

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, 1975: Leslie Hannah, Lecturer in Economics, University of Essex; Albro Martin, Associate Professor of History, American University; and Paul Uselding, Associate Professor of Economics, University of Illinois. Kozo Yamamura, Professor of Economics and Asian Studies at the University of Washington, and Fred Bateman, Professor of Business Economics at Indiana University, have kindly agreed to accept an additional term on the Board.

To Professors Alfred S. Eichner, George D. Green, and Gerald Grob, who have completed their appointments, we express our sincere appreciation.

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The 1975–1976 Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History has been awarded to Tony Freyer, who recently completed 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, economics, or a related discipline such as sociology to improve his acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase his skills as they relate to that field, 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 no more than thirty-five years of age. 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. At least one-half 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 and economic history.

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The Business History Conference will hold its annual meeting on March 12 and 13, 1976, in Moline, Illinois. John Deere and Company will host the meeting at their administrative center in Moline. For those coming on Thursday, March 11, there will also be a tour of the John Deere Historical Site in Grand Detour, Illinois. Persons interested in additional information on the Conference or its annual meeting should contact Fred Bateman, Graduate School of Business, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana 47401.

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The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library will hold a regional economic history conference on October 24, 1975 on the topic, "Trade Associations

and Public Policy: The National Association of Manufacturers." A. K. Steigerwalt of McMaster University will chair the gathering. Papers will be presented by William H. Becker of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County ("N.A.M. and American Foreign Trade Policy, 1895-1913") and by Robert Asher of the University of Connecticut ("Reform Made Simple: The N.A.M. and Workmen's Compensation"). Louis Galambos of Johns Hopkins University will serve as commentator. For further information, please contact Dr. Richmond D. Williams, Director, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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The purpose of the History of Economics Society is to promote interest and inquiry into the history of economics and related parts of intellectual history, to facilitate communication and discourse among scholars working in the field, and to acquaint members of the profession with the scientific, literary, and philosophical tradition of economics.

Information about membership in the Society and about a reduced-price subscription to the quarterly journal *History of Political Economy* can be obtained from James L. Cochrane, Secretary-Treasurer, History of Economics Society, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208.

The Society will hold its next annual conference at the Center for Continuing Education, University of Chicago, on May 21-23, 1976. The primary, but not sole theme of the conference will be Adam Smith's *Wealth of Nations*. Anyone wishing to present a paper should submit an abstract (two copies) together with a *separate* sheet containing the following information: 1) author's name, address, professional affiliation, position, and telephone number; 2) title of paper; 3) whether or not the author is a member of the Society. The above must be received by November 15, 1975. Persons wishing to serve as discussants are invited to submit their name, address, professional affiliation, position, telephone number, and major areas of interest within the history of economics. All communications regarding the conference should be addressed to: Professor George J. Stigler, Haskell Hall, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois 60637.

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The Nebraska State Historical Society has been selected as the repository for the company archives of the Union Pacific Railroad. Some 492 volumes of incoming and outgoing correspondence known as the New York-Boston papers comprise the bulk of the collection, which spans the period from 1863 until the company went into receivership in 1893.

The New York-Boston papers hold tremendous potential for research in nineteenth-century American history, especially the Gilded Age. Professor Robert Athearn's *Union Pacific Country* (1971) represents the first scholarly use of these records. In addition to their obvious value for railroad and business studies, the New York-Boston papers deal with such topics as government regulation, development of natural resources, land policy, state and national politics, community-building, labor history, technological development, and others. Important personalities also

appear within the company archives. A notable example is the large quantity of correspondence of Charles Francis Adams, Jr. as President of the Union Pacific, 1884–1890. Related non-Union Pacific materials include the papers of J. S. and D. T. Casement, contractors for the construction of the railroad, and records relating to the Union Pacific and industrial “armies,” of 1894.

