

Economic and Business History

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A session on economic and business history was held on Friday evening, December 7, 1951, in connection with the Indiana History Conference. Joseph Baernkopf of George S. Olive Company presided. Doris Reed and Caroline Dunn gave accounts of certain manuscript collections relating to Indiana economic and business history, and George M. Blackburn presented with comments a classified list of writings on the subject for the period since 1900. The work of the Indiana War History Commission on industrial history during World War II was ably and suggestively reviewed by Lynn W. Turner. Bernard F. Trimpe of the University of Tennessee contributed through the courtesy of L. L. Waters a well-documented account of the continuity of the Stokely family management and growth of the food canning company now known as Stokely-VanCamp. An unknown phase of the history of the "Monon" or Chicago, Indianapolis, and Louisville Railroad—an effort to extend the line through Kentucky and Tennessee to a seaport—was interestingly revealed in detail by Leland S. Van Scoyoc of Bowling Green State University in Ohio. These papers and lists of manuscript collections and writings, with some additions to the lists, are soon to be published in book form. Another program is being planned for May by the Business History Society. Communications should be addressed to Joseph A. Batchelor, B and E 340, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

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