Forest Service for permission to collect in the Croatan National Forest. The *Euphyes* has been deposited in the United States National Musuem.

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## NOTICE TO THE MEMBERSHIP FROM THE RETIRING EDITOR

Three years have brought about a number of changes in the Editorship. One of the foremost of these has been the increased costs of publication incurred by the *Journal*. During the coming years I can foresee a reduction in the amount of material which the Society will be able to publish, as a result of increasing inflationary costs. Recently, we have experienced delays in issuing Vol. 34, issues 3 and 4, which in part resulted from the financial bind in which the Society now finds itself.

The editorship has been a continual learning experience for me. Contributors must realize that the editor, his associates, and his reviewers give generously of their time and efforts, in order to bring the readers a *Journal* of high quality. The workload is tremendous, and the logistics of accomplishing the review of submitted papers on an annual basis soon becomes a continuous, unending task. During the past three years 370 articles, general notes, obituaries, and book reviews have been processed by the editors. Each manuscript presents its own difficulties and idiosyncracies, some of which have not been previously encountered.

Contributors can help ease the difficulties encountered by the editorial staff of the *Journal* by making certain that all submitted manuscripts are of the highest quality possible. Before submitting papers, authors should have others critically read them, and make constructive suggestions for their improvement. Once this has been done, the *Journal* requirements should be closely followed while preparing the final copies.

I apologize to the readership for the lateness of the November issues during the past three years. This has resulted in part from compilation of a more complete indexing of the genera and species contained in each volume. Such an index cannot be completed and type-set, until after the page proofs of the last quarterly issue have been received.

I wish to thank especially those people who have helped ease my editorial burdens by shouldering some of the responsibilities themselves. Dr. Frances S. Chew has worked tirelessly as Managing Editor of the *Journal* for the past two and a half years. Dr. D. C. Ferguson and Dr. T. D. Sargent have served as Associate Editors, and both have reviewed a heavy load of manuscripts for the *Journal*. Others whose names appeared in Vol. 33, No. 4, have generously supported the *Journal* by providing critical manuscript reviews at the editor's request. Dr. Lee D. Miller and Dr. Jaqueline Y. Miller both worked long and hard soliciting, and initially screening most of the manuscripts contained in the Harry Clench Memorial issue, which was edited with help from Dr. Robert Robbins. Barbara L. Phillips, a work study student at UMBC, has handled most of the manuscript correspondence typing chores while I have served as editor, and she has worked diligently preparing the annual indices, as well. Finally, the personnel at Allen Press, Inc. have been very helpful to all of us, and have turned out the high quality *Journal* copies which the membership receives.

At this point in time the editorship passes to Dr. Thomas D. Eichlin, Bureau of Entomology, California Department of Food and Agriculture, 1220 "N" Street, Sacramento, California 95814. The transfer of the *Journal* files to him is already underway. To Tom and his staff workers we extend our heartiest congratulations on his appointment to the editorship, and wish him good luck and success during his tenure as editor of the *Journal*.

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