

Twenty-five Years of Our Journal

The mailing of this issue of the Georgia Entomological Society sponsored journal inaugurates its 25th year of continuous publication. In January of 1966, a 24-page journal with the title, "Journal of the Georgia Entomological Society," was distributed to a limited number of libraries and the entire membership of the Georgia Entomological Society. This first mailing totaled 170. Now after twenty-four years, volume 25 is being sent to over 750 individuals and institutions throughout the world.

Interest in a Society sponsored publication dates back to 1938 when the Georgia Entomological Society was chartered. Through the efforts of an active publications committee, the Society published in January 1942, the first issue of the "Georgia Entomologist." During its erratic life, this publication ranged from a typeset journal format to a mimeographed report. Contents featured invitational papers given at society meetings, however; the majority of the text consisted of announcements and newsnotes about Georgia entomologists or programs. A lack of enthusiasm for contributing articles and news items led to our first journal's demise. It was discontinued in 1961 after only 24 issues.

In 1964, the Society appointed a committee to develop a plan to produce a journal dedicated to publishing articles of original entomological research. A year later the membership approved an ambitious plan to inaugurate a quarterly journal under the title of "Journal of the Georgia Entomological Society." Volume 1, number 1, was published in January, 1966 under the editorship of H. O. Lund who was to guide the Journal as editor for 19 years.

In 1984, the Society's Editorial Board, in an effort to better serve its' members and the scientific community, proposed changing the Journal name and cover. The Society grappled with the proposal, as sentiments ran high to retain our Journal name of 19 years, but the realities of changing times prevailed and the Society approved all the recommendations of the Journal revision committee. In January of 1985, these bold proposals culminated in the adoption of a new color cover featuring illustrations of arthropods and the new Journal title, "Journal of Entomological Science." The wisdom of these actions is supported by the acceptance and success of the "Journal of Entomological Science" during the last 5 years.

The cover of volume 25 will sport a silver logo throughout 1990 to commemorate our silver anniversary. This is our way of celebrating 25 years of success as a scientific journal. Credit for success is shared by many — the editorial board members who process the many manuscripts and ensure the high standards required of a journal; the countless peer reviewers who monitor the accuracy and suitability of manuscripts; and the authors who submit their research for publication. The final element is the Georgia Entomological Society whose sponsorship has made the success of the "Journal of Entomological Science" a reality. We have all these to thank and look forward to an ongoing partnership as we continue to serve the entomological community with a quality journal.

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