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EDITOR'S PAGE

For a while we thought we were accomplishing something new in the realm of geological journalism: in a science where few journals cost less than \$10.00 a year, and where prices are chasing printing costs in an ever-ascending spiral, we were producing a journal that cost its readers nothing but the effort of reading it. Some said it was too good to last; we said we hoped to start a new trend.

The four issues of Volume 2, for 1966, now have an assured financial base, as a result of donations large and small from organizations and individuals, and by a grant recently awarded by the GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA. We are very grateful for these, and the names of the donors are listed on introductory pages in each issue (see page v). However, with an annual budget over \$2000, it has become obvious that reliance on donations and grants involves too much uncertainty to be good for the journal or its staff, such as gave rise to the difficulties which encompassed the production of the April issue. Accordingly, the decision has been taken by the Editorial Board to charge an annual subscription for the journal, starting next year and at the following rates:

\$3.00 per annum for individuals	}	in North America
\$6.00 per annum for libraries, universities, research organizations, companies, etc.		

Overseas recipients will continue to receive the journal free, at least for the present. Subscriptions will be payable in advance, due on January 1 each year, commencing on January 1, 1967.

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Maritime Sediments is an independent journal, and, while most of the editorial staff are university professors, it receives no official support from their respective institutions. Thoughts have been expressed from time to time that it should be linked in some way with a regional or national organization, either existant or projected, but it has always appeared to us that the benefits derived from such a link would be outweighed by the loss of vigour among the editorial staff that might result from any measure of outside control.

However, I am happy to follow the lead given by DR. GERALD M. FRIEDMAN and urge the development of a regional organization for sedimentary geology, which is the subject of an editorial on page 151. The editorial does not necessarily reflect the ideas of my colleagues on the Editorial Board; I write it in a personal capacity, as a research worker concerned with improvement in the interchange of geological information and understanding, the same concern that led me to initiate this journal. Item (vi) in the editorial urges that no organic link be made between this journal and the proposed organization.

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The October issue will contain a Research Compilation on Recent and Pleistocene Sediments, and workers are urged to complete the response forms promptly. The issue should be out by November.

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