

BULLETIN
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AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

**MATHEMATICAL REVIEWS OFFERS A READING
MACHINE FOR MICROFILM**

When the microfilm service of *Mathematical Reviews* was introduced, it was realized that its usefulness would depend to a large extent upon the availability of reading machines. The Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning, a committee of National Research Council, is promoting, among other things, the use of microfilm. As a result of its efforts, a reading machine is being manufactured which will be sold at a retail price of \$32.00. A grant from the Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning has made it possible for *Mathematical Reviews* to distribute a limited number of these machines on the following terms.

Terms of offer. A reading machine for microfilm will be given—as long as the available supply lasts—to any person who has paid his subscription, *at the rate to which he is entitled*, to *Mathematical Reviews* in advance for three years beginning January, 1941. The person who receives a reading machine must pay express charges and import duty, if any, from Buffalo, New York. Until January 1 this offer was made only to the present subscribers to *Mathematical Reviews*. Since that date, however, it is extended to new subscribers also. Because only a limited number of machines is available, anyone who desires one should place an order early.

The purpose of the Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning in affording the financial support making possible the distribution of the readers in connection with subscriptions to *Mathematical Reviews* was jointly the promotion of microfilm and aid to *Mathematical Reviews*.

History of Students Microfilm Reader. The history of the reader, known as the Students Microfilm Reader, begins in the fall of 1939. At that time an advisory group on microphotography to the Committee on Scientific Aids to Learning, composed of Mr. Keyes D. Metcalf (chairman), Director of the Harvard University Library, Professors Ralph D. Bennett and Ernest I. Huntress of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Vernon D. Tate of the National Archives, and Dr. Irvin Stewart (ex officio), Director of the Com-