

EDITOR'S NOTE

The format of *Polar Record* has remained basically the same since the journal began in 1931. The printing world, however, has changed dramatically over those years. Largely in response to the need to offset the soaring cost of raw materials and labour against cheaper methods of printing, standardization of format is economically rewarded and a specification requiring the use of manual labour economically disastrous. *Polar Record's* new look is the result of careful consideration by the Editorial Committee of today's printing methods and of the areas in which financial savings can be made. The result is, we hope, a more attractive as well as a more economical journal.

In this issue John Gulland looks at the history and prospects of Antarctic baleen whales, and Inigo Everson has some interesting speculations to make about the distribution and maintenance of Antarctic krill. Bob Bostelmann writes about the management of the British Antarctic Survey's sledge dogs during the last few years of their use in the Antarctic Peninsula, and Chris Doake looks into the question of why ice on the underside of an ice shelf should melt. David Drewry, in a long and detailed article in the Field Work section, collates and discusses the results of the recent deep-sea drilling in the Southern Ocean from *Glomar Challenger*. An account of David Lewis's incredible single-handed journey to the Antarctic in his boat *Ice Bird* is to be found in the Notes section.

A new occasional series begins with the present issue. Entitled 'Profile', it is a series that considers the lives of those men who contributed much to the exploration of the Arctic or Antarctic but about whom little has been written. We start the series with a profile of Ernest Wild, otherwise known as 'Tubby'. Rather in the shadow of his brother Frank, his quiet courage and strength have possibly not been given the prominence they deserve in publications on that much-celebrated era of polar exploration.

Finally, the process of establishing a charitable trust is obviously a more lengthy one than we had imagined and there is at present no more news on the Fuchs Foundation. We shall report further when the official seal of approval has been obtained.