyo, effective with this issue.

The vacancy created by the death of Fritz L. Redlich will be filled by Diane Lindstrom, associate professor of history, the University of Wisconsin, Madison, who has also accepted a full three-year term.

This is also an opportunity to thank the considerable number of other persons who consented to referee MS articles in their special fields, and who must remain anonymous. Their help in all cases was indispensable to what we trust were intelligent decisions on our part. This is perhaps the most thankless of all academic duties, but we remind ourselves that it is just such productive scholars as these who have benefited most frequently by the generous help of yet other referees.

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The Thomas Newcomen Award in Business History, which is awarded every three years to the best book on the history of business published in the United States, was presented at the Business History Conference in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, on March 7, 1980, to Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., for his *The Visible Hand: The Managerial Revolution in American Business* (Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 1977). The award consists of a prize of \$1000 and a scroll. Iris R. Maloney, Vice President of The Newcomen Society in North America, donors of the award, presented it to Professor Chandler, who is Isador Straus Professor of Business History in the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University. For the first time in the history of the Award, scrolls were also presented honorably mentioning two other books: *Harpers Ferry Armory and the New Technology: The Challenge of Change* (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1977), by Merritt Roe Smith, Professor of the History of Technology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and *The Russian Rockefellers: The Saga of the Nobel Family and the Russian Oil Industry* (Stanford: Hoover Institution Press, 1976), by Robert W. Tolf, of Boca Raton, Florida.

The next Thomas Newcomen Award will be made to the best book published in the years 1979–1981. No formal entry is necessary for a book, but prospective authors who feel that their forthcoming book is eligible for consideration should direct their publishers to include the Editor, *Business History Review*, 215 Baker Library, Soldiers Field, Boston MA 02163, on the list to receive a review copy.

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The Forest History Society announced winners of its two annual article award competitions in Santa Cruz, October 27, 1979. Frederick J. Yonce won the Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser Award for "Lumbering and the Public Timberlands in Washington: The Era of Disposal," *Journal of Forest History* (January 1978). Thomas R. Dunlap won the Blegen Award for "DDT on Trial: The Wisconsin Hearing, 1968-1969," *Wisconsin Magazine of History* (Autumn 1978). Both awards include cash prizes of \$150.

Mr. Yonce, winner of the Weyerhaeuser Award, is a specialist in the history of public land policy in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library. Mr. Dunlap is assistant professor of history at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. Editors of history journals and other magazines are invited to nominate articles in forest and conservation history for the 1979 Blegen Award. Articles must be published in 1979; the deadline for nominations is May 1, 1980. Please send four offprints or whole copies of the issue containing the nominated article to Ronald J. Fahl, Editor, *Journal of Forest History*, Forest History Society, 109 Coral St., Santa Cruz, CA 95060.

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The University of Sydney invites applications for its Commonwealth Bank Scholarship, which is tenable in the Faculty of Economics in accounting, economic history, economic statistics, operations research, economics, government and public administration, or industrial relations. The scholarship is valued at U.S. \$4,200 per annum and provides certain allowances. It is tenable for one year in the first instance, usually renewable for a second year, and in exceptional circumstances, for a third year. Application forms and further information are available from the Scholarships Office, University of Sydney, N.S.W. 2006, Australia. The closing date is October 31, 1980.

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Temple University Press is sponsoring a new series, Technology and Urban Growth. Manuscripts addressing all phases of the historic urban and technological scenes are invited. The editors are Blaine Brownell, The University of Alabama-Birmingham; Mark Foster, The University of Colorado-Denver; Zane Miller, The University of Cincinnati; Mark Rose, The Franklin Institute; and Howard Sumka, Office of Policy Development and Research, U.S.-HUD. Manuscripts should be sent to Kenneth Arnold, Editor, Temple University Press, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA 19122.

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The 1980 contest for the best book-length manuscript in the history of aeronautics or astronautics is now open for nominations by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Entries must be in English, and not over 75,000 words long. A prize of an AIAA medal, certificate of citation and rosette pin will be awarded to the author submitting the best worthy manuscript dealing with the science, technology and/or impact of aeronautics or astronautics on society. The deadline for entries

is June 29, 1980. Write Roberta Shapiro, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

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The Regional Economic History Research Center, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, will sponsor a conference on Friday, April 25, 1980 at 1:30 p.m. Two sessions are planned: the first is on Baltimore History: Resources and Opportunities for Research (1:30-2:45), moderated by Edward C. Papenfuss, Maryland Hall of Records, and consisting of a panel discussion between Richard J. Cox, Records Management Division, City of Baltimore; W. Theodore Dürr, Baltimore Region Institutional Studies Center, University of Baltimore; and Larry E. Sullivan, Maryland Historical Society.

The second, from 3 to 5 p.m. is on 19th-Century Baltimore: Historical and Geographical Perspectives, chaired by Dennis J. Zemballa, Baltimore Industrial Museum, and will present as speakers Edward K. Muller, University of Pittsburgh, "Spatial Order before Industrialization: Baltimore's Central District, 1833-1860"; and Joseph L. Arnold, University of Maryland Baltimore County, "Baltimore and Its Neighborhoods, 1800-1980"; and comment by Theodore S. Hershberg, University of Pennsylvania. For further information, write William H. Mulligan, Jr. Regional Economic History Research Center, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 3630, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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The National Endowment for the Humanities has begun publishing a new magazine, "The Nonpartisan Review," to cover significant issues in the humanities and highlight the Federal grant-making agency's projects and programs. The initial issue will contain a three-way discussion of biography by historians Eugene D. Genovese, George B. Forgie, and Barbara Harber, as well as features on successful NEH-funded projects. The "Nonpartisan Review" will be available on a subscription basis for \$7 a year. To obtain a complimentary copy of the first issue, write: Editor, "The Nonpartisan Review" M.S. 204, National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington, D.C. 20506.

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The Business History Unit, recently formed at the London School of Economics and Political Science under the direction of Dr. Leslie Hannah, is now engaged in a five-year project to produce a multi-volume *Dictionary of Business Biography* covering English and Welsh business leaders in the period 1860-1980. The work, which is planned in six volumes, is being edited by a staff of four under the direction of Dr. David J. Jeremy, Research Fellow at the Institute. The first phase of the project will concentrate on selection of the subjects to be included and of authors to write the biographical entries. All persons interested in nominating entries or authors should write Dr. Jeremy at the Dictionary of

Business Biography Project, Business History Unit, Lionel Robbins Building, 10 Portugal Street, London WC2A 2HD England.

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The History Department of the Milwaukee Public Museum announces the donation of the Densmore Papers by Miss Priscilla Densmore. This collection of correspondence between the Densmore brothers and Christopher Latham Sholes (the inventor of the typewriter) contains over a thousand letters, plus legal documents, some engineering drawings, advertising brochures, and a few photographs. Although primarily concerned with the Sholes machine, the three cubic feet of material also have data on the Densmore machine of later, independent manufacture.

A complete inventory of the Densmore Papers is expected to be available in 1981. Write Donald Hoke, Assistant Curator of History-Americana, Milwaukee Public Museum, 800 West Wells Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53233.

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