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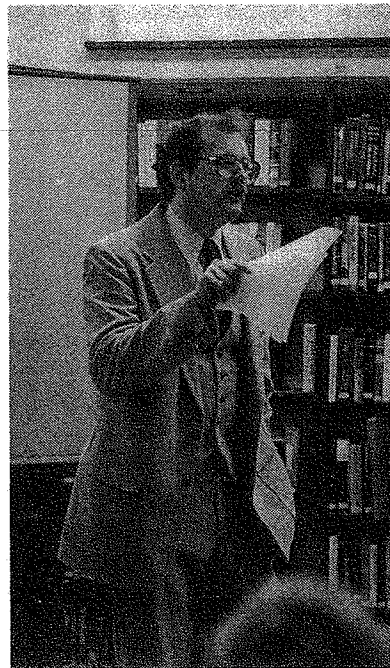
OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY NEWSLETTER

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## Message To The Academy

I am delighted to be serving as your president for 1987-1988. I hope that our organization will continue to prosper and to adjust to changing conditions within the Ohio historical community.

Membership figures are good. Yet, they can improve. While not all Ohio Academy of History members teach, most, of course, come from the history faculties of the state's colleges and universities. Let me remind you that major changes are occurring presently within the ranks of our core group. Retirements and subsequent hirings are altering significantly, even dramatically the complexion of many departments. At my own university, for example, within two years we will likely lose four members through retirement, and presumably they will be replaced. As Academy members we need to introduce new arrivals to our organization. Please tell your new colleagues about the Academy, pointing out that we have both a social gathering in the fall (this year to be at Heidelberg College in Tiffin on September 18th) and a formal spring meeting with papers, book display, and a luncheon session (April 21st at Wittenberg University in Springfield). Still, there are additional ways to encourage new faculty participation. For one thing, I suggest that next April we identify tables at our luncheon to alert these folks to fellow specialists or employ some form of "networking." One Academy member mentioned recently that he recalls vividly his first formal contact with our organization in the mid-1960's; the Academy at that time made an effort to introduce newcomers. He thus found those who shared his special professional interests and he had a good reason to attend regularly. I also believe that the Academy would benefit from the creation of specialized groups or sub-groups, much like the structure of several national historical associations. These groups could contribute paper sessions in the spring. Some non-western specialists, often alone in their own departments, have not felt that the Academy offers them much. Here are the words of one Chinese historian: "In the past, the spring meeting might include a paper or two on Asian history, probably some aspect of U.S. diplomacy. . . . It seemed to be only an afterthought." I have thus asked one member to organize a paper session in this area for the meeting in Springfield, and these efforts may well become more formalized. Obviously on-going groups (Asianists, Latin Americanists, medievalists, and the like) would strengthen bonds of commitment to the Academy.



**H. Roger Grant**  
President  
Ohio Academy of History

But the Academy's agenda should not be limited to the expansion of membership. We must work closely with Ohio's historical societies; we need to promote the teaching of history in the primary and secondary schools; and we must continue to make our presence known to college, foundation and political leaders.

I am pleased to announce that the committees for 1987-1988 are generally ready for business. So please note that these chairpersons, in particular, are waiting to hear from you: Taylor Stults (Muskingum), PROGRAM; Richard Smith (Ohio Wesleyan), DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD; Ronald Lora (Toledo), NOMINATING; Austin Kerr (Ohio State), PUBLICATIONS; and Harry Lupold (Lakeland), TEACHING AWARD.

Naturally, I am interested in your thoughts about the Ohio Academy of History. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend both the Tiffin and Springfield meetings. Any member who wishes to place items on the agenda of the Executive Council should contact me (216/375-6199 or 7006) or Vladimir Steffel, the Secretary-Treasurer, prior to the fall gathering.

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL April 24, 1987

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth Davison, President, at Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio. Members present were Barton, Davison, Givens, Grant, Hamby, Hodges, Lupold, Ortquist, Steffel, and Ubbelohde. Also present were Buchman, Knepper, Smith, Walker.

## 1. Minutes of October 1986 Meeting

The minutes of the October 1986 meeting of the Executive Council were approved as reported.

## 2. Committee Reports

### A. Distinguished Service Award

Mr. Knepper reported that two awards will be given and the recipients would be announced at the annual business meeting.

### B. Historical Societies and Archives

Mr. Davidson, on behalf of Mr. Becker, said that Mr. Becker would resign from the committee because he was retiring.

### C. Nominating Committee

Mr. Buchman, announced the committee's candidates: Roger Grant, president; Richard Ortquist, vice president; Vladimir Steffel, Secretary-Treasurer; Stuart Givens, editor; Roberta Alexander, Ann Bowers, Jacob Dorn, and William Hoover, Executive Council.

Buchman then noted that if Ortquist is elected vice president there will be a vacancy on the Executive Council which needs to be filled. The consensus was that the one-year vacancy should be filled by the candidate who receives the third largest count of votes.

### D. Program Committee

Mr. Steffel, on Mr. Burke's behalf, reported that 39 papers were received; 37 were accepted and 2 rejected. About four people called after the deadline who were interested in giving papers. It seems that some departmental chairs of larger universities didn't get the notice announced, especially to those who are not members of the Academy. Eleven members volunteered to be commentators or moderators. He noted that from the committee's perspective, if individuals interested in giving papers organized panels then it would be significantly easier to organize the program. Finally, he added that the committee's letter sent by the Secretary-Treasurer to the general membership brought significantly more proposals this year; he had compared notes with Erving Beauregard who chaired the committee last year.

The Council recommended that there be a special mailing to large departments requesting that the chairs be sure to distribute the call for papers to new and younger members of the department.

### E. Publication Award

Mr. Steffel read from Ms. Haddad's citation that Joseph Lynch would receive the award for his study *Godparents and Kinship in Early Medieval Europe*.

### F. Standards Committee

Mr. Davidson, who met with Ms. Scharf, reported that the main results of the committee's work were two sessions on teaching and they represented different levels of teaching.

### G. Teaching Award

Mr. Smith, acting chair, reported that Ron Lora would receive the award this year. He also said that he thought of approaching the Mellon Foundation for a grant to provide more recognition for recipients of the Teaching Award. He suggested that it would be nice if the committee could visit campuses and do in-depth interviews with students.

### H. Bicentennial

Mr. Davison, for Mr. Walters, reported that at the fall meeting the Academy would commemorate both the bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution. Some of the speakers will be P. Shriver, G. Knepper, H. Graff, and T. Cronin.

### I. Local Arrangements

Mr. Walker noted that the departmental secretary had done an excellent job in handling local arrangements and that he would have a student to assist with registration and transportation.

### J. Historian

Mr. Davison, on behalf of Mr. Chessman, said that the Ohio Historical Society had processed the records. He requested that any additional papers be passed along.

### 3. President's Report

Mr. Davison stated that he has two goals during his presidency: to improve the teaching of history and to observe properly the bicentennials.

