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INTRODUCTION

This collection of papers, progress reports, and notes is the outgrowth of a suggestion made to the Arizona Geological Society by Richard J. Lutton, a graduate student at the University of Arizona. Lutton's suggestion was that the Society should provide means for collecting and disseminating geological data pertaining to Arizona and, to some extent, the Southwest in general. Numerous, and often unwieldy, suggestions were offered by members of the AGS to implement this worthy suggestion, but it is felt by the Society that the issuing of an annual volume to contain the following items will constitute a useful beginning:

1. Geological and geophysical technical papers of interest to the local geological fraternity.
2. Progress reports of current field or laboratory studies.
3. News of open files reports or other material of limited distribution or publicity.
4. New or unusual fossil or mineral localities.
5. New ideas as to stratigraphic nomenclature and relationships.
6. Abstracts of pertinent talks presented to the AGS.
7. Summaries of AGS field trips.

The present volume has not gone so far as this in some respects, but considering the late date at which the decision to produce the volume was made, we are very pleased at the response by Arizona geologists in providing papers and notes at the last minute in order to make its production possible.

Other items might eventually be considered for inclusion in the volume. Many of the suggestions made by members at meetings of the AGS will bear consideration for future issues, even to the extremes of a complete abstracting service of literature pertaining to Arizona's geology. This kind of service might eventually be feasible with the cooperation of other organizations and agencies. In the meantime, the exigencies of other duties on the part of Society members and officers make many ideas for a more ambitious program unfeasible at present.

The editor would like to remind the reader that his cooperation in providing material for the volume and continual awareness of the need to "spread the word" to his acquaintances are the prime necessities for keeping this project going. All concerned hope that this will be only the first in a series of continually improving volumes. Contributions within or allied to the loose framework outlined above are most welcome.

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