Although the Union Pacific Archives are not restricted, they will not be available for research immediately, pending completion of arrangement and microfilming. For further information, write: Nebraska State Historical Society, Dave Hooper, Assistant Archivist, 1500 “R” Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

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The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library announces the acquisition of a portion of the Reading Company archives. This consists of corporate records of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad and certain subsidiaries, in particular the North Pennsylvania Railroad and the Atlantic City Railroad.

Processing has been completed on 530 volumes of accounting records (1816–1926) and 620 volumes of outgoing letterbooks (1844–1914). Approximately 450 linear feet of inbound correspondence is currently being organized. The bulk of the latter consists of the files of Gustavus A. Nichols (1844–1877), John E. Wooten (1865–1886), Angus A. McLeod (1886–1893), and Theodore Voorhees (1893–1914). Included in the collection are 5500 photographs, many of which are devoted to major engineering projects in the Philadelphia area.

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Readers may be interested to know that Meyer H. Fishbein, Director of the Records Appraisal Staff of the National Archives and Records Service, has informed us that the Department of Justice recently transferred to the National Archives its files of records taken, shortly after Pearl Harbor, from American branches of Japanese firms by the Office of Alien Property.

A large part of the seized records were destroyed at the end of World War II because they were not deemed to be of enduring value by an archival team. Since the 1950s, the Department of Justice has ordered the destruction of all but a small quantity of records of German and Italian firms. (Certain records of the Hamburg American-North German Lloyd Company, B. Westermann & Co., UFA Films, and the Banca Commerciale Italiana were saved from destruction.) The National Archives intervened to save most of the Japanese records that had been considered valuable by the archival appraisers.

The largest part of the Japanese records were maintained by banking houses, chiefly Mitsubishi Shoji Kaishi and the Yokohama Specie Bank. They include correspondence with the head office, other branches, and clients; periodic and special reports; reference materials on economic affairs; and books of account. The YSB correspondence dates from the

turn of the century. The remaining records were seized from general and specialized merchandising companies such as Mitsui, Z. Horikoshi Co., Okura and Co., and the Southern Cotton Co. They include incorporation papers, annual reports, documentation on relations with suppliers and customers, books of account, and financial statements.

These approximately 3,000 cubic feet of records of banking and commercial companies are valuable not only for company histories, but more importantly for their documentation of American-Japanese commercial relations during the 1920s and 1930s. Numerous documents concern the imminent war. All are available for research. Except for several hundred feet of records in government records centers in San Bruno, California and Bayonne, New Jersey, the records are being stored in the archival unit of the Washington National Records Center near the District of Columbia. Inquiries may be sent to the General Archives Division, Washington National Records Center, Washington, D.C. 20409.

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The National Agricultural Library has published *Heritage of American Agriculture: A Bibliography of Pre-1860 Imprints*, compiled by Dr. Alan Fusonie of its staff. The bibliography includes a selective compilation of monographs, periodicals, and the works of agricultural societies published prior to 1860. Organized into three sections and arranged alphabetically, this seventy-two page publication contains over 565 items. Copies may be obtained by sending a return addressed mailing label (the Library will pay the postage) to: Room 204, National Agricultural Library, Beltsville, Maryland 20705. Please state your needs and refer to the title.

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A Southern Labor History Conference is being formed to bring together trade unionists, academicians, and others interested in the rise and development of organized labor in the South. The organization will hold its first meeting, a two-day convention, at Georgia State University in the spring of 1976.

The organizing committee invites persons to suggest topics and papers appropriate for the discussions. All aspects of southern labor will be considered, from the earliest historical roots, through the organizing drives of the Knights of Labor, the A.F. of L. and the C.I.O., to the unionization of various industries and areas. The organizers of the Conference desire to promote an interest in the Southern worker, to achieve a better understanding of labor's activity in the region from Texas to Maryland, and to encourage preservation of the historical files and documents of union activity.

