

A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the appearance of this first issue of *Wood and Fiber*, the Society has taken a step felt by many of its members to be essential for the growth of the profession. Many of our members have expressed the opinion that a journal for the publication of technical articles and, just as importantly, for the exposure and testing of ideas relevant to professional development is essential to the future growth and development of the Society. It is most important now that we use the pages of this journal for these purposes.

A number of hard-working members of the Society have contributed unselfishly of their time to bring this journal into existence. In establishing the format of *Wood and Fiber*, they have been guided entirely by the needs of the profession as they saw them. However, the future form of this journal is dependent largely on what you as members wish to make it. This point cannot be overemphasized. *Wood and Fiber* belongs to the Society. I urge you as members to make your wishes regarding the format and editorial policy known to the Editorial Board.

You will note that the front of the journal cover is essentially that of the flyer which you received several weeks ago. A great deal of information relevant to the Society is condensed on the inside of the front cover and detailed information to authors appears on the inside of the back cover. The Table of Contents is readily accessible on the outside of the back cover. A Table of Contents and Index for the four issues of a volume will be printed separately and tacked in at the back of the final issue of each volume. These can be removed and placed in the appropriate position before binding.

The primary thrust of the journal will be the technical articles in each issue. As stated in the flyer and in the February 1968 issue of the Log, these articles will, in general, encompass the science, processing, and manufacturing of wood and composite materials of wood or wood fiber origin.

Let me emphasize that it was felt that such a coverage reflected the broad needs of the profession. As a member, you may feel that the range of subjects is too inclusive or possibly too narrow. I urge you to make known your impressions to the Editorial Board so that the journal can reflect the desires of the membership.

Several sections including *Notes and Correspondence*, *News of the Profession*, *Personal Notices*, *Book Reviews*, and *Thesis Abstracts* appear after the technical articles. These sections are available to all members, each for its stated purpose. I urge you to use the section *Notes and Correspondence* to expose your ideas on all professional as well as technical matters. I feel strongly that this section properly used can be most valuable for establishing a sound basis for our profession. *News of the Profession* will include a great deal of the information received previously in the Log. Here again the Editor is highly dependent on members to provide material.

Personal Notices has been instituted on an exploratory basis. In effect, it is the "classified advertising" section of the journal. Note that students seeking employment can use the section at no cost. I hope that you will find this section useful.

Thesis abstracts have been prepared for the Society by a large committee working under the able direction of Professor Arno Schniewind at the University of California, Berkeley. Thesis abstracts will be published in each issue of *Wood and Fiber*. Although we are now approximately one year behind, it is anticipated that by setting aside a few additional pages of the first four issues of the journal, thesis abstracts will be current within a year.

Further, I have only recently appointed a Journal Abstract Committee under the direction of Professor Francis Beall at Pennsylvania State University. This committee will prepare abstracts of all technical articles that appear in the major journals of the world dealing with wood science and technology. It is anticipated that the first

of these abstracts will appear in the Summer Issue 1969. With this service, readers of *Wood and Fiber* can keep informed of much of the technical literature appearing in wood science and technology.

In the space of these few paragraphs, I have attempted to introduce you to the

journal of your professional society. I sincerely hope that you will assist your Executive Board and the Editorial Board in their efforts to make the journal a reflection of your professional aims.

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