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INAUGURATION OF PERTH COMPTOMETER GRADUATES' CLUB, JANUARY, 1930

WESTRALIA KEEPS ABREAST.

PERTH COMPTOMETER GRADUATES' CLUB

On January 23rd, 1930, a group of approximately eighty Comptometer Operators met for the purpose of organising a Club.

At 8 o'clock many smiling operators took their seats and were chatting gaily to one another, and a feeling of real friendship was in the atmosphere. Some unfortunate operators were unable to attend owing to their being busy on general figure work and annual stock-sheets.

Many thanks are due to Mr. Edgar H. Peacock (General Manager of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd.) who gave an interesting talk on the formation of the Club and also explained the advantages of the latest Model "J" Comptometer. When Mr. Edgar Peacock concluded with a description of the object and uses of the Diplomas and Badges, it soon became obvious that all present were determined to have their name on the list of qualified Operators and become the holder of the passport.

Mr. H. N. Wilson, Manager for Perth, thanked Mr. Edgar H. Peacock for his

interest in the formation of the Perth Club, and referred to the high standard of Operators in Perth.

It was unanimously decided that the Comptometer Operators of Perth should form a Club, and bring this State into line with our other Branches.

During the evening a delightful supper was served and enjoyed. Many good suggestions were made regarding the future activities of the Club. At 11.30 p.m. this historic evening was brought to a close.

The P.C.G.C. office-bearers elected for 1930 are as follows: President, Miss I. Closter (Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd.); Vice-Presidents, Misses M. Kirwin (Dalgety & Co. Ltd.) and S. Richards (Yellow Cabs, W.A.); Hon. Secretary, Miss N. Wilson (Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd.); Asst. Hon. Secretary, Miss E. Yde (B. Rosenstamm); Hon. Treasurer, Miss D. Salkeld (Shell Oil Co. Ltd.); Committee: Misses M. Howsen (Ford Motor Co.), E. Marshall (Vacuum Oil Co. Pty. Ltd.); D. Benjamin (Elder, Smith & Co. Ltd.); M. Hawkins (Atkins (W.A.) Ltd.); and Mrs. H. N. Wilson (Ex-Operators).

MANY THANKS!

Congratulatory telegrams sent from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane on the occasion of the formation of the P.C.G.C. Our cordial thanks are tendered for their pleasant remarks, which were read out at the inaugural meeting.

THE CLUB AT COTTESLOE.

On Thursday, the 6th March, the committee arranged a Beach Party to Cottesloe beach. This being our first social event, members were naturally enthusiastic. The day was an exceptionally hot one, and all truly welcomed the wonderful swim and breeze which awaited them at Cottesloe.

After a good swim, some of the more energetic members ran to North Cottesloe beach and back again. By this time everyone had a good appetite for tea, which was served at the Beach Tea Rooms at 7.30 p.m. When the tea was finished, Miss I. Closter (President) took the chair, and votes were cast respecting further activities on the part of the Club.

At 9.30 p.m. the return journey was commenced in a special bus, and happy sing-songs were indulged in on the homeward way.

PERSONAL PARS FROM PERTH.

Miss F. Sharland, of Elder, Smith & Co. Ltd., spent a holiday in Adelaide recently.

Friends of Miss Netta J. Oldfield will be glad to learn that she has recovered from her recent illness.

Miss C. Yench, of Elder, Smith & Co., Perth, has been transferred to their Fremantle branch.

Miss Madge Parkin, of Adelaide, has joined the permanent staff of D. & W. Murray Ltd., Perth.

Miss Flora Moir, one of our students, left recently for an extended holiday in England. Good luck—and bon voyage.

FELICITATIONS.

The P.C.G.C. desires to extend best wishes for their future happiness to Miss Elsie Yde, of B. Rosenstamm (to Mr. R. Genge, of Cottesloe) and Miss Ena Peck, of Clarkson's Ltd (to Mr. F. Watts, of Popanyinning), respectively, who have recently announced their engagements.

S.C.G.C.



A HARBOUR PICNIC.

The Sydney Club held a launch picnic on Saturday, 8th March, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent on the Harbour.

Leaving Fort Macquarie at 1.30 p.m., the "St. George" headed off towards Middle Harbour, and was eventually moored at Balmoral Beach, where members went ashore for swimming and the thrills of speed-boat racing. The appeal of the speed-boats to Comptometer girls, who are noted for "speed," can be readily understood.

The choppy sea on the return trip did not affect the healthy appetites of the gay spirits of the members and their friends, who sang popular songs in a happy group around the piano.

On arriving back at 6 p.m., all were very eager to arrange another picnic at an early date, which speaks volumes for the success of the afternoon.

CHRISTMAS IS OVER, BUT——

The Comptometer Graduates of Sydney and their friends celebrated Xmas at the Waldorf Cafe on Wednesday, 18th December. On entering, each lady was given a piece of Xmas bush, and the evening was marked throughout with the happy atmosphere of Xmas.

