

Editors' Notes

The editors received the following communication from Professor Walter C. Neale of the University of Tennessee:

THE INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION BEFORE THE MUSE GOT MEASURED

The question is What
Did Boulton and Watt
Do to alter the face of the land?
The answer, it seems,
Was to pump out the seams
With the Engine replacing the Hand.

An inventor named "somebody" Kay
Never heard of a modern subway,
So his shuttle that flew
Carried cotton, not you,
And the warp never woofed on Broadway.

Hargreaves, Arkwright, Cartwright, and Crompton
were not the same as Merrill, Lynch, Fenner and
Smith,
But famous in their way.
The spinning jenny, the water frame, the mule and
the power loom
Were Progress in their day.
But which was which and was, in chronological order,
made by whom
None can rightly say.

Hargreaves' clever Spinning Jenny
Slept one night with Arkwright's Frame.
Later on, for such things happen,
Crompton's mule, the offspring, came.

Hargreaves never made a penny
From his darling Spinning Jenny.

Arkwright's Frame, the base seducer,
Also rolled a thread much looser.

Crompton's Mule, the little bastard,
Sterile, yet the piece goods mastered.

And so to you comes realization:
The power loom

Was made by Whom?
(By slow elimination)

to which we replied:

Here's to acknowledge your recent note,
Which may, after all, win the editor's vote.
If not for the length and the message you taught,
At least for the fun and the rhyme in your thought.

Sincerely,
Louis Galambos

The editors are pleased to report that the response to the questionnaire regarding book reviewing capabilities of readers of the *Journal* has been both encouraging and helpful. We encourage all readers who have not already done so to fill out and send us as soon as possible the questionnaire (or a facsimile) that appeared in the June 1975 issue of the *Journal* (p. 497).

RESEARCH GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The Committee on Research in Economic History announces its 1976 competition for small supplemental research grants to scholars who have already received other fellowships or awards, in order to enable them to undertake projects that would otherwise be beyond their means. These Arthur H. Cole grants-in-aid are only given to scholars who already have the Ph.D. degree. The maximum award is \$1,200 and the average will be considerably less. Further information regarding applications may be obtained from Richmond D. Williams, Secretary-Treasurer, The Economic History Association, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, Wilmington, Delaware 19807. The deadline for submission of applications is April 15, 1976.

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, Mass. 02163. Applications must be completed by April 1, 1976.

The Joint Committee on Eastern Europe and the Joint Committee on Soviet Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council wish to draw attention to the following grants programs. *East European Studies*: Grants for Post-Doctoral Research, deadline December 31, 1975; Grants for Study of East European Languages, deadline February 2, 1976 (requests for forms received after January 25 will not be honored). *Soviet Studies*: Grants for Post-Doctoral Research, deadline, December 31, 1975. In requesting application forms, the prospective applicant *must* provide the following information: (1) age, (2) highest academic degree held and date received, (3) citizenship or permanent residence (these programs are open only to citizens or permanent residents of the U.S. or Canada), (4) academic or other position, (5) field of specialization, (6) proposed subject of research or study, (7) period of time for which support is requested, and (8) specific award program under which an application is contemplated. The above information—and/or requests for additional information about these or other ACLS fellowship and grants programs—should be addressed to: Office of Fellowships and Grants, American Council of Learned Societies, 345 East 46 Street, New York, N. Y. 10017.

The Immigration History Research Center will again offer grants-in-aid and research assistantships during 1976-1977. Research assistantships for graduate students enrolled at the University of Minnesota and engaged

in studies relating to American immigration and ethnic history are available for the academic year 1976-1977. Candidates should be proficient in one or more languages of Eastern, Central or Southern Europe, or the Middle East. Deadline for 1976-1977 applications is February 15, 1976. For more information, please contact the Immigration History Research Center, 826 Berry Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55114.

The National Historical Publications and Records Commission will award several Fellowships in Advanced Editing of Documentary Sources for 1976-1977. Successful candidates will spend a year in training with a stipend of \$11,000. Candidates must have the Ph.D. or have completed all requirements for that degree except the dissertation, or they must have equivalent qualifications, training, or experience. The application deadline is March 1; awards will be announced no later than April 30, 1976. For information and application forms, write to the Executive Director, National Historical Publications and Records Commission, Room 100, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408.

