

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We are pleased to announce the following appointments to the Editorial Advisory Board of the *Business History Review*, which took effect July 1, 1972: Fred Bateman, Associate Professor of Business Economics, Indiana University; Alfred S. Eichner, Associate Professor of Economics, State University of New York, Purchase; George Green, Associate Professor of History, University of Minnesota; and Gerald Grob, Professor of History, Rutgers University. Kozo Yamamura, Professor of Economics and Asian Studies at the University of Washington, has kindly agreed to accept an additional term on the Board. James P. Baughman, Professor of Business History at the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, has joined the Editorial Advisory Board after ten years of outstanding service as Managing Editor, Editor, and Consulting Editor of the *Business History Review*.

To Professors Arthur M. Johnson, Ross Robertson, Nathan Rosenberg, Gerald T. White, and to John H. White, Jr., who have completed their appointments, we express our sincere appreciation.

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The Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration and the Newcomen Society in North America announce a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History in the amount of \$9,000, to be awarded for twelve-months' residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School during 1973-1974. The Newcomen Fellowship in Business History of \$5,000 will be awarded for half this period. The remainder of the Fellowship and its associated expenses will be covered by a grant from the Harvard Business School.

The purpose of this award is to assist a Ph.D. graduate under the age of thirty-five to improve his professional acquaintance with business and economic history, improve his skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The Fellow's doctoral degree may be in history, economics, or a related discipline such as sociology. The successful applicant will be asked to participate in the School's business history course and seminar and take at least one other formal course of instruction based on his particular needs or interests. He will also be expected to take part during the academic year in some aspect of the Business History Group's activity, such as assisting in the publication of the *Business History Review*. At least half the total time, however, will be available for research of the Fellow's own choosing in the field of business history.

Inquiries should be addressed to Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Morgan Hall 207, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Massachusetts 02163. Applicants will be asked

to state their purpose in applying for the Fellowship, the specific area in which they would like to do course work, and the topic, objectives, and design for the research to be undertaken. Final applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, letters from three persons in support of the application, and such other evidence as the applicant wishes to submit.

The selection committee, which will be composed of faculty members of the Harvard Business School, will interview candidates where possible and will make its award to the applicant whose background and plans seem most likely to benefit from the resources offered. The successful applicant may begin his twelve-months' residence on either July 1 or September 1, 1973.

Applications must be completed by April 1, 1973. The Fellowship will be awarded and all applicants notified by April 15, 1973. Material submitted with applications will be returned only if accompanied by postage and a self-addressed return envelope.

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On October 27, 1972 the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library will sponsor a conference entitled "American Antebellum Coastal Trade: New Theses." Papers will be delivered by Diane Lindstrom of the University of Wisconsin and Lawrence A. Herbst of Vassar College. Acting as discussants will be George Rogers Taylor, Professor Emeritus, Amherst College and Albert Fishlow, Visiting Fellow, All Souls College, Oxford University. Anyone desiring further information or an invitation please contact Richard L. Ehrlich, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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Students at the Graduate School of the City University of New York have established a Memorial Collection of research materials in honor of the late Raymond de Roover. Professor de Roover was a dedicated teacher and scholar whose exuberance and spirit of inquiry were widely known and admired. His outstanding scholarship produced two prize-winning books, *Money, Banking and Credit in Mediaeval Bruges* and *The Rise and Decline of the Medici Bank*, as well as numerous other books and articles.

Those wishing to join in supporting the Raymond de Roover Memorial Collection may send contributions to the special fund created at the City University of New York for this purpose. All checks should be made payable to the CUNY Graduate Center — PUG #5 and should be sent to the City University of New York Graduate Center, 33 West 42 Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.

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Indiana University announces an interdepartmental graduate program in economic history, offering courses of study leading to the Masters and Ph.D. degrees in either economics or history or to the M.B.A. or D.B.A. degrees in business economics with a general field of specialization in economic history. Explanatory brochures and further details about the

program may be obtained by writing Professors Gary M. Walton or Fred Bateman, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

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The inaugural meeting of the Accounting History Committee in England and Wales was held on March 29, 1972 in the Chartered Accountants' Hall, London. The objectives of the Committee are to promote the study of accounting history in England and Wales, and to encourage contact among those interested in accounting history, particularly economic and business historians. It is hoped that business firms will be interested in making available old records and that writers of relevant articles will deposit copies with the Library of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales to extend its collection of literature on accounting history. The Committee hopes, in due course, to arrange conferences at which papers of interest to accounting historians will be presented.

Further information is available from Mr. J. Freear, Lecturer in Accounting, Rutherford College, The University, Canterbury, Kent, or from Dr. G. A. Lee, Lecturer in Accountancy, Department of Industrial Economics, University Park, Nottingham, NG7 2RD, England.

