

COMPTOMETER NEWS



Dr. Charles G. Abbot, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, is shown accepting the "Macaroni Box"—the original model of the Comptometer—presented by Mrs. Koch, daughter of the late Dorr E. Felt, inventor. Mr. Raymond J. Koch is shown at center.

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# Blending the Past with the Present.

N the opposite page is shown an event which undoubtedly is of considerable interest to all of our readers. To those who use the Comptometer in their daily work, it is only natural that they would like to know something of its background. And this brings us to the point of our story.

An old macaroni box filled with an arrangement of wheels, rubber bands, meat skewers and staples, was formally presented March 31 to Dr. Charles G. Abbot, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to be added to the most cherished objects in the collections of the United States National Museum.

The presentation was made to Dr. Abbot by the family of the late Dorr E. Felt, inventor, and representatives of the Felt & Tarrant Manufacturing Company of Chicago.

Little did the inventor realize when he first began work on this now scarred old macaroni box on Thanksgiving Day, 1884, how far reaching would be the influence of this first crude Comptometer; even less did he realize that in the short span of fifty years the finished product as we have it today, would be such a valuable aid in business offices throughout the civilized world.

Through his efforts the drudgery of long columnar additions, tedious multiplications and divisions, was reduced to

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In accepting the "macaroni box" for the museum, Dr. Abbot's remarks were, in part, as follows:

"For a number of years we have looked forward to receiving Dorr E. Felt's "Macaroni Box" model of the calculating machine. I can assure you that I receive it for the national collections with a great deal of pleasure. I trust that it will not leave too serious a gap in your souvenirs of Mr. Felt. You have the satisfaction of knowing that it will greatly interest the many thousands of visitors to the National Museum."

"The results of Mr. Felt's pioneering development of the modern calculating machine are evident in every business office today. The Museum is fortunate in having the earliest models of the Felt calculating machine, with the records of their introduction and use. These show Felt to have enthusiastically built up the demand for such a machine, thus carrying an important office aid to business, as well as being a successful inventor and manufacturer. Let me thank you and the members of the family and business for your gift and the friendly gesture of presenting the model in person here today."

Washington, D. C.



Jessie Ralph-Betty Pichette-Vera Latona

The Washington Comptometer Club's election of officers at the February meeting resulted as follows:

William Howard, President Betty Pichette, Vice-President Henry Dugan, Recording Secretary

Vera McGonigal, Corresponding Secretary

William Gallagher, Treasurer Robert Taylor, Sergeant-at-Arms.

Our first big social event was

a dance held at the Washington Hotel on January 16th. A huge crowd attended and everyone had a most enjoyable time.

On Saturday, April 17th, the Club gave a "Barn Dance" at the Potomac Boat Club. Music was furnished by Charles Guion's "Washingtonians." Serving on the committee for this affair were Vera Latona, Chairman; Jessie Ralph and Betty Pichette.

Jackie White, Florence Aylor and Dorothy Walker are all



Mary Goodrich

Sarah Bubb

Dorothy Walker

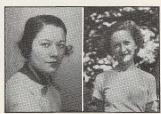
adding around 100 columns an hour. Sarah Bubb and Mary Goodrich received a grade of 100% on their final test.

Miss Dorothy Webb received quite a tribute in George Riley's column in the Washington Herald for her ambition and efforts at self-improvement. Miss Webb is a graduate of the Washington Comptometer School, and besides operating a Comptometer in the Treasury Department during the day, she finds time to go to Columbus Law School at night, from which she will graduate in June.

Flash! Flash! The following telegram, signed "The Stork" has just reached the Editor's desk: "Al Green of the Washington sales staff is the proud father of a baby girl, weight seven and one-half pounds stop name Carol Joan stop father doing nicely stop mother and baby also getting along fine."

#### New York, N. Y.

The New York Comptometer School recently conducted an interesting contest in Division. First Prize went to Ruth Silver with an average of 42.75 problems in one-half hour, including both long and short division. Emma Russo was second, with 40.5 problems in one-half hour.



Emma Russo Ruth Silver

We are glad to learn that Dee Morris has recovered from her recent illness and has returned to her position with the

Kroger Packing Company.

The Comptometer Bowling Team won the championship of the Monday Night Y.W.C.A. Bowling League. The team is composed of Billie Warden (Captain), Marie Welch, Betty Brown, Peg Stewart and Martha Simballa. A dinner will be given for the team at the home

of Marieta Baehr. Miss Mary Vandergrift, who has been ill for quite a long time, is now getting along fine. She is at the Columbus Tuberculosis Hospital and would like very much to have some of her Comptometer friends visit hershe gets lonely at times.

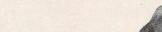
Miss Jane Benbow, our former Lancaster School teacher, is now located with the Kroger Packing Co.

Our School Department is conducting a special class at the Owens-Illinois Glass Co.

Some of our recent placements: Betty Jean Baxter, Timken Roller Bearing Co.; Helen Walls, Moores & Ross Milk Co.; Helen Williamson, The Boston Store; Mary Stricker, Schiff Shoe Co.; Ruth McCann and Dorothy Scott, Godman Shoe Co.; Leona Parsons, The Neil House; Jane Harlor, Columbus Packing Co.; Rose Marie Atwood, Jeffrey Mfg. Co.; Marjorie Courtwright, Clark Bakeries; Betty Hipsley, Ohio Bell Telephone Co. Wish we had space to list more.

An unusual condition exists at the Kroger Packing Company. Every girl employed in this office, regardless of the position she holds, is a graduate of the Comptometer School. They are planning to go horse back riding this summer, and have already had a weiner roast.

Miss Agnes Burke is back on the job at the Columbus Packing Co. after her illness. Glad you're O.K. now, "Burky."



Columbus, Ohio



First lesson for Mary Joyce-daughter of Mr. Blahay, our

The Comptometer Club held its latest banquet at the Virginia Hotel in the Cavalier Room. Nine new members were enrolled. Comptometer Pins were given as prizes by Mr. Tobin, the winners being Vesta Engel,

Erma Wilgus, Mildred Harmon, and Virginia Legg. The Club is looking forward to many enjoyable "get-togethers" this sum-

Miss Alberta Houston sails for Europe on June 22nd.

#### Richmond, Va.

Our Comptometer Club is coming along very nicely, although some of our members do have trouble remembering that it meets the first Wednesday of each month.

The Bingo Party held at the Grotto Club in March was a big success. We had standing room only and almost too many prizes. Bill Garber made a splendid "Master of Ceremonies" and everyone seemed to have a good time.

The Club is giving a "Weinie Roast" for the members on May 15th. Beach parties and other outings are being planned for the summer.

The new club officers are: Bernice Markham, President Lucille Christian, Vice-President

Iris Snead, Secretary and Treasurer

Yetive Dudley, Chairman of Entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Koch were visitors to Richmond in March.



Yetive Dudley Iris Snead

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Mary Lewis' fine catch

The Dayton Comptometer School is a very effective magnet, drawing within its walls students from near and far. While a large percentage live in the city, many are enrolled from out-of-town. Among these are Norma Thomas, Brookville, Ohio; Norma Roads, Columbus,



Jennie Fischer with her prize pet

Ohio; Anita Catanzaro, Springfield, Ohio; Virginia Nitz, Terre Haute, Indiana; Phyllis Hoffman and Ruth Kesling, both of Farmersville, Ohio.