To this end, at the public school level he represented the Academy by speaking to the Toledo Social Studies group, attending the Ohio History Day Workshop, meeting with new members of the Ohio State Board of Education, and participating in a panel of the National Council for Social Studies regional meeting. At the professional level he attended the Community History Conference and participated in board meetings of the Ohio Historical Society as an *ex officio* member. He attended the Lilly Conference on College Teaching. He worked with the State Department of Education's resource group to plan new television materials for Ohio history at the secondary level. He expressed concern that the project's orientation was toward social studies and contemporary events rather than history. He then turned to the bicentennials and said that in September there will be the Bicentennial celebration at Heidelberg, and in May he will speak to the League of Women Voters on the Northwest Ordinance. Finally, he noted that he had participated in a Ohio Preservationist Alliance which is planning a new report.

The Council's discussion then centered on the state of history in the secondary and elementary schools and the difficulty of getting teachers to teach history. Shriver's concern and his presentation of documents to the Council in October 1985 concerning the degradation of Ohio History to Ohio Studies was recalled. One suggestion was to use access to state legislators and get them to put pressure on the State Board of Education. Another thought was to let the trend run its course since most of the individuals making decisions are products of social studies training and we must wait for a new generation. Also recommended was that the Academy must address the issue by speaking out and promoting change, even if the trend must run its course. The sense of the Executive Council was that the issue could not be left unattended and that continual pressure needed to be exerted.

## 4. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Mr. Steffel distributed the quarterly financial report. The treasury's balance as of 31 March 1987 is \$5273.42. He noted that \$1094.21 of this is in the Reserve Fund. He added that last year the Academy received \$50 in gifts and so far this year another \$50. Currently, there are 495 members in good standing. He requested committee chairs to preserve key procedural papers and make copies available to next year's committee chairs and for the archives. He noted that a visiting foreign scholar, Professor Valeria Lerda of the University of Genoa, would attend tomorrow's meeting. In response to a question concerning the relations with the Ohio Historical Society he said that they were very good and that most of the problems had been worked out.

## 5. Fall Meetings

The 1987 fall meeting will be hosted by Heidelberg College on 18-19 September.

The 1988 meeting will be hosted by Ohio State University. The site for the 1989 meeting is still undecided.

## 6. Spring Meetings

The 1988 spring meeting will be hosted by Wittenberg University on 15-16 April. Cynthia Behrman would chair local arrangements.

The site of the 1989 meeting is still undecided.

## 7. Other Business

Mr. Davidson thanked the officers, executive council members, and committees for their assistance.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vladimir Steffel  
Secretary-Treasurer

### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING April 25, 1987

President Kenneth Davison called the meeting to order.

## 1. Welcome to Ohio Wesleyan University

William Benz, Provost, extended a welcome on behalf of Ohio Wesleyan University.

## 2. President's Comments

Kenneth Davison welcomed the membership and noted that Delaware was the birthplace of the American Studies Movement of Ohio and Indiana as well as President Rutherford B. Hayes.

## 3. Visiting Scholar

Warren Van Tine, chair, history, Ohio State University, introduced Valeria Lerda, University of Genoa, who is an exchange scholar in the Program 1992. She has written on American History and currently is studying Ohio Utopian Communities.

## 4. Nominating Committee

Ron Lora presented the following nominations: Roger Grant, president; Richard Ortquist, vice president; Vladimir Steffel, secretary-treasurer; Stuart Givens, editor of *Newsletter*; Roberta Alexander, Ann Bowers, Jacob Dorn, and William Hoover for two seats on the executive council. He

added that the candidate in third place would fill a one-year vacancy. There being no additional nominations from the floor, the slate was accepted for balloting.

## 5. Historical Societies and Archives Committee

Kenneth Davison reported that the records of the Academy had been processed by the Ohio Historical Society and were available to scholars.

## 6. Program Committee

James Burke, chair, reported that the spring meeting had 37 papers, implored department chairs to circulate announcements to anyone willing to give a paper, requested that papers be submitted as part of pre-organized panels, and requested that suggestions for the program be sent to him. (For more details see his report to the Executive Council.)

## 7. Outstanding Teaching Award Committee

Richard Smith, acting chair, made the award;

A national committee chairperson who worked with him volunteered the judgment that it is obvious he is "deeply committed to teaching." A campus administrator documented the demanding standards of the man and yet opined he is a major reason for the popularity of history as a field in the college. One person who is privy to his work habits concluded, "I know that he constantly revises his lectures, incorporating new material in them. . . , and he rewrites them extensively and often."

The evidence is conclusive that numerous undergraduates consider him "Their best teacher" and a great influence on their college careers. The student discussions held in his home contribute to the close student rapport that marks his teachings.

Random undergraduate student assessments include: "He encouraged free thinking on the part of students" --a senior "I enjoyed the instructor's enthusiasm toward history which in turn increased mine." --a freshman "Too bad the course only runs for a quarter." --a freshman "It was a 'getby' course but I found myself more interested than I have been in any of my college courses, including those in my major field," --a senior pre-med.

In 1985 a visiting scholar from another discipline took his "American Intellectual History" course and reported "he was fair and open-minded in his presentation of views other than his own. He was able to elicit from the students in the class not just answers to questions about which they felt confident, but also hypotheses about questions that they were still examining. He paid close attention to them and explored with them their hypotheses."

But, I must stop for want of time; the person whose teaching I have described is Professor Ronald Lora of the University of Toledo--the Distinguished Teaching Award winner for 1987.

## 8. Distinguished Service Award Committee

George Knepper presented two awards:

The first recipient's citation:

One of the first persons I encountered, thirty-three years ago while attending my first Ohio Academy meeting, was Richard W. Smith of Ohio Wesleyan University. He was already a veteran of the Academy having attended his first meeting in 1948. He has missed very few since.

An important criterion of the Distinguished Service

Award is service to the Academy, and Dick Smith has been a contributing, loyal member over his long professional career. He served as President in 1970-71; it would be difficult to find an Academy committee on which he hasn't served, often more than once. Currently he is Chair of the Teaching Award Committee. On a number of occasions he has helped arrange Academy meetings on his campus, and it is appropriate that we are visiting it once more on this special occasion.

It is a distinct honor to bestow the Ohio Academy's 1986-87 Distinguished Service Award on Richard W. Smith.

The second recipient's citation:

Some college professors stay at an institution because they have no other option; they seem to acquire a kind of transient mentality. Others find a home in their university and become so involved in its life that they become almost an extension of it. If anyone can lay claim to being Mr. Bowling Green State University, it is Stuart R. Givens whom we honor today with the Ohio Academy of History's Distinguished Service Award.

... we of the Academy think of Stuart as our editor. Since 1974 he has edited the *Newsletter* and has converted it into an informative and, thanks to occasional columns of student "bloopers," even an entertaining paper. He has been an Executive Committee member since 1981 and in this capacity helps guide Academy affairs. He has also served on the Nominating Committee.

For his loyalty and service to the Ohio Academy, for his professional interests, and for setting a superior example of institutional commitment, the Academy is pleased to bestow its 1986-87 Distinguished Service Award on Stuart R. Givens.

