

# **Gaultonia**

Newsletter of the  
**Manchester Branch**  
of the  
British Cactus and Succulent Society

Winter 2008.



**Euphorbia meloformis**  
Glen Craig, Near Grahamstown  
South Africa.



## **Editors comments.**

I must start by wishing everyone a Happy New Year for 2008. Last year saw the publication of only one issue of Gaultonia to coincide with our 60<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Since then a few new articles have come to light and these are reproduced in this issue. I would welcome any more bits of our history that you come across in old newspaper clippings or hidden in the loft. In particular old photos of members or their collections would be particularly welcome.

This year looks like being an exciting and busy year. Two trips to Teeside and Northants symposium are already organised, Philip is busy as usual finalising Warrington Cactus Mart and our branch will host the zone symposium and mesemb show later in the year. The zone symposium will depart from the usual format for symposia of three, 80 minute talks and each of our three speakers will deliver two, shorter 40 minute presentations. Final details are to be confirmed but with Dr Colin Walker making a swift return to Manchester along with John Pilbeam and the ever-popular Graham Charles it is bound to be a great day. Tickets available from Philip, they will go fast so get yours soon.

Hot on the heels of last year's very successful mesemb show we have decided to keep the show in its original annual format by popular demand. This year it will be on our regular Saturday meeting making for a long day for the truly dedicated enthusiasts only.

Global warming seems to bring some advantage to our hobby. Each year I hear of more and more people trying an ever-increasing range of plants outdoors either for the summer or throughout the year. If anyone has any experience of growing plants outdoor they wish to share through these pages please let me know.

It simple remains for me to wish you all a prosperous and health New Year and an excellent growing season in the months ahead.

Ivor



## **Diary 2008.**

### **Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Northants Convention.

See Peter for ticket details and pooled transport arrangements.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Teeside Convention

### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **North West Cactus Mart**

