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MAY THEY LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER

The offices and staff of both the Society of Wood Service and Technology (SWST) and the Forest Products Research Society (FPRS) wish to welcome former readers of *Wood and Fiber* (SWST's), and former readers of *Wood Science* (FPRS's), to your *new* journal, *Wood and Fiber Science*. *Wood and Fiber Science* is brought to you through the combined efforts of SWST and FPRS. This marriage was consummated following long and careful courtship during which both parties considered their best interest and agreed to merge. This year, SWST members and the FPRS board voted to set the date, January 1, 1983, on which the happy couple finally became one. We think it will be a happy marriage, because the bride and groom really have a great deal in common. (Most of you are members of both societies, and most of the scientific papers which were published in *Wood and Fiber* and *Wood Science* could have gone either way.)

Like any marriage, this one represents a new beginning. It is a time to look forward, not backward. A few still say they should not have been married. But they were! Many say they should have been married many years ago. But they weren't! Some say they never should have been separate to start with. But they were!

Let bygones be bygones! *Wood and Fiber Science* is now on its honeymoon, and planning for a grand and glorious future.

The editor is Wayne Murphey. He and Art Brauner (in his *fametrone* as editor of the Forest Products Journal) serve as *ex-officio* members of an Editorial Policy Committee, composed of three members from SWST and three from FPRS, to be chaired by the senior SWST member. The board appointed Don Nelson to serve as chairman until July, 1984, Al McGinnes to serve as the second chairman from then until July 1985, and Helmuth Resch to serve as third chairman, after Al, until July 1986. FPRS will appoint persons to one, two, and three year terms on the committee.

Don Nelson, as Chairman, invites your inputs through a committee member. Why? Because a professional journal should be more than just a place to publish the latest scientific findings in the field, important as that function is. *It should be the voice of the profession*. It should be the vehicle through which the profession formulates the ideas it wishes to express to the public, which are those "truths" uncovered by its members which show great promise of eventually contributing to the well-being of the general populace. In short, how do others benefit because we exist?

Your wedding gift to this happy couple can be your advice for actions which will lead to a long and happy marriage. If you remain silent, we as a profession will fall short of achieving our highest calling.

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