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TALK ABOUT MEMBERS

BURNS RECEIVES EDUCATOR AWARD

Dr. Tom Burns received the Outstanding Accounting Educator Award at the American Accounting Association's 1992 Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. Grant Thornton hosted a reception and roast in Tom's honor on August 9, 1992 at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. All who know Tom, recognize that he has devoted his life to teaching and the accounting profession, and this award is only a token of the debt owed for his many years of contribution. Tom is currently serving as the 1992 president of the Academy.

SCHNEIDER RECEIVES DOCTORATES

Dr. Dieter Schneider was honored during 1992 with the conference of three honorary doctorate degrees. The University of Duisburg granted Dieter an honorary degree in the field of taxation. The University of Bayreuth awarded a degree

for business economics, and the University of Wuerzburg recognized his work in the theoretical foundations of business economics. Dr. Schneider is a professor at Ruhr-University Bochum in Germany. He is a long-time member of the Academy and is widely known in the United States for his lectures and publications. Dieter recently presented papers at the Academy conferences at the University of North Texas and the University of Mississippi.

STABLER RECOGNIZED

Dr. Frank Stabler was named the Georgia Accounting Educator of the Year by the Georgia Society of CPAs Educational Foundation. Frank is a long-time member of the Academy and a professor at Georgia State University. He has served as the faculty advisor of the Beta Mu Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi for many years, and his leadership has resulted in the chapter's success at the highest level. Frank has contributed greatly to the profession through his work in the Georgia Society of CPAs and the Institute of Internal Auditors.



INFORMATION PLEASE!

Gary Previts forwarded a request from Nancy M. Rohr concerning information to aid in a historical project. Ms. Rohr is currently transcribing documents for the Huntsville Public Library (Alabama) which involve the account books and expense journals of Dr. Thomas Fearn and his business associates dating from the 1820's. These records relate to the building of the Huntsville Canal and the Huntsville Water Works, which were the first West of the Appalachian Mountains.

Ms. Rohr desires to include an interpretation of the accounts such that information is presented beyond the figures. She is seeking some guidelines to accomplish this goal in terms of historical archaeology or

social history. How can the data be converted to information about the community and early life in the area?

A search of accounting history publications has not been profitable in regard to guidelines or suggestions of how to perform a social and economic interpretation of accounting records in a historical context. If anyone has some recommendations of published source materials which can be of help in conducting this type of historical project, you might send a note to Nancy M. Rohr, 10012 Louis Dr., Huntsville, AL 35803. In addition, the editor of *The Notebook* would be interested in including such information in a future issue.