## NOTES AND NEWS

### Editorial Policies

There is an old French proverb *'Mon verre est petit mais je bois dans mon verre.'* It has become customary in many fields to drink in other people's glass and to pay handsomely for it. STERKIANA from the start was an experiment in old-fashioned independence, based on all-volunteer work. In a world that believes in bigness, in constant growth and increased profits based on increasing prices, some have found it difficult to understand why STERKIANA's prices have remained the same from the beginning, more than ten years ago, until the present. It is a pleasure to announce that these reactionary policies will continue as long as inflation does not make it impossible to do so.

In order to maintain these policies, it has been necessary to reduce the paper work for STERKIANA to the barest minimum: no complex invoicing (xerox machines should have ended ump tuplicate copies of invoices long ago), no delayed billing for institutions whose rules demand credit and months to pay and no participation in sales campaigns of any kind. It is gratifying to find that STERKIANA, like the Hershey bar some years ago, or the man with the better mouse trap, has found malacologists and paleontologists interested in its field and that the majority of active workers in the field know about STERKIANA and read it regularly. STERKIANA hopes to be able to continue for a long time on the same basis.

The original intention was to restrict articles in STERKIANA to non-marine Mollusca of both Americas. It now appears that this rule, which has been seriously bent before, can now be discarded and that in future articles on marine Mollusca will also be considered. The ban on descriptions of new taxa will still be maintained as these are more appropriately published in such journals as the NAUTILUS and MALACOLOGIA.

The following clarifications of policy are now in order for reprint rates and invoicing.

### Reprint rates

Authors' reprints for STERKIANA articles are priced on the basis of cost of paper and cost of postage or shipping charges. At this time, cost of paper is $1.00 per hundred sheets whether two pages are reprinted on the sheets or only one. For example, a paper of two pages is printed on both sides of the sheet and cost is therefore $1.00 per hundred copies; a paper of three pages is printed on both sides of one sheet plus one page on another sheet hence the cost is $2.00 per hundred copies. Additional pages are priced on the same basis.

Postage rates vary from time to time (mainly upward) but at this moment rates within the U. S. are 14¢ for the first 8 ounces and 7¢ for each additional pound. Rates to other countries are somewhat higher but there is so much variation that details can not be given here.

Authors of manuscripts submitted for publication in STERKIANA are urged to indicate the number of reprints desired on a note accompanying the manuscript in order to avoid the necessity of further correspondence.

### Invoicing policy

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### A call for ecological data

Some years ago in this periodical, the writer reprinted valuable observations on non-marine Mollusca which had been uncovered during the preparation of *Pleistocene Mollusca of Ohio*. The literature of malacology contains many short observations on the habits, wssociations, abundance, food, enemies, parasites, symbiotes, commensals, of non-marine Mollusca which apparently have never been brought together.

STERKIANA now invites notes on these topics, both short and long, and will publish as many of them as possible. As soon as a sufficient number have appeared, an ecological index will be prepared and published in STERKIANA.

### -------IN MEMORIAM-------

*All those who knew Louise Clarke, wife of Arthur H. Clarke, Jr., president of the American Malacological Union in 1968, were shocked and grieved to hear of her unexpected death recently. Mrs. Clarke was 51 and is survived by her husband and one son.*

*Those who attended the AMU meetings in Ottawa, Ontario, will remember Louise Clarke as the unassuming organizer of many functions which made that meeting an outstanding one. We join a host of friends in extending deepest sympathy to our good friend Arthur and his family.*