

FOREST HISTORY SOCIETY MARKS 25th ANNIVERSARY WITH TRIBUTE TO ORAL HISTORY

In the late 1940s, seeking ways to augment its methods of accumulating archival records pertaining to conservation, forestry, and lumbering, the Forest History Society turned to oral history. Its first tape-recorded interviews were made in 1953, and today, boasting more than 170 interviews and 600 hours of tape, the program stands as one of the oldest and most productive ongoing programs in the nation.

It was most appropriate, then, that the society mark its silver anniversary with a special issue of its quarterly journal, *Forest History*, devoted to oral history. The October 1972 publication describes the many and varied ways in which the society has employed oral history, then offers more than fifty pages of excerpts from interviews conducted by its oral history program.

In the lead article, "Why Oral History?", Harold K. Steen and Susan R. Schrepfer outline the society's involvement and progress in the field of oral history since its founding at the University of Minnesota in 1947. "No significant theory should be based on a single piece of evidence regardless of its character," the authors conclude, "but oral history revelations of previously unknown information often stimulate further research. The reader can evaluate for himself the utility of oral history in the pages that follow."

What follows is a series of selections from interviews conducted by the society, dealing with logging in the West, military forestry in France, state forestry in the South, fire prevention, rubber plantations, and seed-flight experiments. Historical photographs, cartoons, copies of documents and posters, and ephemeral materials of significance serve as illustrative matter. This corpus of oral history will be of use in the study of interviewing techniques of a specialized project, its use as research material, and the assimilation of that material into an overall context.

The result is a publication as fascinating as it is valuable. Most entertaining is the interview of William B. Laughead, onetime logger and popularizer of the Paul Bunyan folktales, conducted by W. H. Hutchinson, professor of history at California State University, Chico, in 1957. Mr. Laughead describes the background of the Paul Bunyan legends, his first drawing of the character in 1914, and the relation of the stories to life in the logging camps.

Another side of loggers' life is portrayed in an interview with Donald E. MacKenzie, who was logging superintendent for the Anaconda Company of Missoula, Montana, from 1923 to his retirement in 1957. Mr. MacKenzie told interviewer Elwood R. Maunder, execu-

tive director of the Forest History Society, of the changes imposed upon logging by the mechanization of many operations.

An excerpted interview with Walter F. McCulloch, author of *Woods Words: A Comprehensive Dictionary of Logger Terms*, is also included in the issue. He

HIGHLIGHTS OF 7th OHA COLLOQUIUM

One hundred seventy persons from thirty-eight states, the District of Columbia, Canada, Mexico, and Singapore attended the 7th Annual Colloquium of the Oral History Association at Austin, Texas, November 9-12. Turn to page 4 for a rundown on activities and scenes of the colloquium.

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describes the genesis of his book and the origins of many logging terms to Amelia Fry of the Regional Oral History Office, University of California, Berkeley. Mr. McCulloch helps sum up the value of oral history, saying, "Many terms are no longer used at all. Today's logger is more likely to be a young fellow with a family living in some small town. The old-timer was a hard-boiled old character to whom logging was his whole life and total existence." Thanks to men like Mr. McCulloch and the participants in the Forest History Society oral history program, that life and existence will be preserved for future generations.

Copies of the silver anniversary issue of *Forest History* may be obtained from the Forest History Society, P.O. Box 1581, Santa Cruz, California, at two dollars a copy. The subscription rate is \$7.50 annually.