Woolston Leisure Centre, Warrington,  
10am to 2pm

See Philip for more details and a map

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

Chester Symposium

### **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

BCSS National Show, Huntingdon near Peterborough

### **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

#### **Manchester, Macclesfield and Stoke Zone Symposium**

Hosted by Manchester branch

John Pilbeam, Colin Walker and Graham Charles

Tickets from Philip

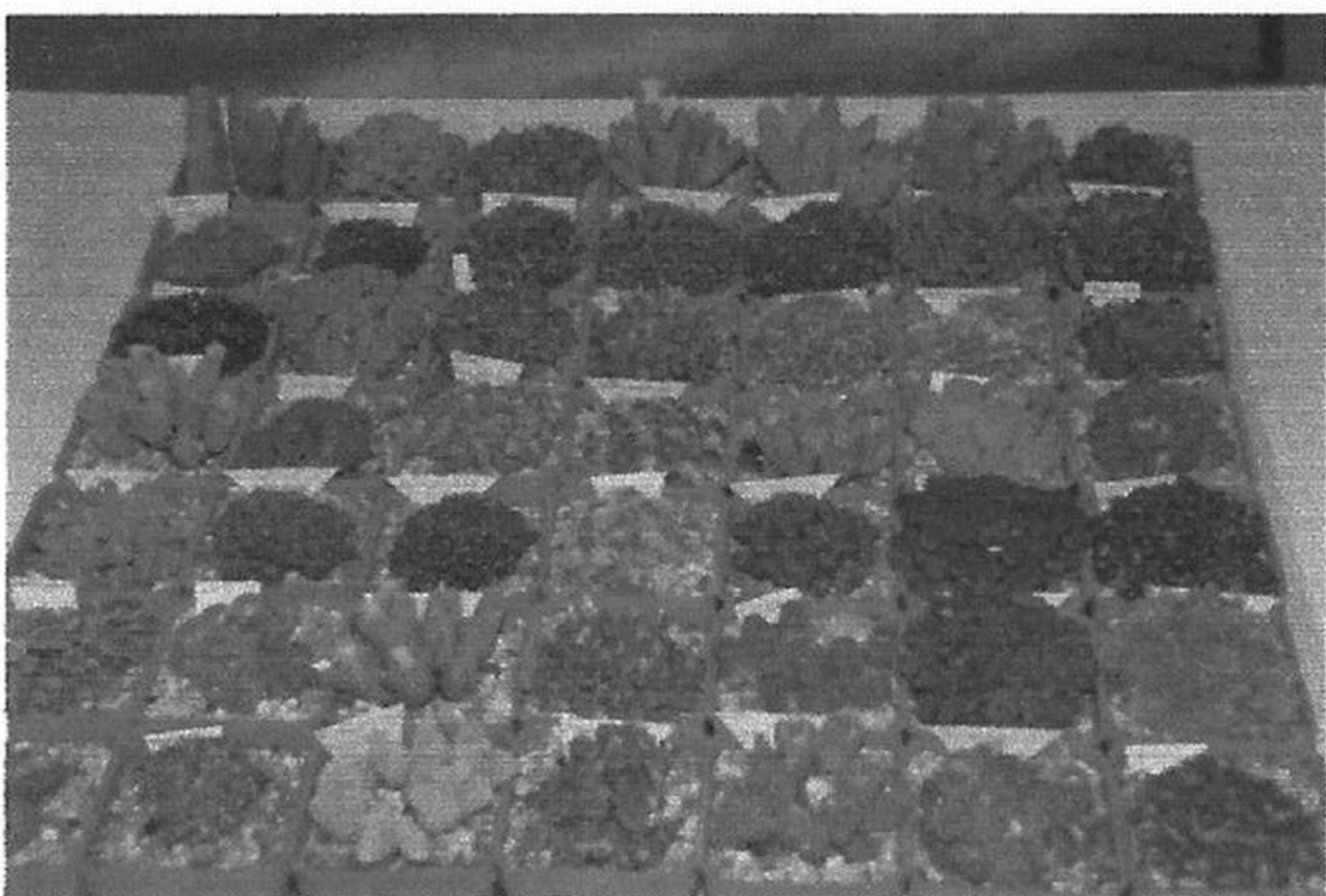
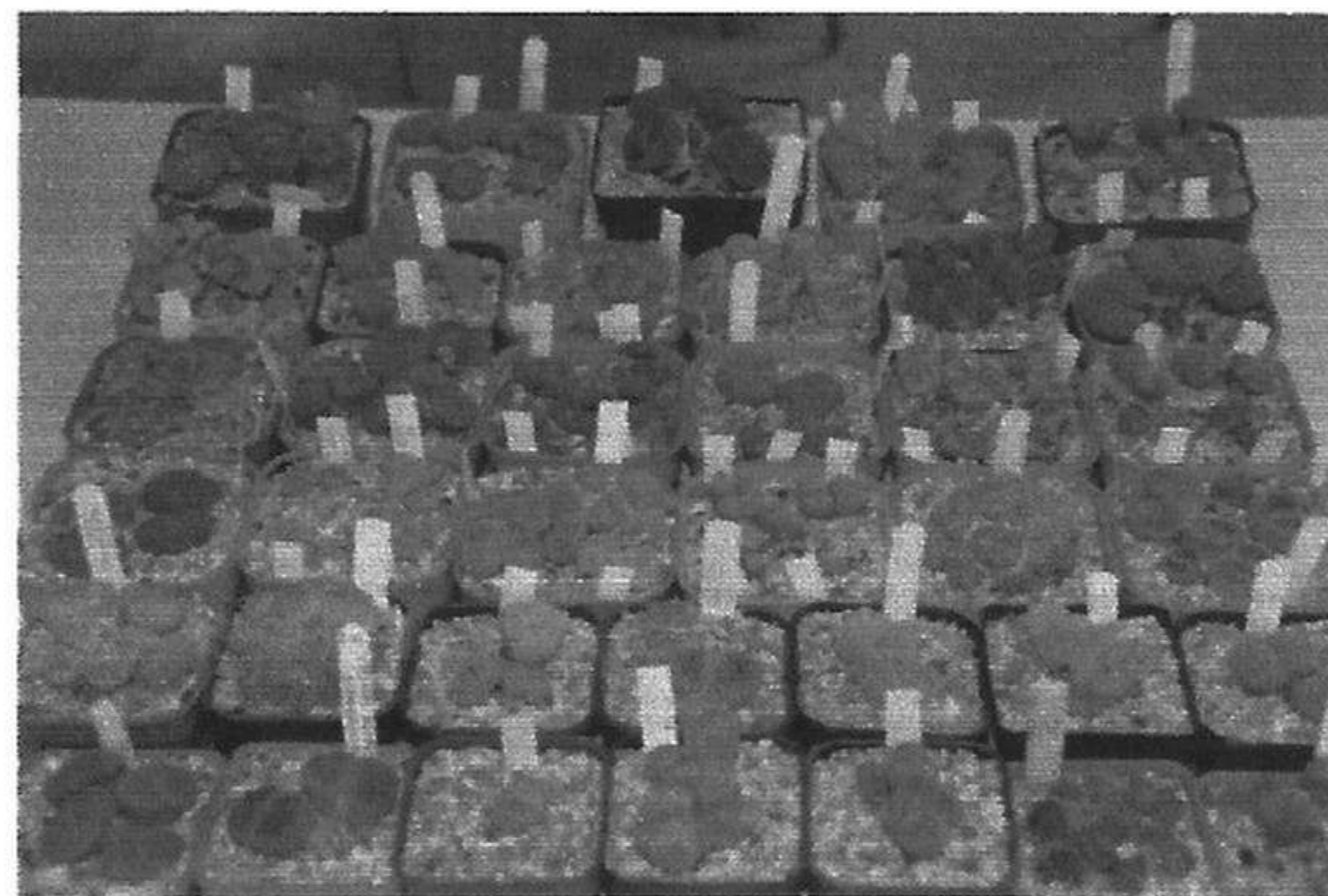
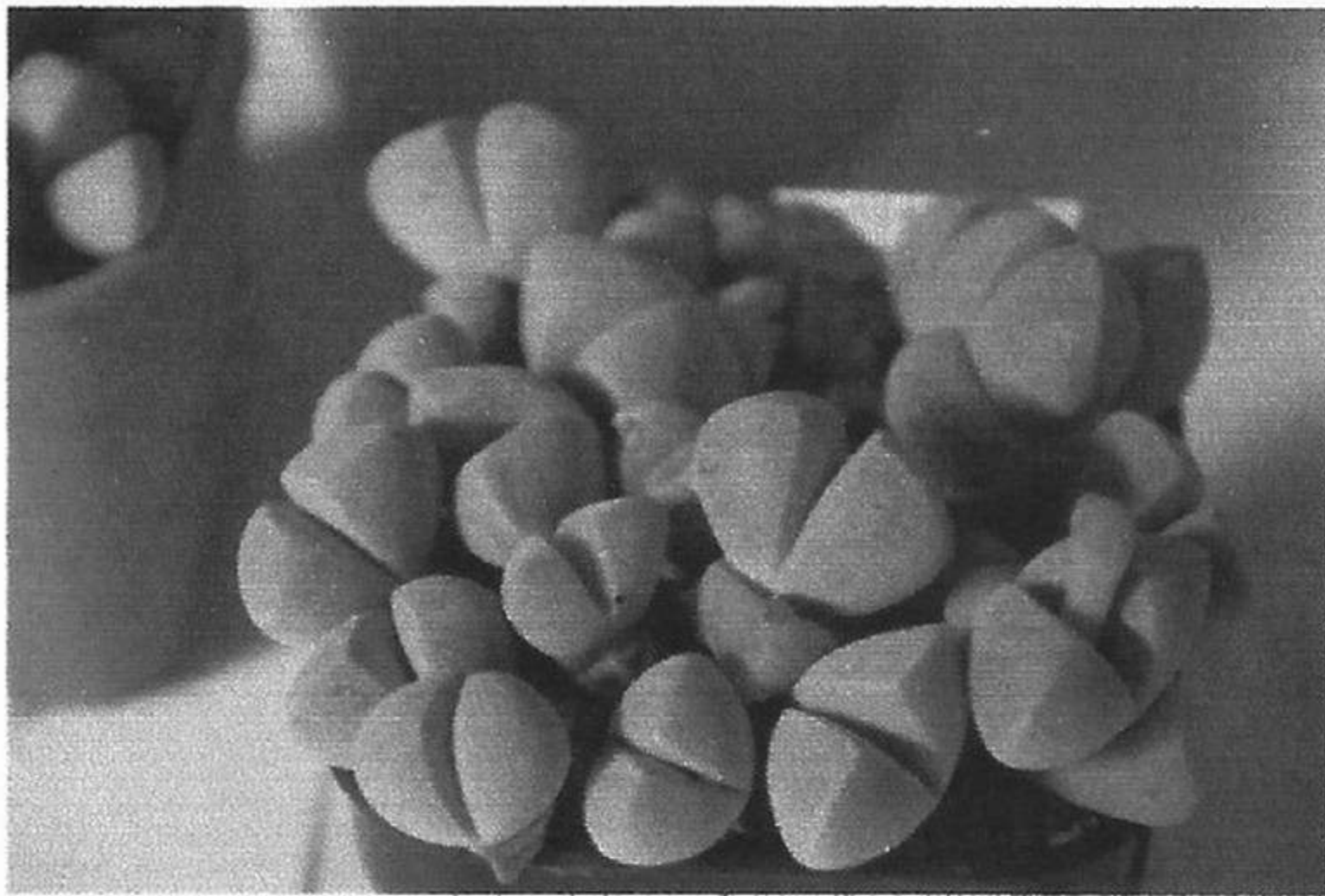
### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

