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Contributed Articles for the Journal are invited. Please include postage if manuscript is to be returned. Manuscript must be submitted in typewritten form. All articles are subject to editing. Neither the Editorial Board nor the Association assumes responsibility for statements of contributing writers.

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and lead the Association, and provided initial funding as well as the Association's salary. In addition to her financial support, her assistance in other ways on numerous occasions has been invaluable.

Any Joan Greene was the Association until her death. She did everything from typing books to writing and editing, and along with Keith Tudor at "The Southern Standard," laboring for timely printing and pricing of the Journal, on to the final mailing and delivery of the Journals to the post office. These many duties were managed through her last Journal, Winter 1975. From that time until her death in April 1977, the Association was in limbo and our membership down to 105.

Grace Nelson, our local historian from Gurdon, proved indispensable in preparing material for the Journals until 1978. Of the first Journals, she provided all but six articles, a total of 230 pages, half the articles, except for the Winter 1975 edition to which she contributed just over one-third. In the Spring 1975 edition, she provided all but six features, a centerfold map. The latter contributed major articles on the Davidson family, Gurdon and Lewis Banksport. Despite an era when foundations, grants, prizes for previously unpublished works, etc., provided the motivation for almost all work, Grace, without recognition, continued to provide our Association with Journals, articles of wide interest. Grace is now living at The Good Shepherd Home in Little Rock and, hopefully, compiling a much needed history of Clark County.

Volunteering to proofread and see the Spring 1978 Journal printed and mailed was my wife, Norma, and I found new careers with the next four Journals through 1982. Perhaps our most difficult and rewarding task was the publication of the May Joan Greene Memorial Edition of the Journal in 1980. Working from volumes of material she had accumulated on her beloved Manchester over the years, and with additional research, we attempted to put it all together. The 400 copies printed, about 150 more than normal, were all sold by 1981. An amateur history "buff" at heart to experience "historical paralysis" resulting from fear of making errors, we were grateful to all those who thereby expressed their appreciation of our experiences but sincere efforts to record at least a small part of Clark County history.

Before "fading away," I would like to thank all who have supported the Association. Special recognition must go to officers Marguerite Goodwin, Mary King, Mary Leenin, Alice Martin and Robert Watson. Besides being officers and/or writers, they served faithfully in other capacities over the years. Thank you!

Although we have yet to elect our officers for the year, I'm sure the Association will continue to meet its objectives. This Journal, and its predecessor, are fine examples of the work of our present President, Dr. W. M. Arnold, Jr., and his wife, Archivist Ronnie Granade. I'm sure they and their successors will continue the objectives of the Association to discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge of the history of Clark County.