#### 9. Outstanding Publication Award Committee

Gladys Hadded, chair, made the following citation:

For extraordinary scholarship and compelling reading on the origins and the development of spiritual kinship which traces the social and religious impact of sponsorship in medieval society and for what we believe will constitute a major contribution to the field of medieval history, we are pleased to name the 1986 Publication Award of the Ohio Academy of History, Joseph H. Lynch of The Ohio State University for his *Godparents and Kinship in Early Medieval Europe* published by Princeton University Press.

Warren Van Tine accepted the award on behalf on Joseph Lynch who was presenting a paper at the Medieval Historian's conference.

#### 10. Bicentennial Committee

Kenneth Davison stated that the Academy would commemorate the bicentennials of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution at Heidelberg College in Tiffin on 18-19 September 1987.

#### 11. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Vladimir Steffel reported that the Academy's balance was over \$5000 of which \$1100 is in a Reserve Fund. He noted that he had received \$50 in gifts last year and \$50 so far this year for the Reserve Fund. He then read a note from Larry

Gara stating that Paul Miller, a former president of the Academy, had several set backs in the last year and that on behalf of the Academy he would send him a note.

#### 12. Nominating Committee

Vladimir Steffel reported the election results. Roger Grant was elected president; Richard Ortquist, vice president; Vladimir Steffel, secretary-treasurer; Stuart Givens, editor of the *Newsletter*; Roberta Alexander and Jacob Dorn to three-year terms on the Executive Council; and Ann Bowers to a one-year term on the Executive Council.

#### 13. Presidential Address

Roger Grant presented "Utopia is Possible". First he described a mythical utopia. Then he focused on the Spirit Fruit Society which was founded in Lisbon, Ohio in 1901, moved to the Chicago, Illinois area about 1905, and then to Soquel, California in 1914 where it collapsed in 1930. He concluded with some insights into the reasons for the success and failure of utopias.

#### 14. Adjournment

Kenneth Davison adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vladimir Steffel  
Secretary-Treasurer

### OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY TREASURER'S REPORT January 1 - June 30, 1987

Balance on hand January 1, 1987		\$5263.42
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Membership		
Regular	1085.00	
Joint	204.00	
Student	26.00	1315.00
Annual Meeting		
Registration	294.00	
Meals	731.00	
Book sale	263.50	
Miscellaneous	50.00	1339.00
Other		
Interest	180.78	
Gift	80.00	
Sale Membership List	25.00	285.78
Total		2939.78
Total Receipts and Balance		\$8203.01
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
Newsletter (print)	1453.87	
Annual Meeting	1329.68	
Secretary's Office		
Postage, phone, supplies	239.09	
Ohio Ass. of Hist. Soc.	15.00	
BancOhio (service charge)	28.60	
Total		3066.24
Balance on hand, June 30, 1987		\$5136.77
NOW Account: (Current Account = \$1420.11		
Reserve Fund = \$1216.66)		\$2636.77
Certificate of Deposit (viii.87)		2500.00
Total		\$5136.77

Respectfully submitted,  
Vladimir Steffel  
Secretary-Treasurer

## OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY COMMITTEES FOR 1987-1988

### EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

H. Roger Grant (Akron), President  
 Richard Ortquist (Wittenberg), Vice President  
 R. Vladimir Steffel (OSU-Marion), Secretary-Treasurer  
 Kenneth Davison (Heidelberg), Immediate Past President  
 Stuart R. Givens (Bowling Green), Editor  
 Ann Bowers (Bowling Green), 1988  
 James Hodges (Wooster), 1988  
 Alonzo Hamby (Ohio University), 1989  
 Carl Ubbelohde (Case-Western Reserve), 1989  
 Roberta Alexander (Dayton), 1990  
 Jacob Dorn (Wright State), 1990

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Richard Smith (Ohio Wesleyan), Chair  
 David Riede (Akron)  
 Robert Hartje (Wittenberg)

### NOMINATING

Ronald Lora (Toledo), Chair  
 William Rock (Bowling Green)  
 Richard MacMaster (Bluffton)

### PROGRAM

Taylor Stults (Muskingum), Chair  
 Charles Alexander (Ohio University)  
 George Beelen (Youngstown)  
 Roy Wortman (Kenyon)

### PUBLICATION

Austin Kerr (Ohio State), Chair  
 Charles Cole (Ohio Humanities Council)  
 Jane Leonard (Akron)

### TEACHING AWARD

Harry Lupold (Lakeland), Chair  
 Gladys Haddad (Lake Erie)  
 Gerald Newman (Kent)

### LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS

Richard Ortquist (Wittenberg), Chair

The membership of the two remaining committees - Historical Societies & Archives and Standards have not been completed. They will be printed in the Spring Newsletter.

### ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

The various committees of the Academy need the assistance of all of the members to accomplish their ends. So please note the following:

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE.** A call for paper proposals is issued with a December 10 deadline. Please contact, with either individual or session proposals, Taylor Stults, History Department, Muskingum College, New Concord 43762.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE.** Recommendations for the position of Vice-President and the Executive Council. Send nominations to Ronald Lora, History Department, University of Toledo, Toledo 43606.

**AWARDS COMMITTEES.** Please send nominations for the **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** to Richard Smith, History Department, Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware 43015.

**PUBLICATION AWARD COMMITTEE** will receive books at any time through the remainder of the year. The books must be ones published during 1987 and written by a member of the Academy. Please send inquiries or books to Austin Kerr, Department of History, Ohio State University, 230 West 17th Avenue, Columbus 43210.

**TEACHING AWARDS.** The deadline for nominations is December 31st. The committee guidelines are - Any person who is a teaching member of the Academy may be nominated by his institution. Each institution may nominate one person via a letter from an official. Each nomination should include a current curriculum vita and supporting material such as letters as seem appropriate. Addresses and phone numbers of those supporting the nomination should be included with the materials. Finally, the truly outstanding characteristics of the nominee should be highlighted. Send all documents to Harry F. Lupold, Professor of History, Lakeland Community College, I90 & R306, Mentor 44060-7594.

### ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS

Special recognition was given at the Spring Meeting to four individuals. For long service to the Academy and the profession Stuart Givens of Bowling Green and Richard Smith of Ohio Wesleyan were given the Distinguished Service Award. The Publication Award given for the best book published by an Academy member during 1986 went to Joseph H. Lynch of Ohio State University for his **Godparents and Kinship in Early Medieval Europe** which was published by Princeton University Press. The Teaching Award for 1987 was bestowed upon an individual "deeply committed to teaching," Ronald Lora of the University of Toledo.

## Around and About The Profession

### SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

During the past year several conferences and meetings were held around the state. At the beginning of May, Bowling Green's History Department hosted a Professional Day for some sixty Junior and Senior High teachers. A number of sessions were held on topics ranging from pedagogy to various areas of historical interest.

On May 19th Case Western Reserve's Center for Regional and Comparative History held its second annual conference. The general theme was The Development of National and Local Health Policies in Canada and the United States. The featured speaker was the Honorable Paul Martin, former Minister for National Health and Welfare in Canada. A number of CWRU faculty took part in the presentations.

