

## Comments from the Editor

**T**HIS ISSUE of the TRANSACTIONS represents a milestone for me. Although I began my duties as Editor six months ago, this is the first issue for which I am responsible. I look forward to my tenure as Editor and appreciate the opportunity this position affords to contribute to the exchange of technical information among the microwave community. My view of "what the Editor does" has changed considerably in these past few months, and, as a member with long standing interest in this TRANSACTIONS, it is with much deeper appreciation that I say to Don Parker, and all the Past Editors, "Congratulations and sincere thanks for a job well done."

A recent statement of Editorial Policy is available in the May 1977 issue of this TRANSACTIONS. In addition to the topics traditionally covered in this TRANSACTIONS, we will continue to encourage submission of papers in new areas which employ the disciplines embodied by microwave theory and techniques. New and developing areas will be highlighted in special issues.

All authors are encouraged to write their papers in a manner which highlights its engineering usefulness. Papers

that are primarily theoretical and/or numerical-analysis oriented should provide design data, examples, etc., that form a connecting link between the theory and its engineering uses. Similarly, papers that are primarily experimental should describe the critical parameters of the device in sufficient detail to permit duplication of the experiment by one "skilled in the art" and where possible should give at least a qualitative summary of the underlying theory of operation.

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