We are happy to welcome Miss Mullin back home after a vacation in Florida to regain her health following a siege of scarlet fever.

Now that summer is just around the corner, our minds turn to the outdoors and we are looking forward to our annual picnic. Last year we had a grand time. No definite date has been set as yet, but most likely it will be during the latter part of June or early in July.

Miss Josephine Weinert, who is in charge of the Comptometer operators at Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., and her brother, have just returned from a motor trip to New York.

#### San Francisco, Calif.

The Comptometer booth at the Business Show of Progress was one of the most attractive and best patronized. It was most gratifying to note the keen interest shown in the Comptometer and Comptometer methods.

In addition to the regular exhibit, an operator contest was held during the show, in which a large number of operators representing most of our prominent business houses participated for cash prizes. The contest provided a public demonstration of the Comptometer's speed and accuracy. Many exceptional scores were recorded, but the three prizes for the best papers went to the following operators:

1st Prize—Mrs. Bannon, W. P. Fuller Co.

2nd Prize—Julia Guadague, Southern Pacific Railway Co. 3rd Prize—Helen McClellan,

Libby, McNeill & Libby Co.
Congratulations to the winners, and better luck next time to the many close runners-up.

#### Cleveland, Ohio

If "to change is to progress and to change often is to be perfect", then the Cleveland Comptometer School should be well up the ladder to perfection. It all started last January with the addition of two male instructors to the teaching staff.

February saw the reception office filled with applicants for admission to the school (midyear graduation, not the all-male teaching staff, accounts for it). In order to accommodate them, a new school room was added to the office in the Guarantee Title Building. The new "Red Room" (for red book adders) seats 27 students, while the old "Green Room" holds 60 students of the five-figure variety.

To prevent a wholesale stampede of students into the new room, the parent room was renovated. New back-fitting chairs replaced the straight-laced ones. As can be seen in the accompanying picture of the larger school, we are using the new style Comptometer desks with the writing surface in front of the student and the Comptometer to the right. The old "righthanders" were pawing the air the first hour they used them, trying to find room on the right of the machine for their answer

Perfection, and incidentally, some famous neighbors, looms ahead when Radio Station WTAM moves in directly below us, and the name of the building is changed to "The N.B.C. Building".

In addition to these items of "news-sense", we have one of nonsense—the Valentine Party. February 14 the morning and afternoon students got together for a jamboree. Well-aimed "wisecracks" were flying via the anonymous valentine, with the salesmen and instructors coming out on the losing side. Refreshments, games and dancing made calculation seem dull in comparison when it was resumed at three o'clock.

#### Spokane, Washington

Miss Henrietta Bean of Billings, Montana, and Mr. George O'Dell of Lewiston, Idaho, have recently accepted Government positions in Washington, D. C.

Recent graduates have been placed in positions as follows: Evelyn Eldenburg and Frances DeVoe with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Pullman, Washington; Juanita Keats, and Thelma Flermoen, with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, Moscow, Idaho; Weldon Clift with the Camas Prairie Railway Co., Lewiston, Idaho; Hilda Lawson with the Crescent; Helen Frysig with the Palace Department Store, and Bertha Thom with Sears, Roebuck & Co.

Howard Stockton of Walla Walla, Washington, completed the course the latter part of March and secured a position with Libby, McNeill & Libby at Walla Walla.

Dorothy Dallin, Florence Deuble, and Anna Steen completed the Comptometer course recently and returned to their homes in Butte, Montana.

#### New Orleans, La.

The New Orleans office has been very fortunate during the past few weeks in the matter of visitors. First we were honored by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Nevins, who spent a couple of days with us on their way back to Chicago from Guatemala. A short time later, Miss Lenore Kretzer of the St. Louis office visited with us for a day. Then came Mr. F. A. Johnson and family from Dallas to spend the Easter holidays with Mr. Davis.

We wish to invite the New Orleans operators to come in and meet our new instructor, Mr. George E. Hart. Mr. Hart succeeds Mr. J. E. Murrhee, who is now with the Ford Motor Co.

#### Detroit, Michigan

Lois Rempfer, one of our field instructors, left the company on April 30th. She is to be married in the east the latter part of June.

Betty Gail, United States Rubber Products employee, won the pin awarded in our night school class for speed in addition. She added 60 columns correctly out of the green book in one hour after attending class for 14 nights, approximating 40 hours.

The Dodge Main Comptometer Department is looking forward to a very busy season. The Dodge Girls Bowling League held their banquet on May 7th; they are having a picnic and skating party in June, and finish with plans for three weddings—Helen Kerr's in July, Jeanne Grum's in late summer, and Florence Miller hasn't decided if she is to be a July or August bride.

Mildred LaVoy, operator in the Cadillac Experimental Cost Department, is planning on "pulling a veil down the aisle" some time in October.

We hear from the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. that the annual Kemba Girls Bowling League banquet was held Monday, April 5th, at Joey Stables Restaurant. The dinner was followed by a meeting at which the trophy donated by Kemba was presented to the Tigers, the winning team. The Bears were second, Panthers third, and the Lions were in fourth place.

The following girls were awarded pins by the Kroger Grocery and Baking Co. for perfect attendance: Florence Porter, Charlotte Hill, Grace Ball, Margaret Balaze, Nellie Hubbard, Nancy Ryall, Jennie Sprainer, and Olga Muir.

Charlotte Bailey, in charge of the departments at Fisher Body, was married to Walter MacKenzie last month and is retiring from active business life. We wish for her much happiness. To her successor,



Betty Gail

Lydia Polens, we extend wishes for success.

Fern Slaback, formerly associated with Maude Brooks at Dodge Motor, is now with the DeSoto Division of Chrysler Corporation as chief operator in the Payroll Department.

Maude Brooks recently made a hurried trip to New York to visit her brother. She traveled by plane, and recommends that mode of transportation most highly.

The Briggs Mfg. girls have taken up riding with great enthusiasm. Hope the horses don't let them down.

The Detroit School is very proud of the Goeller twins; Dolores is working at Fisher Body, and Jeune is employed at the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.



The Goeller Twins—Dolores and Jeune

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#### Akron, Ohio



Lenore Quinn

The Akron School was very sorry to lose Miss Elsie Neighbarger, who has been our instructor for the past three years. Miss Neighbarger accepted an appointment with the Government and went to Washington on April 1.

Mr. C. Lyman Henning, who has taken Miss Neighbarger's place, is a graduate of Ohio Northern University, and taught school for seven years before coming to Akron. He is also a graduate of the Akron Comptometer School.

Miss Lenore Quinn, a student in the Akron School and whose picture is shown here, has been in theatricals for five years. She has been in practically all of the large theaters throughout the United States, doing all kinds of dancing, such as tap, ballet and adagio. We are expecting great things from Miss Quinn.

#### Boston, Mass.

Misses Miriam and Laura Renn, sisters, graduated together in October, 1936, each with 100%. Both are now working in the office of the Mason Regulator Co. in Milton. Irene, an older sister, is employed at the Colonial Beacon Oil Co. and is a very fine Comptometer operator. Grace, a younger sister, is in school at the present time and is maintaining the family record. There are still two younger sisters at home. We are proud of this family and wish there were more like them.