Father Xmas, though so busy, did not forget the Graduates, and paid a visit, causing great amusement when distributing novelties and kisses.

The Pudding Dance proved most popular, and instead of the usual card cut in the Monte Carlo Dance, the signs of Add, Divide, Subtract and Multiply were used.

The President, Mr. A. P. Mackie, introduced Capt. Carter, who presented Diplomas to the Graduates.

After singing "Auld Lang Syne" the evening closed at midnight.

Among those who brought parties were Mr. A. P. Mackie (President), Miss Trevena (Secretary), Misses Keers, Harrison, Westmore, Read, Pritchard, O'Donnell, Lewis, May.



Highly valued Comptometer Operators from the office of the City Treasurer, Town Hall, Adelaide.

CUPID HAS BEEN BUSY IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

There have been quite a number of marriages among Adelaide Operators recently. These include:—

Miss M. Collison, of the S.A. Railway Department.

Miss M. Walker, of the City Treasurer's office, Town Hall.

Miss C. Thwaites, also of the Town Hall offices.

Miss A. McBain, of the Education Department.

Miss E. Young, of Geo. Wills & Co., Shipping Agents.

Miss McAnniney, of Chas. Moore & Co.

These young ladies have all been splendid operators and very successful in their business positions. If they exert the same ability in their new spheres, we are safe in congratulating the young men concerned. We certainly wish them all much happiness in the future.



A group of Comptometer Operators from the Statistical Bureau, S.A. Railways. A portion of the fine new station building shows in the background.

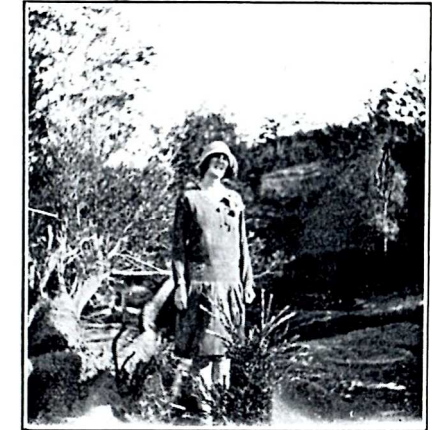
PERTH CAPTURES SOME DIPLOMAS.

Our congratulations go to—

MISS R. HALLIDAY	100%
„ I. HUTCHINSON	97%
„ F. MOIR	97%
„ D. BENJAMIN	97%
„ O. DUNSTAN	96%

LUCKY!

The popular Secretary of the Sydney Club, Miss Mabel Trevena, left for Rabaul, New Guinea, on Thursday, 24th April, by the "Montoro," and all Graduates wish her a very happy holiday.



MISS ENA BYTHEWAY

President Brisbane C.G.C., who is to be congratulated on having obtained her Diploma.

BRISBANE BREVITIES.

Brisbane, 16th April, 1930.

On 19th November, 1929, the B.C.G.C. held a Moonlight Picnic to the mouth of the Brisbane River by motor launch. It was a very hot evening and so the trip was popular, about 110 members and their friends being on board, in spite of the fact that the moon was capricious and hid her face behind the clouds. There was a piano on the boat and an impromptu programme by Misses G. Clothier and L. Mutch was enjoyed by all.

On Thursday evening, 19th December, Brisbane Graduates held their first Christmas Party, in the Societe Dante Club Rooms. The decorations were in sky blue and gold—the Club's colours—and the centrepiece of the supper-table was a Christmas Tree festooned gaily with sparkling trails and coloured glass balls and lighted candles. The place of honour, however, was given to the

Christmas Cake, which was the innocent cause of much excitement, owing to the fact that it contained hidden treasures, small coins and silver emblems. Painted place-cards and blue and gold bon-bons, containing fancy caps, marked each place. Most of the girls came in fancy costumes, for which prizes were awarded as follows:—

- Best "Kid" Costume.—Miss E. Bytheway (Overgrown School Girl).
 Finniest Costume.—Miss J. White (Untidy School Girl).
 Best Fancy Costume.—Miss J. Ford (Early Victorian).
 Best Pair.—Misses F. Ratford and B. Cavaye (Buxom Twins).

The prize for the best pair was very kindly donated by Mr. M. Smith, Manager, Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., Brisbane office, and we take this opportunity of tendering him our sincere thanks for his kindness. During the evening Mrs. O'Hagan, wife of Mr. O'Hagan, of Thomas Brown & Sons Ltd., Brisbane, who has been using a Comptometer for many years, presented the Diplomas and Badges which had been won up to that date. Those present were: Mrs. O'Hagan, Misses M. Powell (Eastern Girl), I. Shaw (School Boy), T. Singer (Party Girl), G. Clothier and V. Twine (Red Devils), K. Bedford (Good Luck), M. Muller (Pom Pom), D. Rudd ("Yes, we have no bananas"), E. Hull (Queen Titania), J. Sawers (School Girl), G. Probert, M. Pugh, H. Baxter, P. Martin, L. Mutch, E. Morley, S. Kleinschmidt, E. Martin, I. Alden, E. Walsh, V. Parrott, E. Edmonds, M. and R. O'Hagan.