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The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has obtained a collection of materials pertaining to the history of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Along with important library and museum pieces, the collection includes minutes, reports, photographs, and numerous other archival records which explain and illustrate the long and important history of the "Pennsy." Deposited in the Pennsylvania State Archives, Harrisburg, these records help to round out the Commission's extensive collections of materials dealing with early Pennsylvania transportation, including the turnpikes, canals, and such allied systems as the famed Allegheny Portage Rail Road and the historic Philadelphia & Columbia Rail Road, progenitor of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The volume of the new accession is approximately 230 cubic feet.

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Among books recently received are the new edition of Lewis Atherton's *The Frontier Merchant in Mid-America* (University of Missouri Press, \$10.00) and a reprint of F. W. Taussig and C. S. Joslyn, *American Business Leaders*, originally published in 1932 and now available again from AMS Press for \$11.00. David & Charles has issued volume I of the journal *Maritime History* in book form at £2.75.

Another book of possible interest to readers is Cecil R. Crews' *The History of the Michigan Credit Union League*, available from Wayne State University Press for \$17.95.

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The Sixth International Congress of Economic History will be held in Copenhagen in August, 1974. The program of the Congress is organized around five themes or sections:

- I. Peasant economies before and during the early Industrial Revolution
  - A. Peasant systems in different economies
  - B. Models of peasant economies
  - C. Factors of change in peasant economies
 Organizer: Professor Jerzy Topolski  
 Pamiatkowa 26/2  
 Poznan, Poland
  
- II. Investment strategy in private enterprise and in the state sector (nineteenth and twentieth centuries)
  - A. Reasons for the concentration of investments
  - B. Influence of mechanization, the market, and financial institutions
  - C. Motivations and goals of decision-makers
 Organizer: Professor Herman Van der Wee  
 "De Hettinghe," Meulestraat 2  
 2778 St. Pauwels (Waas)  
 Belgium
  
- III. Urbanization and environment
  - A. Urban planning in medieval and Renaissance cities
  - B. Growth of cities — questions of demography, migrations, and public health
  - C. Urban pollution
  - D. Cities and natural resources, notably timber
  
- IV. Education, science, and technology in economic development
  - A. Education, science, and technology in processes of early industrialization: 1700–1850
  - B. Diffusion of technology in "third world" countries particularly during the second half of the nineteenth century
  - C. Changing linkages between science education, and technical change in advanced economies after 1870
 Organizer: Professor Peter Mathias  
 All Souls College  
 Oxford University  
 England  
  
 American member of committee:  
 Professor Rondo Cameron, Emory University  
 Atlanta, Georgia
  
- V. Relations between regions of unequal economic development  
 No organizer has yet been named for this theme.

Each of these themes, except the fifth, will be treated in preparatory conferences to be held in the course of 1973. These conferences will prepare reports on the respective topics which they discuss. These reports will be distributed to individuals upon request to the International Secretary before the Congress at Copenhagen. At the Congress the reports will be discussed, but not presented orally.

In addition to discussing the reports, the Congress will hear short papers either on aspects of the five themes or on other selected subjects. Individual scholars are invited to suggest topics which they would like to treat or to have treated. The International Committee will subsequently choose from the proposals made some ten subjects for the program and will extend formal invitations to those selected to read papers.

Lastly, informal discussion sessions are being provided for specialists in different fields who declare their desire to meet foreign colleagues working in their areas of specialization or who want to discuss topics not included in the program.

Persons desiring to participate in the preliminary conferences should address themselves to the appropriate organizer as soon as possible. Those wishing to present short papers or to have subjects treated in short papers should address themselves to the International Secretary, Professor Jean Francois Bergier, Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule, Bureau G. 27.3 Leonhardstrasse, 33, 8006 Zurich, Switzerland. Requests in this category may also be sent to national representatives, in the United States to Professor Shepard B. Clough, from May to November at East Peacham, Vermont 05862, and from November to May at 319 Puritan Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33405.

Requests for discussion sessions (the third type of meetings) should be sent to the International Secretary before June, 1974.

The International Committee wants to make it clear that it has no funds to defray travel expenses for participants in any of the categories of meetings. Individuals must provide their own travel financing. Information regarding local arrangements will be distributed in 1973 and a preliminary registration will be conducted at that time. Final registration will be in the spring of 1974.

Professor Herman Van der Wee points out that Section II of the Congress will be of special interest to readers of the *Business History Review* because its purpose is to examine the possibilities and limits of the introduction and application of statistical and econometric methods in the study of qualitative business history. Preference in the selection of contributors to that section will be given to contributors who have focused their research on that particular methodology.

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