Applications are now being accepted for grants-in-aid of research in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Library in Austin, Texas. The grants, to be announced in January, 1976, will be awarded by the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation which supports special activities of the Library and the LBJ School of Public Affairs. Grant applications will be considered by a Committee appointed by the President of the University of Texas at Austin. Persons interested in applying should write Mike Naeve, Associate Director, The Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation, 2313 Red River, Austin, Texas 78705.

MEETINGS

Jubilee Conference of the Economic History Society. The Annual Conference for 1976 will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Society. The conference will be longer and the program fuller than usual. It will be held at Churchill College, Cambridge, from Thursday 8 April to Sunday 11 April 1976. Details will be given in the November issue of the *Economic History Review*.

The History of Economics 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 the 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. 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.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

The University of Akron American History Research Center has acquired two large and significant collections relating to the rubber industry. The B. F. Goodrich Company papers, about 400 cubic feet of corporate archives spanning the period 1868-1969, include annual reports, board of directors' minutes, accounting records, advertising and public relations files, patent and trademark registrations, research records, and films. Material older than 25 years is open for research and more recent records may be used with the company's permission. The company expects to deposit additional material from time to time.

The General Tire and Rubber Company has deposited the records of a landmark patent suit. The more than 250 rolls of microfilm and 100 cubic feet of other material constitute a documentary history of the evolution of synthetic rubber prior to 1950. World War II relations between the rubber industry and the federal government are also reflected in this collection.

The Research Center has also acquired the records of the Akron Better Business Bureau (1920-1972), the Akron Area Chamber of Commerce (1907-1972), the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad (1895-1972) and the Lighter-Than-Air Society (1900-1974).

Persons interested in further information should contact Dr. David E. Kyvig, Director, AHRC, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio 44325.

The Minnesota Historical Society has announced a long list of important new accessions of business and professional records, family papers, and other materials of interest to economic, business, and social historians. Copies of the list and further information may be obtained by writing to: Manuscript Division, Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minn. 55101.

COLE PRIZE

The Cole Prize is awarded annually to the author of the best article published in *The Journal of Economic History*. The winner is selected by the Board of Editors. The Cole Prize for 1974-75 has been awarded to Gavin Wright for his article, "Cotton Competition and the Post-Bellum Recovery of the American South," which appeared in the September 1974 issue of the *Journal*.

NEVINS PRIZE

The recipient of this year's Allan Nevins Prize is Alexander James Field of Stanford University. Professor Field received his Ph.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, and his dissertation is entitled "Educational Reform and Manufacturing Development in Mid-Nineteenth Century Massachusetts."

WORKING PAPERS

In future issues the Editors will publish a list of "working papers" in economic history. Those authors who want their papers listed and are willing to provide copies to interested parties on request should send one copy of their paper to the Editors.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

Effective September 1975 membership rates in The Economic History Association are: student membership, \$3.00; regular membership, United States, \$10; library subscriptions, \$20.00; regular membership, foreign \$10.50; professors emeriti who have been members of the Association for ten years, \$3.00. Back issues of the *Journal* may be obtained for \$5.00.

1976 EHA DISSERTATION SESSION

There will be a session at the 1976 Economic History Association meetings devoted to reports on dissertation research by six to eight students who will receive their Ph.D. in economic history by the end of the spring term. Individuals wishing to be considered for participation should send a 2,000-word abstract of their dissertation to one of the two convenors listed below by June 1, 1976.

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PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

The theme for the 1976 Princeton meeting of the Economic History Association will be "The Historical Dimension of Social and Political Economy." Specific sessions will be organized under two subthemes: (1) The Social Impact of Economic Change, and (2) War and Politics in Economic History. Participants should interpret these themes in the broadest possible sense. John McKay (Department of History) and Paul Uselding (Department of Economics) will serve as co-chairmen for the 1976 meetings. Suggestions concerning the program, as well as, proposals or abstracts of possible papers for the 1976 program can be addressed to them at their respective departments: University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.