

PREFACE

The Pisum Genetics Association (PGA) is a non-profit, unincorporated organization established to facilitate the exchange of information and to ensure the preservation of valuable genetic stocks. The number of PGA members now stands at 149.

*Increased dues*

There is some good news and some bad news on the economic front. The good news is that the National Pea Improvement Association once again authorized a grant of \$500 to help meet the costs of publishing the PNL. We are truly grateful for that. The bad news is that our operating costs continue to rise. Our yearly treasurer's report does not reflect the labor costs for clerical and secretarial services, much of which the department has absorbed. These include expenses associated with bookkeeping, typing, proof-reading, correspondence, etc. It is now clear, however, that the PGA itself will have to assume a greater share of the costs. Ruefully, therefore, I announce an increase in dues from \$2.00 per annum to \$3.00. Before taking effect, however, the suggested increase will have to be ratified by the coordinating committee. An additional expense this year involves re-printing Vol. 10, the stocks of which are nearly exhausted. We hope the increase in dues will not pose undue hardship or weaken member support.

*Liaison with the People's Republic of China*

A team of Cornell administrators recently returned from a working tour to the People's Republic of China. One aim of the visit was to establish contacts between Cornell and various academic institutions in China with the view toward scholarly ties. We have attempted to follow up on some of the contacts that were made by sending complementary copies of PNL 10 to the following institutions in China: Beijing Academy of Agricultural Science, Beijing Agricultural University, and Janjing Agricultural College. Through this initial effort, perhaps it will be possible to identify scientists working with peas and ultimately to lead to a fruitful exchange of information.

*Bibliography*

It would be desirable to provide our readers with an up-to-date bibliography of genetic and cytogenetic literature on Pisum. To accomplish this, we'll need uncommon cooperation or outright beneficence. I beseech anyone who keeps a comprehensive and current file of literature references to make it available to us for duplication. The simplest and most direct solution would be to transfer a computer record. There are several less satisfactory approaches that would involve the participation of more individuals, but the most important first step is to get an expression of member interest. Is anyone willing to share the fruits of his or her toil? Incidentally, we continue to look for a volunteer to prepare a cross-referenced index.

*Thanks*

Again it is a pleasure to acknowledge and applaud the unstinting efforts and unceasing energies of Mrs. Fran Van Kirk, our highly regarded clerk and jack-of-all-trades. She is, from this vantage point, the PGA's most valuable resource.

The financial report for the period 3/15/79 - 3/14/80:

	Balance on hand 3/15/79		730.83
	Dues collected	481.00	
<i>Financial</i>	Expenditures		
<i>report</i>	Postage	84.89	
	Publishing costs	204.42	
	Bank charges	41.76	331.07
	Balance on hand 3/14/80		880.76

*Membership* Membership in the PGA is open to all interested persons. Dues are \$3.00 annually (U. S. currency) and are used to help defray the costs of publishing the PNL. Please make prime banker's checks or money orders payable to the Pisum Genetics Association and send to: G. A. Marx, Department of Seed & Vegetable Sciences, New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, Geneva, NY 14456, U.S.A. The PNL will be sent upon receipt of dues.

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#### Cover

The name Herbert Lamprecht is virtually synonymous with pea genetics. His contributions to the "state of the art" perhaps have surpassed all others in scope and importance. His legacy remains undiminished. The cover illustration was redrawn by Mrs. Monica Juffs from a photo which appeared in PNL Vol. 2 ten years ago (1970). Accompanying the photo was a biographical sketch of Dr. Lamprecht's life and works.