

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE¹

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The November 1950 issue of THE OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE marked the fiftieth anniversary of this publication. The contents of the fifty volumes of THE OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE is a fine record of the achievements in science by scientists at the Ohio State University and throughout Ohio, over a period of half a century. In November 1900 the first issue of the OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY NATURALIST was published as the official organ of the Biological Club of the Ohio State University. This organization has continued to the present as the Biology Club. With the publication of the third issue, the name was shortened to the OHIO NATURALIST. In 1903 the Ohio Academy of Science accepted the Naturalist as its official organ. In 1912 the name was again changed to the OHIO NATURALIST AND JOURNAL OF SCIENCE. Numerous important papers in the fields of biology were published in the Naturalist and have been widely cited.

In 1915 the science departments of the University organized the Ohio State University Scientific Society, with the Biological Club as a section of this organization. The Biological Club proposed that the OHIO NATURALIST AND JOURNAL OF SCIENCE be made more comprehensive to represent and serve more adequately the various areas of science in the University. The title was changed to THE OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE, and responsibility for its publication was vested in the O. S. U. Scientific Society. The development of several science organizations in various areas resulted in reduced interest in the Scientific Society, when in 1927 it ceased to function. Control of the JOURNAL went to the Ohio Journal of Science Board of the Ohio State University. This arrangement continued until 1932 when a closer relationship between the JOURNAL and the Ohio Academy of Science was established. Arrangements were made for THE OHIO JOURNAL OF SCIENCE to be controlled jointly by the Ohio Academy of Science and the Ohio State University. The control of the JOURNAL was placed under the Joint Administrative Board. This Board consisted of four members, two appointed by the Ohio Academy of Science and two by the Ohio State University. This arrangement has continued successfully to the present time. Members of the Board are Dr. Edmund M. Spieker, Chairman, and Dr. Bernard S. Meyer, as representatives of the University, and Dr. Wilbur M. Tidd, the Ohio State University, and Dr. R. A. Hefner, Miami University, electives of the Ohio Academy of Science.

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