SUOMI COLLEGE TO STUDY ACCULTURATION OF FINNISH-AMERICANS

Suomi College, Hancock, Michigan is the recipient of a multi-year grant from the Endowment on the Humanities to undertake an oral history study of the Finnish-American acculturation process in the Lake Superior mining region. The major thrust of the program will revolve about a series of tape-recorded and transcribed interviews with Finnish settlers whose migration to that area dates from the period 1890 to 1920. During the course of five summers of interviewing, running through 1976, it is anticipated that several generations within respective migrant families will be interviewed, along with non-Finnish neighbors and friends, in an effort to determine the changing nature and style of Finnish life on Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

In addition to the socio-historical ramifications of this program, it is also

expected that the hundreds of projected interviews will capture many stories, songs, and memories pertinent to Finnish folklore and culture as it was transplanted to the American Middle West. There presently exists a considerable amount of interest both within the mining region and in Finnish-American communities regarding the study of Finnish-American life. As a result of this growing concern and the grant from the Endowment on the Humanities, Suomi College is looking forward to assembling an extensive taped interview and transcript collection which will serve as a meaningful addition to the materials already a part of its Finnish-American Archives dating from 1932.

The Suomi College program is under the direction of Arthur E. Puotinen, a

graduate of Suomi and a present member of the faculty of Central Michigan University at Mount Pleasant. His interview team consists of both faculty and students from Suomi, and the project enjoys the active participation and involvement of a number of administrative and staff personnel, including Ralph Jalkanen and Carl Waisanen, president and academic dean.

At a June 19-20 work and training session held in Hancock, William Wyatt, who directed a similar oral history project at Augustana College, served as the discussion leader. A number of college and community representatives attended the meeting and participated in a wide-ranging program that involved both the techniques and philosophy of oral history and the specific concerns of the Suomi project.

ORAL HISTORY IN PRINT

An excellent description of the Charles Ives Oral History Project, "Ives and Oral History," by Vivian Perlis, appeared in *Notes*, Journal of the Music Library Association, June 1972, pp. 629-642. This article provides a substantive case study in the methodology of building an oral history project on an existing collection of personal papers and memorabilia.

Norman Hoyle of the State University of New York's School of Library and Information Science, Albany, has written a comprehensive article titled "Oral History" for *Library Trends*, July 1972, pp. 60-82.

University of Wisconsin, River Falls, has published volume one of *A Guide to the Oral History Collection*, titled "Voices from the St. Croix Valley." Transcripts are described individually, with a topic index to each.

Oral History: An Occasional News Sheet, No. 3 has appeared with bright yellow cover and 80 sheets, including a roundup of Oral History in the United States, by Willa K. Baum. Started by Paul Thompson of the University of Essex, now on leave at Johns Hopkins University, the British publication foreshadows formation of a British oral history society. This issue was edited by Brian Harrison of Corpus Christi College, Oxford, one of the few in the field in Britain who transcribe interviews.

The Sage of Coe Ridge: A Study in Oral History, by William Lynwood Montell, is now available as a \$2.45 paperback from Harper and Row, 49 East 33rd Street, New York, New York 10016.

"The Miners, 1870-1970: A Test-Case for Oral History," by Christopher Storm-Clark, which was published in *Victorian Studies*, Volume XV, No. 1 (September 1971) has also

been printed as No. 107 in the Reprint Series on Economics of the Institute of Social and Economic Research and Department of Economics, University of New York.

The Summer 1972 issue of *Vermont History*, the quarterly magazine of the Vermont Historical Society, features a 25-page article titled "Remembering Calvin Coolidge; An Oral History Memoir." This is an edited and abridged version of an interview with the late Richard Scandrett, as recorded by Professor Richard Polenbergh of the Department of History at Cornell University, and conducted for the Cornell Oral History Program. Scandrett reminisced about several aspects of Coolidge's career, especially the behind-the-scenes activities at the 1920 Republican National Convention to secure the vice-presidential nomination for Coolidge.

"Oral History in Mexico," an article by Eugenia Meyer and Alicia Olivera de Bonfil, which traces the background and development of oral history in Mexico and surveys the present situation and future perspectives, has appeared in the October 1972 issue of the *Journal of Library History*. A major project in the planning stage is on the history of rural education in Mexico. The authors are co-directors of the Programa de Historia Oral (PHO) of the National Institute of Anthropology and History.

