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DORR EUGENE FELT, President
FELT & TARRANT MFG. CO.



THE COMPTOMETER, invented by Dorr Eugene Felt, was the first operative multiple-order key-driven adding and calculating machine made.

The first practical Comptometer with metal parts was completed in 1886. It was regularly on the market in 1887.

The partnership of Felt & Tarrant, formed in 1887 to manufacture the Comptometer, was incorporated in 1889 as the Felt and Tarrant Mfg. Co., of which Mr. Felt was then, and still is, the President and active head.

In addition to the wide-spread influence of the Comptometer in the figuring departments of industry, it has opened a new field for ambitious young men and women seeking employment in business. Our system of world-wide Comptometer Schools is the outcome of Mr. Felt's plan to provide trained operators competent to utilize the speed capacity of the machine.




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Promotions

 One with a spark of ambition will seek employment in a line of work that offers no opportunity for promotion. Fortunately, Comptometry doesn't belong in that class. This is not news to us or to Comptometer operators generally, but we were pleasantly reminded of its truth by the experience of a young lady who made us a visit the other day.

In a few years she has advanced to the head of the Statistical Department in one of the largest manufacturing concerns in the Middle West, where she now has more than thirty people under her direction and reporting to her.

In trying to pick out some out-standing qualifications that would account for her splendid progress, we were impressed, in the first place, by the fact that like all of us she had acquired in our Comptometer School a comprehensive knowledge of business arithmetic. And in addition, taking advantage of our correspondence instruction course, she was still studying.

But the real reason for her rapid advancement lay in the fact that she was alert to the possibilities of her immediate position. If new or additional information was required, if there was a peak-load in the Payroll, Billing or Inventory Department, or if the bookkeeper wanted his debits and credits totaled for the Trial Balance, this young lady was not only willing but anxious to help. This willingness was not overlooked by those in authority. It not only brought her to the favorable attention of the Comptroller, but it gave her such a knowledge of the business that she automatically became the inevitable choice for Statistical Chief.


Now that we are all back from our vacations, full of pep and renewed energy, is it not a good time to check-up on our immediate situation?

After all, people who have achieved outstanding success are not as a rule endowed with greater assets than the average—but they grasp and utilize the opportunities that come their way. And sometimes when opportunities are lacking they even create them.

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Instruction Service Department

C. VEBECK

 NE reason why Col. Charles A. Lindbergh flew to Paris, and the reason for the Radio and for the Twentieth Century Limited and the Panama Canal and for Comptometers, is to short-cut something—to arrive quicker. No operator should fail to learn the short-cuts that will help in arriving at the answer quicker and thus save many minutes and much energy. We are willing to help you work out these short cuts if you will submit samples of your everyday figure work.

Short-cuts on the Comptometer mean fewer key-strokes, less figure writing, less time locating decimal points, less mental energy and mental delays and fewer physical motions.

Here's an example that can be short-cut by taking advantage of the above time and labor saving principles.

A customer bought, during the month of March, merchandise amounting to \$84,124.00. The customer made 25 payments of \$3,275.00 each on the following dates:

March 17, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 30, April 1, 4, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, and on April 27 made final payment of \$2,249.00. Find average date of payment.

The answer is easily figured on the Comptometer in less than a minute without putting a figure down on paper or cancelling even once.

On request, we will gladly send the method of solution on the Comptometer.

Find per cent of each of following costs to total. Carry answer to two decimal places:

Paper	\$2,468,962.25
Cotton	685,792.10
Fabric	1,687,832.02
Misc.	67,843.45

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Find total interest at 6 per cent to Mar. 31st on following deferred balances. Raise the dollars \$1.00 if cents are 50c or over, and drop if less than 50c.

Jan. 15	2,000.00
Jan. 31	1,875.25
Feb. 9	1,675.85
Mar. 3	1,348.35
Mar. 6	1,248.75

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Article costs \$1.20 to manufacture, and selling and administrative expense is 30 per cent of cost. A trade discount of 60 per cent is allowed and it is desired to make a profit of 25 per cent on the *net selling price*. What is list price?

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Since the last issue of the Comptometer News, the number of operators who have taken advantage of the Comptometer Correspondence Instruction Service has increased considerably and we have received many more requests than ever before for Decimal Cards and have also been glad of the opportunity to answer so many questions.



Ft. Worth Baseball Team

Fort Worth, Texas

THE Comptometer Indoor Baseball team was a runner-up in the Employees' League, winning second place after making a strong bid for first honors. The loss of the championship was due to our pitcher, Miss Ina Cone, being out of the last few games because of an injury.

Miss Mildred Hammond of the Standards Dept., Swift & Co., returned from a two weeks' vacation spent in Medicine Park, Okla. Mildred says she had a wonderful time, boating, dancing and swimming.

Miss Ola Strahan, one of our most congenial operators, has accepted a position with W. C. Stripling & Co.

Miss Pauline McMahn has returned from an extended visit to El Paso Texas. She has accepted a position with the Frisco Railway Co.

Miss Ina Cone, instructor in the school, has accepted a position with Swift & Co. Miss Vera Parrish has taken her place in the school.

Mrs. Garland Charles, formerly of this city but later with the Midland Valley Railroad at Muskogee, Okla., has returned and says she will never leave the Lone Star State again.

Miss Bessie Mae Brown finished school adding seventy-two columns correctly in one hour. She has accepted a position with Swift & Co.

Miss Billie Ritchie, formerly of Armour & Co., has accepted a position as Office Manager for Helpy Selfy Stores of Fort Worth. Miss Ritchie is one of our best-liked operators and we wish her success in her new undertaking.

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Ft. Worth (continued)

Cupid has been working overtime since the last issue of the News. It seems that every few days someone whispers in our ear the glad tidings of Wedding Bells. First of all, our most efficient Service Man, Mr. Ray E. Green of the Dallas territory, was married to Miss Katherine Mann, Comptometer Operator at Sanger Bros., Inc. Then Miss Juaneta Wright, operator at the C. R. I. & G. Ry., changed her name to Mrs. Frank Volentine. And Miss Pearl White, Comptometer Operator for Armour & Co., became Mrs. Glenn Martin. We all join in wishing them many years of happiness and success.

Des Moines, Iowa

The Comptometer Club held a picnic at Riverview Park on July 14th. The "gang" took full advantage of the opportunity of forgetting "business dignity" and returning to their "kid days" once again.

Girls who have the honor of wearing the Comptometer ring for record adding in our school for 1927 are: Helen Mathers, Ethel Truman, Ruth Rothfus, Darlene Farrens, Faye Shroyer and Maude Davis.

Our agent who now answers to the name of "Daddy," is wearing a smile that doesn't wear off. Jerry will make "Daddy" Asher step in a few years.

Newark, N. J.

The day students of the Newark Comptometer School held a "While-we're-still-together" party on the afternoon of April 8th. The entertainment and refreshment committee, with Miss Schenck our instructor acting as chairman, made the affair a howling success.

Comptometers were piled in a corner and desks which served as tables were arranged to form a square. Various parlor games were indulged in, among the most interesting being to pin a red correction button, while blindfolded, on a sheet which represented a Comptometer. Numerous prizes

were distributed to the lucky winners. A Grab Bag also afforded a great deal of merriment.

Then there was an exhibition of the Charleston and Black Bottom by a few of the "live wires," after which everybody was ready for and heartily enjoyed the refreshments. Long may we cherish memories of this little party.

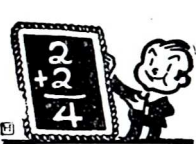
Miss Rose Kahn has received the prize Comptometer ring by adding 61 columns correctly on her 24th day in school. On the Ring Test she made an average of 128.5 per cent.



