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Editor's Note

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