We wish to introduce Mr. David Ferrier, who recently joined our sales personnel. He came to us from the New England Dairies where he was employed as an accountant. Prior to that he had been with Robert Douglas Company, Certified Public Accountants.



David Ferrier



Miriam and Laura Renn

#### Portland, Oregon

Two of our former students, Leroy Smith and Howard Resler, have been called to Washington, D. C .- Leroy to become a "G-man" and Howard an income tax expert. We wish both the best of luck in their new ventures.

Dan Cupid has been very much in evidence in Portland during the past few months. The following operators have suddenly been bitten by the "marriage bug": Eleanor Lambert and Hannah Lind of Standard Oil Co.; Esther Schreiner, Stella Van Avery and Pauline Evans of Standard Stations; Betty Williams and Margaret Grinde of Jantzens; Thelma Fett and Lillian Loretz of Western Cooperage; Velma Shaefer of Consolidated Freight. We wish them all much happiness.

One of our recent graduates and an outstanding student, Betty Keller, is in the limelight again. Betty, after completing the course in almost half the usual time, was featured recently in a "Believe It or Not" by Ripley, in a very complimentary write-up.

#### Toledo, Ohio

After June 1st our office will be located in larger and more modern quarters, at 107 17th Street, near Monroe. We will occupy Rooms 201, 202 and 203 of the second floor. All operators are invited to call and see the new school.

Miss Barton, who is in charge of personnel work at the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., gave a very interesting talk before our students on April 22nd. Her topic was, "From the Other Side of the Desk."

Mr. Clair Vernier sends word that he is now employed by the Internal Revenue Bureau, Washington, D. C. Mr. Vernier took the Civil Service Examination given here last year.



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KARL HAGERSTRAND PITTSBURGH



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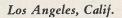
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ALBERT ANDREWS



Baltimore, Md.





Evelyn Kilgore

Evelyn Kilgore, Comptometer operator with the Southern California Gas Company at San Bernardino, besides being a Comptometer enthusiast is also keenly interested in flying. The snap-shot of "Pinky", as Evelyn is affectionately called by her friends, was taken just before she left the air-port for an exhibition parachute jump.

She has recently passed examinations which entitle her to a Limited Commercial License, and she expects to pass her examinations for Transport License before the end of the year, when we will be able to tell you more about her.

In the entire United States there were on January 1, 1937, but 444 women pilots. Of these, 71 held Transport Licenses, 23 Limited Commercial, 295 Private, and 55 Amateur. So you can readily see the heights to which "Pinky" is climbing in aviation. Her slogan is "Do the job better than it has ever been done before," and this, coupled with a charming personality, is a combination hard to beat.

#### Montreal, P. Q.

Meet Miss Grace Martin, one of the most promising of all athletes of the "fair sex" in the Dominion of Canada when it comes to sprinting. Miss Martin has been competing since 1933, in which year she equaled the Junior Dominion Record on three different occasions in the 60 meters. In 1935 she entered the Intermediate Competitions, and at the Canadian Legion Meet held at Cornwall, Ontario, she set a new Canadian record in the 100-yard dash with the fast time of 11 1/5 seconds. In 1936 she competed in the Senior Competition and won the Provincial Championship in the 60 meters. Time, 12 6/10 seconds.

Miss Martin is a very serious threat for the Australia Meet in the Empire Games to be held this coming summer.



Grace Martin

#### Hartford, Conn.

The annual Comptomer Dance has been postponed until fall, due to the unusual pressure of business. The plans for the dance will be announced early in September after the committee has been organized.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald B. Bassett entertained at dinner on April 14th in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Warnock. The guests included Miss Mollyanne Yedzinak, instructor; Mr. Eddie Lisk, night instructor; Mr. John Britney, chief serviceman, and Mr. Henry Lorentzen, assistant repairman.

Mr. Warnock is taking charge of the Waterbury territory, sales and school. After his six weeks' training course in Chicago, Mr. Warnock journeyed to Huron, South Dakota, and married Eunice Sewell. They are now living on Prospect Street, Waterbury.

Due to the growth of the Hartford School, it has become necessary to move into larger quarters. After June 1 the school will be located at 252 Asylum Street, Rooms 211-212. We would be glad to have any of our graduates, "old and new," stop in to see us.

#### Vancouver, B. C.

Mrs. Minna Bregani, a Comptometer operator before her marriage, has become the proud mother of a little baby girl. Minna's mother, Mrs. Elspet Rattray, is also a Comptometer operator, so it seems that if the family tradition is to be kept up, this little lady may some day be a Comptometer operator,

We notice that Miss Beth Leighton is wearing an engagement ring. Congratulations to the lucky young man, and best wishes to you, Beth.



Spring dance held at Southern Hotel in April

recent activities of the Baltimore Comptometer Club.

The card party at the Pythian Temple on February 18 proved to be very enjoyable, as well as profitable. And on Sunday April 4, when a group of the members went bicycling in Druid Hill Park, even the "inexperienced" cyclists found it a most happy occasion (in spite of later aches and pains). Then there was the flash light hike on May 10; the long trek to the spot on Lake Roland where the fire was built; and the belated discovery that all the rolls, weiners, etc., had been left in the parked cars. These were fetched in short order, however.

But the height of the season's good times was, as usual, the spring dance, held at the South-

"Fun" is the word for the ern Hotel on April 24, with even a larger crowd than usual attending.

At the April business meeting, through the courtesy of Miss Catherine Robertson, the club was entertained with a movie, "The Story of Bread", which in spite of its title was keenly interesting to all present.

#### Restraint on the Bench

There is the story of a judge high in judicial councils, whose demeanor was flawless but not precisely convivial.

One night he attended a dinner party which had been purposely set for 6:30 so the judge could retire at his customary hour of nine. Everyone was a little awe-struck by his staid, not to say glacial, deportment.

Everyone did his best to be congenial and make the good judge feel at ease.

The host offered him a cigar. The judge coughed ever so slightly and replied freezingly, "No, thank you, I tried smoking once and I don't like it."

Later, during the dinner, after the judge had turned down half of the courses on the grounds that he hadn't liked the food in question after his initial trial of it, he was offered champagne.

"Thank you, no," declined the judge, "I once tried alcoholic beverages but I do not care for them."

In the hushed silence that followed, a man at the far end of the table could be heard to whisper to his companion, "You know, of course, that His Honor has only one child?"

St. Louis, Mo.



The St. Louis Comptometer Girls Bowling Team

The St. Louis Comptometer Girls Bowling Team finished in a flurry of excitement with competition running high. The "high single" game was won by Miss Mary Brennan of the Standard Oil Company, and "high three" games were won by Miss Virginia Springmeyer of the Berkowitz Envelope Company. All the girls expressed a desire to bowl again next fall, and any others who wish to bowl with us may do so by getting in touch with Miss Kretzer at the School during the first week of September.