#### **NorthWest Mesemb show**

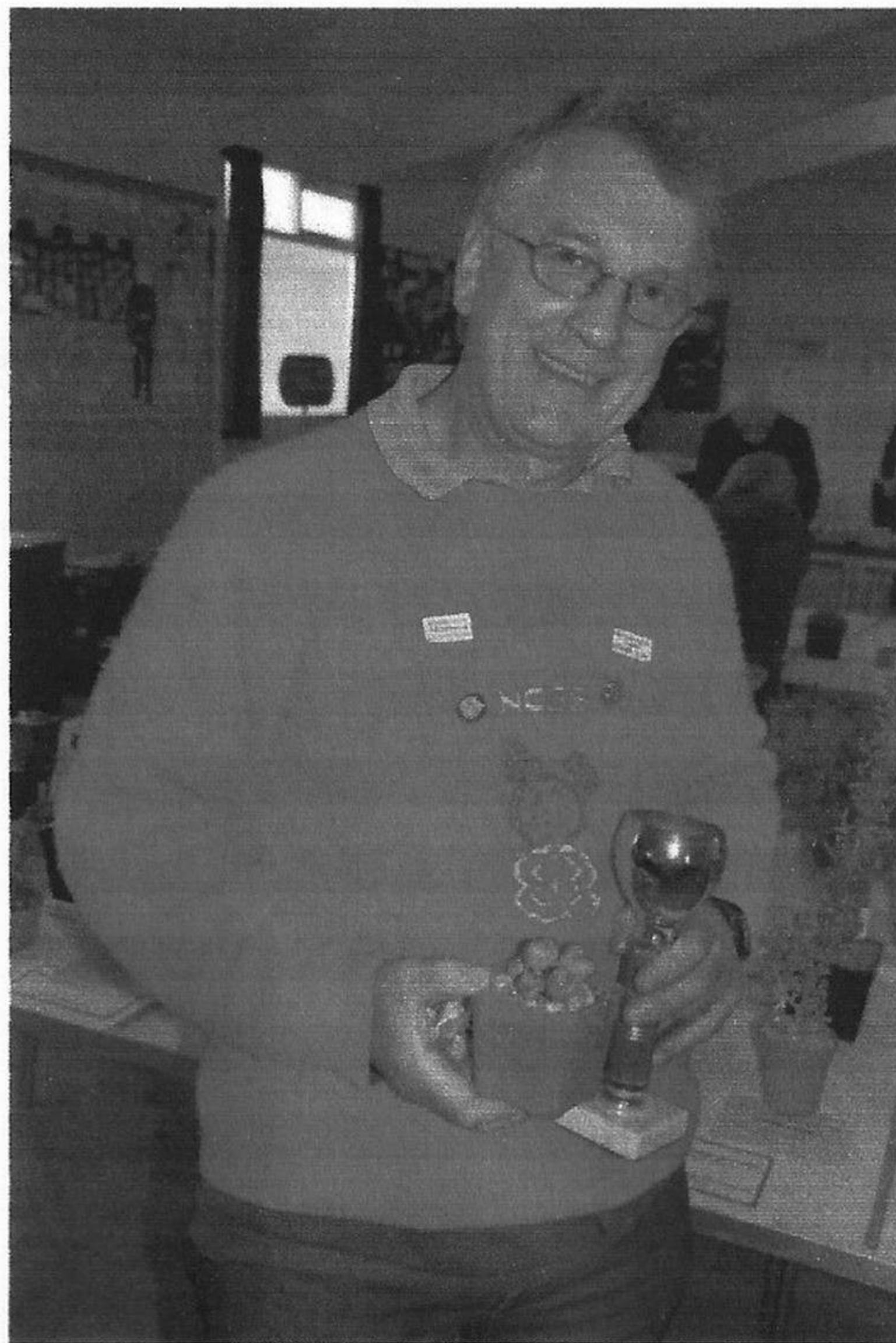
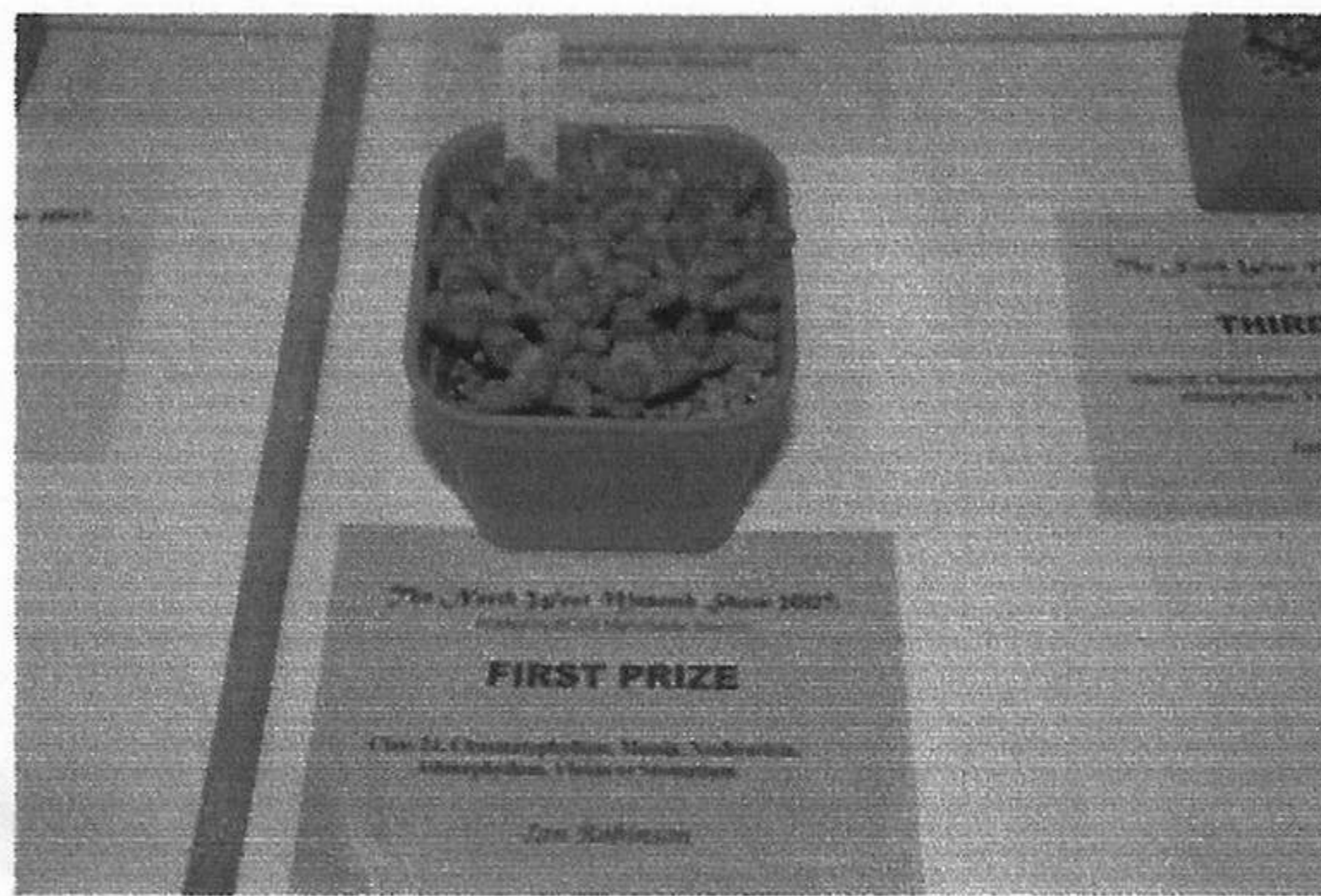
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# Photographs from 2007 NorthWest Mesemb Show