Newark Picnickers



These charming young ladies were one of the reasons for the success of the Calgary Gyro show which was put on to aid the Baby Clinic Fund



SUPPOSE you stand in 10,000 answers as your day's work, and the next day your "Boss" finds they are all incorrect.

What should he pay you for the day's work?

No, girls, it is not how fast you hit the keys or how much you perspire—the question is "How many CORRECT answers do you produce in a day"?

If you thoroughly understand your Controlled-Key rules you can produce a greater number of correct answers.

When the Comptometer locks up in adding it is a signal that you have just made a partial key stroke, which

on the old type machine would result in an incorrect answer, but the Controlled-Key Comptometer forces you to STOP.

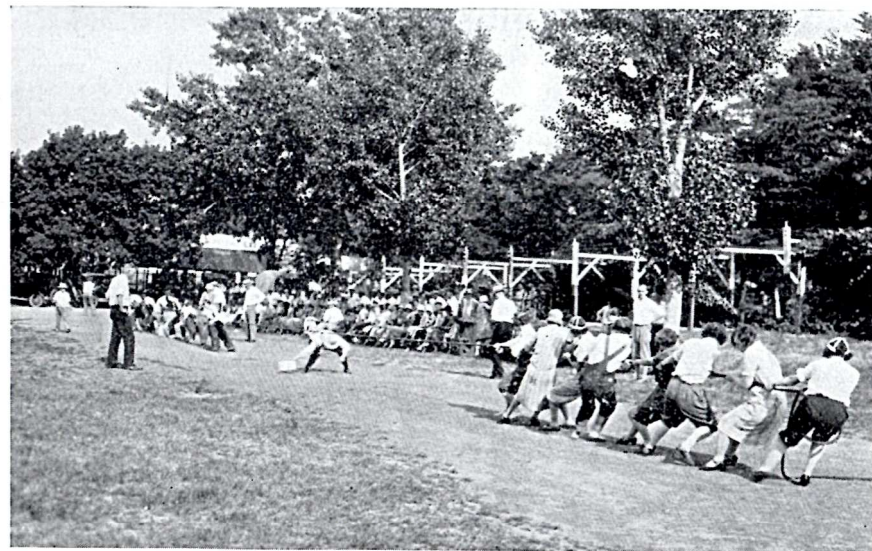
Now don't clear the machine and start over—correct the error and proceed with your work.

If you need a little "brushing up" on this just drop us a line and we will gladly mail you the "Controlled-Key" Rules.—"Witt."



If you are interested in the Civil Service you will be pleased to know that examinations for calculating machine operators are to be held about September 15th.

Your local Comptometer school will be glad to give you all the particulars regarding these examinations.



Tug-o-war at the Lincoln Telephone Co. picnic, where the Comptometer operators developed their "pull."

Lincoln, Nebr.

GRACE C. SHINN

The Lincoln Telephone Co. held its annual picnic on July 28th at Capital Beach—"The Playground of the Middle West". Everybody had lots of fun watching other folks do stunts to which they were not accustomed. The afternoon was a continuous round of baseball, races, tug-o-war, pop drinking contests and other games. The accompanying picture shows Miss Virgil and her husky crew (all Comptometer operators) winning the tug-o-war.

July being the proper month for picnics, we thought that would be the best way to inaugurate the "get-together" spirit among the operators in Lincoln. So on Friday, July 29th, we held our first picnic—a wiener roast. The weather man was very good, making it almost cool enough to wear wraps. We built a big bonfire with logs, which burned down to a hot bed of coals and was perfect for toasting the wieners and marshmallows.

Seventeen girls attended the picnic, coming from the School and the various local business offices. Everybody ate too much, but no casualties have been reported.

Miss Alice Jones, who left the employment of the Beatrice Creamery Company office at the death of her father, has returned to accept a position with the Continental Oil Co. She is replacing Miss Helen Rexford, who recently went to Chicago.

It is a rare occurrence that a student achieves a grade of 100 per cent on the final examination. However, this distinction belongs to Miss Nettie B. Williams.



San Diego, Calif.

Miss Elizabeth Gustafson of the San Diego & Arizona Audit Office has resigned her position and returned to Chicago, her home city.

Miss Helen Stuart of the Oklahoma City school, and more recently of the Panhandle & Santa Fe general office, Amarillo, Texas, is now with the San Diego & Arizona Ry. here.

Miss Judd of the Mission Beach Co. is spending two months in Winnipeg, Canada, her old home.

Miss Elvira Sachs, very efficient student of this school, has been placed with the Union Oil Co., Accounting Dept.

Between the lure of distant green pastures, the call of the wild, the legitimate vacation, Cupid and the humidity, the Employment and Instruction departments of this office have been doing a double shift.

Among the known fatalities since the last issue are:

Miss Blanche Terrel, Seattle School, now Mrs. Carl W. Monkers. Miss Haskel McSpodden, now Mrs. W. J. Leith. Miss Helen Gurra, now Mrs. O. Rinde. Miss Roxie Rae, now Mrs. R. H. Potter.

Our best wishes for success and happiness are extended to these happy young people.

Cleveland Comptometer Operator Wins Around-the-World Tour



Another Comptometer Operator was recently brought into the limelight when Miss Marcella Callahan, a graduate of the Cleveland Comptometer School, was announced as the winner of the Advance Ticket Sale for the Cleveland Industrial Exposition, held in Cleveland, August 6th to 28th.

Miss Callahan was one of hundreds of contestants, and we are more than proud that she was declared the First Prize winner, which entitles her to a four months' trip around the world. She sails on the Steamer President Wilson August 18th, and returns to Cleveland December 16th.

The itinerary includes: Washington, D. C., New York City, Havana, Panama Canal, San Francisco, the Orient, Egypt, Mediterranean, Italy, Paris, London, Boston and returning to New York on December 15th. The trip from Paris to London will be made by aeroplane.

Miss Marcella Callahan is employed by the Fisher Body Ohio Co. of Cleveland, and will resume her duties with that company about January 2nd.

The Editor herewith extends a cordial invitation to Miss Callahan to visit the various Comptometer offices enroute and write us her impressions of the trip.

Youngstown, Ohio



INCREASED business made it necessary for the Youngstown Office to seek larger and better quarters. Our School and Office is now located at 512-13-14 City Bank Bldg. This new location makes it possible to render even better service to our customers.

Thru the courtesy of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., the advanced students of the Youngstown School visited the Comptometer Department in their general office, and were delighted with the efficient manner in which this battery of high speed operators were getting out their work.

Recent additions to various offices are as follows:

Margaret Lusk, Erie Railroad Company.
Thelma Obenauf, Erie Railroad Company.
Verna Craig, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company.

Devona Stone, Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company.

Mildred Reardon, Pennsylvania & Ohio Electric Company.

Clara Jenkins, Pennsylvania & Ohio Electric Company.

Dorothy Hofus, Kroger Grocer Company.

Our students had planned on taking an afternoon off for a picnic to be held at our beautiful Idora Park. The date for the picnic had to be changed several times on account of rainy weather, so they finally decided to have their picnic lunch on the desks in their class room, then spend the afternoon at a Theatre Party. However, we are all still looking forward to a nice picnic day.



Salt Lake City, Utah

E. V. BURNETT

Miss Leora Hall qualified for the ring on her 12th day in school, adding 63 columns correctly. On her 22nd day in school she added 77 columns correctly. Miss Hall resigned a position on which she had been working for two years, to take the Comptometer course. In one month after starting the course she accepted a position at a salary of fifteen dollars more than she had received in her former position.

We are very proud to have Miss Kathleen Bezzant in our school. Miss Bezzant won a gold medal for typing 100 words a minute for 15 minutes. Miss Bezzant is also a fast stenographer. Some Salt Lake business house is going to get an exceptional Comptometer clerk.