During the summer Allan M. Winkler directed three seminars at Miami University. The first brought sixteen secondary teachers and administrators from fifteen countries to study Contemporary Life and Culture in the United States. This was held under the auspices of the Department of State. The second seminar was one

for secondary teachers of AP American History. The third presented an American Studies Seminar to thirty-one Swedish secondary teachers of language, history, and civics. The latter of these seminars involved a number of individuals from the campus and community of Oxford.

Three different distinguished Mexican humanists spent two weeks each at Youngstown University and in the Mahoning Valley area talking about "Mexico Moving Toward the 21st Century." The program was coordinated by George Beelen and included Bernardo Colunga, Jose "Pepin" Hernandez Laos, and Carlos de Obeso.

The University of Toledo during the coming year(s) will host a series of conferences/programs. An NEH Grant has been made to the Humanities Institute which is directed by Roger Ray, History. Four programs under the general title of Public Programs, 1987-1989 will be presented. They are "Art and the Arts" in conjunction with the Toledo Museum of Art; "Public Leadership and Western Literature;" "Doctors and Medicine in Fiction and Poetry;" and, "Skywatching and Daily Living in the Ancient World."

The Department of History at Toledo in cooperation with the National Council on Public History and The Forum for Business and History (a cooperative venture with Bowling Green State University and Toledo businesses) will host the Mid-America Public History Conference on April 29-30, 1988. The program will focus on "History in Public and Private Policy Analysis," and, "Making the Past Accessible to the Public," and, "Exploring History Where People Live." For further information on this meeting contact Diane Britton, History Dept., U.T., Toledo 43606.

### NEW COURSES AND RESOURCES

The Case Western Reserve University Constitutional History Collaborative led by Michael Altshul of CWRU and Maryann Janosik Ghiandoni of the Shaker Heights School District offered a summer seminar to high school teachers. They studied modern British history and how it related to the American constitutional tradition. The program will continue monthly during the coming year. It is being supported by the U.S. Commission on the Bicentennial of the Constitution and the History Teaching Alliance.

Attention has been called to the several strong research collections held by the University of Cincinnati Library. Examples cited were the Central Archives of the Nazi Party (Hoover Collection) and Reports of Military Attaches to Germany, 1919-1940.

Announcement has been made of **A Guide to History-Related Microform Holdings at the University of Toledo** which was compiled by Gerald Thompson and Larry D. Wilcox of the UT History Department. The guide is in three parts. They are: 1) a list of the holdings in manuscripts, books, pamphlets, law, and government documents; 2) an alphabetical listing of newspapers; and 3) a list of journals and periodicals. To order a copy of the guide, send a check payable to The History Department, The University of Toledo, Toledo 43606-3390. The pre-paid price of \$5.00 includes postage.

## FALL MEETING

### SEPTEMBER 18-19

### HEIDELBERG COLLEGE

### PERIPATETIC PHIL

Former Academy President Phillip R. Shriver is a man on the go these days. He is serving as chair of the Ohio Bicentennial Commission for the U.S. Constitution and the Northwest Ordinance and as chair of the six-state Northwest Ordinance Regional Bicentennial Commission. That has led him to give a number of talks on the general subject of the two celebrations. This included addresses at the dedication of the Museum of the Northwest Territory and at the official observation of the Northwest Ordinance at Marietta 200.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

Two books and a number of contributions to books mark a successful year at Akron. Syracuse UP released in the Spring DON R. GERLACH's **Proud Patriot: Philip Schuyler and the War of Independence, 1775-1783**. The University of Nebraska Press published recently **Roots of Revolution: Radical Thought in Cuba** by SHELDON B. LISS.

H. ROGER GRANT wrote a chapter entitled "Frontier and Transportation" for Greenwood's Press book **American Frontier and Western Issues** edited by Roger L. Nichols. An introduction was written by GEORGE W. KNEPPER for a new book by Akronite Jack Gieck on **Ohio's Canals**.

Other shorter contributions include DAVID E. KYVIG's essay, "Alternatives to Revolution: Two Hundred Years of Constitutional Amending" that appeared in Adolph H. Grundman, ed., **The Embattled Constitution: Vital Framework or Convenient Symbol?** published by Krieger. He is also the author of **Prohibition: The 18th Amendment, The Volstead Act, The 21st Amendment** in the series entitled Milestone Documents from the National Archives and released by that agency. Fourteen essays on Latin American thinkers contributed by SHELDON R. LISS appear in the **Biographical Dictionary of Marxism** printed by Greenwood Press.

A number of journal articles have also appeared. H. ROGER GRANT has had the following: "The Components of the Chicago & North Western: The Omaha, the Louie and the Great Weedy" in **Railroad History**; "We're Off to Center Sandwich! A.B. Stickney's 1909 Automobile Trip to New Hampshire" in **Historical New Hampshire**; "A Gentle Utopia: The California Years of the Spirit Fruit Society, 1914-1930" in the **Pacific Historian**; and "Memphis and the Interurban Era" in the **Tennessee Historical Quarterly**. In **The Guardian** of last November SHELDON B. LISS wrote a piece which he called "On Honduras: Explaining a Key Colonial Backwater." One other article was one co-authored by ROBERT L. ZANGRANDO with John Higham entitled "Statement on Plagiarism" which was in the October 1986 issue of **Perspectives: The American Historical Association Newsletter**.

The role of editor of the "Nearby History" series published by the American Association of State and Local History is being handled by DAVID E. KYVIG.

#### BLUFFTON COLLEGE

J. DENNY WEAVER is the author of **Becoming Anabaptist: The Origin and Significance of Sixteenth-Century Anabaptism** which was published by the Herald Press. An article of

his was carried recently in *The Menonite Quarterly Review* under the title "The Quickening of Sotriology: Atonement from Christian Burkholder to Daniel Kauffman."

#### Bowling Green State University

Columbia University Press has just published *The United States' Emergence as a Southeast Asian Power, 1940-1950* by GARY R. HESS. The *Pacific Historical Review* also carried an article by him entitled "Global Expansion and Regional Balances: The Emerging Scholarship on U.S. Relations with India and Pakistan."

JACK R. THOMAS has two chapters in Louis Parsouris, ed., *The Crucible of Socialism* published by Humanities Press International. They are "Fidel Castro" and "The Influence of Marmaduke Grove on the Chilean Socialism of Salvador Allende."

DAVID C. SKAGGS has two biographical sketches in Salem Press's book *Great Lives from History: American Series* which was edited by Frank N. Magill. His pieces are on "George Washington" and "Oliver Hazard Perry." He also has co-authored an article with Donald C. Enholm and W. JEFFREY WELSH in the *Quarterly Journal of Speech* which is called "Origins of the Southern Mind: The Parochial Sermons of Thomas Cradock of Maryland, 1744-1770."

#### Case Western Reserve University

CWRU history faculty have had a number of chapters in books and articles appear recently. DAVID HAMMACK has a chapter, "Technology and the Transformation of the American Party System" in Joel Colton and Stuart Bruchey, eds., *Technology, The Economy, and Society*, Columbia UP. He also has one in D. Schaffer's edited *Two Centuries of American Planning*, entitled "Comprehensive Planning Before the Comprehensive Plan: A New Look at the Nineteenth-Century City" which was published by Mansell. DAVID VAN TASSEL has appearing in the National Council for the Social Studies' *Bulletin* entitled *Social Studies and Social Sciences: A Fifty-Year Perspective* a piece on the "Trials of Clio."