To submit session proposals or to receive further information, contact Dr. David B. Gracy II, Archivist, Southern Labor Archives, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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The University of California Press indicates that Charles P. Kindleberger's *The World in Depression, 1929-1939*, which has been out of

print recently, has now been reissued in its California Library Reprint Series and is priced at \$11.25. Other books received of late include: the first volume in Herbert A. Johnson, ed., *The Papers of John Marshall* (University of North Carolina Press, 1975, \$17.95); E. L. Jones, *Agriculture and the Industrial Revolution*, a collection of previously published essays with an introductory essay (Halsted Press of John Wiley & Sons, 1975, \$15.50); and P. L. Cottrell and B. L. Anderson, eds., *Money and Banking in England: The Development of the Banking System, 1694-1914*, a collection of documents (David & Charles, 1975, \$18.95).

Readers may also wish to know that the American Association of Petroleum Geologists has just issued the third and last volume commemorating the semi-centennial of its founding, *Trek of the Oil Finders: A History of Exploration for Petroleum*, by Edgar Wesley Owen. The first three chapters deal with background material; chapters 4-16 cover, in general, the history of U.S. exploration, arranged chronologically from 1860 to recent years; chapters 16-23 deal with Latin America, Iran, Iraq and Asiatic Mediterranean Countries, the Arabian Peninsula, the U.S.S.R., Africa, and the Far East to the North Sea; chapter 24, "Summary and Analysis," is followed by subject, geographical, and proper name indexes. The volume contains 1,647 pages and was published by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

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The Social Science Research Council has recently announced that, under the auspices of the committee responsible for its Economic History Project, the preparation of a bibliography and guide to sources on Latin American economic history, 1830-1930, was completed, and the manuscript, edited by Roberto Cortés Conde and Stanley J. Stein, was submitted for publication. Substantial progress was also made on the second phase of this project under the direction of Shane Hunt and Mr. Cortés Conde. A volume of essays is being prepared on export growth and domestic economic change in Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, and Peru in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

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Professor Klaus Wolff has asked us to indicate that he is still interested in hearing from anyone with information on additional sources for his investigation of the interrelationships between the origins of the chemical industry and the evolution of the textile bleaching industry (see his article in the Summer, 1974 *BHR*). Alastair Durie's note in this issue is one example of the sorts of responses Wolff hopes to elicit from others.

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The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation established the Regional Economic History Research Center in May, 1975 to lend impetus and focus to the use of the collections of the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library. R. D. Williams, Library Director, will act as Interim Director; Professor Thomas C. Cochran, most recent Senior Resident Scholar, heads an academic advisory board.

Other members of the advisory group include: Alfred D. Chandler,

Jr., Harvard University; Louis Galambos, Johns Hopkins University; Robert E. Gallman, University of North Carolina; Thomas P. Hughes, University of Pennsylvania; Arthur M. Johnson, University of Maine, Orono; and Stephen M. Salsbury, University of Delaware.

The academic advisory board met July 14 to start the search for a full-time director of the Center and to organize a planning conference for early December. The conference is entitled "Approaches to Regional Economic Change: the Philadelphia-Baltimore Areas Since 1700." The purpose is to develop conceptual frameworks and specific research strategies for the systematic study of the area economy. Working papers will be provided by: Vincent P. Carosso, New York University; Richard A. Easterlin, University of Pennsylvania; Joseph A. Pratt, Johns Hopkins University; James H. Soltow, Michigan State University; and Stephen M. Salsbury, University of Delaware.

Financing for the conference will come from local industrial firms and foundations. Participation will be by invitation only.

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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 \$13,000 to be awarded for twelve months' residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School during 1976-1977. The Newcomen Fellowship in Business History 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 not more than thirty-five years of age 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 of 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, 1976.

Applications must be completed by April 1, 1976. The Fellowship will be awarded and all applicants notified by April 15, 1976. Material submitted with the application will be returned only if accompanied by postage and a self-addressed return envelope.

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