

## I. FOREWORD

As has been true for the past eleven years, the task of editing, assembling, and supervising the Maize Genetics Cooperation News Letter has been in the efficient hands of Miss Ellen Dempsey. Her careful reading of the articles has led to many contributors being spared the embarrassment of having published errors. All of us who profit from this exchange of research information owe her our thanks for an onerous task exceedingly well performed. Acknowledgement should be made of the voluntary assistance of Wayne Carlson, Earle Doerschug, John Mottinger, Reid Palmer, Karl Rinehart, and David Weber in proof reading.

If you will call to our attention any mistakes, irrespective of their source, which you find in your contributions we will be happy to issue an Errata.

It is most appropriate at this time to express our gratitude and deep appreciation of the admirable way that Dr. Earl Patterson has managed the Maize Genetics Stock Center at Illinois. As indicated in the Report on the Maize Cooperative, he will no longer be in charge of the Stock Center. It is no exaggeration to say that Earl has made a great personal sacrifice by devoting himself so wholeheartedly to an organization which exists for the benefit of us all. He deserves our highest commendation for his unselfish service. Responsibility for the maintenance of the Stock Center has been assigned to Dr. Robert Lambert of the Agronomy Department, University of Illinois. In the past he has been associated with the Stock Center and is qualified to take over from Earl. We wish him well.

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