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We are much indebted to Dr. Herbert W. Schooling, Chancellor of the University of Missouri-Columbia, and Mrs. Herbert W. Schooling for the graceful hospitality extended to us in their beautiful residence.

We owe much gratitude to the Esterházy String Quartet for the delightful entertainment at the banquet. The members of the Quartet were Éva Székely, Holly Stern, Carolyn Kenne- son and Carleton Spotts.

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We have a sad note to relate to our guests. Mr. John Brandis, Conferences and Short Courses, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. Mr. Brandis helped to organize most of the Symposia, including the first Symposium which was held in 1969.
The 8th Stadler Genetics Symposium was especially memorable to the many fellow geneticists and friends of Professor E. R. Sears since at this time we also celebrated the 40th anniversary of Dr. Sears' association with the University of Missouri. On this fine occasion many of Dr. Sears' former students, colleagues and friends joined us. Those who could not come sent their congratulations by telegram and by mail from every major continent of the globe. It is not possible to list the names of all the well-wishers, including the President and members of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States, as well as many distinguished scientists from a number of foreign countries. The Governor of the State of Missouri, the Most Honorable Christopher S. Bond, declared April 10, 1976, E. R. Sears Day in Missouri.

Dean Emeritus John H. Longwell and Mrs. Lorna Longwell established, by their generous gift of $2000, an E. R. Sears Scholarship and Research Fund to promote plant genetics research in the service of agriculture.

The celebration of this anniversary was just a simple milestone of a brilliant career on the upswing. We are happy that Ernie has no plan for retirement. We all wish him the best for the next forty years.

This photograph of the Genetics Group was taken in February, 1938, two years after E. R. Sears' arrival on the campus. Front row (from left to right): James Cameron, K. O. Mills, Frances Clark, Mary Jane Guthrie, Barbara McClintock, E. W. Landen. Second row: George Sprague, F. M. Uber, Bentley Glass, Luther Smith, Garland Francis, Herschel Roman. Third row: L. J. Stadler, J. Omara, W. R. Singleton, Roger Winters, E. R. Sears. A copy of the picture was provided by Professor Ralph Singleton, who was in Columbia on sabbatical leave from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to study with L. J. Stadler.
Dean Emeritus John H. Longwell and Mrs. Lorna Longwell have established an Ernest R. Sears Scholarship and Research Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to stimulate basic plant genetics research in the service of mankind within the College of Agriculture, University of Missouri.

The income of the Fund will be awarded either to an outstanding graduate student or a faculty member in Genetics, or will be used to provide equipment and other support for genetic research.

The Fund is administered by the Sears-Longwell Award Committee, including Dr. Longwell and Dr. Sears. The annual awards will be presented at the Stadler Genetics Symposia.

The Committee is soliciting additional gifts to augment the Fund. Donations will be accepted and names of donors will be listed in these Proceedings.

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