Reynoldston Research and Studies of Vancouver, B.C. Canada has inaugurated a new French/English serial on the subject of oral history in Canada. This is the first Canadian oral history publication and will serve to provide an exchange of ideas and experiences and to publicize the many various programs throughout the country. The address for the RRAS Publication is P.O. Box 6225, Postal Station "G", 3760 W. 10th Avenue, Vancouver 8, B.C. A discussion of the British Columbia project and other Canadian oral history programs will appear in the March issue of the *OHA News-letter*.

KENNEDY LIBRARY ADDS ORAL HISTORY PROJECT ON RFK

In the weeks following June 6, 1968, discussions began regarding a possible program of interviews on the career of Robert Kennedy. By mid-July, Fred Dutton, a friend and adviser to Robert Kennedy, who had played an important coordinating role in the early days of the John F. Kennedy oral history project, was seeking suggestions for a list of persons to be interviewed and was discussing the organization of a program with members of the Kennedy family, former RFK aides, and the staff of the Kennedy Library.

Following a meeting of Senator Edward Kennedy, Dutton, and John Stewart of the Kennedy Library oral history staff, it was decided that the Robert Kennedy interviewing should be carried out by the Kennedy Library staff because of their familiarity with many of the events and relationships in Robert Kennedy's career, their previous contacts with many of those to be interviewed, their convenient access to the papers and oral history transcripts already in the Kennedy Library's collection, and the likelihood that Robert Kennedy's papers, already in storage in the National Archives, would eventually be placed in the Kennedy Library. By early January of 1969, a roster of persons to be interviewed had been drawn up, and the staff began to develop chronologies, lists of topics, a rough guide to some of Robert Kennedy's papers, and other research aids. Contacts were made with persons on the list of 70 priority interviewees (the list has grown to 141 as of October '72) and interviewing began by spring of 1969.

Larry Hackman, who succeeded John Stewart in 1969 as chief of the Kennedy Library oral history project when Stewart became acting director of the library, began to devote most of his own interviewing efforts to the Robert Kennedy series. Roberta Greene became the second RFK interviewer.

To date, interviews with 93 persons have been completed or at least begun (many of these have required four, five, or more sessions) — a total of 365 hours of taping in 206 interview sessions, an average of approximately four hours per interviewee, as compared to an average of one and a half hours for the JFK program since its beginning in 1964. There would seem to be several reasons for this difference, including the relatively close ties of many RFK interviewees to his career. Some of the approximately 950 interviewees for the JFK project were obviously less central to John Kennedy's career or administration. In addition, the extensive research materials available to the interviewers has facilitated more thorough and detailed interviews, and there has been a greater availability of time from interviewees, mostly Democrats, during a Republican administration. The absence of the "crash" program atmosphere of the early days of the JFK program has also been important.

Many of those interviewed for the Robert Kennedy project (e.g., Douglas Dillon, Lord Harlech, Kenneth O'Donnell, George McGovern, Burke Marshall, Nicholas Katzenbach, Governor Patrick Lucey) were important interviewees earlier for the John F. Kennedy project. With some of these,

the RFK interviews have focused in much more detail on Robert Kennedy's role in events already discussed to some degree in the JFK interviews; but the RFK interviews have also dealt with the years after the Kennedy administration, with heavy concentration on RFK's role in the U.S. Senate, New York politics, and the 1968 presidential campaign. Some who were interviewed very briefly or not at all for the John Kennedy project, such as the assistant attorneys general in the Justice Department, have been interviewed for the first time (e.g., Ramsey Clark: six hours) or more extensively. And many persons, such as Frank Mankiewicz, Cesar Chavez, Fred Harris, Jacob Javits, and Alex Rose who had little, if any, pre-1964 relationship with Robert Kennedy, were added.

The RFK program has had several advantages which, hopefully, have influenced the quality of the interviews in a positive way. These include the experience of and lessons learned from the JFK project, the previous contacts with many of the interviewees, and the interviewers' access to the papers of Robert Kennedy, President Kennedy, and the other collections of personal papers, government records, and other materials in the Kennedy Library.

