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IN APPRECIATION

by

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All oat workers and others interested in oat improvement owe a heavy debt of gratitude to Dr. Neal F. Jensen, Professor of Plant Breeding at Cornell University and retiring editor of the Oat Newsletter. Dr. Jensen had full responsibility for editing, assembling, and issuing volumes 1-17, inclusive, of the Newsletter. Starting from scratch, he developed one of the first and most outstanding of the several crop newsletters now being issued. It is only fitting that, after 17 years of outstanding service, Neal should request to be relieved of responsibility for editorship of the Newsletter.

It is important to emphasize that Dr. Jensen's contributions to oats and oat improvement have not been confined to editorship of the Newsletter. He played an important role in the organization of the National Oat Conference, was a member of the first formal Executive Committee, and served as the third Chairman of the Conference. In addition, he was a member of the Oat Monograph Committee which conceived and outlined the Oat Monograph, and he was an author of one of the chapters. Dr. Jensen also served as a member of the National Oat Conference committee which developed and published "A Standardized System of Nomenclature for Genes Governing Characters of Oats."

In addition to his service to the National Oat Conference, Dr. Jensen has developed and distributed a number of outstanding varieties, including Craig, Mohawk, Niagara, Oneida, Orbit, and Tioga. He first proposed the multiline method of small grain breeding and is responsible for numerous other publications pertaining to oat improvement.

Appreciation also should be expressed to Dallas E. Western and the Quaker Oats Company, Chicago, Illinois, for their financial support of the Oat Newsletter since it was initiated. It is doubtful whether a Newsletter would have been possible without the encouragement and support received from Dal and Quaker Oats.

It is also important to emphasize that Dallas Western's and the Quaker Oats Company's contributions to oats and oat improvement have not been limited to financial support for the Oat Newsletter. They have been active for many years in supporting and obtaining support for research in oats. The Quaker Oats Company recently established a "Dallas E. Western Research Assistantship in Agriculture" at Iowa State University in recognition of Dal's outstanding contributions. This is only one of many research assistantships they support. One of their primary objectives has been to train future oat workers. Dal has been effective in obtaining increased Federal and State support for oats and other field crops research and has received much recognition and many significant awards for his outstanding contributions to agriculture.

We thank you, Neal and Dal, for all you have done for oats.