There is quite a bit of friendly competition between the girls in the present class and one young man, Mr. Arthur Charter. Mr. Charter is at present ahead of all the girls both in adding and point work.

Greetings from Paris!



We are pleased to welcome to our columns in this issue Mlle. Suzanne Gerbaux, Instructor in the Paris Comptometer School.

In accompanying letter Mlle. Gerbaux sends us her greetings and tells a little about the Comptometer in Paris. We hope to have for our next issue some more pictures and a story about "The Comptometer in France."

Très intéressés par les échos qui nous parviennent des Ecoles Américaines, nous serions heureux de mêler aussi notre voix à celles de nos sœurs lointaines et d'être admis dans le concert des "COMPTOMETER NEWS".

N'est-ce pas une merveilleuse chose que de pouvoir par delà l'Océan être unis par la pensée du même travail que nous accomplissons, et ne devons-nous pas rendre hommage à notre cher COMPTOMETER d'être entre nous le "trait-d'union."

Bien que notre Ecole de France ne puisse pas encore rivaliser par l'importance et le nombre de ses élèves avec les Ecoles Américaines, nous osons dire que tout de même ici nous existons et nous faisons de bon travail.

Nous sommes relativement une Ecole "jeune" et cependant déjà, des centaines d'opérateurs et d'opératrices ont appris par nos soins le maniement du COMPTOMETER et ont porté sa renommée aux quatre coins de Paris et de la France.

Bien des efforts ont déjà été réalisés en France, grâce au dévouement de tous les instituteurs de notre cher Directeur Monsieur Bernard SOULÉ, pour faire connaître et apprécier le COMPTOMETER et pour faire acquiescer son prestige par la supériorité de ses opératrices, car de même que le COMPTOMETER se recommande par sa qualité, de même voulons-nous que les opératrices qui le servent se recommandent par la "qualité" de leur travail.

La tâche à accomplir nous a semblé belle et séduisante; c'est de tout cœur que nous nous y sommes attelés, et nul effort ne nous a paru trop rude pour la mener à bien; nous la continuerons, car nous ne sommes pas encore arrivés au but que nous convoitions mais que nous ne désespérons pas d'atteindre.

Nous adressons notre très amical souvenir aux "Comptométrices" d'Amérique.

La Direction de l'Ecole du COMPTOMETER de PARIS.

Suzanne Gerbaux

SUZANNE GERBAUX

St. Louis, Mo.



THE tanned and smiling face of our genial C. B. Moore has been seen on several occasions around St. Louis, beaming from the midst of a Ford Sedan-load of girls. To those who are acquainted with C. B.'s habit of hard work, the various times of the day which this has happened might occasion some surprise. Oh, well—it's his vacation and he's got a right to spend it as he pleases. This has been going on since the 5th, but will stop on the 22nd.

We have faith enough in the ability of our Comptometer school pupils so that we produce our own material for demonstrators and teachers.

Miss Myrtle Keller and Miss Billie Flachmeier are examples. Miss Keller, who graduated from our school three years ago, has been doing temporary work ever since. She has held some hard jobs, has proven her ability as an operator, and in the short time she has been employed by the St. Louis office is proving her ability to make the right sort of contacts with customers.

Miss Flachmeier, who has been out of school but a month or so, has already proven her ability to hold a position under highly exacting circumstances. She attracted quite a bit of attention while in school

by the ease with which she fairly "ate up" all the points that were given her. Her eagerness to learn and her initiative in doing what there is to be done, indicate that she will go far in Comptometry.

The normally fast pace we travel here in St. Louis was speeded up somewhat about two weeks ago by the arrival of Miss Leona A. Kretzer, sunburned and "plump-ened," from her vacation. She was exuberant in her account of the delights of the summer resort near Decatur, Ill., where she had sojourned for two weeks.

The questions concerning all the things that came up during those two weeks have all been fired at her, and she has survived. Aside from the coat of tan and a chance allusion to "something funny" that happened during her vacation, there is now no reminder that she was away from the office.

Miss Alvina Berger, former teacher, took Miss Kretzer's place during those eventful two weeks.



Mary raised her Comptometer
An inch or two in the rear—
And that's how she lost her speed and touch
And must learn all over, poor dear!

—H. L.

Buffalo, N. Y.

On June 27th the operators of the Buffalo School formed a Comptometer Club. The election of officers resulted as follows:

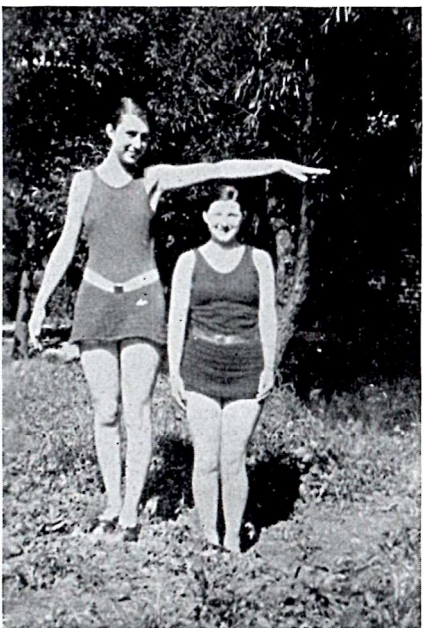
Mildred Flick, President.
Eloise Brewer, First Vice-President.
Mary Dettman, Second Vice-President.
Mary Staebell, Third Vice-President.
Gladys Gross, Secretary.
Mildred Groh, Editor.

The meetings are held each Wednesday morning, from 11:30 until noon.



Buffalo's Candidates for "Miss America"

The first social event of the Club was a picnic held at Como Lake, Lancaster, N. Y., on July 9th. Como Lake's rustic bridges,



Eight and Twelve Column!

wooded lanes and natural scenery all tend to make it a very picturesque spot. The girls had a very enjoyable time at this "get-together" party, and enjoyed the swimming, boating, hiking and tennis.

The accompanying picture shows some of the girls who attended.

It was with deep regret that the Buffalo operators bade farewell to Miss Esther Holmes, who was for a short period connected with the Buffalo Comptometer School. We sincerely hope that Miss Holmes, who is now in Los Angeles, Calif., will enjoy her new environment and won't forget her friends in Buffalo. The Comptometer News will not fail to keep us in touch from coast to coast.



Lansing, Mich.

Due to the ever-increasing demand for Comptometer operators, we have opened a Comptometer School in the Capitol City of Michigan. We extend a cordial invitation to all operators to visit us at 305-306 Wil-son Bldg.

The girls in the school held their first "Comptometer Picnic" recently at Potter Park, and everybody had such a good time that it was decided to hold another picnic a little later in the season. However, we don't want to limit this to the girls in the school, as we would like to share our good time with some of our old operators.



Kansas City, Mo.

MARIE R. BLISS

The following are our Ring prize winners during the past month:

Miss Alice Bronaugh added 61 columns on her 22nd day.

Miss Ophelia Lovell added 68 columns on her 22nd day.

Miss Ora Potter added 61 columns on her 22nd day.

Miss Pauline Wagholtzer added 62 columns on her 22nd day.

We are very proud of these girls, and this ring prize is certainly developing some fine "adders".

Belva Marshall Wickers who spent the last year in Florida, after visiting a few weeks here went to Los Angeles and writes us that through the aid of the school there she has secured a position with the Santa Fe.

Mrs. Marie McKinley Isaacs and small son Eugene have gone to Parco, Wyo., to join Mr. Isaacs, and will take up permanent residence there.

Louisville, Ky.



On July 7th the Comptometer School held an all-day outing at Big Rock picnic grounds, Cherokee Park.