Miss Leonor Kretzer of the St. Louis office returned recently from a Caribbean cruise, loaded down with purchases made in the Oriental Bazaars at Colon and Old Panama. She reports: "It was a cruise full of glamour

and gaiety, sun-bathing, deck sports and dancing; festive cafes at Havana, breath-taking views of Central America, tangled jungles, banana plantations, and the great, magnificent Panama Canal. All in all, it was a most exciting and delightful vacation." While in Panama Miss Kretzer visited Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eckhoff, who have been stationed there for the past few years. Mrs. Eckhoff, before her marriage, was Miss Ann Copeland, a former St. Louis Comptometer operator.

Mr. R. H. Ellis, formerly associated with the Mid-Continent Petroleum Co., is a new and welcome addition to the St. Louis sales staff.

A very interesting business show was held in the Kinlock Building a few weeks ago. The old 1886 model Comptometer, as well as the new Model K Electric, attracted a great deal of attention. They are shown in the center of the accompanying photograph.

The annual Comptometer boat ride on the S. S. President will be held the first part of July. Watch for announcement of the date. Make up your party early and join us in a merry time. We'll be looking for you!

In connection with the National Comptometer School Contest we also held a local school contest. The honors went to Miss Evelyn Dillow, and honorable mention to Miss Anita Erbs and Miss Annette Schnuck, All three girls made remarkable averages and we are very proud of them.

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#### St. Louis (Continued)



Comptometer booth at recent St. Louis business show



Annette Schnuck

Anita Erbs

Evelyn Dillow

#### Birmingham, Ala.

The National Comptometer School Contest created quite a commotion in the Birmingham School. Every student entered into it with the desire to win. Several of our students had a very high rating and some of watch out. Elizabeth King and Louise Hamilton were fighting

Spring is here and Old Dan Cupid is on the loose again in Birmingham. Wedding bells will ring for Catherine Dimit this month, and one of our popular boy operators, Collier Fricke,

took the vows in April. Congratulations!

Recent placements of the Birmingham office are: Mrs. Elizabeth McWilliams, Tennessee Coal, Iron & Rairoad Co.; Margaret McCutcheon, Tennessee the other schools had better Valley Authority, Sheffield, Ala.; Leo Snow, Barber Pure Milk Co.; Mary Bert Smith, Kraftit out for highest honors here. Phenix Cheese Co.; Ruby Provins, Hill Grocery Co.; Elsie Marlin, Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co.; Roberta Gray received an appointment with the U. S. Government at Washington.

#### Cincinnati, Ohio

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The Cincinnati office was severely handicapped during the months of January and February when the Ohio River flooded and reached a crest that established a new high in the history of Cincinnati floods.

The power and light stations were flooded, and for a period of a week the city was without electricity and on a ration basis on drinking water. All business was suspended as the entire city was mobilized to handle the worst catastrophe it has ever experienced.

Much credit is due the city officials for a remarkable cleanup campaign which has brought the city back to normal in such a short time. It is hoped that the results of pending legislation will make impossible the recurrence of such a tragic

One of our former instructors, Mr. Howard Stoffregen, is now a member of the Cincinnati sales staff. We wish him the best of luck in his new work.

Mr. W. B. White of the Procter & Gamble general office had the extreme pleasure and honor of catching the largest bass ever landed in Kentucky-a tenpounder which he hooked at Dix Dam, Gwinn Island. (Fishermen note: The lure used was a Weezel Feathered Minnow, made in Cincinnati.)



W. B. White

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#### Houston, Texas



Graduation dinner, Comptometer School evening class-Chateau Dreyfus, February 25, 1937

This season's evening class of the Providence Comptometer School was an outstanding one in many respects. The individual averages of the members were very high, and they gave enthusiastic and diligent attention to the work.

At the conclusion of the Course a graduation dinner was held at the Chateau Dreyfus. Following the dinner, entertainment was provided by several of the members, including a number of beautiful piano selections by Miss Doris Maloney, chairman of the dinner committee. Dancing and games were enjoyed by all.

The members of the evening class wish to take this opportunity to thank Miss Maloney for the splendid manner in which she handled the arrangements and program for the graduation dinner.

Twelve of the twenty members of this class who were employed in other work are now operating the Comptometer regularly. Pictured here are three members, Mrs. Lillian E. Marx and Miss Mary E. McKenna. who are employed by the U. S. Rubber Products, Inc., and Miss Margaret M. Hanley, who is with the Automobile Mutual Insurance Co.



Mrs. Lillian Marx

Mary McKenna



Margaret Hanley



Doris Maloney

#### Well Informed

Auctioneer: 'What am I offered for this beautiful bust of Robert Burns?"

Man in crowd: "That ain't Burns; that's Shakespeare."

Auctioneer: "Well, folks, the joke's on me. That shows what I know about the Bible."



Blanche Crump



Maurine Denoyelle



Jessye McClellan



Angelique Barr

In the past four months the Houston School has had four young ladies whom we believe deserve mention because of their excellent work. Three have graduated and one will be with us for a few more days.

Miss Angelique Barr completed the course in six weeks, making an average of 98.5% on calculation work and 99% on the final test.

Miss Blanche Crump was with us less than eight weeks. She made an average of 97.6%

trict Manager, celebrated on

April 29th the twentieth anni-

versary of his service with Felt

& Tarrant Mfg. Co. His office

force and his host of friends in

Dallas wish him many more

accident has forced Miss Phyllis

Young to abandon temporarily her attendance in our school, and also the radio work that

she has been carrying on for some time. She is recovering nicely and we hope that she can

The many friends of Mrs.

Ina McCune will be pleased

to know that she has fully re-

covered from her recent attack

A cordial invitation is ex-

tended to the country at large

to attend the Greater Texas and

be back with us soon.

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on calculation work and 100% on the final test.

Mrs. Jessye McClellan also made a splendid record, with an average of 97.25% on calculation work and 100% on the final test.

The fourth member of our Honor Roll is Miss Maurine Denoyelle, who has been with us a total of thirty-seven working days and is well above the average on every calculation, in addition to adding 90 columns per hour.

Mr. Elden Daunov, formerly instructor of the Houston Comptometer School, has recently returned from Chicago where he attended the sales training class. We of the school wish him every success in his new work.

Mr. George E. Hart has departed for New Orleans, La., where he is now employed as instructor in the Comptometer School there. He made a fine record with us and we wish him much success and happiness in his new position.

#### Dallas, Texas

Mr. F. A. Johnson, our Dis-Pan-American Exposition which opens in Dallas on June 12th and continues through October. The Exposition will carry on,

on an even larger scale, the educational and entertainment features of last year's Centennial. Stop by and visit with us.



Esplanade of the Americas-Greater Texas and Pan-American Exposition



Sonja Henie

Tyrone Power

June Hadland

Proud of naive Sonja Henie, Olympic skating champion and Hollywood actress, are the Scandinavians of Tacoma. One of our students, Miss June Hadland, had the distinction of being selected to present Sonja with a spray from a basket of Tacoma's most beautiful.

A shower was given at the home of Reita Fleming, president of the Tacoma Comptometer Club, for our vice-president, Marion Noll, who became Mrs. William Hayes on May 8th. Our best wishes to them.

#### Nashville, Tenn.

On February 13 the Nashville office moved to 808 Broad Street into more commodious quarters. All Nashville operators are invited to pay us a visit.

The recent National Comptometer Contest aroused a great deal of interest in the Nashville School, and we know the schools all over America are awaiting the news as to the winners.

