

## Editor's Note

With the publication of the next volume of *Southern Rural Sociology* (SRS) (Volume 9), there will be a new editor. He is Dr. Douglas C. Bachtel of the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service. With his appointment SRS will gain an experienced editor, who has already served admirably in the same capacity for *The Journal of the Community Development Society*. SRS will be in good hands.

I have enjoyed working with SRS and getting to know many members of the Southern Rural Sociological Society for the first time and getting to know others better through the various activities associated with the journal. There is much to learn to make a publication successful. I was supported by many people and institutions too numerous to mention them all.

However, several have contributed to such a degree that failure to mention them would be an injustice. SRS owes a debt of gratitude to the Southern Rural Development Center and Doss Brodnax, who gave support to help initiate the journal, contributed to the special "1890 Centennial Issue" and has published this (Volume 8) and the last (Volume 7) at considerable savings to the Southern Rural Sociological Society.

I also want to recognize the 1890 Research Directors' Association for their financial support of the first special theme issue of the journal. This innovation attracted the attention of research and experiment station directors and a number of new paper contributors. A lot of publicity for SRS was generated through this activity and a great deal of information and research regarding the 1890 institutions was published and circulated throughout the nation and especially the southern region.

For all the reviewers whose names have appeared in the front pages of SRS these last three years, I extend my greatest gratitude. It is very difficult these days to get such highly skilled unpaid volunteer effort, which is so essential to the production of a journal. I thank you all.

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As the journal moves under the leadership of a new editor, it and he will need continued support from colleagues and friends of the journal. Particularly needed are cooperative reviewers and a higher submission rate of new high quality articles. I urge all of you to contribute in both ways. If you have not been a reviewer, let the new editor know that you would be willing and in what areas of expertise you prefer. If you have not submitted an article, make it a goal to do so in the next year.

I wish my friend "Doug" good luck in his new tenure as editor. I know he will do a great job.

Bob Moxley