## More History of the Branch

MANCHESTER CITY NEWS, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1950

# They Have a Warm Job



**M**R. W. ANDREWS, Curator of the Cactus House in Alexandra Park, Moss Side, shows a specimen to Peter Espley, his assistant, of Duncan Road, Longsight. (Story inside). 



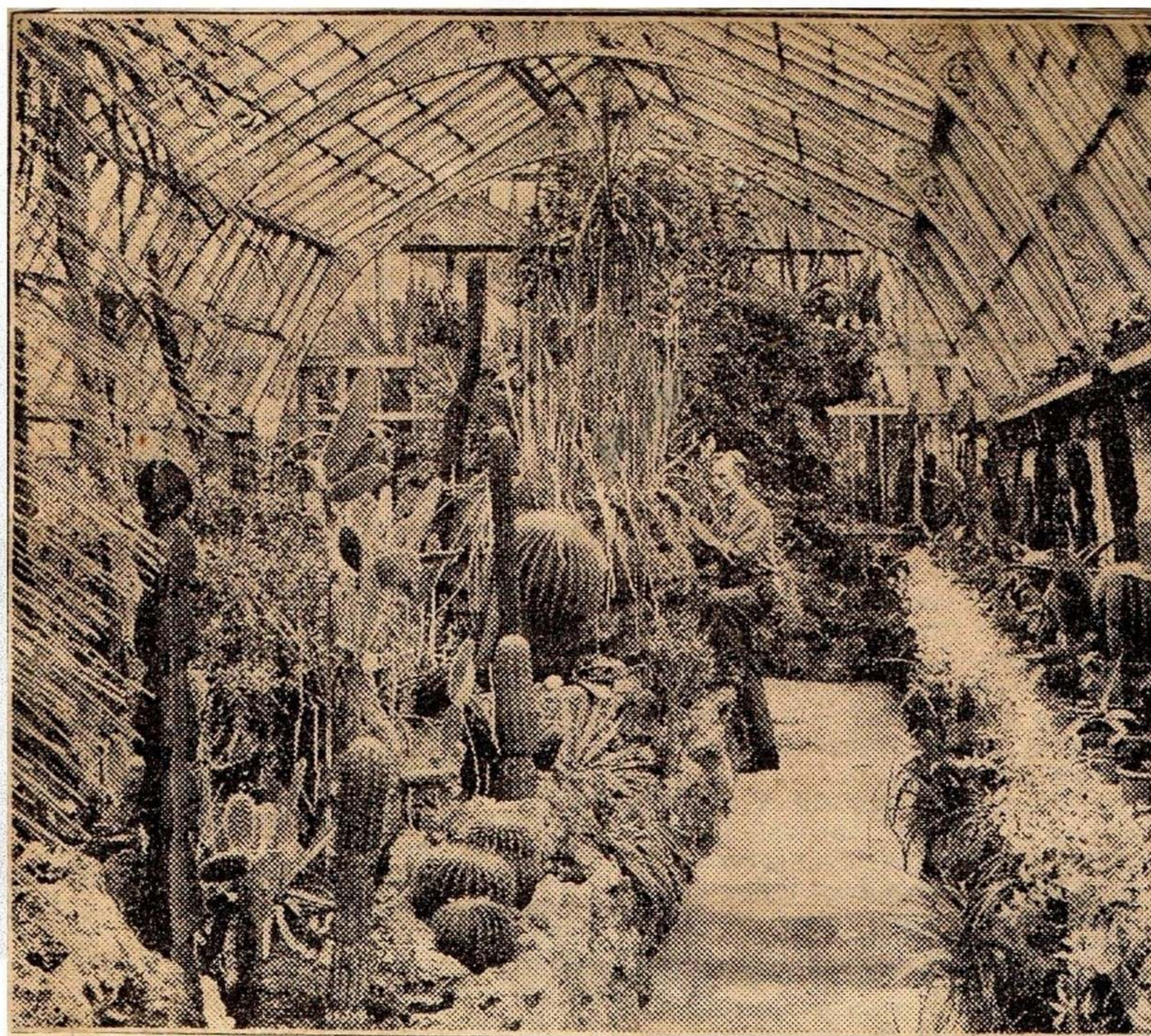
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MR. H. HALL