*MidAmerica* carried an article by PARK GOIST which he called "Habits of the Heart in Raintree Country." ROBERTA WOLLONS has had a series of articles recently. A listing includes "Japanese Women and the New Equal Employment Opportunity Law" in the *CCWHP Newsletter*; "Women, Equal Employment, and the Family" in *International Exchange Times*; "Impressions of Sendair," *Tohoku University Alumni Newsletter*; and "Women and Technology" in *Tohoku Association for American Studies Journal*.

#### University of Cincinnati

The History faculty at UC remain active. Among the most recently published are the Harvard UP book *Walter Cannon: The Life and Times of a Young Scientist* written by SAUL BENISON in conjunction with A. C. Barger and Elin Wolfe.

Chapter length pieces have been written by JAMES LAUX, "Diesel Trucks and Busses: Their Gradual Spread in the United States," in *The Economic and Social Effects of the Spread of Motor Vehicles* edited by Theo Barker. BRUCE LEVINE has the first essay "In the Heart of Two Revolutions: The Forging of the German-American Radicalism" in Dirk Hoerder, ed., *Struggle a Hard Battle: Essays on Working-Class Immigrants*, Northern Illinois UP. U.C. Judaic Studies has printed OTIS MITCHELLS' lecture entitled "The Holocaust in Post-War Germany: An

Examination of the West German Treatment of the Subject in Media, the School, and Historical Writing."

ROGER DANIELS co-edited with S.C. Taylor and Harry Kitano, *Japanese Americans from Relocation to Redress*. He also had published "Chinese and Japanese in North America: The Canadian and American Experience Compared" in *The Canadian Review of American Studies*. The *Journal of Urban History* has carried "Women and Migration: Autonomous Female Migrants to Chicago" by JOANNE MEYEROWITZ for the *Journal of Community Psychology*. *Halcyon/1987: A Journal of the Humanities* printed OTIS MITCHELL's "Nazi SA Club of the Nation, 1921-33." Finally, HENRY WINKLER has an essay in *Liberal Education* on "Surveying the Contributions of Asa Briggs."

#### University of Dayton

The *Queen City Heritage* in its Spring issue carried ERVING E. BEAUREGARD's "Ohio's First Black College Graduate."

#### John Carroll University

MARIAN J. MORTON co-edited with Sylvia Frey for Greenwood Press *New World, New Roles: A Documentary History of Women in Pre-Industrial America*.

The *National Jesuit News* in February printed "Jesuit Serves Time at Leavenworth" by DONALD J. SMYTHE, S.J..

#### Kent State University

Two books by Kent faculty have recently been published. Ohio UP released JEROME FRIEDMAN's *Blasphemy, Immorality, and Anarchy: The Ranters and the English Revolution*, and Kent State UP issued *Entangling Alliances with None: American Foreign Policy in the Age of Jefferson* by LAWRENCE S. KAPLAN.

Both men have had articles printed during the Spring. FRIEDMAN had a piece entitled "Jewish Conversion and the Spanish Pure Blood Laws: A Revisionist View of Racial Antisemitism" which appeared in the *Sixteenth Century Journal*. *Diplomatic History* carried KAPLAN's "The Cold War and European Revisionism." In addition, WILLIAM H. KENNEY saw his "Jazz: A Bibliographical Essay" appear in *American Studies International*.

#### Lake Erie College

ROBERT CITINO had his first book, *The Evolution of Blitzkrieg Tactics: Germany Defends Itself Against Poland, 1918-1933*, published by Greenwood Press. As a part of its "American Business History Series" Garland Publishing Co. has released *A Response to Industrialism: Liberal Businessmen and the Evolving Spectrum of Capitalist Reform, 1886-1960* by KIM MC QUOID.

#### Lakeland Community College

HARRY F. LUPOLD contributed two sections, "General Works" and "Civil War Prisons and JOHN C. KESLER added one section, "Civil War Diplomacy" to *The Civil War in the North: An Annotated Bibliography* printed by Garland Press and edited by past Academy president EUGENE C. MURDOCK of Marietta College.



### Miami University

A number of articles, review essays, and book chapters have been contributed by Miami historians recently. ALLAN M. WINKLER has an essay entitled "Anti-Americanism: A Personal and Historical Perspective," in *European Contributions to American Studies*, Vol. 9. *Anti-Americanism in Europe*, edited by Rob Kroes and Maarten van Rossem. EDWIN YAMAUCHI has published in *Near East Archaeological Society Bulletin*, No. 28, a review essay on *Bahrain Through the Ages: The Archaeology*, edited by Shaika Haya Ali Al Khalifa and Michael Rice.

The following articles have appeared: MUHAMMAD R. AZMI "Pakistan's Soviet Policy: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back," in *Asian Profiles*; DAVID M. FAHEY "Who Joined the Sons of Temperance? Livelihood and Age in the Black Book and Minutes, Phoenix Division, Dexter, Michigan, 1848-1851," in *The Old Northwest: A Journal of Regional Life and Letters*; and, PHILLIP R. SHRIVER has contributed eight articles, "A Point Pleasant Pottery Effigy Pipe," "A Whitewater Valley Undrilled Banded Slate Archaic Pick Bannerstone," "The Wild Turkey," "Ohio's White-Tailed Deer and Other Protohistoric and Historic Game and Fur Animals," "Lake Erie Gold: Principal Food Fish in Ohio's Lake Erie Water, Prehistoric to the Present," to *Ohio Archaeologist*, and "Indian Creek Archaic Diagonal Corner Notched Points," "The Wampum Belt of the Greene Ville Treaty, 1795," and "The Buffalo or American Bison in the Ohio Valley at the Time of Euro-Indian Contact," to *Ohio Archaeologist*. He is also the author of an article "The Significance of the Ordinance of 1787," in *The Birthplace of the Northwest Territory*, published by the Marietta Bicentennial Commission, July 1987.

### The Ohio State University

Six different faculty members have had books appear over the last several months ranging over a wide number of topics. The books and authors are: JACK BALCER, *Herodotus and Bisitun* published by Steiner Verlag, Wiesbaden; MICHAEL LES BENEDICT, *The Fruits of Victory: Alternatives in Restoring the Union, 1865-1877* (revised edition), University Press of America; HAO CHANG, *Chinese Intellectuals in Crisis: Search for Order and Meaning, 1890-1911*; HAROLD MAH, *The End of Philosophy, The Origin of "Ideology": Karl Marx and the Crisis of the Young Hegelians*, California UP; PHILIP P. POIRIER, *The Conscription Controversy in Great Britain, 1900-1918* (posthumous; co-authored with R.J.Q. Adams), Ohio State UP; and, LEILA J. RUPP, *Survival in the Doldrums: The American Women's Rights Movement, 1945- to the 1960s* (co-authored with Verta Taylor), Oxford UP.

