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The Touche Ross Foundation has contributed the funds necessary to make the famous accountants videotape series a reality. The subjects appearing on the tapes include Mautz, Trueblood, Paton, Blough, Chambers, Littleton, Carey, Moonitz, Sprouse, Bevis, Davidson, Horn, Vatter, and Spacek. Each of the tapes is one hour in length and is suitable for showing in senior and graduate level accounting courses.

Some members of the Academy may already be familiar with the videotape series. The tapes were made during the early and mid 1960's by Michigan State University (under a grant from the Touche Ross Foundation). Unfortunately, the original tapes are of the early two-inch commercial type and can only be played by television stations. Thus, since Michigan State had little call for the tapes, they were donated to the Academy. The Academy, through the efforts of Dale Flesher, applied for and received a grant from Touche Ross to transfer the tapes onto modern ¾ inch videocassette tapes. These videocassettes can be played on equipment available at almost every university campus (in fact, at some schools the equipment is available in virtually every classroom). The tapes are currently being transcribed by the media center at the University of Mississippi.

The terms of the grant provide that the tapes will be managed as a tape lending library for use by members of the Academy. Members will soon be receiving a brochure describing the contents of each of the eighteen tapes and the procedures for borrowing specific items. There will be no cost to members other than the return postage. Currently, only five tapes are available for loan. They are:

No. 1: Mautz and Trueblood
No. 2: Mautz and Trueblood
No. 3: Blough
No. 5: Paton
No. 7: Chambers

Additional tapes will be made available as soon as the Ole Miss media center finishes the work.

Members who wish to borrow any of the above tapes, or who desire additional information, should contact the Academy’s Curator of the Tapes:

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Through the Ages

Academy members were saddened to hear of the death of Carman Blough on March 9, 1981. Carman George Blough, former chief accountant for the Securities and Exchange Commission and director of Research for the American Institute of CPAs, died at a Bridgewater, Virginia, hospital where he had been a patient for about three weeks.

Mr. Blough, 85, was born November 11, 1895, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He graduated from Manchester (Indiana) College in 1917 and earned a masters degree from the University of Wisconsin. He did graduate work at Harvard and received honorary doctorates from Bridgewater College and Manchester College. Mr. Blough was the budget director for the State of Wisconsin from 1924-29, then a professor of accounting at the University of North Dakota. He next served four years as the first chief accountant for the SEC.

Carman Blough became a partner in the international accounting firm of Arthur Andersen & Co. and for 27 years was research director for the American Institute of CPAs and an adjunct professor of accounting at Columbia University. He was the author of several books. His wife, whom he married in 1922, survives him.

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