

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation announces that Glenn Porter became Director of the Regional Economic History Research Center on September 1, 1976. The Center, established as a new division within the Foundation in May 1975, will study the economic development of the mid-Atlantic states region. Prior to his appointment, Mr. Porter was Assistant Professor of Business History, Harvard University, and Editor of *Business History Review*. He received his B.A. degree from Rice University, his M.A. and Ph.D. from The Johns Hopkins University, the last in 1970. His publications include *Merchants and Manufacturers: Studies in the Changing Structure of 19th Century Marketing*, coauthored with Harold C. Livesay (1971); *The Rise of Big Business, 1860-1910* (1973); and *Studies in Canadian Business and Economic History*, coedited with Robert D. Cuff (1973). He is Editor-in-Chief of the *Dictionary of American Economic History*, to be published by Charles Scribner & Sons in 1977.

Mr. Porter is currently editing the proceedings of a conference on "Approaches to Regional Economic Change: The Philadelphia-Baltimore Areas since 1700," held at the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation in December. Many suggestions for the Center's program emerged from the conference. The concentration for the first five years, however, will be on industrialization and modernization in the mid-Atlantic region, 1750-1850.

Funding for the conference came from a \$9,950 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Support for the publication was provided by a Sun Oil Company grant of \$5,000, contingent on an additional \$5,000 being raised from local industry. The matching money came from the Lukens Steel Foundation, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc. and the Wilmington Trust Company. Copies of the conference proceedings were distributed in September, 1976.

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Paul Uselding, Professor of Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801, is editing a new annual volume of articles based on original research by internationally recognized scholars. Volume 1, scheduled for publication in Fall 1976, contains articles on antebellum manufacturing in the South by Fred Bateman and Thomas Weiss; the economic history of income distribution by Jeffrey Williamson and Peter Lindert; English open fields as behavior toward risk by Donald McCloskey; "stagflation" during the Napoleonic Wars by Joel Mokyr and N. Eugene Savin; transference of institutional constraints by J. R. T. Hughes; and additional essays by Larry Neal, Harry Stout and Robert Swierenga, Kim McQuaid, and Paul Uselding.

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The Forest History Society has published *Oral History Collection of the Forest History Society: An Annotated Guide*. Prepared by Barbara D.

Holman, this eighty-eight page, indexed guide contains descriptions of over two hundred oral interviews with conservationists, foresters, and members of the forest industries, conducted by Forest History Society staff and others, over the past twenty-five years. For further information, write to P.O. Box 1581, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

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A one-year pilot project designed to outline and coordinate the establishment of a business archives has been undertaken by the Krannert Library of the Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University. During the course of the year, an acquisition policy will be determined as well as appropriate standards for the administration, arrangement and description, conservation, and reference use of business and business-related records and manuscripts. It is anticipated that in addition to the planning activity, some notable acquisitions will result. Inquiries may be addressed to Susan F. Sudduth, Business Archives Project, Krannert Library, Krannert Graduate School of Management, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind. 47907.

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The Western Economic and Business Historians has changed its name to the Economic and Business Historians and now welcomes papers dealing with all regions of the country. The next meeting will be held April 24-26, 1977, at Albuquerque, New Mexico, with Robert Peterson of the history department, University of Montana, as program chairman. This meeting, and the 1978 meeting, scheduled to be held at Denver, Colorado, with Philip Smith of the Social Science Department of Michigan State University as program chairman, will be held jointly with the Western Social Science Association.

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The National Endowment for the Humanities has announced that its program of Fellowships in Residence for College Teachers will offer sixteen seminars during the full academic year of 1977-78. These seminars will cover the disciplines of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences, and will be located at universities throughout the country. Between six and twelve college teachers will be selected to attend each seminar. The maximum stipend for Fellows is \$14,500 plus a moving and travel allowance of \$500 for those who are not commuting from their own homes.

The Endowment has also announced that its program of Summer Seminars for College Teachers will offer approximately 75 eight-week seminars during the summer of 1977. These seminars will cover the disciplines of the humanities and the humanistic social sciences and will be located at universities in all regions of the country. Twelve college teachers will be selected to attend each seminar, and participants will receive a stipend of \$2,000 for a tenure of two months plus a housing and travel allowance of up to \$300.

The purpose of these two programs is to provide opportunities for faculty members of undergraduate and two-year colleges to work with distinguished scholars in their fields at institutions with library collections suitable for

advanced study. Information will be available upon request in early December, 1976 from the Division of Fellowships, National Endowment for the Humanities, 806 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20506. The deadline for the submission of applications will be March 15, 1977.

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The 1976 History Manuscript Award contest for the best book-length manuscript on the history of aeronautics or astronautics is now open for nominations by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Entries must be in English, and not over 75,000 words long. A prize of a medal and certificate of citation will be awarded to the author submitting the best manuscript dealing with the science, technology and/or impact of aeronautics or astronautics on society. The contest closes November 15, 1976, and the award for 1976 will be presented early in 1977.

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