### University of Toledo

ROGER RAY has a chapter "The Triumph of Greco-Roman Rhetorical Assumptions in Pre-Carolingian Historiography," in C.J. Holdsworth and T.P. Wiseman, eds., *The Inheritance of History, 350-900*, Exeter UP. The *Augustan Age* carried an article by WILLIAM JOSEPH O'NEAL entitled, "Maius Imperium."

### Rio Grande College

"Doc Williams: A Half Century at the Wheeling Jamboree" by IVAN M. TRIBE was carried by *Goldenseal: West Virginia Traditional Life*.

### Wittenberg University

The *Pacific Historical Review* printed JAMES HUFFMAN's "Edward H. House, In the Service of Meiji, Japan."

### Wright State University

ALLAN B. SPETTER co-authored with Homer Socolofsky *The Presidency of Benjamin Harrison* which was published by Kansas UP.

*Church History* printed "Religion and Reform in the City: The Re-Thinking Chicago Movement of the 1930's" which was written by JACOB H. DORN. "Proto-Industrialization, Serf Agriculture and Agrarian Social Structure: Two Estates in Nineteenth-Century Russia" by EDGAR MELTON was carried by *Past & Present*.

### Youngstown State University

Kent State UP has published *Salmon P. Chase: A Life in Politics* by FREDERICK BLUE.

The following articles and essays by YSU historians have appeared recently: MARTIN BERGER, an article in *The Crucible of Socialism* edited by Louis Patsouras, Humanities Press; SAUL FRIEDMAN, a fifty page essay on Holocaust textbooks in *American Jewish Literature*, Greenwood; JAMES RONDA, "Astoria and the Birth of a Nation" in *Montana - The Magazine of Western History*; and, LOWELL SATRE, "Thomas Burt and the Crisis of Late Victorian Liberalism" in *Northern History*.

### Member at Large

VIRGINIA P. DAWSON of Shaker Heights has seen her book *Nature's Enigma: The Problem of the Polyp in the Letters of Trembly, Bonnet and Reaumur* published by the American Philosophical Society.

## AWARDS, GRANTS, LEAVES, HONORS, AND OFFICES

### University of Akron

A Summer Research Fellowship was awarded to DANIEL NELSON to help him work on a manuscript entitled, "Scientific Management and American Industry, 1915-1955." Also given grants for the past summer by AU were J. WAYNE BAKER and H. ROGER GRANT. Baker worked on his project "The Conflict between John Owen and Samuel Parker over Toleration and Church-State Relations in England in 1669," and Grant for his "North Western Lines: A History of the Chicago & North Western Railway System, 1848-1986."

To pursue the projects mentioned above H. ROGER GRANT and DANIEL NELSON will be on leave during the Spring of 1988. On leave for the entire year as a Fulbright Lecturer in Norway will be DAVID E. KYVIG.

The AU History Department has established an endowment fund in honor of their long-time colleague WARREN F. KUEHL.

**SPRING MEETING**  
**APRIL 21, 1988**  
**WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY**



**Bowling Green State University**

DAVID C. SKAGGS has been honored by having his article "Maryland's Impulse Toward Social Revolution, 1750-1776," originally published in 1968, chosen by Peter C. Hoffer and Garland Publishing as one of the three hundred most important scholarly articles relating to colonial America published in this century.

DAVID H. WINBERG will spend the 1987-1988 academic year as a Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania.

**Case Western Reserve University**

MICHAEL GROSSBERG was named Armington Professor for 1987-1988, an award that provides support for research and writing beyond usual University sources. He will spend the year on leave as a Fellow of the National Humanities Center at Chapel Hill working on a book tentatively titled *The Search for Justice: A Social History of American Law*. He will be assisted further by ACLS and Ford Foundation grants. His book *Governing the Hearth: Law and the Family in Nineteenth Century America*, which won the Academy's publication award in 1986, also won the AHA's Littleton Griswold Prize.

PARK DIXON GOIST's paper, "Sam Shepard's Child is Buried Somewhere in Illinois" Received honorable mention in the Midwest Heritage Essay Contest.

DAVID HAMMACK has received a \$21,500 grant from the Cleveland Foundation to direct a survey of the Cleveland Public Schools' archives and to support the research of several doctoral students in the CWRU Social Policy History Program.

JACK J. ROTH is serving as a member of the AHA Film and History Committee which is preparing a statement on the "Rights and Responsibilities of Historians." DAVID D. VAN TASSEL has been elected to the Board of Trustees of the Western Reserve Historical Society and to the Nominating Committee of the Organization of American Historians.

**John Carroll University**

MARIAN J. MORTON has received for 1987-1988 a NEH Fellowship to continue her study of Cleveland maternity homes. A recipient of a JSU Summer Research Fellowship was DAVID W. ROBSON who used it to continue his study of the career of Rev. Charles Nisbet in early national Pennsylvania. The American Military Institute's Best Book Award for 1986 has been given to DONALD W. SMYTHE, S.J., for his book *Pershing: General of the Armies*.

**Kent State University**

JEFFERY P. KIMBALL has received a grant from the Mer-shon Center of Ohio State to prepare an original journal-length manuscript. The Supreme Court of Ohio has appointed W. SHERMAN JACKSON as a judge and selector of other judges for the high school "National Bicentennial Writing Competition."

**Ohioana Library Association**

The Association has given its Ohioana Book Award to ANDREW R. L. CAYTON for his *The Frontier Republic: Ideology and Politics in the Ohio Country*. It has also awarded the Ohioana Career Medal to PHILLIP R. SHRIVER for his dedication to education and the historical profession.

**Rio Grande College**

MARCELLA B. BARTON was the 1987 recipient of the Edwin

A. Jones Award for Excellence in Teaching. IVAN M. TRIBE attended a NEH Summer Seminar for College Teachers at the University of Michigan which dealt with the history of the American Family.

**University of Toledo**

Loren Lee Cary received a research award from the American Philosophical Society to fund his project "Fighting Labor's Decline: Los Angeles, 1963-64." RONALD LORA was an invited participant in a Liberty Fund Colloquium held in Houston in June. An American Philosophical Society grant enabled THEODORE NATSOULAS to carry on research in England on "The Rise and Growth of the Kikuyu Karing'a Education Association and the African Orthodox Church of Kenya, 1929-1955." WILLIAM J. O'NEAL conducted research at the Pius XII Memorial Library in St. Louis as a result of an Andrew Mellon Fellowship.

CAROL BRESNAHAN MENNING received the Society for Italian Historical Studies "Award for the Best Unpublished Manuscript" at the AHA convention. It was awarded for her dissertation "Una Tal Laudabile Opera: The Monte de Pieta in Late Renaissance Florence." She also received a Summer Faculty Research Fellowship in Germany on "The Nazi Press Before the Third Reich: The Period of Competition, Conflict, and Coordination, 1925-1930."

Winter Quarter will find GERALD THOMPSON on sabbatical so that he might pursue research on "Southwestern Mining Frontier, 1853-1865." Spring Quarter will give WILLIAM D. HOOVER a leave during which he will pursue the topic "Kiyoshi Kawakami, Japan's Interpreter to America."