The empty baskets after lunch led us to believe that all had made the most of their holiday. Then there were games and races, and prizes were awarded the winners; after which we enjoyed a delicious treat of ice cream and cake.



The Louisville Operators in a Festive Mood

The day passed only too quickly, and a group of tired Comptometer operators fatigued from a day's calculations (not in dollars and cents, but in obtaining the sum total of fun from a short vacation) made their way to the cars which conveyed them to their respective homes.

Miss Esther Miller, former demonstrator at our office and at present Office Manager at the C. Von Allman Preserving Co., has taken upon herself the duties of teacher to our night classes.

Louisville & Nashville R. R. Co., Auditor
Freight Accounts Office

Vacations have started in earnest at the L. & N. R. R. Co.

Misses Lillian Bremer, Margaret Robards and Minnie Naefe took an interesting trip by land and sea. After a short stay in Washington and New York they took a Southern Pacific steamer to New Orleans. Their office friends predicted six meals a day for them—three up and three down—but fortunately such was not the case.

Cupid has been kept pretty busy during the spring and summer. Misses Gladys Carlin, Louise Powell and Claire Jean Barbour have left our midst. Somebody's gain has been our loss, but all wish them well in their new adventure.

Miss Irma Schaper is busy plotting and planning a trip of exploration in the West.

Trying to decide where to spend her long vacation of three days has almost driven Mary McCrocklin to grey hair. However, Margaret Dignan, her well arranged vacation plans having gone awry, has joined forces with Mary; and now it remains to be seen where Margaret and Mary will go.

The new faces added to the A. F. A. Dept. are: Mrs. Lillian Ellington, Mrs. Louise Hoepfner, Miss Ruth McCoy and Miss Katherine Smith.



Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Shelby Peterson, Comptometer operator, Store Room Dept., St. Louis, Southwestern Railroad, Pine Bluff is on a six weeks' leave of absence. Miss Beatrice Brown is relieving him.

We welcome Miss Ann Mason to our Little Rock Comptometer family. She came here recently to accept a position with the Rock Island Railroad Co.

Miss Ernestine Ambort is relief operator, Superintendent's Office, Missouri-Pacific Railroad, while their regular operators are on vacations.

We are glad to report Miss Hazel Hoffman much improved following an operation.

We are wondering why Miss Clara Farabee accepted a position in Little Rock and then returned to her old job with the Cotton Belt Railroad at Pine Bluff within one week. There must be something to the old saying, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder."

Miss Frances Woods and Mrs. Iva Cooper recently accepted positions with the Cox Cash Stores; Miss Marion Duncan is with the M. M. Cohn Co.; Miss Edna Ball, Magnolia Petroleum Company; Miss Wilma Jones, Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.; Miss Jewel Jones, Doyle Dry Goods Co. Miss Gretel Henry accepted a position with the Rock Island Railroad Co. El Reno, Okla., July 1st. We understand she is now with the same company at Alma, Kan.

Mr. and Mrs. Felton of Jacksonville delightfully entertained the Comptometer School with a watermelon feast Thursday afternoon, August 4th. The night class was recently guests of Mr. W. M. Gentry, Supt. of the Donaghey Bldg., who also served watermelons.



Oh Girls, have you seen our new model

With the marvelous new key touch.

It costs the same as the old one,

But it's really worth twice as much.

—H. L.

Springfield, Mass.



MISS Emiline Foerster is leaving the ranks of Comptometer Operators to go into training as a nurse in the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Miss Agnes Baird, a student is filling the vacancy left by Miss Foerster with the Wico Electric Co. Best of success in your new work Emiline!



Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Pauze

Above is a picture of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Pauze, who were married in St. George's Church, Chicopee Falls, on June 20th. Through her charming personality Mrs. Pauze has made many friends in the Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co., where she has been employed as an operator for the past nine years. Mrs. Pauze, who was Miss Yvonne Carmel, takes this opportunity to thank her many operator friends for their assistance in helping her win third prize in Adaskin's June Bride Popularity Contest.

Congratulations are in order for Miss Mary E. Leach, operator for the Fisk Rubber Co., who became the bride of Mr. Christopher J. Frey of Rockville, Conn., on June 15th in St. Mathew's Church, Indian Orchard, Mass. Best wishes, Mary!

Two operators from the H. L. Handy Co. also took their "matrimonial vows" during the month of June. Miss Myrtle Bickmore became the bride of Arthur W. Waterhouse, in Thomaston, Maine, on June 18th; and Miss Helen Leahy became Mrs. John Burke at Springfield, Mass. Best wishes for happiness are extended to both couples.

We are very glad to announce that Miss Hulda Anderson was promoted from head of the Billing Dept. to Assistant Cashier for the H. L. Handy Co.

"Dan Cupid" is certainly taking a heavy toll of operators for the month of September.

Miss Lena Ross has chosen September 6th for her wedding day, when she will become the bride of Mr. Jesse Barr of E. Longmeadow. Miss Ross will continue her duties at the Milton Bradley Co.

Miss Irene Hurley, also an operator for the Milton Bradley Co., will wed Mr. Donald Riley some time during the month of September. As yet, Miss Hurley is keeping dark the special date she has chosen.

The wedding of Miss Ruth Shandelmayer will take place on September 17th, when she will become the bride of Mr. Wm. McElwen. Miss Shandelmayer has chosen Miss Myrtle Henegar as one of her attendants. Both operators are employed by the Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co.

Miss Nola Smith is leaving the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. to become Mrs. James Stewart on Sept. 10th. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Stewart will make their home in Hartford, Conn.

Mrs. Theresa Hinkley, who has been living in Boston, has returned to the "City of Homes" again and has accepted a position with her former employers, Eastern Dairies Co. We are very glad to welcome Mrs. Hinkley back in this territory.



Davenport, Iowa

ANN MOLYNEAUX

Miss Wilma Bishop is our honor pupil, having added correctly 62 columns on her 20th day in school and thereby winning the Comptometer ring.

Miss Martha Trouffer has accepted a position at the Sinclair Packing Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Miss Dorothy Grobman is now employed with the Harned & Van Maur Dept. Store.

Mr. Harry Garber is the first young man to enter our Comptometer School. We hope to see more young men enter our classes.



If you move, send us your new address so you will be sure to promptly receive each copy of the Comptometer News.

Columbus, Ohio

THELMA SHADE



MRS. Ted. Koons, one of our old operators, formerly known as Florence Dye, has recently set sail on the famous sea. We are sure that the Boston Store hated to lose such a valued employee, for it took two operators to replace her. We understand she wasn't so "stupid" in the marriage question either, for since the big event they have built a new home and purchased a new car. We sure hope the good luck continues.



What do you think of the latest Comptometer Ring winner in Columbus? We think she's pretty and good and a generally useful all-around girl in an office. Her name is Ruth Irwin.

A very wet time was had by the Columbus School when we all went swimming on a rainy Saturday afternoon. It sure was great fun. If you don't believe it, just try it some time and see. We all took our baskets along—well filled of course—and maybe you think we didn't devour the contents. Things sure tasted good. There wasn't even a baked bean left.

Miss Thelma Shade, instructress of the Columbus School, entertained the 3 C's (Columbus Comptometer Club) with a dinner at the home of her sister on Wednesday evening, August 10th. The table decorations were carried out in pink and white, from the tall pink candles to the pink and white snap-dragons and angel food cake with pink

frosting. Everyone enjoyed themselves and we sure went home with a full "tummy".

The prize "adder" of the country just almost "wrecked the works". Rose Milhon got married but she is going to continue to work, and we are sure she will still be able to beat Miss Jones of Little Rock, who only added 107. We don't mean to infer that Miss Jones isn't a good adder, but Rosalie is better—115 columns correctly in sixty minutes.



Boston, Mass.