*Curator of the Succulent Houses, Alexandra Park, Manchester.*

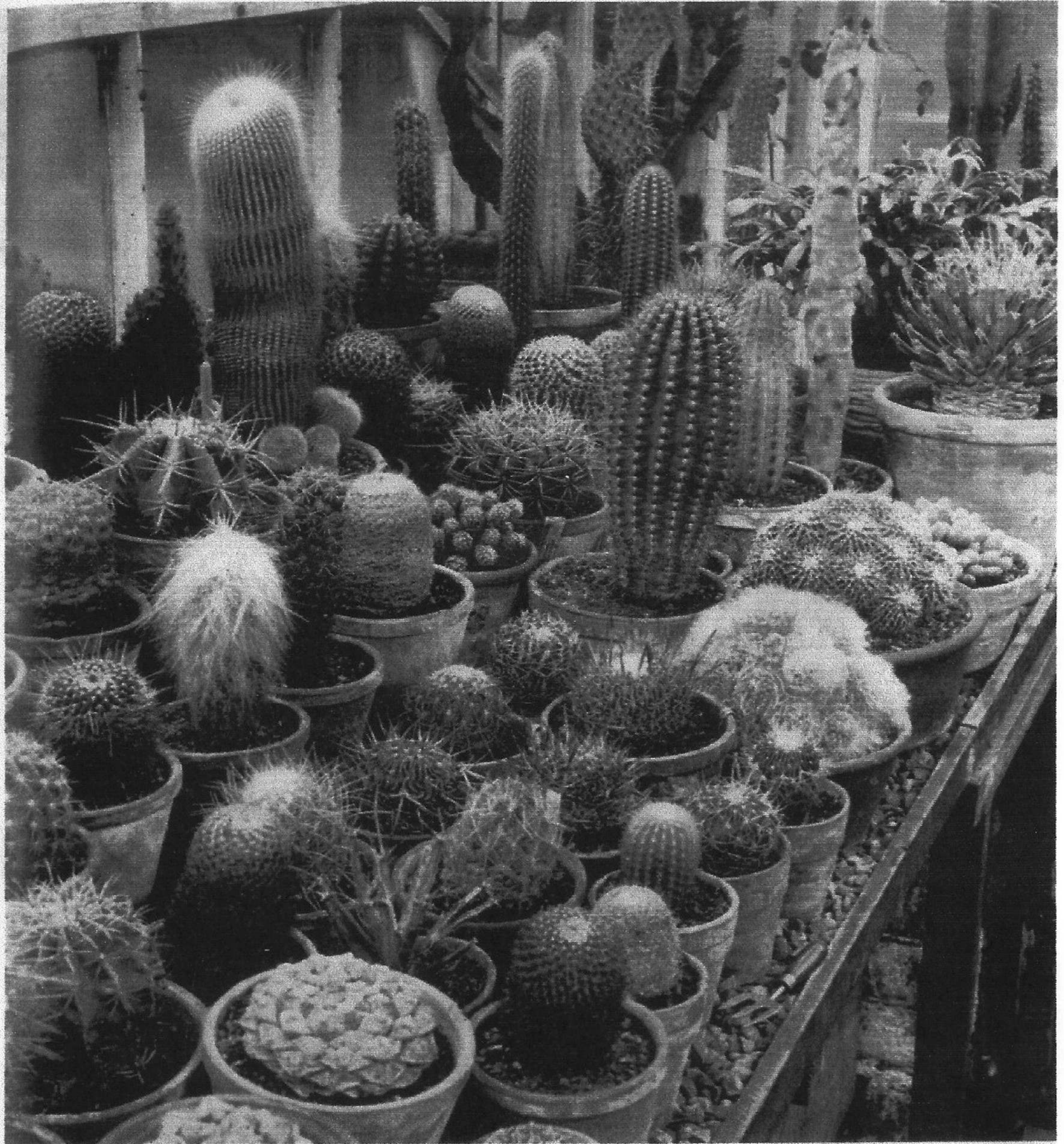
(I thought the many friends who took part in the Society visit to Manchester might like a memento of that visit and those who were unfortunately, for one reason or another, prevented from going might like an idea of what still lies in store for them. I have therefore published this picture instead of asking Mr. Hall for his usual report. Mr. Hall sends the seasons greetings to all our readers.—*Ed.*)