On January 18th a hike to White's Hill was arranged, but had to be abandoned owing to bad weather.

February 26th.—A pleasant evening was spent in the Societe Dante Club Rooms. Items were given by Misses V. Twine (Piano Solo), J. Ford (Recitation), and G. Probert (Banjo-Mandolin Solo). A competition on public signs was won by Miss I. Shaw. Those present included E. Bytheway, J. Ford, I. Alden, R. Brighthouse, V. Twine, G. White, I. Shaw, G. Probert, K. Bedford, M. Pugh, V. Heunert, — Birrell, B. Cavaye, F. Ratford, J. Sawers, D. George, D. Rudd, S. Kleinschmidt, G. Wharton, T. Hinton, E. Hull and E. Lead.

March 6th.—Tennis Evening at Milton Courts. It was intended to hold a Tennis Tournament, but the weather was showery, so friendly games were played in between showers. Those present were: Misses Wharton, Hinton, Kleinschmidt, Rudd, Bedford, Cavaye, Ratford, Morley, Ford, Bytheway, Twine, Clothier, Heunert, Bree, Walsh, E. Martin; Messrs. Boyd, Hurwood, Smith, Twine, J. Corbett, N. Corbett, Bree, Whittaker, Barker,

Horne, Mortensen, Swaine, Tinniswood and Bennett.

April 9th.—The Club decided that a night at the Pictures would be a change from the usual socials, so twenty of the members reserved seats at the Regent Theatre to see "Married in Hollywood." It was a splendid programme and the stage specialty, "A Mock Wedding," was well worth seeing. The bridal dress and also the bridesmaids (eight of them) supplied some of the girls with good ideas for new evening frocks for the coming season.

BRIGHT SMILES FROM BRISBANE



Left to right: S. Kleinschmidt, L. Mutch, P. Martin, I. Alden, V. Twine.

DIPLÔMA WINNERS.

The Diploma winners for the last few months are (in the order in which Diplomas were won):—

MISS VIVIENNE TWINE	100%
„ S. KLEINSCHMIDT	96%
„ INA ALDEN	96%
„ ENA BYTHEWAY	96%
„ PHYLLIS MARTIN	100%
„ LYALL MUTCH	100%
„ M. PUGH	96%
„ M. BIRRELL	96%

Miss Edna Edmonds to Mr. C. Walker, have announced their engagement. We wish them every happiness.

Committee Change.—Owing to the pressure of outside duties, Miss V. Ardill found herself unable to continue as Joint Secretary with Miss G. Clothier, and has resigned from that office. Miss V. Twine was elected in her place.

PLUS "ONE."

Mrs. Green, who, as Miss D. Marshall, will be remembered as gaining second place in the Australian Comptometer Contest, once again garners our congratulations—as a proud mother. We understand that "Junior" is already beginning to count on his fingers.

M.C.G.C.

General Meetings are no "bug bear" to the Melbourne Comptometer Graduates, because we realise that "dry as dust" business meetings are apt in time to quell the ardour of the most enthusiastic. We have decided to put a ban upon "dry as dust" meetings.

The evening of March 4th witnessed one of our most enjoyable gatherings. The attendance, as usual, was good, and with an early start the business part of the programme was put through in record time.

Then followed a most interesting talk by Mr. Tainsh, of the Shell Co., our guest for the evening. Mr. Tainsh was particularly in his element in addressing the members of our Club, as he is an active participator in the social life of his own staff. His friendly sympathy and ready wit throughout proved delightful.

His talk, entitled "Beauty and Utility," was based on his conviction that nothing beautiful need be useless, nor need anything useful be lacking in beauty. He pointed out the beauty to be found in our own city of Melbourne, in its buildings, architecture, and public gardens.

Mr. Tainsh touched on beauty in form and colouring, in speech and language—particularly our own English language, which he considers to be the most beautiful. He quoted short passages from English and Australian literature, and recited verses from several of the greater poets. Mr. Tainsh's gift in this direction led many members to express a desire that he be persuaded to favour us on another occasion for this only.

The conclusion of the talk dealt with beauty in character and the attitude we hold towards one another in the personal contacts of everyday life.

None of us felt that we had been listening to a sermon, yet everyone found something in Mr. Tainsh's talk that evening worth taking away—and not all of us locked it in a drawer and threw away the key.