The four Tennessee Piggly-Wiggly Co. operators who were injured in a car wreck on their way to work the morning of May 4 were all able to return to work within a few days, and we are glad they had such a speedy recovery.

Placements during the past few months have far exceeded expectations, with the result that the Nashville School is being kept full in anticipation of further calls.

An interesting series of lectures and talks has been prepared for the benefit of students in the Nashville School by the sales agent, Mr. Wilkins. One of the features was the recent exhibition of a "Wooden Box Model" which was very interesting to the students. They are all trying now to figure how many ways there are of adding, multiplying, subtracting and dividing on the Comptometer. The various types of column covers and payroll denominators were revelations to some of the students, as was the knowledge of the age of the Comptometer and its many applications.



Marion Noll

#### San Diego, Calif.

Dorothy Underwood has been appointed to a position in the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, Calif.

Lorraine Higgs, who is interested in flying, has qualified for a pilot's license. Miss Higgs is employed with the city schools.

Miss Naomi Frey, formerly of Honolulu but now employed at the Swift & Co. office here, spent two weeks of her vacation time in school, the better to do her figure work.

Celeste Paxton Likes has moved to San Francisco, to be near her family.

Velma Hunter is very happily engaged in the billing department of the Western Metal Supply Co.

Dorothy Foulds, a recent student, is employed with the Cudahy Packing Co.

Henry Severin is employed with the Western Dairy Products, Inc.

Graduate operators who are not receiving the Comptometer News because of change in address should notify this office.

Him: "My treasure."
Her: "My treasury."

## The First—"National Comptometer School Contest"

THE week of May 3rd will be long remembered by all of our Comptometer Schools throughout the United States and Canada. This was the week in which was held the first National Comptometer School Contest.

This contest was undoubtedly the most gigantic and unique event of its kind ever undertaken in this or any other country. Never before has a contest been held in which the contestants were scattered nearly over an entire continent while actively taking part in it and approximately at the same time each day. We believe this to be an achievement without parallel, and one in which all who participated can feel justly proud.

There were literally thousands who competed not only for their respective school prizes, but also for the prizes which were to be awarded to the individual winners. To the schools having the five highest averages, handsomely engraved sterling silver cups were awarded—to the twelve individual winners with the highest averages, handsomely engraved sterling silver cups were also awarded.

On the following pages are reproductions of both the school and individual prize cups, together with the twelve fortunate individual winners—needless to say the winners are extremely proud of their achievements, and they have just cause for this feeling of elation, as in some cases the scores were so close that only a hundredth of a

point separated the winners from a "runner-up." In recognition of the splendid performance of the operators who came within a hair's breadth of the silver cup, we have created an honor roll upon which their names will be permanently inscribed.

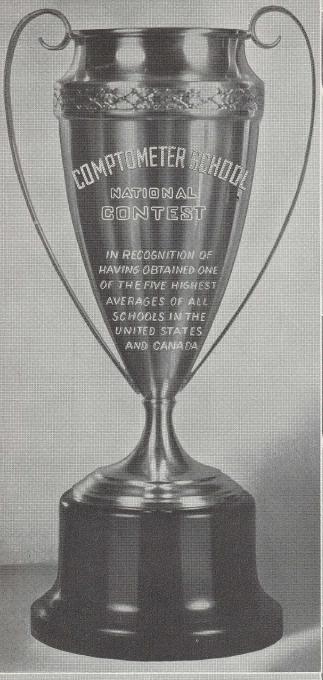
For the benefit of those not already informed of the contest details, it will be of interest to know that the problems which were used were identical to those found daily in any modern business office. They were prepared at the home office in Chicago and sent to our schools so as to arrive there just in advance of the time for starting the contest. This eliminated any opportunity for advance practice or familiarity with the contest problems.

The high production averages maintained throughout the country at large is further proof of the inestimable value of Comptometer performance. If it were possible to present a cross-cut view of the figure production obtained, to each and every office in this country, we feel certain the demand for our graduates would be a terrific strain on our schools which are already taxed to their utmost capacity.

The interest created by this our first contest, indicates clearly the necessity for making them a permanent affair, and plans have already been laid for the next contest which undoubtedly will be more sweeping in nature than the one which has just been concluded.



The presentation of the winning school cups by Mr. Koch, President (left) to Mr. Newins, Vice-President, in the directors' room at the home office.



This cup was awarded to each of the following schools for having obtained the highest averages in the United States and Canada:

BUFFALO, N. Y. NORFOLK, VA. PHILADELPHIA, PA. SYRACUSE, N. Y. WORCESTER, MASS.



Celia Bortnick New York City

Vivian Thomas

Chicago



THE TWELVE WINNERS WERE EACH AWARDED WITH ONE OF THESE CUPS

MARK

MATIONAL BONTEST

AS A REWARD FOR HAVING OBTAINED ONEOFTHE 12 HIGHEST

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES

IN THE

UNITED STATES

AND CANADA

Ada Bouchy Cincinnati



Grace Jupin Lansing



Alice Pargellis Los Angeles



Alma Johnson Worcester



Richard Wex Milwaukee

## LIST OF Honor Roll OPERATORS

Elizabeth J. Aaen, Los Angeles, Cal. Orville M. Anderson, St. Paul, Minn. Viola Andle, New Haven, Conn.

Doris Baker, Detroit, Mich. Edna Baldwin, Atlanta, Ga. Loretta A. Barry, Syracuse, N. Y. Betty Beckman, Chicago, Ill. Yvonne Bibeau, Winnipeg, Man., Can. Isabelle Bigot, Portland, Ore. Floy Bishop, Little Rock, Ark. Ada F. Black, Buffalo, N. Y. Celia Bortnick, New York, N. Y. Ada Bouchy, Cincinnati, Ohio Mary Bowling, Akron, Ohio Audrey Brady, Salt Lake City, Utah Marcella E. Braun, Buffalo, N. Y. Mary E. Braun, Buffalo, N. Y. Dorothy Brightman, Syracuse, N. Y. Lillian Brinkley, Norfolk, Va. Jessica Broom, Portland, Ore. Helen Brozniak, New York, N. Y. Virginia Burke, Chicago, Ill. Doris Belvin, Norfolk, Va.

Sara Cahill, Philadelphia, Pa. Dorothy Callahan, Philadelphia, Pa. Helen K. Carrigan, Worcester, Mass. Ellen M. Cary, Buffalo, N. Y. Ruth Casey, Norfolk, Va. Louise Catton, Seattle, Wash. Lorraine Coombs, Toledo, Ohio Violet Couch, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Mary Cox, New York, N. Y. Elizabeth Crawford, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jean M. Dahl, Chicago, Ill. Marian Daley, Chicago, Ill. Ellen Dempster, Chicago, Ill. Helen Denholm, Worcester, Mass. Maurine Denoyelle, Houston, Texas Lois E. Dickinson, Erie, Pa. Evalyn Dillow, St. Louis, Mo. Beatrice Dock, New York, N. Y. Sophie Donine, Chicago, Ill. Vivian Donnell, Indianapolis, Ind. Mary G. Donovan, Springfield, Mass.

Esther Eagon, Seattle, Wash. Virginia Eaton, Worcester, Mass. Thelma Ekman, Tacoma, Wash. Betty Elliot, Lansing, Mich. Anita Erbs, St. Louis, Mo. Ruth L. Erickson, Worcester, Mass. Elizabeth Erzer, New York, N. Y.