GRACE E. LAWSON

The young ladies so unafraid of the formidable looking lion are Miss Reno and Helen Sleeper, operators in the office of the



Big Game Hunters?

H. E. Fletcher Co. at West Chelmsford, Mass. The Lion is going to adorn the new Cottage Farms Bridge at Boston.

Miss Aurelia Morse has returned to the Hub City from Los Angeles, Calif., after spending about three years with the Pacific Electric Railroad there. Miss Morse is now employed by the First National Bank of Boston.

We are always glad to have Comptometer operators from other cities come in and register with us. Among the recent newcomers is Miss Zenneth Adams of Cleveland, O. Miss Adams is now employed at the Waldorf Lunch System, Inc.

Miss Rae White, formerly of Montreal, Que., is now working at the Gulf Refining Co.

Miss Rose Barrier, who was formerly connected with the American Optical Co. of Southbridge, Mass., is now employed at the Houghton Dutton Co.

Mrs. Lilybel Janson from Houston, Tex., has registered with us for temporary work.

We will be pleased to have these outside girls pay us a visit and any operators who are planning to come to Boston are invited to call at our office.

THE COMPTOMETER IN GREAT BRITAIN

The Comptometer is not a recent arrival in Great Britain.

Its first appearance in London marked the beginning of the modern key-board adding machine industry in Europe.

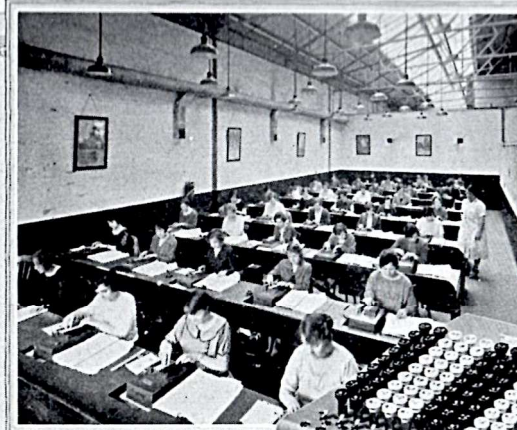
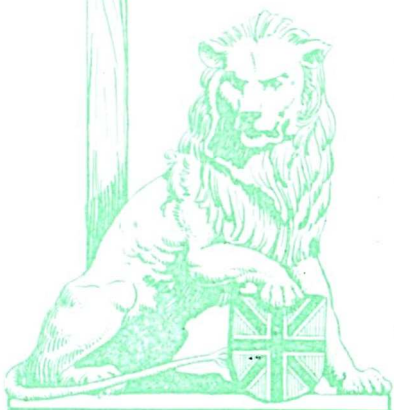
That was in 1890—thirty-seven years ago.

Like all new ideas involving radical changes in established practice, mechanical calculation was slow of acceptance in business accounting. But in spite of the prejudice of old time bookkeepers the Comptometer grew—slowly, to be sure, in those early years, but it grew.

The extent of its growth is better appreciated when it is known that the London Office, with its spacious and well-appointed School at Aldwych House, Aldwych, has seventeen branches distributed through England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, each with its Comptometer School.

Better than any word of ours, concerning the esteem in which the Comptometer is held by both business interests and governmental users, is the splendid patronage it received during and since the Great War, from the Government, which bought for one department alone 200 Comptometers in one order; from the great industrial concerns like Dunlop Rubber Co., and the Co-Operative Wholesale Societies; and from the transportation systems like London North-western Ry. and the Great Western Ry.

And last, but not least, is the service rendered by our Comptometer Schools in Great Britain in supplying trained Comptometer operators—a service that contributed greatly to the rapid handling of figure work in short-staffed offices in the days when every minute counted. These Schools still carry on, and have been highly commended as an important economic factor in business by persons highly placed in both official and private life.



*General
Omnibus Co.
London*



*Great Western
Ry. Battery*



*The London
Comptometer
Office*



*Demonstrating
to
H. M. the Queen*



*The London
Comptometer
School*

Philadelphia, Pa.

MISS CAROLINE WHITE



ORE and more our Alumnae are coming in for tests and speed work, and to brush up on new ideas. We have concentrated on this particularly for the last year and are quite pleased with the results. Classes are now forming in groups of ten, which will meet once and twice a week, and the enthusiasm shown is an inspiration to us. Recently we held an examination on the history of the Comptometer and there were a number of one hundred per cent papers.

Miss Nellie E. Arsenault, a graduate of the Montreal School, and Miss Helen Clawans, a graduate of the Newark school, have recently accepted positions with the Internal Revenue Department of the U. S. Government, Trenton, N. J. We are glad to have these operators in the Philadelphia territory.

Mrs. Michell, formerly Miss Mildred Elliot, a graduate of the St. Joseph, Mo., school, has recently been added to the Philadelphia list of operators and has accepted a position with the Vacuum Oil Co.

Miss Kathryn Sack and Miss Genevieve Selbert, operators at David Lupton's Sons Co., are spending the summer in Europe. Miss Sack's home is in Germany, but she has been living in this country several years.

Miss Marjorie Hunt, from San Diego, Calif., dropped into our office the other day seeking a position. She has been placed with the Fire Association.

Miss Mae Uhlhorn is the last operator to receive the Comptometer prize ring, adding 65 columns correctly on her 22nd day in School.



Miss Gertrude Hill, recent ring winner.

Miss Gladys Miller, operator at the Pennsylvania R. R. Co., was recently married to Mr. J. E. Green. Mrs. Green will continue her work at the R. R. after returning from her wedding trip.



Albany, N. Y.

The new offices are working out wonderfully well and every one of our old students who has taken advantage of the invitation to pay us a visit has been delighted with the arrangement.

An evidence of the increasing demand for Comptometer operators was shown this summer when Prof. George M. York, in charge of the Commercial Department of the New York State College, came to Mr. Doughty and requested that he teach a course in Comptometry at the Summer School.

This course runs for six weeks and the teachers have shown a great interest in the work; many of them have developed considerable finger dexterity. Mr. Doughty reports two students who have already added over thirty columns in the thirty minutes allowed for addition.

The demand for operators continues through the summer as well as during the other seasons of the year and we have difficulty in getting the students out fast enough to meet the demands. Every one of you girls who have graduated from our School realize what a wonderful help it has been to you and each one of you have some High School graduate friend to whom you would be doing a real favor to recommend her taking up Comptometry as a vocation.

Mrs. Margaret Vandewater Taylor, who for a number of years has been in charge of the Comptometer Department of the Dutchess Mfg. Co. at Poughkeepsie, has resigned her position there to accept one with the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Co. of that city. Our best wishes go to Mrs. Taylor in her new position.



Allentown, Pa.

D. B. BASSETT

Shirley Smeltzer of Reading has taken a position with the Fuller Lehigh Co., Fullerton, Pa. She says she doesn't like Allentown though as there are too many Dutch there.

The night school is growing rapidly, and we extend an invitation to all operators to come in and practice up a bit and to learn some of the newer short-cuts.

Miss Dorothy Hersh, who graduated from the night school a short time ago is now an operator at the International Motors Co. We wish her good luck in her new position.



Dayton, Ohio

STELLA MULLIN

Our Picnic was a great success. There were one hundred and five present and everyone reported a good time.

After supper we enjoyed games and stunts. The three-legged race was won by Misses McBee and Peacock of the Dayton Power & Light Co. Speed at blowing up and exploding paper bags was won by Rhea Weamer.

Lillian Glaser won the distinction of building the greatest number of words from "Comptometer". We always knew there was a lot in a Comptometer but never realized it held as many as forty-two words. Miss Glaser received a Comptometer Pin for her efforts.

