

## TRIBUTE TO HAROLD BROCKMAN

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It was April, 1976, and the OCTM Board of Directors was discussing a change in the format of the OCTM Newsletter. At that time the Newsletter, under the editorship of Carl Benner, was a semiannual publication, featuring a mixture of Council news, announcements of upcoming events, and articles on the teaching of mathematics. OCTM President, Emalou Brumfield proposed that the Newsletter be published more frequently, with timely announcements, while a separate publication be established for longer articles related to mathematic education. Buck Martin, as first vice-president, volunteered to chair a publications committee to consider the matter. In September this committee recommended a two-year trial period for an OCTM Journal, to be patterned after The Illinois Mathematics Teacher. A grand sum of \$450 was appropriated to meet the costs of publishing the first issue.

In the meantime, President Brumfield had appointed Harold Brockman as OCTM Editor. Harold was no stranger to OCTM, having served as its president from 1970 to 1972. He would later become the fourth recipient of the Christofferson-Fawcett Award, in recognition of his outstanding service to the Council.

The Journal became a reality in June, 1977, with a 24-page issue that set the pattern for the next eleven years, during which OCTM membership nearly doubled and publication costs tripled. In all, nearly four hundred pages appeared in the first thirteen issues. For Harold it was a labor of love, as he cajoled hesitant authors, evaluated and polished manuscripts, struggled with page layouts, and labored to meet printing and mailing deadlines. He set high standards for himself and the Journal, and readers could expect a product that was a credit to the OCTM.

Even though his term as Journal Editor has ended, Harold continues to serve the Ohio Council. He and Emalou have agreed to work on a history of the OCTM to help celebrate the Council's 40th anniversary in 1990, and we can look forward to his continued leadership within the mathematics education community.

With the publication of Issue No. 14, a new era begins for the Ohio Journal of School Mathematics, but we have not forgotten the man who did so much to make it all happen. Thank you, Harold Brockman, for a job well done!