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COMMITTEE REPORT

To attain the objects of this Society, the members must receive the maximum benefit from their subscriptions. We will only receive this maximum benefit if we do those things which are able to be achieved and which can be maintained to give us long-lasting results.

Our largest expense is the production of the Society paper, "Bromeleter", and in order to substantially reduce its cost, a duplicating machine has been purchased. The machine, a new and modern one which will enable a high quality journal to be produced, is valued at £120. A deposit of £40 was paid and the balance will be discharged over one year at £7 per month. The special fund raised by last year's Society Competition, totalling £28, was used to subsidise the deposit.

Due to the generosity of a member who has volunteered to cut and type the stencils required for the paper over the next 12 months and the savings which will be made in the cost of printing, the price of the equipment will almost be recouped within this time.

This issue was printed on the new machine - a milestone passed!

However, there are more miles to travel - among them a projector and screen in the near future and a library to be built up and maintained.

STEWART BOOTH
President

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

It appears that for many years explorers both botanical and geographical, hacked their way through the South American jungles, and without penetrating the vast inner wilderness in many cases, came back to civilisation with tales of strange and decaying 'lost cities', equally strange new flora and fauna accompanying them in most cases.

In these days of 1964 there filter over to us from places relatively on the same globe, but so immensely different from Australia, new and exciting stories of further Bromeliad finds. These finds are being made at such a rate by a number of collectors that it may be many years before the plants and their corrected names appear in official literature, and in due course, be retailed to you as a member.

In line with our policy to bring the reader and therefore the member the latest and the best, efforts are now being made to get as many as possible of these explorers to write us a line from time to time and so keep us informed of their work.

Already in front of me there is a note of a startling new find in Streptocalyx, S. Holmesii, a new Aechmea, A. Pennockii, a new Bromelia, B. Holmesiana