

Tar Heel Spotlight

The Southeastern Museums Conference of the American Association of Museum (AAM) has come home to Raleigh after 21 years.

Members are meeting in the capital city Oct. 17-20 in a conference hosted by the North Carolina Museum of History assisted by the North Carolina Museum of Art, the North Carolina Museum of Natural History and the Williams Hayes Ackland Art Center of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

North Carolina Museum of History staff members played a major role in organizing the conference along with the museum personnel from Virginia, South Carolina and Florida. The aim of the Southeastern conference has been to focus on regional problems and needs.

Since its formation, the conference has been held at various points throughout the Southeast but until this year had not returned to Raleigh.

The conference program calls for a series of workshops involving the various disciplines represented, as well as discussions of problems common to all.

Karl Ernest Meyer, a former newspaperman, delivered the keynote address at 5 p. m. on Wednesday in the auditorium of the History Museum.

Meyer, a former reporter for the New York Times and London correspondent for the Washington Post, holds a doctorate in political science from Princeton University and is the author of "The New America" and "Full-bright of Arkansas."

Interested in archaeology and music, his most recent book is titled "Plundering the Past." After his talk members have a choice of attending the North Carolina Awards dinner or workshops on a regional conservation center and museum education.

The dinner and workshops will be followed by a reception at the Art Museum.

The group will devote Thursday to workshops on the museum as an educational institution, museum administration, a regional conservation center, teacher seminars and museum tours. The

9:13-10:11p meetings will be held at the Ack-

land, the North Carolina History and Art Museums, the Duke University Art Museum, and the Botanical Gardens at UNC-CH.

A social hour is planned for 6:30 p. m. at the North Carolina National Bank and a dinner at 8 p. m. at the Sir Walter hotel.

The national bicentennial celebration in 1976 will be the subject of the Friday sessions with a keynote address to be given at 9:30 a. m. in the Museum of History by Oscar Handlin of Harvard University.

A representative of the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission will appear on a panel discussing federal fund-raising ideas for the bicentennial. Extended consultations on the subject will be held and a questionnaire on the bicentennial prepared by the AAM will be distributed.

Optional tours of Old Salem in Winston-Salem and Tryon Palace in New Bern are planned for Saturday.

Record Sales By PPG

PITTSBURGH, — PPG Industries today reported record sales and earnings for the third quarter. Last nine months of 1973, was the 10th straight quarter in which both sales and earnings, before extraordinary items, set records for the respective periods.

Operating earnings for the third quarter were \$21.2 million, or \$1.02 a share, on sales of \$381.3 million, compared with \$20.7 million, or \$1.00 a share, registered on sales of \$385.5 million for the same period a year ago.

Operating earnings for the nine-month period ending Sept. 30 rose to \$69.3 million, or \$3.34 a share, an increase of more than 14 per cent over the \$60.7 million, or \$2.93 a share in the first nine months of 1972.

In addition, an extraordinary gain of \$9 million, or 43 cents a share, realized from the previously announced sale of PPG's Columbia Cement company to Fil-Trol corporation increased total earnings for the third quarter of 1973 to \$30.2 million.

The gain from the Columbia Cement sale, and the extraordinary gain of \$2.3 million from the previously announced sale of PPG's fiber glass insulation assets to Certain-teed Products Corp., which was included in PPG's second quarter figure, boosted total earnings for the first nine months of 1973 to \$80.7 million.

Sales for the first nine months of 1973 equalled \$1.13 billion, compared with \$1.03 billion in 1972.

Income taxes for the third quarter and first nine months of 1973 were \$13.1 million and \$43 million, respectively. Comparable figures for 1972 were \$10.5 million and \$32.8 million.

Robinson F. Barker, PPG chairman and chief executive officer, said the company's outstanding performance was achieved despite a drag on pre-tax earnings of about \$21.5 million during the first nine months by the company's chemical complex in Puerto Rico.

He said, however, that the situation has shown significant improvement in recent weeks because of a sharp increase in the supply of reliability of electrical power, a shortage of which had been preventing steady operations. Barker said the power turnaround occurred too late to have an impact on third quarter operations, but that the increased availability of power should result in the improvement in Puerto Rico operations in the fourth quarter and in 1974.

The PPG chief executive said all signs point to continuing strength in the company's main lines of business—glass, chemicals, coating and resins and fiber glass. He repeated that 1973 should be the company's third straight record year.

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