

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Newcomen Society in North America Award in Business History, consisting of \$250 and a scroll, for the best article published in the *Business History Review* during 1976, has gone to Dr. Jocelyn Maynard Ghent and to Dr. Frederic Cople Jaher for their article, "The Chicago Business Elite: 1830-1930. A Collective Biography," which appeared in the Autumn issue. Dr. Ghent is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Carleton University in Ottawa, Dr. Jaher is Associate Professor of History at the University of Illinois, Champaign—Urbana.

The Newcomen Society's Special Award of \$100 and a scroll for the best article published in the *Review* during 1976 by a graduate student or recent Ph.D. who has not published a book, has gone to Dr. Thomas G. Marx, for his "Technological Change and the Theory of the Firm: The American Locomotive Industry, 1920-1955," which appeared in the Spring issue. Dr. Marx, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1973, is an economic consultant with Foster Associates, Inc., of Washington, D.C.

These awards, which are made annually, are the result of balloting by the Editor, Associate Editor, and Advisory Board of the *Business History Review*. Details of the award are given in an advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

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The 1977-1978 Harvard-Newcomen Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History has been awarded to Elizabeth E. Pickering, Assistant Professor of History at Auburn University, whose doctoral work in history was done at Princeton 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 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 and the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration will sponsor a conference on "The Rise of Modern Business Enterprise: A Comparative Approach," on September 11 and 12, 1977. Scholars from here and abroad will present papers on

the rise of big business in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, and Japan and on the implications of these analyses for economic theory and institutional history. Persons desiring further information should write to Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Harvard University, 212 Baker Library, Soldiers Field, Boston, Massachusetts 02163.

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We note with pride that the Organization of American Historians has presented its Frederick Jackson Turner Award for the best first book in American history to Merritt Roe Smith, Associate Professor of History, Ohio State University, for his *Harpers Ferry Armory and the New Technology: The Challenge of Change* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1977). Professor Smith held the Harvard-Newcomen Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History at the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration during the academic year 1974-1975.

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The Academy of Accounting Historians announces the initiation of the *Accounting Historians' Journal*, to which both members and non-members of the Academy are invited to submit manuscripts. For information about the Journal, write to William E. Stone, Co-Editor, *The Accounting Historians' Journal*, 202 Matherley Hall, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611. About membership in the Academy, write to The Academy of Accounting Historians, P.O. Box 6999, University, Alabama 35486.

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The American Historical Association, in collaboration with the Association of American University presses, has established "an AHA-administered annual competition for first books of young (beginning) historians." Manuscripts, which may not exceed 300 double-spaced typed pages in length, must be unpublished, and must not be unrevised dissertations. Up to ten manuscripts will be selected for recommendation to the Association of American University Presses, which may or may not decide to publish any or all of them. See a forthcoming issue of the AHA Newsletter. No manuscripts should be submitted at this time.

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The Forest History Society has announced a biennial award of \$500 to the author of the best book published in the field of North American forest and conservation history. The award will be given for the first time in 1977, for books published in 1975 and 1976, and every two years thereafter. It is in addition to the annual Theodore C. Blegen and Frederick K. Weyerhaeuser awards of \$150 each for best articles. Write to Harold K. Steen, Forest History Society, P.O. Box 1581, Santa Cruz, California 95061.

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The National Archives and Records Service, in cooperation with the Southern Historical Association, announces the second Charles Thomson prize competition for an essay by "a scholar whose work utilizes the holdings of the National Archives or Presidential Libraries to explore any significant aspect of Southern history." In addition to the prize of \$250, the award provides for publication of the essay in *Prologue: The Journal of the National Archives*. Entries should not exceed 7500 words, and must be received *not later than August 1, 1977*, by John J. Rumbarger, Editor, *Prologue, The Journal of the National Archives*, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408.

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With the aid of a grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, a task force is currently seeking out and inventorying the records of the railroads that were predecessor to Conrail. The group has ascertained that many valuable records may be located at numerous points along the lines of the former Pennsylvania, New York Central, New Haven, Erie, Lackawanna, and lesser railroads, and they will greatly appreciate any information leading to such material. When a determination has been made of the physical storage problem involved, efforts to locate permanent repositories for these historic materials will be initiated. To give or receive information on this matter, write to the Project Director, Dr. Richmond D. Williams, Director, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Wilmington, Delaware 19807, telephone (302) 658-2401.