Currently, six of the Robert Kennedy interviews are available for research at the Kennedy Library in Waltham, Massachusetts. Others will be available as soon as they are reviewed by the interviewees and as final editions are typed. As with the John F. Kennedy interviews, some of the RFK tapes and transcripts may be closed for a time at the request of the interviewee or require his or her written permission for access.

The library has recently organized a special unit under the direction of Larry Hackman to administer its activities relating to Robert Kennedy, including personal papers, oral history, research services, documentary publication and exhibit plans, and the acquisition of collections of papers and other materials relating to RFK and events in which he was involved.

NEW ADDRESS FOR OHA PUBLICATIONS

The Executive Council has established a new publications distribution office. Requests for all available publications of the Oral History Association, including back issues of the *Newsletter*, now will be handled by Professor Samuel Hand, chairman of the Publications Committee. The new address: Oral History Association, Waterman Building, University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont 05401.

Membership applications and inquiries, including changes of address, should continue to be sent to Knox Mellon, Treasurer, Oral History Association, Immaculate Heart College, 2021 N. Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90027.

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The 1972 National Colloquium of the Oral History Association, held November 9-12 in the modern Joe C. Thompson Conference Center of the University of Texas, marked another major achievement for the growing organization. Registration for the workshop and colloquium was not only impressive as far as numbers (over 170) and geographical representation, but also in the variety and array of oral history projects and individual interests present in Austin.

Guided by colloquium chairman Joe B. Frantz of the University of Texas Oral History Project, with a major assist from Ronald E. Marcello of North Texas State University, who served as program chairman, the weekend offered a series of interesting and innovative sessions, plus a pleasant Saturday af-



MEMBERSHIP GATHERING

The annual business meeting of the Oral History Association was held Saturday evening, November 11, in the auditorium of the Lyndon B. Johnson State Park, with President Charles Morrissey presiding. The reading of the minutes of the 1971 meeting was dispensed with, since they had appeared in summary form in the *Newsletter*.

Treasurer Knox Mellon reported that the association has a balance (as of November 10) of \$1,626 in its checking account and \$6,797 in its savings account — totalling a cash balance of \$8,423. He reported that the OHA has 665 members who have currently paid their membership dues. He emphasized that *Oral History in the United States*, the directory of oral history projects, has been the most successful publishing venture yet undertaken by the OHA, with sales totalling over \$6,200.

President Morrissey announced that the 1973 workshop and colloquium will be held at West Point, New York on November 1-4. John Stewart, assistant director of the John F. Kennedy Library, has agreed to serve as program chairman and has been authorized to appoint his own colloquium staff. (Since that date, Elizabeth Calciano, head of the Regional History Office, UC Santa Cruz, has been named workshop chairman.)

The 1973 Nominating Committee was then introduced. (See *Newsletter*, p. 7 for membership and additional details.)

The president read a letter from James V. Mink in which he conveyed regrets for resigning his editorship of the *OHA Newsletter* because of in-



TOP: As the colloquium opens, Willa Baum (left), director of the UC Berkeley Regional Oral History Office, receives information at the registration desk. CENTER: Incoming OHA President John Wickman (right) chats with Charles W. Corkran, archivist of the LBJ Library in Austin. BOTTOM: Kenneth Ragsdale (center), local arrangements chairman, greets two colloquium members at the Friday evening reception.

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ternoon tour of the eastern Texas hill country, with stops at the birthplace and boyhood home of President Lyndon B. Johnson. The highlight of the meeting was the dramatically moving address by black author Alex Haley on Friday evening, in which he traced in detail the steps of his exhaustive research that lead to his forthcoming book *Before This Anger*, a study of his family roots.

Workshop chairman Truett Latimer and local arrangements chairman Kenneth Ragsdale, along with his committee members Thomas Charlton and Dorman H. Winfrey, and a roster of excellent workshop and colloquium speakers played instrumental roles in assuring the success and warm congeniality of the Texas conference.



