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IN MEMORIAL TO AN ACCOUNTING HISTORIAN

Dr. Edward Peragallo

With regret, we report the death on February 22, 1990, of Dr. Edward Peragallo, professor emeritus of accounting and economics at Holy Cross College. Dr. Peragallo was 81 years old.

Dr. Peragallo was born in New York City to Bernardo and Anita (Pellerano) Peragallo. After graduating from secondary school in Genoa, Italy, he entered Columbia University and earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1928, a master’s degree in accounting in 1929, and a Ph.D. in economics in 1939. He received the CPA certificate in New York in 1938.

Dr. Peragallo joined the faculty at Holy Cross in 1938 and served as chairman of the Department of Economics from 1943 to 1964. Retirement from Holy Cross came in 1979. His primary area of research was the history of accounting, and he was a long-time active member of the Academy of Accounting Historians. Beginning with his doctoral dissertation, “The Origin and Evolution of Double Entry Bookkeeping,” which examined commercial practices in Italy during the Renaissance period, Dr. Peragallo has contributed much to the development of accounting history and the accounting profession. He published many articles in professional and academic journals and continued to research and to write after his retirement. Dr. Peragallo recently completed a manuscript translating “The Ledger of Giacomo Badoer,” an Italian trader of the 15th century.

NOTES ABOUT ACADEMY MEMBERS

This new section of THE NOTEBOOK is presented in an effort to keep up with the activities of members of The Academy or recognitions they have received. Please let the editor know about presentations which involve accounting history, of awards or recognitions you or fellow Academy members have received, or of your published accounting history research in non-Academy publications.

—Dr. Terry K. Sheldahl of Savannah State College conducted an invited lecture to the Society of Philosophers at Work in the World, meeting in conjunction with the American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, on December 28, 1989. His topic, “Objectivity for a Practicing Historian: A Personal Review,” was concerned with accounting history research.

—Dr. Dale L. Flesher of The University of Mississippi, past-president of The Academy and currently the editor of THE ACCOUNTING HISTORIANS JOURNAL, recently received the Leon Radde Outstanding Educator of the Year Award in the Nation from the Institute of Internal Auditors.

—Dr. Edward N. Coffman of Virginia Commonwealth University was presented with the Beta Alpha Psi 1990 Outstanding Educator of the Year Award.

—Thomas J. Nessinger of Arthur Andersen & Co. was presented with the Beta Alpha Psi 1990 Award for his outstanding contributions.