We have the following recent weddings to report:

- Mildred Hays to Harry Heider.
- Elva Sullivan to Don Schell.
- Gladys Woods to Ernie Paulin.
- Thelma Freese to Charles Kelter.
- Martha Bundenthal to Graham Moore.
- Alberta Fergus to Raymond Miller.
- Fay M. Wismer to Morris R. Silverthorn.
- Willadeen Beesecker to Raymond Bailey.
- Births: May 15th, a daughter, Doris Mae to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mathews (Ruth Stebleton). July 3rd, a son, Edwin Everett to Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKnight (Ruth Haerr).

Flint, Mich.

Miss Grace Conarty, Purchasing Dept. Manager at the Smith-Bridgman & Co., is spending her vacation with a party of friends at Niagara Falls.

Mrs. Lenore Henderson and Miss Eleanor Starkweather, also of Smith-Bridgman, will be able to tell us what the wild waves are saying when they return from their vacation at Mackinac Island and Chicago. (If you go broke, girls, wire T. P.)

Chevrolet News
Lena Loun

The Chevrolet Motor Car Co. have recently added the following young ladies to their Comptometer Department: Marilyn Conarton of Alma, Mich.; Mabel Cheever Jones of Lynn, Mass.; Lola Musil and Mrs. Howard Gould of Flint.

An old member of the Department, Miss Dortha West, became Mrs. Robert Bidlack on July 20th.

Sadie Major spent her vacation in the wilds of Michigan.

Mrs. Lillian Donovan spent her vacation in Wisconsin.

Miss Mildred Littlejohn made known her future husband on June 23rd. It seems like a good proposition since he works for the company.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

JOSEPHINE GRAHAM



MISS Jennie Jansen of Muskegon has been confined to her home, having trouble with her right eye. She is on the mend now and will be back to work soon. We all hope she will have no further trouble.

Mrs. Arthur, formerly Miss Bernice Berggren, stopped in at the Comptometer office the other day. She is one of our older operators, and is now the mother of two children, a boy and a girl.

Miss Mildred Neuchterlein of the Grand Rapids Vocational and Technical High School is studying the Comptometer this summer.

Mrs. John Brockschmidt, formerly Miss Loraine Beebe, is happy to announce the birth of a son on May 30th.

Mrs. Arthur Van Sledright, formerly Miss Lovina Borgman, is the mother of a little son, Gilbert Arthur Van Sledright. She is living on Burton Avenue in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Peter Bishop, who before her marriage was Miss Genevieve Hoeksema, is happy to announce the birth of a son on June 8th. She was formerly a Comptometer operator at Chas. Trankla & Co.



Houston, Texas

ESTHER STEVENS

The plans to formulate a Comptometer Operators' Club "went over the top" June 11th, with more than sixty charter members.

These eager, enthusiastic girls represent the foundation for a real live-wire club, and are, to say the least, easy to look upon.

The warm weather was for the time forgotten, through the wholesome good cheer of all present and the delicious refreshments, compliments of our General Agent, Mr. Hayes.

The election of officers was followed by an open discussion of the club's future. By popular vote it was decided that the regular meetings of the club would be held on the third Monday of each month.

By the efforts of ourselves and the help of one another we hope to—

"Buck Up and Boost"

"Give a little, live a little, try little mirth; Sing a little, bring a little happiness to earth.

Pray a little, play a little, be a little glad; Rest a little, just a little, if the heart is sad,

Spend a little, send a little to another's door;

Give a little, live a little, love a little more.

Dallas, Texas

We are pleased to announce the removal of the Dallas Comptometer School and office to new and larger quarters at 314 Construction Industries Bldg., corner of Akard and Wood Streets. This change was made in order to more comfortably take care of our increasing number of applicants.

We should like to have all our operators stop in and visit the new office.

Miss Vivian Walker and Miss Nellie Hicks are the Dallas Honor Students since the last issue of the Comptometer News. Miss Walker passed the Ring test after adding 70 columns correctly on her 28th day in school. Miss Hicks added 70 columns on her 22nd day.

Mr. R. E. Green, in charge of our Service Department, was married to Miss Kathleen Mann on June 30th. Miss Mann was an operator for Sanger Bros., Fort Worth. We all join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Green happiness.

We wish to offer congratulations to the following operators who became brides recently: Sybil Sinclair is now Mrs. W. Black; Miss Lottie Brown married Liscomb Dotson and is living in Fort Worth.

Miss Clotyle Dalton, who is working in Los Angeles, Calif., reports fine weather and likes her work, but admits being just a little homesick for Dallas.

Miss Glenda Irving has returned from a visit to Nashville, Tenn. She enjoyed being in the Comptometer School while there.



Washington, D. C.

Miss Lulu Fike, our instructor and demonstrator has left us to be married some time in September. The following, taken from the Preston Republican, is an account of the luncheon at which the engagement announcement was made:

"At a well appointed bridge-luncheon last Saturday, Miss Lulu Fike, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Fike, announced her engagement to Mr. Prentiss Watson of Masontown, W. Va.

"An elaborate menu was served in which the color scheme of yellow and lavender was attractively carried out. A small corsage of violets, to which was attached a tiny diamond ring and card bearing the announcement of the betrothal, was given to each guest

"Miss Fike has been engaged in teaching in Washington, D. C., for a number of years and at present is an instructor in the Comptometer School in that city. Mr. Watson is assistant cashier of the Masontown Bank, of Masontown, W. Va."



Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Comptometer Department

Seattle, Wash.

The Washington Mutual Savings Bank, Seattle, Wash., claims the world's speed record for figuring semi-annual interest on savings deposits.

Within a period of twenty-four hours the interest due 73,000 depositors was figured and entered by a crew of Comptometer operators. Although but a few of them are shown in the picture, some seventy Comptometers were employed. The dividend distributed or credited to depositors is said to have been the largest ever paid by a Pacific Northwest savings institution.

The work was done under the direction of Miss Alice E. Backstrom, former Comptometer operator and now Assistant Secretary of the Washington Mutual Savings Bank. A brief sketch of Miss Backstrom's business career appeared in the first issue of Comptometer News.



Portland, Ore.

CATHERINE DEKUM

Ella Rosen thinks she will prefer New York. However, she stayed with us till she received her diploma, and leaves behind her a record of 99 per cent.

When Betty Slater came to class on a Monday morning recently she surprised us

with the news of wedding bells. Her name is now Mrs. Lewis Raymond and we wish her every happiness.

This is picnic weather in Portland and we believe in making use of it. So on Wednesday, August 3rd, the girls who were able to go had a merry supper party at Columbia Beach. The merry-go-round was the big attraction, while some of the girls went wading.



Dorothy Wentworth: Come on girls, let's go wading.

Leah Cook: Oh, do we take off our shoes and stockings?



They didn't count the calories on their Comptometers

Omaha, Nebr.

A picnic was held at Linoma Beach, a summer resort about 35 miles out of Omaha, on August 11th. This is a day never to be forgotten by those who were there. After eating a delicious lunch and playing several games the party decided to go swimming and swimming they went—cars, clothes and all. Five inches of rain fell in the short time of two hours. During this time the party was stranded in an open pavillion. After the rain subsided we started for home. After encountering many difficulties and detours we arrived home with the spirit of picnicking thoroughly quenched.

The following students have recently won honor rings:

Vera St. Clair, passing with a grade of 158% and Marie Grunwald passing with a grade of 148%.



Detroit, Mich.

M. B. McCALL



MISS Billie Learmonth, one of the most popular and efficient Comptometer operators of the Passenger Accounting Division, Detroit Street Railways, entered the Personality Contest being held by the Publix Theatres. She is an accomplished pianist and we wish her every success in this and later public appearances.

Miss Dorothy Fox, at present with the Peerless Weighing Machine Co., was chosen

as a delegate to represent the B. Y. P. U. of the Woodward Ave. Baptist Church. She reports a wonderful trip, having visited New York, Atlantic City, Philadelphia, Washington and Boston.