**Wittenberg University**

A Leave of Absence has been granted to E. CHARLES CHATFIELD for the Fall and Spring terms so that he might complete and revise the manuscript on the American anti-war movement during the Vietnam era that the late Charles DeBenedetti of the University of Toledo was working on at the time of his death. Winter term will find CYNTHIA F. BEHRMAN on sabbatical and Spring term will see ROBERT G. HARTJE on leave.

**Wright State University**

The Ohio Humanities Council has given a grant to WSU to help bring Professor Forrest McDonald for a lecture on Nov. 3 as part of a series on the Bicentennial of the Northwest Ordinance and the Constitution.

**Youngstown State University**

PEI HUANG received a YSU Graduate School grant to help him do research on his project "Model Officials in Chinese History." LOWELL SATRE was given a research professorship award to study the literary influences of Thomas Burt.

SAUL FRIEDMAN is a member of the Governor's Council on the Holocaust. L.S. DOMONKOS was elected Treasurer of the International Commission for the History of Universities. Finally, JAMES RONDA received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Nebraska.

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**PROPOSE A PAPER OR PROGRAM  
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## APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND RESIGNATIONS

### Bowling Green State University

ROBERT SELIG has been appointed a Visiting Assistant Professor. He will teach World Civilization and Modern European Society and Thought.

### Case Western Reserve University

CARROLL PURSELL will join the department in August, 1988 as Professor and Director of the Program in History of Science and Technology. In that same area, MARC J. STEARN has accepted a two year Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellowship. He will teach in the area of technology and American labor.

CARL UBBELOHDE has been appointed Interim Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, and has been replaced as Chair of the department by DAVID VAN TASSEL.

### University of Cincinnati

JOHN BRACKETT (Ph.D. Cal-Berkeley) has been appointed to a tenure track position. He replaces GUIDO RUGGIERO who resigned in order to take a position at the University of Connecticut. Brackett's research centers on the history of early-modern Florence.

### Kent State University

JACKIE R. BOOKER has been named Assistant Professor of Latin American History. He holds his doctorate from Cal-Irvine and has an article forthcoming in *The Americas* entitled, "The Vera Cruz Merchant Community."

### Miami University

MICHAEL O'BRIEN, Ph.D. Cambridge, 1976, is the newly appointed Phillip R. Shriver Professor of History. He is an intellectual historian who draws his material largely from the study of American southern romanticism. He is the author of three books and the co-editor of one.

JAMES H. KRUKONES will continue for another year as Visiting Assistant Professor with responsibilities for Western Civilization and advanced Russian history. For the 1987-88 year EILEEN DUGAN will be a Visiting Professor working in the area of Western Civilization. This coming year will find RICHARD A. REIMAN moving from the Oxford Campus to the Middletown Campus where he will teach modern American history.

### Ohio State University

Newly promoted to the rank of Professor are CARTER FINDLEY, LEILA RUPP, and MARILYN WALDMAN. Raised to the rank of Associate have been RANDOLPH ROTH and CLAIR ROBERTSON.

Newly appointed to the faculty are: ROBERT M. BAUM, Ph.D., Yale - History of Religions and CARLA GARDINA PESTANA, Ph.D., UCLA - American Colonial history.

HAROLD MAH and HENRY TAYLOR have resigned from the faculty of OSU.

### University of Toledo

Not publicly announced earlier was the appointment of DIANA F. BRITTON as Assistant Professor with special responsibilities to develop a program in Public History.

WILLIAM HENRY LONGTON has been promoted to Professor.

### Wittenberg University

JAMES HUFFMAN has been promoted to Professor.

### Wright State University

BARBARA L. GREEN, Ph.D., Missouri-Columbia, has been appointed Assistant Professor. She will teach Afro-American history, Southern history, and Reconstruction. Her research field is ante-bellum slavery.

Three Visiting Assistant Professors have been named. They are: ROBERT C. FIGUEIRA, Ph.D., Cornell; KAY B. SLOCUM, Ph.D., Kent State; and, PETER K. TAYLOR, Ph.D., Iowa. All will teach the Western World.

### Youngstown State University

JACK PATRICK has been given an appointment for the 1987-88 academic year.

## RETIREMENTS

### University of Akron

At the end of the Fall semester VINCENT H. CASSIDY will retire. He has his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina and is a specialist in pre-Columbian discoveries.

### Ohio State University

BRADLEY CHAPIN, a distinguished historian of American legal and colonial history has retired. His first book was the classic, *The American Law of Treason* and it was followed later by *Criminal Justice in Colonial America, 1606-1660*. He is currently writing a successor volume to the latter book. Many students have benefitted from his scholarship and his classroom teaching.

## DEATHS

DR. CHARLES DeBENEDETTI, Professor of History at The University of Toledo, author, scholar, teacher and a former Rockefeller Foundation fellow, died in Toledo, January 27, 1987, on his 44th birthday. His work on American diplomatic history and the American peace movement earned him international recognition.

Professor DeBenedetti's scholarly publications were extensive and highly respected. In 1982, the American Library Association selected his book, *The Peace Reform in American History*, as one of the outstanding academic works of 1980-81. His first monograph, *The Origins of the Modern American Peace Movement, 1915-1929*, published in 1979, had examined peace efforts from World War I through the Pact of Paris. Last year he edited *Peace Heroes in Twentieth-Century America*, (Indiana University Press). One of his earliest articles appeared in *The Historian* in 1972.

A native of Chicago, Charles DeBenedetti earned a bachelor's degree at Loyola University, Chicago, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Illinois. He joined The University of Toledo faculty as an assistant professor in 1968 and was promoted to professor a decade later.

In 1982, while researching at the Johnson Presidential Library in Austin, Professor DeBenedetti drew national attention when he uncovered a previously classified top-secret report from the CIA to President Johnson which indicated that American protests against the Vietnam War had no communist or foreign link. Johnson refused to accept the agency's findings.

On numerous occasions the historical profession honored Dr. DeBenedetti. A former president of the Conference on Peace Research in History, he was elected in May 1986 as president of the Society for the Study of Internationalism. He held memberships in the American Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, the Society of Historians for American Foreign Relations, and Phi Alpha Theta.

Dr. DeBenedetti's most recent recognition came in August 1986, when the Social Science Research Council awarded him a \$70,000 grant for an oral history, "Elite Dissent and U.S. Foreign Policymaking: Vietnam as a Case Study." Earlier, in 1979, he had received a major Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship for research on the American anti-war movement of the sixties. The following year the foundation invited him to live at its Bellagio Study and Conference Center, in Italy, while drafting his essay "The Anti-Vietnam War Movement and Modern America."

Charles DeBenedetti was a kind, compassionate human being, an excellent researcher, a superb teacher and a good friend. He was committed to the peaceful resolution of domestic and international problems, and his personal values were reflected in his scholarship.

The Charles DeBenedetti Scholarship Fund has been established by The University of Toledo Alumni Foundation, Toledo, Ohio 43606.

BERNICE WILLIAM FOLEY long-time dynamic director of the Ohioana Library Association and then Director-Emerita died at the home of her son in Overland Park, Kansas on May 16, 1987.