Grace Fairbairn, Seattle, Wash. Marthella Faris, Akron, Ohio Dorothy Farrell, Rochester, N. Y. Elsie Feltz, Chicago, Ill. Rose Fink, New York, N. Y. Frances K. Fischer, Philadelphia, Pa. Evelyn Foery, Rochester, N. Y. Arthur James Ford, Philadelphia, Pa. Daisie Freimuth, Chicago, Ill. Janice Fritsch, Syracuse, N. Y. Mona Frye, Winnipeg, Man., Canada Doris Fuhs, Philadelphia, Pa. Dorothy H. Fulton, Buffalo, N. Y.

Gladys Grace Gehret, Springfield, Ill. Ruth T. Geist, Buffalo, N. Y. Estelle Gold, Bridgeport, Conn. Lillian Goodwin, Philadelphia, Pa. Alma L. Goris, Buffalo, N. Y. Edith Grant, St. Louis, Mo. Fern Alice Greenough, Chicago, Ill. Virginia Grote, St. Louis, Mo.

Gladys Hanna, Columbus, Ohio Mildred E. Hanna, Philadelphia, Pa. Catharine Harden, Philadelphia, Pa. Bernadette Haren, Akron, Ohio Rosalie Hechter, Los Angeles, Calif. Kathryn Herzberg, New York, N. Y. Betty Jane Hoeftmann, Chicago, Ill. Lillian Hoffmann, Cleveland, Ohio Evelyn Holland, Norfolk, Va. Lall Homewood, Detroit, Mich. Hazel Hubbard, Detroit, Mich. Mary Hubbert, Philadelphia, Pa. Edith Huff, Cincinnati, Ohio Virginia Huss, Philadelphia, Pa.

Theodore Ihlenfeld, Milwaukee, Wis. Juanita Ingram, St. Louis, Mo.

Alma B. Johnson, Worcester, Mass. Doris E. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa. Maud Johnson, Salt Lake City, Utah Gerda Junghanns, Chicago, Ill. Grace Jupin, Lansing, Mich.

Ann Kasnowicz, Grand Rapids, Mich. Rose Keating, Philadelphia, Pa. Helena Keeney, Lansing, Mich. Reta Kelleher, Philadelphia, Pa, Eileen E. Kelly, Buffalo, N. Y. Evelyn G. Kittrell, Norfolk, Va. James Kirby, Ft. Wayne, Ind. Jean Knutson, Milwaukee, Wis. Loretta J. Konefal, Buffalo, N. Y. Helen Kopp, New York N. Y. Mildred Kuehner, Columbus, Ohio

Josephine L. Latona, Buffalo, N. Y. Joan Lavalee, Worcester, Mass. Edna La Vars, Los Angeles, Calif. Helen Lindstrom, Grand Rapids, Mich. Carol Linstrom, Omaha, Nebr. Dorothy Loomis, Springfield, Mass. Lee Lucchesi, Chicago, Ill.

Jean. B. MacAlpine, Philadelphia, Pa. Gladys M. Mahoney, Memphis, Tenn. Grace Mahoney, Chicago, Ill. Lillian Maklebust, Sioux City, Iowa Edna Maron, Lansing, Mich. Helen Matwiejczyk, Philadelphia, Pa. Fern Maurer, Winnipeg, Man., Can. Elizabeth G. McCabe, Buffalo, N. Y. Gertrude McGeehan, Philadelphia, Pa. Ida McMillan, Flint, Mich. Ednie McMurray, Chicago, Ill. Alice J. McNamara, Buffalo, N. Y. Lorraine Metz, Chicago, Ill. Margaret Monahan, Chicago, Ill. Eleanor C. Morgenstern, Phila., Pa. Mary Lynn Morris, Atlanta, Ga. Catherine Morrissey, Rochester, N. Y. Margaret Morrissey, Boston, Mass. Dorothy E. Morton, Philadelphia, Pa. Lucile Muenchow, Milwaukee, Wis.

Rita Nagle, New York, N. Y. Ruth Nelson, Seattle, Wash. John Nimetz, New York, N. Y.

Dorothy R. O'Connor, Buffalo, N. Y. Anne Ohlson, Chicago, Ill.

Alice Pargellis, Los Angeles, Calif. Jean Parker, Lansing, Mich. Regina Patterson, New York, N. Y. Melba Peery, Salt Lake City, Utah Beverly Peterson, Denver, Colorado Mary Pictral, Philadelphia, Pa. Clara M. Pyffer, Philadelphia, Pa.

Florence Ranker, New York, N. Y. Beatryce Rappaporte, New York, N. Y. Evelyn L. Reger, Buffalo, N. Y. Dorothy Rogers, Philadelphia, Pa. Gertrude Rosenthal, Philadelphia, Pa. Elsie Ross, Philadelphia, Pa. Ruth Rotker, New York, N. Y. Virginia Risebrough, Buffalo, N. Y.

Doris Sanders, Philadelphia, Pa. Rita Scanzaroli, Philadelphia, Pa. Eloise M. Shaffer, Philadelphia, Pa. Annette Schnuck, St. Louis, Mo. Corinne Schwartz, Rochester, N. Y. H. Wayne Sheller, Lansing, Mich. Greta Shepherd, Los Angeles, Calif. Bette Short, Los Angeles, Calif. Alice M. Sickles, Worcester, Mass. Margaret Siebert, Cleveland, Ohio. Delsie Simmons, Buffalo, N. Y. Kae Smith, San Francisco, Calif. Doris Sodley, Philadelphia, Pa. Lois Cade Stewart, San Antonio, Tex. Alfrieda Still, Cleveland, Ohio Robert Strong, Pittsburgh, Pa. Alice Stratman, Memphis, Tenn.

Winifred Taylor, Philadelphia, Pa. Claire Thomas, Philadelphia, Pa. Elizabeth Thomas, Norfolk, Va. Vivian Thomas, Chicago, Ill. Dorothy Thorn, Seattle, Wash. Frances Thrailkill, Atlanta, Ga. Katherine Tinney, Grd. Rpds., Mich. Eva Trainer, Philadelphia, Pa. Doris Tucker, Buffalo, N. Y. Ruth L. Turner, Norfolk, Va.

Mabel Ulm, Akron, Ohio

Tena Van Dyke, Grd. Rpds., Mich. G. Van Eenennaam, Gd. Rapids, Mich. Olivette Van Knapp, Buffalo, N. Y. Joan Vaughan, Springfield, Mo.

Bertha C. Wachter, Baltimore, Md. Frances E. Wagner, Norfolk, Va. Myrtle Warren, Cincinnati, Ohio Hermina Weinjal, Jersey City, N. J. Richard Wex, Milwaukee, Wis. Marie A. White, Buffalo, N. Y. Dorothy Whiteman, New York, N. Y. Mary Louise Wilson, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ella Young, Philadelphia, Pa.



Miss Louella Hillman with two pet goats, not the usual "Billy and Nanny" but in this case, "Curly and Lady."

Ethel Marie, age 8, and Tommy, 7, children of Mrs. Ethel M. Carey, a student of the Philadelphia school.