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The National Archives and Records Service is considering the destruction of 1000 cubic feet of case files of the Army Price Adjustment Board relating to profits made by suppliers on World War II contracts. These cases contain data on both operating and capital costs, efficiency, and adjustment of payments in the light of profits. They are available for research without restriction. Persons having an interest in the preservation of these records should write to Meyer Fishbein, Director, Military Archives Division, General Services Administration, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D.C. 20408.

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The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded a grant of \$75,000 to the Immigration History Research Center of the University of Minnesota to begin a survey of the records of all fraternal insurance organizations rooted in American ethnic communities. Write to Rudolph J. Vecoli, Director of the Center, 826 Berry Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55114.

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Inventory of the Records of the National Forest Products Association, compiled by Richard C. Davis, is the third in the Forest History Society's series titled Guides to Forest and Conservation History of North Ameri-

ca. The inventory describes seventy-eight feet of records held by the Society in Santa Cruz, heavily concentrated in the period from the 1920s to the 1960s, although a few items date from as early as the founding of the association in 1902, and circular materials are included from as recently as 1975. The printed inventory may be obtained for \$1.25 from the Forest History Society, P.O. Box 1581, Santa Cruz, California 95061.

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The International Economic History Association announces that the Seventh International Economic History Congress will be held in Edinburgh, Scotland, from August 13 to 19, 1978, under the sponsorship of the British Economic History Society. Write to Congress Executive Office, Seventh International Economic History Congress, 60 Newbattle Terrace, Edinburgh EH10 4RX, Scotland, United Kingdom.

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The Women Historians of the Midwest and the Chicago Area Women's History Conference are sponsoring the second Conference on the History of Women, at The College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 21 to 23, 1977. Write to Conference on the History of Women, The College of St. Catherine, St. Paul, Minnesota 55105.

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The Oral History Association will hold its 12th National Workshop and Colloquium in Coronado, California (near San Diego), October 20 to 23, 1977. Write to Ronald E. Marcello, Oral History Association, Box 13734, N.T. Station, North Texas State University, Denton, Texas 76203.

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David M. Sherman, Chief, History Preservation Section, Department of Natural Resources, 270 Washington St., N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30334, seeks materials relating to the life of Charles Lanman (1819-1895), American artist, author, and explorer.

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We note receipt of the following books, in addition to those reviewed or scheduled for review:

— Hughes, Thomas P., *Thomas Edison: Professional Inventor* (London: Her Majesty's Stationery Office, 1976); pp. 47; photographs; paper. Order from Pendragon House, Inc., 220 University Avenue, Palo Alto, California 94301.

— Scheiber, Harry N., Harold G. Vatter, and Harold Underwood Faulkner, *American Economic History* (New York: Harper & Row, 1976), pp. 514; \$18.95. Textbook. "A comprehensive revision of the earlier work by Harold Underwood Faulkner."

— Duis, Perry, *Chicago: Creating New Traditions* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1976), pp. 144; many illustrations; \$12.50 cloth, \$7.95 paper. Based on the special U. S. Bicentennial exhibit created by the firm of Staples & Charles for the Chicago Historical Society.

— Sidar, Jean Wilson, *George Hammell Cook: A Life in Agriculture and Geology, 1818–1889* (New Brunswick: Rutgers University Press, 1976), pp. xvi + 282, \$11.95. A biography of a pioneer in scientific education under the Morrill Act of 1862.

— Garner, S. Paul, *Evolution of Cost Accounting to 1925* (University, Alabama: University of Alabama Press, 1976), pp. xiv + 416, \$6.50. Paperback reprint of original 1954 edition reviewed in *Business History Review*, XXIX (June, 1955), 208.

— Atherton, Alexine L., *International Organizations: A Guide to Information Sources* (Detroit, Gale Research Press, 1976), pp. xxvii + 350, \$18.00.

— U.S. Department of Commerce, *Statistical Abstract of the United States, 1976* (Washington, 1976), pp. xxiv + 1025, \$10.00 cloth, \$8.00 paper, from the Superintendent of Documents.

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Erratum: The Editor apologizes to Dr. Jocelyn Maynard Ghent, co-author of “The Chicago Business Elite: 1830–1930. A Collective Biography,” which appeared in the Autumn 1976 issue, for the error in her name as listed in the Table of Contents and in the 1976 Index. The error has been corrected for the Five-Year Index that will appear this year.

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