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Lewis Hine (1874-1940)

President's Page

As the society begins its new year of working toward meeting its objective of local historical education and preservation, we are anticipating an interesting year of meetings and publications. We are very appreciative of the work that was done in the previous administration. I am personally grateful to Mr. David Milam and his slate of officers.

In becoming more acquainted with the operation of the society it became apparent to me that there is a cadre of very able, dedicated people without whom the society would not have been to achieve what it has. We should all be very appreciative of these people, some of whom are still performing their jobs now.

I look forward to working with these dedicated people and to the newcomers to the Society's board. I know that with the continued dedication and effort we will be able to further the goals of the society.

Virginia P. Kobler
President

Editor's Notes

About This Edition

Welcome to the Fall / Winter 2003 edition of *The Huntsville Historical Review*. This is a special edition of the *Review*, dedicated to commemorating the work of Lewis Hine, America's great early twentieth century photographer, in Huntsville. The inspiration for dedicating this edition of the *Review* to Hine's work came from Ranee Pruitt, Archivist at the Huntsville-Madison County Library and organizer of the library's exhibition of Hine's photographs of Huntsville, scheduled to open on November 2. The bulk of the writing for this issue was done by Susanna Leberman. Susanna is a native of Huntsville and a graduate student in the history program at UAH. Much of the material she presents here was developed from her master's thesis dealing with industrialization in Huntsville. Through their work, Ranee and Susanna have both contributed greatly to our Society's objective of preserving and recording the history of Huntsville and Madison County.

The Frances Cabaniss Roberts Writing Prize

The Board of Directors of the Huntsville – Madison County Historical Society announces the establishment of an annual prize for historical writing named in honor of the late Professor Frances Cabaniss Roberts.

Widely recognized for her dedication to the teaching of history and the maintenance of the most rigorous academic standards, Professor Roberts was the first full-time member of the history faculty at the University of Alabama at Huntsville and, later, Chairperson of the Department of History. She also served as President of the Huntsville-Madison County Historical Society and as Editor of *The Huntsville Historical Review*.

Competition for the Roberts Prize is open to the public and carries with it an award of \$500.00. Essays are welcome on all aspects of the history of Huntsville and Madison County, or on other areas if they relate in some way to Madison County. Essays should be approximately 20-25 pages in length and will be judged by a panel chaired by the Editor of *The Huntsville Historical Review*.

The Society will publicly present the Roberts Prize at its annual membership meeting, currently scheduled for June 2004. The winning essay and others judged to be of publishable quality will be published in *The Huntsville Historical Review*.

Deadline for submission of essays for the Roberts Prize is 16 April 2004. Essays should be addressed to The Editor, *The Huntsville Historical Review*, Post Office Box 666, Huntsville, Alabama 35804.

Ed Cochran
Editor