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WITH THIS issue THOMAS E. CAYWOOD's tenure as Editor of *Operations Research* comes to a close.

The founders of the OPERATIONS RESEARCH SOCIETY OF AMERICA gave the inauguration of this journal first-priority attention, since they felt that it had important roles to play in developing the science of operations research: disseminating information, communicating research findings, establishing standards, and attracting interest. In a rapidly changing environment, the journal's three editors, THORNTON PAGE (1952-54), GEORGE SHORTLEY (1954-61), and THOMAS E. CAYWOOD (1961-68) have seen to it that these objectives were achieved in outstanding ways—our profession (and our SOCIETY) owe them much for their dedicated and effective leadership.

We who served as Presidents of ORSA during Tom Caywood's tenure as Editor take the occasion of his retirement from this post to express our appreciation for his outstanding service—and, in doing so, we know that we speak also for the membership, not only of our SOCIETY, but also of our worldwide profession, both of which have so greatly benefited from his work. We know of no professional position in operations research that is more demanding, or calls for greater judgment or more sustained time and energy; we have indeed been fortunate to have, for the past seven years, an Editor who possessed in such ample measure the necessary capabilities, and who was so willing to place them at the SOCIETY's disposal.

The rapidly expanding and diversifying profession of operations research has presented this journal with many challenges, and will do so increasingly in the future. Tom Caywood has led wise and effective responses to these challenges during the past seven years. His successor as Editor is fortunate in being able to begin his tenure with so solid a base of high standards, good judgments, and effective practices.

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