VIEW OF PART OF ONE OF THE HOUSES AT ALEXANDRA PARK.  
MR. H. HALL IN ATTENDANCE.



A further view in the collection of Mr. B. Wormald of Rochdale. The taller plants are 4' 6" to 5' tall. The two vines, one each side are *TESTUDINARIAS*. At centre bottom is a nice specimen of *EUPHORBIA CAPUT-MEDUSAE*.





Some nice specimen cacti in the collection of Mr. B. Wormald of Rochdale. Mrs. Daphne Hutchinson (who writes below on starting a collection) and others like her, will no doubt covet some of these plants.





The Lancashire Branch won a Silver Medal for this exhibit at the Royal Show at Salford.



At the Meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Cactus & Succulent Society held in the Parks Cafe, Alexandra Park, Manchester 16, on Saturday, the 7th day of June 1947, at 3.30 p.m.

## Present:-

Mr. J. Cameron	(Vice President)
Mr. A. Baynes	(Founder Member)
Mr. H. M. Roan	(Founder Member, Hon. Secretary)
Mr. F. Ives	(Founder Member, Hon. Treasurer)
Mr. V. W. Kane	(Founder Member, Chairman of Bradford Branch)
Mr. E. Smithies	(Hon. Librarian)
Mr. R. J. Gledhill	(Hon. Sec. Bradford Branch)
Mrs. Hall	(Hon. Sec. Lancashire Branch)
Mr. J.H.V. Hampshire	(Chairman-Sheffield Branch)
Mr. S. Thomlinson	(Hon. Sec. Sheffield Branch)

## 1. Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. A. Keiller - President.  
 Mr. W. E. Allsop. Mr. J. D. Hill.  
 Miss E. M. Hill. Mr. J. C. Walsh.  
 Mrs. R. J. Stokes. Mr. R. E. Foster.

## 2. In the absence of the President Mr. J. H. V. Hampshire was unanimously elected to the Chair.

## 3. The Minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Birmingham on April 19th 1947, copies of which had been circulated, were confirmed



B. C. S. S. MANCHESTER BRANCH

Statement of Accounts as at 28 June 1989

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Balance at year end	792.69	Meeting room hire	18.00
Raffles at meetings	80.55	Speakers' expenses	42.00
Refreshments at meetings	35.11 \$\$	accommodation	35.00
Sales commissions	1.55	Committee Meetings	10.00
Library fees	7.00	Shows expenditure	2.00
Coach trip surplus	2.40	Programmes	19.00
		Presentation, Mrs. M.	22.36
		Christmas, caretakers	14.85
		** Deficit on collection	34.75
Total income	919.30	Total expenditure	197.96
less expenditure	197.96		
<u>Current balance:</u>	721.34	as National Savings Bank	609.34
		Halifax Building Society	65.20
		Barclays Bank current a/c	46.80

NOTES: \$\$ a few £ still to come  
 \*\* exceeded by value of plants in stock  
 Meeting room annual costs have risen from £51 to £92 from Sept.



*Photo-Pendergast*

Manchester Branch Display at the British Aquarists Festival held at Belle Vue, May 2nd-5th, 1951.