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For the first time a new method of reproduction was used in preparing the 1960 Maize Genetics Cooperation News Letter. Although a grant from the National Science Foundation materially aids in meeting the cost of the News Letter, our financial resources were insufficient to meet the cost of multilithing so we were forced this year to resort to the less satisfactory method of mimeographing. It is with regret that this was done but we had to face up to the harsh realities of our meager resources.

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You should note that there is a new section for requests of specific stocks. If this proves to be useful, it will be included in future News Letters.

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The size of the News Letter has grown markedly in recent years and it has been suggested that material of purely agronomic interest be excluded from future issues. We are in agreement with this sentiment and next fall in our letter requesting contributions we will ask for notes and progress reports of research on genetic (broadly defined) studies.

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