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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

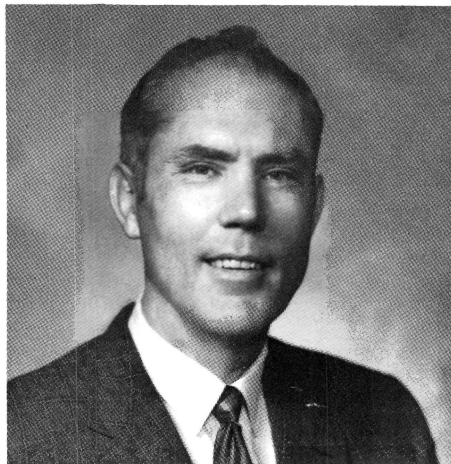
Upon assuming the office of President of The Academy of Accounting Historians, I cannot help but be impressed with the tremendous strides made in the field of accounting history since the late 1950's. When I first studied accounting history under Professor Dorothy Litherland at the University of Illinois, few accounting professors were seriously interested in history. The increase in the interest in accounting history, as well as the significant increase in the amount of high quality research and publication being done in this field, are due largely to the efforts of The Academy and its members. It's indeed a privilege for me to serve as President and to have some part in the continued development of the field of accounting history.

As an active member of several professional organizations, I know of none in which such a large proportion of the membership has contributed so unselfishly of their time and their considerable talents. This high level of commitment has made The Academy a unique organization.

Because of the increase in size and complexity of The Academy's operations, last year Ed Coffman instituted some very sound changes in our organizational structure, as reflected in the organization chart in the spring 1985 issue of the *Notebook*. The new structure is working well and should serve our needs for the foreseeable future.

On November 10-11, 1985, I attended the Dedication Seminar of The Accounting History Research Center at Georgia State University. Norman Dressel, Elliott Slocum, Al Roberts, and their colleagues are to be congratulated on this outstanding program. The Center will be a major resource for The Academy.

Ken Most's tenure as Manuscripts Editor of *The Journal* will end with the 1986 fall



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issue. I would like to thank Ken for the outstanding job he did. Gary Previts has assumed the responsibility of Manuscripts Editor-Elect of *The Journal*.

The 1986 AAA annual meeting in New York will feature two excellent sessions on accounting history. The first, "Early Developments in Accounting Thought and Practice," will be on Friday, morning, August 22 and the second, "Topics in the History of Accounting," will be on Saturday afternoon, August 23. I look forward to seeing you at these meetings as well as at our annual business meeting on August 21.

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