

## I. FOREWORD

For the past 15 years, Miss Ellen Dempsey has been increasingly responsible for all of the editorial and supervisory work entailed in publishing the annual Maize Genetics News Letter. My contributions in the past have been negligible and during the preparation of the 1969 volume, they reached zero because of illness. All credit is therefore due her for this year's News Letter and I am confident that I speak for all maize workers in expressing our thanks and appreciation for her efficient, dedicated and competent services. Publication of the News Letter is no small task; we are truly in her debt. Recognition of the voluntary assistance of Gregory Anderson, Edward Ward, Reid Palmer, and William Laughner in proof reading is gratefully acknowledged.

Volumes 1-29 and Volume 33 have been placed on microfilm. Copies can be obtained from this laboratory for \$8.50. Checks should be made out to M. M. Rhoades.

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