BUSINESS MEETING

creased responsibilities as the newly appointed head of the UCLA Library's Department of Special Collections, but recommended that the associate editor, Bernard Galm of UCLA, serve as the new editor. The Executive Council had agreed to this appointment earlier, and the announcement was made to the membership.

President Morrissey announced that Professor Samuel Hand of the University of Vermont will head the editorial board for the seventh annual publication of the association, which will consist of selected papers delivered at the Austin colloquium, along with other solicited articles. Because of the need to consolidate distribution functions of the OHA, Hand was also appointed to handle the ordering and mailing of all available OHA publications.

As had been announced at the opening session of the colloquium, the nominating committee-person, Mary Ellen Glass (in the absence of Chairman Martin Ridge, and at his request), reported the nominations of Charles Crawford for vice-president, Knox Mellon for treasurer, Amelia Fry for secretary, and Gary Shumway and William Wyatt for the single vacant Executive Council seat. There being no further nominations from the floor, Crawford, Mellon, and Fry were elected by acclamation to their respective offices. In a vote recorded by paper ballot, Gary Shumway was elected to the council. At this point Morrissey announced that the Executive Council had agreed earlier in the day that the unsuccessful candidate for



TOP: Featured speaker Alex Haley describes to a rapt audience the oral history background of his forthcoming book tracing his family's genealogy. CENTER: Outgoing OHA President Charles T. Morrissey (right) ponders discussion at a workshop session, along with Truett Latimer, workshop chairman. BOTTOM: Country and western singer George Smyer entertains OHA members at the LBJ State Park prior to a Texas-style barbecue on Saturday evening.

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The American Library Association held its first session ever on oral history this past June at its annual convention in Chicago. Several hundred heard OHA members John Wickman, Charles Crawford, and Louis Starr speak on the problems and techniques of the field.

On August 17 OHA Directory sales reached 1,700, with 256 to members thus far.

The Harry S. Truman Institute has announced a grant for oral history interviews on the foreign aid program of the Truman administration. Dr. Richard McKenzie is directing the project.

Vivian Perlis, research associate at the Yale School of Music, has received an award from the Rockefeller Foundation to continue an oral history project in American music for the next two years. The work consists of tape-recorded interviews with composers and others important in twentieth-century American music. After completing a documentary oral history on Charles Ives, Mrs. Perlis received an award from the National Institute of Arts and Letters in May 1971. As lecturer in the American Studies Department, Mrs. Perlis will teach a course in American music this year. She is also a harpist and a fellow at Morse College at Yale, where her office functions as an oral history research information center.

The Maryland Historical Society's Oral History Program has received a gift of \$5,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Gerson Eisenberg to support the program's activities. Other recent OH happenings in Maryland, according to the director Mrs. Francis S. Key, included a day-long seminar on oral history, September 7, conducted by the Catonsville Community College of suburban Baltimore, with sixty-some participants; a three-day meeting at the University of Baltimore, September 14-16, which was devoted entirely to oral history; and the offering of a mini-semester course in oral history by Towson State College in January 1973.

Smith College has received word that its National Endowment for the Humanities grant, for a project on notable alumnae, has been renewed. The college will mark its centennial in 1975.

The Pew Memorial Trust has granted \$80,000 to the Herbert Hoover Library in West Branch, Iowa, "for unrestricted use and to complete the Hoover Oral History Program according to *Foundation News*, Volume XII, No. 3 (May-June 1971).

Richard B. Allen of the Jazz Archives, Tulane University, spoke about "The New Orleans Jazz Archives and Oral History" at a session on *Jazz and History* at the 1972 annual meeting of the American Historical Association in New Orleans on December 28-30.

The Sangamon State University Oral History Research Program, Springfield, Illinois, announces that, in addition to personal memoirs, other projects currently underway or in preparation include: The Lincoln Legend, Farming in Central Illinois, Springfield Race Riot of 1908, and Italian-Americans in Sangamon County.