Mr. Frederick of our Service Dept. is making an extensive tour of the Eastern cities, and reports an excellent time. Mr. Struebing is substituting in Mr. Frederick's absence.

Miss Rose Fisher deserves special mention, having won the Comptometer ring by adding 62 columns on her 19th day. The grading on her entire course was excellent.

We are very glad to hear that Miss Vivian Collins of the Wilson Creamery, who has been ill for the past month, is improving and will be able to resume her position very shortly.

Michigan Bell Telephone News

The Michigan Bell Bowlers held their banquet in the New Barlum Hotel. They all report having had a wonderful time.

Miss Lydia Fingerlos and Mrs. McDonald are spending the month of August at their respective homes in Omaha, Nebr.

We miss a great many familiar faces during the vacation period. Miss Gehrke, Mrs. Migra, Mrs. Zobel, Miss Brown, Miss McLeod, Mrs. Vandesoll and others are away.



If there's anything that makes me sad—
And makes me say "Oh Land,"
It's to see someone use a Comptometer
Without a pencil in their hand.

—H. L.

Memphis, Tenn.

The Commercial Department of Education conducted at the Y. M. C. A. on Pearl Street, held a social gathering recently, and the following who had completed the Comptometer course there received diplomas:

Mrs. Hugh Dunn, Mrs. Mildred Barrett, Mrs. Kate Lampkin, Miss Margaret Kavanagh, Miss Cecile Melancon, Miss Pearl Simmons, Miss Eleanor Wilson, Miss Mary Fuller, Miss Lessye Bryant, Miss Ruby Bryant, and Mr. Charles Hoxie.

The class was instructed by Mrs. Lucy Powell, a graduate of the New Orleans Comptometer School.

Short addresses were made by Mr. M. D. Broadfoot of the State Department of Vocational Education, Mr. Fred Todd, Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., Mrs. Powell, Instructor, and Miss Marcia Gibbs, teacher of the "Y" school.

A delightful feature of the program was the presentation by the students of gorgeous baskets of daisies and gladioli to Mrs. Powell and Miss Gibbs in appreciation of their efforts.

Delicious ice cream, cake and mints were dispensed.



New Chicago Sales Office and School Holds "Open House"

On May 15th the Chicago sales office and school moved into their new home in the new Adams-Franklin Building.

The offices are centrally located and ideally arranged to meet every requirement. The two school rooms with adjoining well ventilated cloak room can easily accommodate between one hundred twenty-five and one hundred fifty students.

FELT & TARRANT MANUFACTURING CO. announce the opening of

their new

COMPTOMETER SALES OFFICE AND SCHOOL

You and your friends are cordially invited to attend Open House

on Saturday afternoon, June twenty-fifth one to four

222 West Adams Street Room 1200

Between four and five hundred of the Chicago operators and friends responded to the above invitation and spent a happy hour renewing old acquaintances and friends. Many amusing incidents were recalled in talking over the history and growth of the Comptometer since the early days when the schools were first organized.

The offices were tastefully decorated with flowers and each guest was presented with a rose. Frappe and wafers were served. Everyone enjoyed the happy reunion and wished that the occasion might be repeated to accommodate those who were unable to come.



Rockford, Ill.

MRS. H. B. BAXLEY

One of our recent graduates, Mrs. Merle Farley, added over 100 per cent the last two weeks in school, and even attained 117 per cent for an average three days in succession, which means 70 correct columns each hour.

Bessie Mullen had an average of 94 per cent on her calculation work throughout her entire course, and finished her final test in one hour and forty-five minutes, with a grade of 98 per cent. She is now employed at the Chevrolet Motor Company in Janesville, Wis.

The fall term begins Tuesday, September 6th, and we would like to boast of some ring winners in this class.



It appears from the accompanying picture of Margaret Bagdon that there is some talent among our operators that we were not aware of. Miss Bagdon is employed by the Emerson-Brantingham Co.



The Soo Line Battery at St. Paul, Minn.

Then and Now In Soo Line Accounting

INEZ WILLIAMSON, Chief Clerk



BACK in 1913 there were six Comptometer operators in the Freight Auditor's office. (Two of these original six are still in the service of the Soo Line). The work then was confined mostly to extension of Local Received Way Bills and the footing of Local Received Abstracts.

In August, 1917, after much thought and discussion, a Comptometer Bureau was formed. This was accomplished by transferring four operators from the Auditor of Disbursements Office and two from the Ticket Auditor's Office.

The change was looked upon rather skeptically by some, but the increased production and efficiency soon proved the many advantages of a centralized Comptometer Bureau. The work handled covers a wide range, as figure work is routed to the Bureau from the Auditor of Revenue, Auditor of Disbursements, Freight Auditor, Ticket Auditor, the Payroll Department, and Wheel Reports.

When an operator's regular work is finished she is able to help out with miscel-

laneous work elsewhere, which not only results in a labor saving, but also assures getting maximum service from the machines.

The Bureau has grown steadily and now has thirty operators, all of whom are of the highest type, for before being employed each operator is obliged to pass a severe test.

A number of our operators have been in service for ten years or more, and there is a very friendly and congenial spirit throughout the office. Operators who have left the service and have moved to various parts of the country, keep in touch with their old friends by correspondence. Others who are still located in the city drop in to visit regularly, and help out during vacations and leaves.

All our Comptometers are of the latest model, for the Soo Line has found that the new models are so much easier on the operators, and also greatly increase their proficiency.



No, This Is Not The Chorus of The "Follies." It's the Tulsa, Okla. school

The Lamentations of a Novice Comptometer Operator—For a Balance

YOU add the columns up and down,
You add them from left to right,
You add both slowly and carefully
For
a
Balance.

When you haven't been at it very long
And you've added half way down the card,
You commence to feel quite competent
And that it's really not so hard
To
get a
Balance.

So you finish and set down the answers,
Quite confident that they'll agree,
Until with a shock you discover
That there aren't two numbers that you can see
That
Balance.

Then with care you go over each number,
As the time flies relentlessly by,
And at last near the end you find one
That before you missed; and you say
with a sigh

"At
last a
Balance."

The morning is gone but you've found your mistake,
And you hurry to change the numbers about;
But you find to your grief, that somehow or other,
You're twenty dollars and eighteen cents out

And
still no
Balance.
So you add up and down and left and right,

And you wonder how long it will take
Before you can add the figures that really are there
Without making any mistake
For
a
Balance.

—Marion Reed, Cleveland.



When Alice adds and locks her keys
She doesn't know what to do
So clears her machine and begins again.
I think she's dumb, don't you?

—H. L.

Comptometer Conclave

THE HANDS of the school room clock were toward the hour of two, and the pale glimmer of the moonlight proclaimed that a new day had been born.

A solemn, almost supernatural hush prevailed throughout the room, but this silence was broken by a distant murmur. Shadowy forms came gliding in through the door, and took places as sentinels throughout the room. A rumbling of heavy forms was heard, and all the Comptometers left their accustomed places on the desks. They gathered in groups and began discussing subjects which, from their erudite expressions, must have been of great importance. An air of expectation was prevalent all through the company, and when a Twelve Column strode down the long aisle of the room, every Comptometer spontaneously ceased speaking.

The Twelve Column stepped to the front, and took the place of honor behind the desk. "My friends," it began, "because of my superior size and calculating abilities, and also because I am magnanimous, as well as magniloquent, I have chosen to preside at this meeting."

Then for the first time he noticed the shadowy forms standing around the room.

"Who are you?" he asked, "You were not invited to this meeting. Do you play any part in the curricula of the students of this school?"

"Indeed we do," was the reply. "We are Wasted Moments and there are millions of us in existence."

