

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

The first issue of *The Florida Entomologist*, Vol. 62, finds the Florida Entomological Society in a period of transition and growth. In addition to new officers and a new Editor (see inside cover), the Society has a new printer, a slightly revised format for the journal and a few new instructions to authors for preparation and submission of manuscripts.

The new printer is the E. O. Painter Printing Company of DeLeon Springs, Florida. This organization is no stranger to technical publications; they have printed the *Journal of the Florida Soil, Crop and Science Society* since 1956, the *Proceedings of the Florida State Horticultural Society* since 1962, *The Journal of Nematology* since 1976, and other volumes in engineering, education and the social sciences. The Executive Committee feels that it has made a good choice of printers in terms of economy, efficiency, and the quality of printing, photographic reproduction, and binding. As an added benefit, page charges for many but not all items in Vol. 62 of *The Florida Entomologist* will be comparable with those charged for Vol. 61.

A glance at the March issue will show 2 changes in format. First, all full-length papers are "placed continuously" in the first and longest section of this and future issues. This means that when there is adequate space following the end of 1 paper, another paper will be started on the same page. Also, new papers may begin on either a left- or a right-hand page. Neither practice will affect the appearance of reprints since extraneous printing will be deleted before reprints are run. Set type can be manipulated so that all reprints will begin on right-hand pages as before, thus conserving reprint paper and placing all essential bibliographic information immediately before the reader.

Shorter items including scientific notes, book reviews, photo stories, and similar material are grouped toward the end of each issue. Like full-length papers, these shorter items will be placed continuously, and the set type will be manipulated so that reprints will include *only* the author's contribution.

The advantages for grouping items and continuous placement of manuscripts are obscure to those not acquainted with printing procedures for *The Florida Entomologist*. In the past, the Editor was concerned with the appearance of not only the journal but also the reprints since the latter were made from 300 unbound copies of the journal. Short items were inserted into available blank spaces and unused, even-numbered pages after the galley proofs were printed. The Editor proofed all shorter pieces at the page proof stage (this follows the galley proof and precedes the actual printing of the journal). With the new system and some additional procedures recommended by the printer, all manuscripts, scientific notes, photo stories and other short items are sorted, numbered and submitted to the printer in 1 package; this saves time, handling and postage since the Editor and Printer are in different towns. Every author proofs his contribution. Reprints now will be sold only in multiples of 100; the minimum order will be 100 and the maximum will be "unlimited," theoretically.

"Instructions to Authors" will appear in every issue. There are 2 changes in these instructions that should be noted. When submitting a paper to the Editor, please send the *original* manuscript plus *original* figures and tables and 3 copies of the entire paper. The original will remain unmarked during the review process as a reference copy for the author, Editor and Associate

Editors. Xerox copies are used for peer review. Associate Editors will make every effort to recruit peer reviewers *not* employed by the same agency or institution as the authors. Reviews from individuals working out-of-state or in nearby countries (e.g., Canada) will be used where possible. This policy is in keeping with national and international recognition of *The Florida Entomologist* in entomology and acarology research circles.

The second change in "Instructions to Authors" requires the ribbon *plus one extra* copy of the revised, reviewed manuscript. The extra copy is for the Editor who retains it for safe-keeping until the manuscript finally appears in print; the printer works with the original copy.

Authors still may use recent issues of *The Florida Entomologist* for examples of format. The name and year system for references is recommended for the Literature Cited section of all full length manuscripts. This is the style currently used in *The Florida Entomologist*; details and examples are given in the CBE Style Manual, 3rd edition. Authors of scientific notes and other short items will continue to insert abbreviated citations directly into the text; this style is informative and also space-saving.

This article is the first in a series of messages from the Editor, other members of the Executive Committee, and spokesmen of special committees serving the Florida Entomological Society. Some of these messages will call attention to changes in journal procedures while others will inform readers of significant events in Society business. An interpretation of results from the recent questionnaire to Florida Entomological Society members will be in a later issue.