JOSEPH T. May, a member of the YSU History department since 1968, died this past spring. He was an Associate Professor of American History specializing in the field of diplomatic and constitutional history. His undergraduate work was completed at Wheaton College, and his MA and Ph.D. were from Kent State University. His dissertation topic was "John Foster Dulles and the European Defense Community," directed by Dr. Lawrence Kaplan. He was working on an article concerning the Bricker Amendment at the time of his death. He published numerous book reviews and gave papers at numerous historical organizations including the Ohio Academy of History and the Organization of American Historians. He is survived by his wife, Judith and two children, David and Robert. His place at Youngstown can be well summed up in what a colleague said, "We miss him greatly."

WILLIAM J. MCNIFF, charter member of the Ohio Academy of History, died at Oxford, Ohio, on May 14, 1987, at the age of 88. He was born in Hoboken, N.J., studied at Mt. Hermon Academy, graduated with the B.A. from Dartmouth College, did graduate work at Harvard University, took an M.A. degree at the University of Michigan, and received the Ph.D. from Ohio State University.

Although trained in U.S. History, he mainly taught English

and European history at Miami University for forty years, retiring in 1969. He then served as university archivist from 1972-1975. Tough as the handball games he played from Brooklyn walls to Withrow Court, humorous as an Irish wit both natural and cultivated, kind and generous beneath a craggy exterior, his teaching sprang from an inquiring skepticism and intellectual rigor which drew him to dialogue teaching charged with an uncommon excitement. "What is justice? "Did the Americans win or the British lose the American Revolution?" provoked classroom battles which adjourned to the halls and reverberated across the campus. Although he was most conscientious about his responsibilities as an undergraduate teacher, he published a book **Heaven on Earth: A Planned Mormon Society** in 1940, which was reprinted in 1974; wrote numerous reviews and articles; and gave many students a model and stimulus for professional careers in history.

Colleagues and former students established a conference room in his honor, Miami awarded him an honorary doctorate of letters in 1979, the Miami Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa elected him to membership, Phi Beta Kappa made him a member, the Miami Chapter of the American Association of University Professors made him its president. Yet he never spoke so warmly of any of these honors and associations as he did of the Ohio Academy of History. He admitted grudgingly that he was not at its first organizational meeting at Vermilion-on-the-Lake in 1930, but he missed very few thereafter until the last few years. The Academy returned the affection and respect which he felt for it by electing him president in 1950-1951 and giving him its Distinguished Service Award and honorary life membership in 1979. Family and friends, colleagues and students will not so much miss him as cherish the memory of an unforgettable person.

## CALENDAR

- Sept. 23-26: 2nd Natl. Conf. on American Planning Hist. at Great Southern Hotel, Columbus. Contact: The Soc. for Amer. City & Regional Planning Hist., 3566 Darbyshire Dr., Columbus 43220.
- Oct. 3: 5th Annual George Rogers Clark Trans-Appalachian Frontier Hist. Conf. at Vincennes Univ. Contact: Conf. Comm., Geo. Rogers Clark Natl. Hist. Park, 401 S. 2nd St., Vincennes 47591.
- Oct. 3: Medieval Assoc. of the Midwest at Cleveland St. Univ. Contact: Earl Anderson, Dept. of English, Cleveland St. Univ., Cleveland 44115.
- Oct. 16-17: 18th Annual Interdisciplinary Conf. of the Comm. for the Advancement of Early Studies at Ball St. Univ. Contact: Bruce W. Hozeski, CAES Conf., Dept. of Eng., Ball State U. Muncie 47306.
- Oct. 17: 58th Annual Ohioana Day at Fawcett Center, OSU. Award presentation.
- Oct. 22-24: "Liberty, Property, and Government: The Constitution and the Nation Grow Together," at Bowling Green State University. Contact: Ellen Frankel Paul, Soc. Philosophy & Policy Center, BGSU, Bowling Green 43403.
- Oct. 23-24: Midwest Conf. on Brit. Studies at Loyola Univ. of Chicago. Contact: C.H. Hay, Hist. Dept., Marquette Univ., Milwaukee 53233.
- Oct. 29: 1987 Harvey Wish Memorial Lecture at CWRU. Speaker Michael Kammen of Cornell Univ. Contact: Hist. Dept., CWRU, Cleveland 44106.
- Nov. 5-7: 6th Mennonite Experience in Amer. Conf. at Bluffton Col. Contact: J. Denny Weaver, Bluffton Col., Bluffton 45817.

Nov. 6-7: Western Reserve Studies III - A Symposium at Lake Erie College, on "Transplanting and Innvovating: New Patterns on the Reserve, 1830-1880. Contact: Gladys Haddad, Box 361, Lake Erie College, Painesville 44077.

Nov. 5-8: 13th Annual Byzantine Studies Conf. at Ohio State Univ. Contact: Byzantine Studies Conf., c/o Dumbarton Oaks, 1703 32nd St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20007.

Nov. 27 Beginning of the Center of Science & Industry Museum Attic Exhibit in Columbus.

### JOB VACANCIES

The University of Toledo announces a search for individuals to fill three different positions starting in September, 1988. They are: 1) U.S. Peace History and Third World Relations. A tenured or tenure-track position with teaching and research interest in peace history and the third world. 2) Afro-American History. A tenure-track entry level position with all specialties in Afro-American history considered. 3) Continental Western Europe Since 1948. Entry-level, tenure-track position. Must be able to teach intro. Western Civ. and the Contemporary World.

All three positions offer competitive salaries and require the Ph.D. degree. Applicants may enquire or send vita, transcripts, and three current letters of reference to William D. Hoover, Chair., Dept. of Hist., University of Toledo, Toledo 43606. (419) 537-2845. UT is an AA/EOE employer

Youngstown State University has an Assistant Professor opening in American Diplomatic and Constitutional history. Contact: George Beelen, Dept. of Hist., YSU, Youngstown 44555. (216) 742-3452. YSU is an AA/EOE employer.

### CLIO'S CORNER

#### Collegians Look at the Past

- The political bosses wrote letters home for people who were illerate.
- The Kellogg-Briand Act forbade aggressive military action during peacetime.
- The period raging from 1873 to 1914 is often referred to as a crisis.
- When the British abolished the slave trade, a Dutch family called Boers, moved inland so they could still keep slaves.
- Pius IX also established 'Papal Infallibility' which states that the pope is never wrong when sitting on a certain seat whose name I can't remember.
- Sir Lloyd Budget was the Prime Minister of England.
- The United States of America entered the war on November 11, 1918. That day has come to be known as Armistice Day.
- Storyville was a house of ill repute in New Orleans where the very liberated women spent a fair amount of time.
- The Interstate Commerce Act was an act passed by the Supreme Court that stated that the R.R. couldn't be monopolized.
- John L. Lewis said that Franklin Roosevelt was asleep at Labor's door.
- We on the other side of the desk goof occasionally too. A recent note to the Newsletter had this tidbit. Of special interest to researchers is the recent copulation of Prof. A and Prof. b. entitled...

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