The Department of Library and Information Studies at Liverpool Polytechnic, held a one-day seminar on *Tape Recording Techniques for Local History* on November 23. The seminar offered practical and technical help to all those interested in preserving "aspects of the present before it becomes irretrievable past."

Larry Hackman, former chief of the John F. Kennedy Library oral history project, has returned to the library as senior archivist following a year as a Littauer Fellow at the School of Government at Harvard. He will continue to be involved in oral history as well as other activities, particularly those relating to the domestic and political affairs of the Kennedy years and to Robert Kennedy's career.

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SERENDIPITIES FROM A 13-YEAR INTERVIEW AT BERKELEY'S ROHO

Thirteen years of collaboration between noted conservationist Newton Bishop Drury and the Regional Oral History Office of the University of California, Berkeley, have culminated in the completion of a two-volume oral history of Drury's career, thanks to a gift from the Save-the-Redwoods League.

Drury, former director of the National Park Service, chief of the California State Beaches and Parks, one-time assistant to University of California President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, and head of the Save-the-Redwoods League, was ROHO's first interviewee in the field of conservation. Interview series since undertaken include one on the development of policy in the U.S. Forest Service, a Sierra Club project, and

a lengthy series of recordings with men prominent in forestry and ecology, including UC Professor Emanuel Fritz, whose papers now reside in the Bancroft Library at Berkeley.

Drury's efforts also made possible a joint interview with him and Horace M. Albright, another former director of the National Park Service, and fellow graduate of the University of California class of 1912. Their friendship with another classmate, Earl Warren, acted as a catalyst in 1962 for the Chief Justice and ROHO to begin plans for a combined taping effort. The project is now underway as a three-year documentation of the Warren era in California government and politics, funded by the National Endowment for the Human-

ities and by individual donors.

During the years that he was taping and proofreading for the ROHO program, Drury also raised more than \$1 million to preserve over 25,000 acres of prime redwood groves and joined in the complex birth struggle of the Redwood National Park. This continually growing record of accomplishments and involvements while the interview was in progress produced two major additions to the "completed" interview.

The well-illustrated manuscript, along with supplementary papers, will be deposited in the Bancroft Library. In addition, the library will receive the entire collection of Drury's personal papers, as well as those of the Save-the-Redwoods League.

The Regional Oral History Office, UC Berkeley, has received a second-year \$5,000 grant from the San Francisco Foundation to continue the Northern California Negro Political History series. As a sub-section of the Earl Warren Oral History Project, the funds for the Negro Political History will be matched by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through interviews and by the collection of papers the project will document the contributions and leadership of black Californians during the second quarter of this century.

Dr. Waddy W. Moore, professor of history and director of the Oral History Office at State College of Arkansas, Conway, has received the Honorary Recognition Award of the Arkansas State Nurses Association. The award was presented to Dr. Moore for his work on an oral history of nursing in Arkansas. The award is to honor an individual who has rendered distinguished service or valuable assistance to the nursing profession on a statewide basis.

The Moody Foundation of Texas has made a grant of \$36,000 to the University of Texas, Austin, to complete the Oral History Project in Business at the University's College of Business Administration.

John F. Stewart, Assistant Director, John F. Kennedy Library, NARS, spoke on oral history as part of the program for The American University's Twenty-Seventh Institute: Introduction of Modern Archives Administration, held September 11-22, at the National Archives Building in Washington, D.C.

In the *American Historical Association Newsletter*, November 1972, Robert Bieder and Judith Modell announced plans for an oral history project that will provide a record of the years of "theoretical formulation and professionalization of American anthropology." A series of interviews will be undertaken with those who entered the discipline in the late 1920s and early '30s. Interested historians may write to Bieder at the Department of History, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa.

In the same issue of the *Newsletter*, a committee, reporting on the present state of the AHA, urged creation of ad hoc committees to facilitate research in specialized areas, such as oral history. The committee called for "study of new development or needs in historical research, exploration of fresh areas of investigation, and use of new and promising tools."