A sound which resembled a sigh resounded throughout the room. Ten Column arose. "We are here tonight," it began, "to discover, if we can, what is lacking in this school. . . for there is something lacking."

Again the sigh was heard. This time it seemed to repeat "Something is lacking."

Next Eight Column machine addressed the meeting. "We Comptometers cannot say that we have been generally abused by the students. They are fairly faithful in their operations, and . . ."

"No, they are not," rudely interrupted a Ten Column machine. "They almost break me with their thoughtless hit and miss pounding and jabbing with pencils, and what-not."

"And my poor arm has been strained many times by the angry jerks when I warn them of an error" continued another

dejected looking machine. "They never think of using the red correction button."

Twelve Column rapped for order and was on the verge of speaking, when two spirits appeared apparently from nowhere. Instantly the Comptometers gathered about the newcomers.

"Who are you?" they asked. "Oh, we know that you are the elements which are lacking in this school."

Thus appealed, the first spirit replied, "I am that intangible something, that is known as Concentration, and this," indicating the other spirit, "is my sister, Determination."

"Yes, it is you that we need to make our school complete," responded the Comptometers in chorus. "Won't you stay with us?"

"No, we cannot stay with you," one of the spirits answered. "We cannot stay anywhere of our own free will. We must be summoned forth by the students. There is nothing we cannot do for a school where we dwell, and it causes us great sorrow to leave you."

With these words, they vanished as mysteriously as they had come.

The moonlight had been growing dimmer, and a faint touch of color in the east heralded the approach of dawn. When the Comptometers perceived this, they hastily returned to the desks which they had left. Silence again reigned in the room. But the next morning Miss Holmes, the instructor, wondered how the Twelve Column happened to be on her desk.—Catherine Smith, Buffalo School.



When Comptometer keys are golden,
And the handle fashioned of jade,
When the register shows a total
Of figures all pearl inlaid—

When unseen hands press the keyboard,
Invisible, swift and sure,
And as they press, make music,
Unmatchable, sweet and pure—

Then I'll punch out on the time clock,
And tear my card into a shred,
For the Comptometer belongs to
St. Peter,

And I've been added to the dead.

—Doris Prater, Tacoma Grocery Co.



Pittsburgh says it with Flowers

The smiling young ladies pictured herewith are:

1. Marie McBride, Koppers Co.
2. Margaret Rubincsak, P. H. Butler Co.
3. Ruth Plaster Pitts. Produce and Packing Co.
4. Gertrude Till, Philadelphia Co.
5. Agnes McConnell, Oil Well Supply Co.
6. Agnes Carrol, Koppers Co.

These young ladies are demonstrators and teachers in the Pittsburgh School:
Upper right, Miss Iva Ulrich
Upper left, Miss Elmore Wright
Lower left, Miss Catherine V Plaster
Lower right, Catherine P. Espe



St. Paul, Minn.

ELIZABETH BAGSTAD

DOROTHY Rose Tullar, Comptometer operator employed by the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Co., placed second in the St. Paul Dispatch and Pioneer Press Garment model contest July 22nd.



Dorothy Rose Tullar

The contest, which was staged at the Capital Theatre, was so close that only 2.9 points separated Miss Tullar from Dorothy Lillian Nelson, who was adjudged the winner. Miss Tullar was credited with 82.1 per cent.

Ten judges, selected from the leading department and women's wear stores of St. Paul, made the selection in two elimination contests held at the Tower Ballroom, at which 250 girls "strutted their stuff". The finals had 23 of the best on the Capitol Theatre stage.

In announcing the winner it was stated that the contest was so close that the auditors were forced to check and recheck the figures on the judges' score cards to make sure.

Both Miss Tullar and Miss Nelson were entertained thoroughly in St. Paul before Miss Nelson left for St. Louis August 2nd to enter the National Garment Model contest there.

The St. Paul Comptometer School held its annual Picnic July 27th at Wildwood. There were about 70 students and operators present, and all took part in an interesting program of games and contests. The outing was voted a success by everyone attending.

We were very much pleased to have Miss Alma Roehl call at our office recently for a short visit. Miss Roehl is one of the pioneer Comptometer operators of St. Paul, as she took the course 'way back in 1908. At present she is with the Northern Pacific Railroad where she has been employed for the past six years.

Miss Emma Knapp who was formerly employed at the J. W. Thomas Company of Minneapolis will leave shortly for an extended trip to California.

Miss Knapp has just inherited her grandfather's estate in San Francisco.

We are sorry Miss Knapp is leaving the Comptometer family, and sincerely hope she will return one of these days.

The many friends of Dorothy Zackrisson will be interested in hearing that she has accepted a position with the Winona Oil Company at Winona, Minnesota. Dorothy was formerly with the Crane Company of St. Paul.



JEAN AND GLADYS LAPPIN
The Twin Cities Twins,

In addition to their ability on the Comptometer, these young ladies are accomplished dancers.



Huntington, W. Va.

Edna Gibson and Opal Gilley are the latest ring winners of the Huntington school. (Note: The pictures of these young ladies will appear in the next Honor Roll.)

Atlanta, Ga.

MARIE M. JONES

THE five girls in the accompanying picture were the fortunate winners in a contest recently held by the Atlanta instructor. This contest ran for a week, and the ones making a weekly average of 90 columns per hour were given a day off from school.

One member of our school worthy of special mention is Miss Carrie Barnett, who is the proud winner of a Comptometer ring. Miss Barnett not only added 60 columns correctly on her 19th day in school, but completed the course making 98 per cent on her final test and adding 92 columns per hour.

Miss Lois McDonald has been placed with the Gulf Refining Co. of this city. This is Lois' first position and the entire school is interested in her success.

Miss Janie Acree, a former student of the Atlanta School and who is now an employee of the Seaboard Air Line Ry. in Jacksonville, Fla., was a very welcome visitor to our office a short time ago.

Miss Lucille Coggins recently accepted a position with Sears, Roebuck & Co. of Atlanta.

The Comptometer friends of Miss Florence Reynolds of the Plant Department, Southern Bell Telephone Co., will be interested to learn of her marriage on July 6th to Mr. Harry Wyche of this city.

Miss Mildred Fuller, one of our recent graduates, has accepted a position with Norris, Inc. Miss Fuller made a splendid record in school and we are expecting great things of her.



Atlanta Contest Winners



Miss Louise Nelson, Memphis, Tenn.,
Out for a Hike

SPRING DREAMS

There are dreams that come with the
Autumn time—
Dreams of loves that are dead—
Dreams of things that might have
been,
And of paths that through sorrow led.
But the dreams that come with the
Springtime,
When the buds are beginning to
bloom,
Are dreams of happiness just ahead,
And of paths that lead from gloom.

So dream my dears, in the Springtime,
And let your hearts be pleasure bent,
For the green leaves turn to a dreary
brown,
As soon as the summer is spent.
—H. V. L.



The following was taken from the
Omaha World Herald
"GENIUS KILLED HIM"

Omaha, Neb., April 11.—The "human adding machine," George H. Wood, who died recently, was a victim of general exhaustion from the strain of working on his system, physicians believe.
Wood, through intense concentration, could beat operators of adding machines in totalling long lists of figures.

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The following girls have won
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Stella Kipses	- - -	Chicago, Ill.
Irene Steinman	- - -	Chicago, Ill.
Margaret Tuohy	- - -	Chicago, Ill.
Mary Petrzilka	- - -	Chicago, Ill.
Bernice Schroeder	- - -	Chicago, Ill.
Foye Shroyer	- - -	DesMoines, Ia.
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This list will be continued in the next "News"



Who's Who



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Miss Johnson inaugurated the Providence school and to her is due much of the credit for its growth to its present capacity.

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