

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

We are pleased to announce the winners of the prizes offered by the Newcomen Society in North America for the best articles published in the *Business History Review* during 1982. By vote of the Advisory Board, the prize for the best article goes to Mira Wilkins, Professor of Economics at Florida International University, for her article, "American-Japanese Direct Foreign Investment Relationships, 1930–1952," which appeared in the Winter issue. The prize consists of \$300 and a scroll. The special award to an individual who has not yet published in book form goes to Malcolm R. Burns, Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of Kansas, for his article, "Outside Intervention in Monopolistic Price Warfare: The Case of the 'Plug War' and the Union Tobacco Company," which appeared in the Spring issue. The special award consists of \$150 and a scroll.

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The Harvard-Newcomen Fellow in Business History for 1983–1984 is Katherine Hughes. After receiving her doctorate from the University of Washington in 1979, Dr. Hughes worked as a contributing writer on an almanac that profiled America's billion-dollar corporations and later published her dissertation entitled *Corporate Response to Declining Rates of Growth*. She is now researching the development of the genetic engineering industry.

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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 for approximately \$23,000 for twelve-months' residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School, for the academic year 1984–1985. The Fellow may begin the twelve-months' residence on either July 1 or September 1, 1984.

The purpose of this award is to assist scholars who have, within the past ten years, received their Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their 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 successful applicant will be asked to participate in the School's Business History course, seminar, and case development activities.

Applicants should state their purpose in applying for the Fellowship, and the topic, objectives, and design for the research to be undertaken. Applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, thesis abstract, names and addresses of three people who will support the application, and such other evidence as the applicant wishes to submit.

Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History must be submitted before March 1, 1984, addressed to Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr.,

Baker 214, Harvard Business School, Soldiers Field, Boston, Massachusetts 02163. The Fellowship will be awarded and all applicants notified by March 15, 1984. Materials submitted with applications will be returned only if accompanied by postage and self-addressed return envelope.

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A collection of documents in the archives of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company is available for use by scholars interested in the origins and early development of the Bell Telephone System. This collection contains a series of letterbooks and over five hundred boxes of original correspondence, corporate memoranda, maps, financial statistics, operating reports and photographs. The growth of the Bell System between the years 1878 and 1930 is well documented. Events of more recent decades are at present less adequately represented.

AT&T has established a program to encourage scholarly research into the growth and development of the Bell System. At present, AT&T is sponsoring or participating in the preparation of several historical studies. Under the editorial direction of Professor Louis Galambos of the Johns Hopkins University, three manuscripts dealing with the early structural evolution of the enterprise and the development and implementation of early long distance transmission technology are nearing completion. A separate history of telephone regulation is also in preparation. These projects, and others, lay the foundation for a continuing program of research and writing in this area of business history.

For further information, contact Richard E. Priest, Archivist, Room 537B or Robert W. Garnet, Historical Publications, Room 536A, American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 195 Broadway, New York, NY 10007.

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The Business History Conference will hold its thirtieth annual meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, March 8–10, 1984. “Engines of Growth: Technology, Financial Services, Management” will be the theme. Those wishing to present papers or to organize sessions are cordially requested to send proposals to Irene D. Neu, Department of History, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405 by October 1, 1983.

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The 1984 annual meeting of the Economic and Business Historical Society will be held in Salt Lake City, April 26–28, 1984. Paper sessions and discussion panels will deal with a wide variety of subjects in American and international business and economic history. Persons desiring to present papers at or otherwise participate in the conference should write: Mansel Blackford, Department of History, The Ohio State University, 106 Dulles Hall, 230 West 17 Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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The ninth annual meeting of the Social Science History Association will be held October 25–28, 1984 at the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education in Toronto, Canada.

Those wishing to organize a panel, present a paper, chair a panel, serve as a discussant or offer suggestions for the program are invited to contact:

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The full program committee will be announced at the 1983 meeting.

Paper and panel proposals should include a short description of the paper or papers involved and the names, departments and institutional affiliations of all proposed participants. Panels may also be in the form of roundtable discussions. All proposals must be received *no later than* February 15, 1984.

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