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BIG CONTEST NUMBER TWO

The previous issue of THE NOTEBOOK included a contest wherein readers were challenged to guess the identity of a well-known accountant who was pictured. The contest proved to be quite popular as a great number of members correctly identified the picture as that of Carman Blough. The earliest postmarked entry was received from Robert G. Morgan, an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Professor Morgan received the prize which was described as a souvenir of Oxford, Mississippi. That prize proved to be a real cotton boll that was handpicked by this editor. Because of the popularity of the contest, future winners will receive even more impressive prizes. In addition to Professor Morgan, other members who submitted early entries included Charles Lamden of San Diego State University, Felix Pomeranz of Coopers & Lybrand, Greg Kordecki of Clayton, Georgia, Junior College, H. C. Knortz of ITT, Paul Grady of Boca Raton, Florida, Merv Wingfield of James Madison University, and the distinguished Larry Kreiser of Cleveland State University. As we go to print, no foreign member has yet submitted an entry. This indicates that Mr. Blough’s fame was either not very widespread or that the mail service to our foreign members is quite poor. The latter explanation is probably more likely.

Judging by the number of correct entries, and the lack of incorrect entries, the previous contest was obviously too easy. Paul Grady even suggested that members of his vintage should have been disqualified because such individuals would all have known Blough in his prime. However, such disqualification would not be feasible. Thus, this issue’s contest is going to be a little tougher in that the picture on this page is of a famous accountant, but was taken when the famous accountant was only eight years old. The individual pictured is an American member of the Academy, but because of his foreign travels and lectures, he would be well known throughout the world. Judging by the size of the fish in the picture, our friend was obviously destined for greatness even at an early age. The only additional clue we will provide is that the individual pictured is still living and is an academician.

If you think that you can identify the person in the picture, send your answer to the editor of THE NOTEBOOK at the editorial address. To allow for the delay in the mail service of our foreign members, there will be two prizes awarded. One prize will go to the first correct answer (based on earliest postmark) from a member in North America. The other prize will be awarded to the first correct respondent from a country outside of North America.

Who is eligible? All members of the Academy of Accounting Historians are eligible except for officers, the immediate family members of the editor and the person pictured, and those affiliated with the University of Mississippi (where this publication is printed).

What do you win? The prizes are going to be really good this time. The first respondent in each category will receive a book authored by the editor of THE NOTEBOOK.

Be sure and read this column in the next issue of THE NOTEBOOK to learn the identity of the individual in the photo and the names of the winners.