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AN ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Although given its basic support by the University of New Mexico, the *NEW MEXICO QUARTERLY REVIEW* has always been mainly a labor of love. The editor has always had a one-fourth reduction in teaching load. Three years ago, Ada Rutledge was employed half-time on the magazine, to attend to business affairs and to serve as editorial assistant. Her capable services have made the editor's job less arduous, but no relief has yet been supplied to those other persons who, in addition to stated full-time duties, have long done a huge bulk of the work upon the magazine, voluntarily and without remuneration. Upon leaving the editorship after seven and one half years I wish to state publicly my gratitude to those persons.

Such a statement perhaps constitutes a most unusual *personal* note in a magazine. But surely there is enough impersonality elsewhere in the world today, and the quite spontaneous co-operation that has existed here is supposed to be one of the great values of the free life. I do not pretend that in our amateurishness we have achieved what professionals could have achieved. But spontaneous local efforts such as ours, amateurish as they may have been, are, I repeat, good evidence of the potential creativeness of co-operative effort.

It would be impossible to name all who have co-operated. First of all, innumerable contributors, on and off the campus, have given us every word of our contents entirely free. T. M. Pearce, editor of the magazine for many years, has continued his help and interest, as has Vernon G. Sorrell, editor of the *New Mexico Business Review*, which merged with this magazine in 1940. Joaquín Ortega has had a deep interest in the magazine. Through the School of Inter-American Affairs, of which he is the director, we have had the excellent services of Lyle Saunders for several years in preparation and editing of the quarterly Southwestern bibliography. Spud Johnson, now of the University's Harwood Foundation at Taos, has given us many an entertaining column. Other faculty members of the University of New Mexico, too many of them to mention individually, have stood loyally behind us, especially in book-reviewing. The University administration and the business office have helped us over many hard places.

Especial commendation and gratitude are due three persons who have managed regular departments. Julia Keleher, of the English department, has contributed "Los Paisanos" during all of my tenure and for some years before my time. As far as I know, she has never missed a deadline, even through mid-terms, semester finals, summer vacations, and all. Several readers have told me that "Los Paisanos" was the first thing they always read in the magazine—sometimes the only thing! Katherine G. Simons, also of the English department, always burdened with heavy teaching, which has been and probably always will be her major concern, has managed the book-review department with efficiency, intelligence, and a fine sense of balance between the regional and the general. Alan Swallow, who began his connection with us when he was a member of the English department, continued editing our Poetry section through several difficult years in the Army and while holding other posts at other universities. I dare say Swallow's poetry section has been our most "controversial" section, but it has certainly never been accused of being conventional, timid, or merely pretty. Swallow's reputation in the country at large bespeaks his high interest and ability in the encouragement of new creative talent. To these fellow "amateurs," my everlasting gratitude.

THE *NEW MEXICO QUARTERLY REVIEW* under a new editor will undoubtedly go upon new paths, as it should. What I wish to record here is simply that the old path, despite some brambles and no doubt some profitless meanderings, was, to me, a pleasant path because the company was so good and so loyal.

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