Editor's Note

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This issue marks the last edition of the Southern Journal of Rural Sociology in which I will serve as editor. Your new editor, Glenn Israel, will take over with new energy, vitality and ideas in the editorial process.

Being the editor of the Southern Journal of Rural Sociology has been a deeply rewarding experience. The contacts and friendships I have made during my tenure made all the work worthwhile. Nothing quite beats telling an author that we have accepted his or her paper for publication.

I offer my sincere appreciation to the several different Boards of Directors of the Southern Rural Sociological Association who supported me as I wrestled with publishing the Journal. Special thanks are due the Southern Rural Development Center for their financial assistance. Doss Brodnax has been a real friend to our Society and Jacqueline Tisdale deserves a medal for the help she has provided.

To all the fine reviewers who gave the extra effort reviewing the papers, I give my heartfelt thanks. I hope that Glenn will have the same types of wonderful experiences that I was privileged to have in this capacity.

Sincerely,

Doug Bächtel