

## THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We are pleased to announce the winner of the 1973 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 Thomas C. Cochran, Franklin Professor of History Emeritus, University of Pennsylvania, for his book, *Business in American Life: A History*. The book was published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company in 1972. This triennial award was given for "the best book on the history of business published in the United States during the years 1970–1972." For the purposes of the award, "the history of business" is interpreted in the broadest sense, including histories of firms and industries and books tracing interactions of businessmen, analyses of business philosophy or behavior, and studies of the adjustment of businesses and businessmen to their economic, political, and social environments.

The three previous winners of the award were Alfred D. Chandler, Jr.'s *Strategy and Structure: Chapters in the History of the Industrial Enterprise* (M.I.T. Press, 1962), Sidney Pollard's *The Genesis of Modern Management: A Study of the Industrial Revolution in Great Britain* (Harvard University Press, 1965), and Robert Ozanne's 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* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1967, 1968). Selections are made by a committee representing the Newcomen Society and the *Business History Review*.

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The Lincoln Educational Foundation has awarded three \$3,000 graduate fellowships in the business and/or economic history of the United States for the 1974–1975 academic year. The fellowships are in honor of the late John E. Rovensky, prominent industrialist and banker.

Applicants for these annual awards must be citizens of the United States or Canada and must be planning to acquire a Ph.D. with either American economic history or American business history as the area of major interest. Those who have demonstrated capacity to pursue graduate work successfully for one year will have an advantage over those who are just beginning graduate study. Study is normally to be done at an approved institution in the United States. Preference will be given to applicants who are preparing for careers of teaching and research.

Inquiries and requests for application forms should be directed to C. Clyde Jones, College of Business Administration, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.

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Agreements have recently been reached between the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library and the National Association of Manufacturers for the storage and use of the N.A.M. archives. Founded in 1895, the N.A.M. is a voluntary organization of industrial and business firms. Member companies account for approximately 75 per cent of the nation's industrial output. According to the Director of the Eleutherian Mills

Historical Library, "The 500 file drawers of records, dating from 1895 to about 1970, reflect the manufacturing community's approach to the problems of operating within an increasingly complex society. The N.A.M. collection will provide a rich new source for the researcher and student of American industry."

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The Manuscript Division of Baker Library, Harvard University, wishes to call to the attention of researchers some information about one of its most important resources. Since its receipt in 1962 by Baker Library, the Dun & Bradstreet Collection of credit ledgers has been consulted by approximately 100 individuals, in person or by mail. The completion of the index to the New York City volumes, supported by a grant from Dun & Bradstreet, will greatly facilitate the utilization of those volumes. Use has ranged from studies of individuals or firms to demographic studies of cities (such as Poughkeepsie, N.Y. or Hamilton, Ont.). There have been studies of merchants in early Indianapolis and of manufacturing in ante-bellum Wisconsin, which have drawn heavily on the collection. Three projects of filming credit ledgers have been completed, but approval of filming must in all cases be obtained first from Dun & Bradstreet. That firm also reserves the right to pass on quotations or summaries drawn from the records before publication. So far, the company has questioned use in only a very few instances, and arrangements have been worked out to the satisfaction of both scholar and company. Inquiries from persons interested in the records (which date from the mid 1840s to the mid 1880s and cover the entire United States and parts of Canada) are welcome, and may be addressed to the Manuscript Division, Baker Library, Harvard Business School, Boston, Mass. 02163.

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Stonehill College has recently acquired records and artifacts covering the history of the Ames Shovel Works in Easton, Mass. The materials include very extensive and comprehensive business records of the shovel concern, as well as Ames correspondence relating to transcontinental railways, especially the Union Pacific Railroad. The written records total approximately 1,500 linear feet. Among the artifacts are nearly 1,000 shovels, some from as early as 1784. At present the collection is in the process of being organized and readied for research. Additional information may be obtained from Professor Judith A. Sughrue, Department of History, Stonehill College, Easton, Mass. 02356.

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At the past annual meeting of the American Accounting Association a group of scholars interested in accounting history formed an organization known as the Academy of Accounting Historians. The purpose of the Academy is to stimulate the exchange of ideas among accounting, business, and economic historians and to encourage research and publication in all aspects of accounting history. Inquiries about membership in this organization should be sent to: Gary John Previts, President, Dept. of Accounting & Information Systems, University, Alabama 35486.

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Arno Press of New York has recently issued several sets of reprints,

many of which will be of interest to readers of the *Business History Review*. These include collections of books under the following general titles: *Big Business: Economic Power in a Free Society* (Leon Stein, Advisory Editor, Stuart Bruchey and Thomas C. Cochran, Editorial Board); *Technology and Society* (Daniel J. Boorstin, Advisory Editor); *The Evolution of Capitalism* (Leonard Silk, Advisory Editor); and *American Labor: From Conspiracy to Collective Bargaining* (Leon Stein and Philip Taft, Advisory Editors). The first two sets are especially rich in titles relevant to business history. The *Big Business* assortment includes company and industry histories (such as Carl L. Alsberg's *Combination in the American Bread-Baking Industry*, John P. Davis' *Union Pacific Railway*, G. H. Montague's *Rise and Progress of the Standard Oil Company*, and Ethel Armes' *Story of Coal and Iron in Alabama*), autobiographical and other works by leading businessmen (such as Daniel Drew, John D. Rockefeller, James J. Hill, Henry Ford, and Frank Vanderlip), as well as publications by significant analysts, critics, and defenders of business in government, academic life, and journalism (such as Simon N. Patten, John Bates Clark, Richard T. Ely, Henry Demarest Lloyd, Arthur T. Hadley, Robert M. La Follette, Edward Atkinson, and David E. Lilienthal).

The *Technology and Society* collection makes available again a number of important out-of-print works on the technology of American manufacturing, transportation, farming, construction, engineering, invention, and management. Business historians will be especially pleased to know that the assortment contains such books as the following: Elva Tooker's *Nathan Trotter*; Edward Hungerford's *Story of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad*; William Lathrop's *Brass Industry in the United States*; Charles C. Carr's *Alcoa*; A. A. Bright's *Electric-Lamp Industry*; Harold C. Passer's *Electrical Manufacturers*; John J. Riley's *History of the American Soft Drink Industry*; Nannie May Tilley's *Bright-Tobacco Industry*; Robert L. Thompson's *Wiring A Continent*; Horace L. Arnold and Fay L. Faurote's *Ford Methods and Ford Shops*; and Henry A. Miles' *Lowell, As It Was, and As It is*.

Annotated brochures detailing these and other useful books in the collections are available from Arno Press, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017.

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The American Bibliographical Center invites the readers of the *Business History Review* to prepare abstracts for *America: History and Life and Historical Abstracts*. Such contributions will assist in maintaining a current bibliographical service for the historical profession. Volunteer abstracters receive complimentary copies of the journals they abstract and the annual indexes to ABC publications. Abstracters who submit forty or more abstracts each year receive a complimentary subscription to one of the following: Modern Historical Abstracts (Part A, *Historical Abstracts*), Twentieth Century Abstracts (Part B, *Historical Abstracts*), or *America: History and Life*. Several journals in history and the related social sciences (English and foreign language) are available for assignment. Write ABC-Clio, "Lib 1," 2040 APS, Santa Barbara, California, 93103 for a *List of Periodicals* and an "Invitation to Abstract."

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