Beatrice and Irene Rosen, Beatrice is lefthanded; that's the only way instructors can tell them apart.

TO MY VALENTINE



Miss Doris Sadley with "Mitzi" her Boston Terrier.



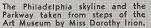
Miss Weber, super-visor of Toll Ac-counting of the Bell Telephone Co., certainly enjoys the antics of Buttons, the proud Mamma, and her four pupe and her four pup-pies, after a day's work on the electric Comptometer.





Norma Jean, five-year old daughter of Mrs. Phoebe Embree, a stu-dent of the Philadel-phia School.

Miss Margaret Kearney is not only a good Comptometer Operator, but recently was leading lady in a play.



















Hazel I. Gay

Sec'y

sergeant-at-arms.

Through interesting business

meetings, to be held once each

month, new developments in the

use of the Comptometer and its

application to modern business

calculations will be brought up

for discussion, as well as every-

day problems which may arise.

to be charged, which will be

used to defray the expense of

social activities, the first of

which will be a picnic in June.

first Wednesday of each month

at Strand Arcade, 8:30 P. M.

All graduate Comptometer op-

erators are eligible for member-

ship. Further information may

be obtained by calling Mrs.

Mr. Richard Wolverton, a

member of our school, is from

Warne at 5-2540.

Sandusky, Ohio.

Meetings are to be held the

Nominal membership dues are





Mary Pratt Treas.

Tillie Loag Serg .- at-Arms

Ceciel M. Gee Pres.

Students of the Comptometer dent; Thomas Devlin, second School gave an informal dance vice-president; Hazel I. Gay, Saturday evening, April 10, at secretary; Betty Mae Bates, the Virgiline Simmons Dance corresponding secretary; Mary Studio in the Strand Arcade. Pratt, treasurer, and Tillie Loag,

The committee, consisting of Miss Virginia Green, chairman; Miss Margaret Orvis, Miss Maxine Jackson, Miss Jessie Crane, and Miss Jean Parker, was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Warne. Kelvin Kiebler's orchestra furnished the music, and a floor show was presented by students of Miss Simmons.

During the intermission a committee was elected to make plans for the forming of a Lansing Comptometer Club. The Club was formally organized on April 16th. Its purpose is to bring together all graduate operators of the Comptometer School interested in increasing their efficiency as operators.

Ceciel M. Gee was elected president. Other officers are: Dorotha Gillette, first vice-presi-

Richard Wolverton

#### Beaumont, Texas

Miss Mildred Fulgham and Mrs. Thelma Boone, both employees of the Sun Oil Co. for several years, are recent graduates of our night school and are now working in the Comptometer Department.

Messrs. Charles Neumann and Jack Craig are recent additions to the Pennsylvania Ship Yards, Inc. office.

On May 3rd Miss Marge Kavanaugh was placed with the Humble Oil & Refining Co. in Houston, Texas.

Miss Kathryn Creamer, one of our recent graduates, is now employed in the office of Kelly's Dairy.

Miss Jennie V. Hayes is compiling special reports in the offices of the Jefferson Amusement Co.

The Beaumont School is now located in Room 208, New Liberty Building on Orleans Street. All Comptometer operators are invited to visit the school.

#### Wheeling, W. Va.



A representative group of office employees from various departments of the Steubenville Works of the Wheeling Steel Corp. who have recently completed a course of training and study in Comptometer methods under Mr. John M. Stahl.





Weirton Steel Co. office employees from various departments who have recently completed a special course of Comptometer instruction.

Miss Mae Brinker, Miss Margaret Keating, and Mr. Louis Petrauskas, who were all adding better than 80 columns an hour in the Pittsburgh Comptometer School before graduating, are now working for the Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co.

Mr. Louis Waldor, who was adding approximately 100 columns an hour before graduating, is now employed by the Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.



Jeane Owens Don Laberto

tors, disclosed the interesting fact that the 253 students enrolled in the Pittsburgh Comptometer School came from 58 different cities or boroughs. Miss Alice Bittner, now in

A recent survey made by Mr.

Hagerstrand, one of our instruc-

our school, has been displaying quite prominently of late a diamond sparkler on her left hand. Nevertheless, Miss Bittner says that she is going to graduate and work for some time before she takes the "great step."

Miss Edna Sharp, a young lady in our School, had her course pleasantly interrupted by an extended vacation in southern Europe. She left the middle of April and will resume her Comptometer course upon her return to Pittsburgh.

On April 13, Mrs. Esther Owens, a graduate of the Pittsburgh Comptometer School and now an assistant in the Cost Department of the Pittsburgh Rolls Corporation, left her Comptometer work to go to New York where she witnessed the opening performance of "Babes in Arms," the Rodgers-Hart Musical. She had a very special reason for making this tripher daughter, Jean, and partner Don Laberto, appear in one of the feature dance numbers of the musical comedy.

#### Omaha, Nebr.

Some of our recent graduates who are now employed by the U. P. R. R. are: Misses Frances Pivorka, Ruth Madden, Frieda Mae Peterson, Arlene Dykes, Dorothy Haddad, Florence Lindgren, Julia Nasr, Virginia Terrill, Helen Pavlick, Marie Smejkal, Dorothy Baird, and Fosteen Means.

Miss Betty Fike, our former stenographer, accepted a position with the Harding Cream Co.

Miss Marie Lang is at present working part time at the U. P. R. R.

Miss Hilda Huddleson, a recent graduate, was transferred here from the Peoria, Illinois, Comptometer School.



Marie Lang



Hilda Huddleson

#### Salt Lake City

All school records here have been broken. Last winter our record for speed and accuracy in adding was boosted to 102 columns correct out of 104, by Elsie Mae Heiner. Her average for the entire course was 97%. Closely following Miss Heiner was Edna Kartchner, who added 100 columns correctly out of 102. The Salt Lake School is proud of the work done by these two operators.



Elsie Mae Heiner

#### Atlanta, Ga.

At a recent Office Appliance Exhibit, the Comptometer booth was a main attraction. Mr. Wood and Mr. Braswell were in charge of the exhibit, and we had three girls demonstrating the use of the Comptometer. An interesting feature of our exhibit was a Comptometer about fifty years old. This was a wooden box model which was loaned to us by Mr. Green, agent at Birmingham, Ala.

Mr. Everett G. Jackson, former salesman here, is now District Manager at Norfolk, Va. We wish him best of success.

Mr. Homer McGee, service man, is in Chicago for special training.

The National Comptometer School Contest created a great deal of interest in our school, and we feel confident that some of our students will be among the leaders.

#### Louisville, Ky.



Ford Motor Co .- showing the interior of the office after the flood waters had subsided

Louisville has just emerged from the most appalling disaster in its history, the great Ohio River flood of 1937. For more than a week the city was paralyzed by swirling muddy waters that covered three-fifths of its area. Many sections were devastated beyond recognition and repair, with losses that could be calculated only in terms

of millions of dollars. But Louisville faced the catastrophe with traditional courage and fortitude, and today is rapidly moving forward toward complete rehabilitation.

Shown here are two scenes that were typical of those that greeted the eyes of office workers when the flood waters had receded.



Kroger Grocery and Baking Co. officenote the effects of the flood ravages



Comptometer NEWS

Kenneth Berry

Off to the Coronation!