It was hoped that Mr. Tainsh would understand how much we appreciated his courtesy by the vigorous hand-clapping and the expression of thanks given on our behalf by Mr. E. R. Peacock.

After supper, and much friendly intercourse, the party reluctantly broke up.

Who mentioned that General Meetings were as "dry as dust"?

MARRIAGE WILL MAKE "A" DIFFERENCE To our Treasurer.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Vera Burrow to Mr. J. Barrow. Friends and fellow-graduates offer best wishes for their future happiness.



Misses Marjorie Bradley and Miss Nell Willows furnish us with a souvenir snapshot of a happy week-end party held at Queenscliff by thirty members of the Melbourne C.G.C.

WE GROW WISE—ON APRIL FOOL'S DAY.

Through the courtesy of the "Argus" management Comptometer Graduates were permitted to look behind the scenes of Melbourne's leading newspaper office—an education which was fully appreciated.

The girls gathered into groups of twelve, each group being escorted by a guide, who very thoroughly explained the mechanism of those wonderful machines which are doing their tremendous job when the average citizen is sound asleep.

Graduates saw the linotypers working at high pressure in preparation for the printers, most of whom commence duties at midnight. The "Australasian" was running, and it is very interesting to see the blank sheets of paper passing into the machine and coming out fully printed on the other side, after which the pages were sorted and mechanically clipped together.

There were other impressive machines which—but, oh, bother! why ever was I asked to write up for the "Comptometer News" on this subject. Machinery is not my forte and I can't possibly do it justice, but I can emphatically state that we all had a lovely time and feel ever so wise whenever newspaper production is mentioned.

"THE PLAY'S THE THING!"

A galaxy of talent came into the limelight at Kelvin Hall on the 19th of December last, when the Melbourne Comptometer Graduates' Club gave an entertainment to a packed house, and as a result was able to hand a cheque for £15/15/- to the Children's Hospital Fund.

The programme consisted of two sparkling one-act plays, supported by individual items from Misses Hansson, Bennett, Legge, Layton, Holmes and Weaver, and including a choir (under Mr. Weidmann's direction) and Physical Culture Display by Comptometer Graduates.

Mr. E. R. Peacock gave a five-minute talk at the interval.

The first play, "To be Called For," had a very strong cast, and honours go to Jean White, Emma Fischer, Clarice Weaver, Edith Hope, Lillian Bennett and Wallace Robertson.

"Domestic Problems," a rollicking farce, was carried off in fine style by George Hedges, Irene Layton, May Hughes, Alan Bailey, James White, Thelma Pearce, Jean Snadden, Bertha Bibby and Stella Appleton.

Thanks are due to Miss Irene Layton and Miss Lillian Bennett, whose untiring efforts as "Stage Managers" were largely responsible for carrying the performance to a successful issue, and to Messrs. Harvey, Fitzhenry, Cook and Tombs for their able co-operation.

The audience was so appreciative that Mr. E. R. Peacock kindly suggested that the entertainment be repeated at his expense. This was accordingly done, special invitations being sent to all the executive heads of business houses which are users

of Comptometers. The response was again overwhelming, a special vote of thanks being given by Mr. Cerutti (Commonwealth Audit Office) and Mr. McPhail (Colonial Mutual Life Assurance Society).

A CASUAL CONVERSATION.

"Hello, Dorothy! Whatever have you been doing with yourself lately? It must be six months since I last saw you, and I have lots to tell you about our Club activities. Everything is going with a good swing now."

"The members of the Tennis Club are frightfully keen over the proposed Tournament which we hope to play in Sydney against the C.G.C. Tennis Club, and there is naturally much friendly rivalry. All are striving to be included in one of the two teams."

"By the way, have you thought of forming a basket-ball team for this winter?"

"We have every intention, but are having difficulty in securing indoor accommodation for a night which does not clash with the Gym. Class at Bjelke-Peterson's."

"I was unable to attend your entertainment in the Kelvin Hall. Was it a success?"

"Splendid! The hall was packed and everyone was really most enthusiastic."

"The main features of the entertainment were the one-act plays. The first, a one-act comedy, 'Domestic Problems,' the second a drama, 'To be called for.' Both were exceedingly good."

"Mr. E. R. Peacock gave an interesting and instructive five-minutes' address after interval, telling how he had done the pioneering of Mechanical Calculation in this part of the world, and how very gratifying it was to see the vast proportions to which his efforts had grown."

"The Club Song, by combined artists, ended a very enjoyable entertainment. It was lovely being able to hand over our cheque for £15/15/- to the Children's Hospital Appeal. In fact, Mr. Peacock was so pleased with the performance that he offered to stand the cost if we would reproduce it."

"It sounds good. I should have loved to have been there. What is your next event to be?"

"Our Annual Ball in Ormond Hall. Shall I send you some tickets?"

"Yes—I don't want to miss that."

"All right—so long."

"So long."

"So-long!"