The Winston Churchill Memorial & Library at Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri has begun an oral history program thanks to gifts from Richard S. Righter of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Kansas City Branch of the English-speaking Union. Persons in the United States and other parts of the world who knew Sir Winston are being interviewed. The first interview was with Major General Harry H. Vaughan, who served as President Truman's military aide.

Pendleton Woods, Oklahoma Living Legends director, is preparing a paper for the 1973 annual OHA publication, on the experiences of fellow oral historians who have published for their own use any kind of oral history pamphlets, folders, instructional aids, or promotional material. If you have not yet been contacted, he requests that you send him one copy

of all your published materials, and also a 1-2 page summary statement of your publishing experiences — reasons, purposes, and results. His address: Oklahoma Christian College, Eastern at Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73111.

OHA member Dr. Trois E. Johnson died in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital on July 21. Dr. Johnson was on the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of Public Health and recognized as an expert in the development of community family planning services.

1973 NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEEKS HELP

Your nominating committee for the next year is Waddy Moore, Box 933, State College of Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas 72032; Judith Austin, Idaho Historical Society, 610 N. Julia Davis Drive, Boise, Idaho 83706; and William Wyatt, 4606 Wentworth Drive, Rapid City, South Dakota 57701.

The committee met in Austin and agreed that it desperately needs help from the OHA membership in considering nominations for next year. Past nominating committees have appealed to the membership for help without much success. There has also been a feeling among some of our colleagues that members who do not attend the annual business meeting are thereby disfranchised and denied an opportunity to participate in the operation of the association. The voting method authorized by our constitution was confirmed by a vote of the society as recently as 1971. Yet, so large a number of our members have expressed concern in regards to this matter, the Nominating Committee feels it can, in part, provide an opportunity for those members who can not or do not attend the annual colloquiums to participate in the selection of the association officers through recommendations to the Nominating Committee.

One of the strengths of the OHA is its friendly, low-key, straightforward, democratic operation. We want to keep it this way and can as long as each member continues to regard the OHA as "my organization." The "my" will easily turn to "their organization" for those who drift away from direct participation. The recommendation of worthy members for the committee's consideration is a limited, but we feel important, chance for everyone in the OHA to participate in its activities.

Waddy W. Moore
Chairman

SUGGESTED NOMINEES

My recommendations for officers and Executive Council member of the Oral History Association are:

Vice-President _____

Secretary _____

Treasurer _____

Council Member _____

Return this form to any member of the Nominating Committee. Addresses are listed above.

the council seat would be appointed to the Nominating Committee, and William Wyatt was so recognized.

In accordance with the OHA constitution, the president then surrendered his office to the vice-president, John Wickman. Incoming President Wickman took over the podium and thanked Charles Morrissey for his service to the association and presented him with an

engraved gavel-plaque in recognition of his leadership to the organization.

President Wickman then called for an open discussion of the goals and services of the Oral History Association. Major suggestions by the membership were the need for evaluation and criticism of oral history tapes and transcripts; attention to Barbara Tuchman's criticism of oral history collections as

containing too much inconsequential and useless material; proposal for regional oral history workshops, culminating with the 1973 workshop at West Point; suggested articles for the forthcoming annual publication; recommendation that the association schedule one of its forthcoming colloquia in the downtown area of a major city, with the colloquium activities centered at a local university.



ABOVE: The OHA Executive Council meets in the Library of the Joe C. Thompson Conference Center.

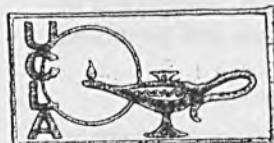
TOP LEFT: Austin Program Chairman Ronald Marcello (right) emphasizes a point to William Weaver, Jr., of the National Park Service.

BOTTOM: New Lineup for 1973. Left to right: Charles Crawford, Vice-president; Gary Shumway, Council member; Waddy Moore, Nominating Committee Chairman; John Stewart, West Point Colloquium Chairman.

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