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For several months during the winter and spring, our local morning newspaper ran a popularity contest to select twelve Toronto girls to go as their guests to London, England, for the Coronation festivities.

Of the twelve girls who won, three are Comptometer operators -the Misses Paddy Triller, May Allen, and Betty Procter. Isn't that a fine showing? We wish all these girls a grand

We are pleased to be able to say that Mr. Findlay Harvey is now back on the sales staff of this office, and we know that his many friends will be glad to have him at their service again.

We are glad to hear occasionally from Mr. Kenneth Berry, who for the past two years has been stationed at El Centro, Colombia, South America, as Chief Comptometer operator for the Tropical Oil Co. Mr. Berry worked five years for the International Petroleum Co. in Toronto before leaving for South America.



Helen Lott

We wish to congratulate Arlene Devereaux, a student in our school, who added 80 columns correctly in one hour on her 40th day in school. Since then she has added as high as 91 columns.

We also welcome Helen Lott, who has recently entered the school. Helen is quite outstanding as an accordion player, and will entertain the guests at the May Banquet of the Onondaga Business School, of which she is a graduate, at the Onondaga Hotel, May 26th.





Phyllis Moe

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#### Worcester, Mass.

Miss Phyllis Moe, a Worcester girl, has recently been promoted to assistant manager in the Billing Department at Reed & Prince Mfg. Co. She is a graduate of our school and has been with the Reed & Prince Mfg. Co. for nine years.

Miss Doris Moe, a sister of Phyllis and also a graduate of the Worcester Comptometer School, is employed by the American Steel & Wire Co.

#### Literally Correct

Secretary: "May I have next week's salary? I'm broke."

Boss: "No, my wife made me promise not to make any advances to you."



Doris Moe



Mary Braun

Gladys Urshel



Doris Tucker

Shown here are some of our

students and recent graduates

who have made splendid records

in both Addition and Business

and Florence Szelagowska main-

tained averages above our

standards in Addition during

the greater part of their course.

Their adding ranged from 80

to 96 columns per hour daily.

Mary Braun and Doris Tuck-

er, two present students, have

both been honor students since

entering the school, and will

make representatives of whom

we can be proud in any office

Mr. Steven Mack, who has

been a member of the Buffalo Comptometer staff for the past six months, leaves us to return to Chicago for further training.

We are sure to miss Mr. Mack's helpfulness and his unfailing

good humor. Buffalo extends

best wishes to him in his ad-

Your body loses enough heat

in an hour to raise a half gal-

lon of water to the boiling point.

that employs them.

vancement.

Gladys Urshel, Lillian Gadra

Calculations.



Lillian Gadra



Florence Szelagowska

#### Albany, N. Y.

To Miss Dorothy Short, Comptometer operator in the Payroll Department of the General Electric Co., Schenectady Works, went the honor recently of winning the highest award for ideas submitted by employees of that organization.

All of Miss Short's Comptometer friends are proud of her achievement.



Dorothy L. Short (Photo by White Studios, Schenectady)

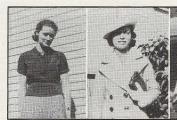


#### Winnipeg, Manitoba

Shown here are four Comptometer students who were adding over one hundred columns an hour before graduating: Yvonne Bibeau, Cathlyn Crozier, Margaret McLuckie, and Phyllis Ball.

We are glad to see Myrtle Wilkie back at the Canadian Wheat Board again after her ski accident this winter.

Iris Atwell has our best wishes for success in her new position with British-American Oil Co., Ltd., Saskatoon, Sask.



Phyllis

Ball

Cathlyn Crozier



Ywonne Bibeau



Margaret McLuckie

Miss Beverly Bandimere, one

of our students, makes swim-

ming her hobby. Miss Bandimere

has been swimming in competi-

tion for many years and has

won numerous medals and tro-

phies. Her sister, Shirley, is

also a competitive swimmer, and

together they share a good deal

of renown. Here's more fame

to you, Beverly, and we are

During the past winter Miss

Catton and Miss Weber enjoyed

numerous trips to Mount Ranier

and Naches Pass. It would ap-

pear from the picture that the

girls spent more time in the

Norma Hamilton recently de-

cided to forsake the Comptom-

eter course in favor of married

life. She became the bride of

Mr. James Barker, Jr. of Seat-

tle, on March 18th, at the home

of her parents. Miss Ruth Ham-

ilton, who is also a Comptom-

eter operator, was her sister's

maid of honor. We all wish the

young couple many, many years

of happiness.

snow than on their skis.

all with you!

Seattle, Wash.



Beverly Bandimere



Louise Catton and Virginia Weber

The soft ball season is under

way and the Comptometer team

is well represented with as fine

a group of girls as ever walked

Interest is running high and

it seems that all of our Comp-

tometer operators want to play.

The following have signed to

play on the Comptometer team:

Celesta McCurdy, Pitcher; Lu-

belle Hendricks, Pitcher; Julia

Brandes, First Base; Ava Price,

Short Stop; Laura Duncan,

Catcher; Teresa Scullion, Sec-

ond Base; Margaret Lilly, Left

Field; Ione Smith, Short Field;

Maude Baldwin, Third Base;

Sara Boling, Center Field;

on a baseball diamond.

Huntington, W. Va.



Frances Jones

Floy Foote

Since the last issue of the "News" we have had three ring winners; Eleanor Morgan making an average of 60 on her 18th day; Floy Foote, with an average of 62 on her 19th day, and Frances Jones, with an average of 61 on her 19th day.

Mrs. Paulfrey returned from a month's vacation in Miami Beach, Florida, looking and feeling fine; so the school work and activities are beginning to hum once more.

Roller skating and swimming parties are being planned by the school for summer gettogethers.

When a woman talks about her past she's confessing; when a man does he's bragging.



Katherine Armour, Right Field. Mr. C. E. Hale, instructor, is in charge of the team.

Miss Orine Funderburke has returned to her position with the Burlington Mills in Greensboro, N. C., after recovering from an operation.

Mrs. Mamie Culp, formerly located in Washington, D. C., with the Great A. & P. Tea Co., has returned to Charlotte. We are glad to welcome her back to the Queen City and hope that she will stay with us this time.



Julia Brandes



Ava Price



Celesta McCurdy

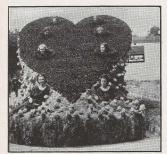
Mr. Francis Lege recently accepted a Civil Service appointment with the Internal Revenue Department in Washington, D. C. The San Antonio School wishes him success.

San Antonio, Texas



Francis Lege

The week of May 21st was "Fiesta Week" in San Antonio. Miss Lucille Brady (right, second from top) a Comptometer operator, was one of the pretty girls on the float which was entered in the "Battle of Flowers Parade."



Float in "Battle of Flowers Parade"

#### St. Paul, Minn.

We regret to report that Robert St. George, a recent graduate of our school, was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, May 1. Robert was

#### Indianapolis, Indiana

Due to increased demand for operators we have found it necessary to seek larger quarters. After June 1st our new school and office address will be fifth floor, Occidental Building.

The recent National Comptometer Contest stimulated keen interest in our local school. To make it more interesting we arranged a contest within a contest, dividing the school into two teams. Jack Greig and Charles Ewing were captain and co-captain of Team No. 1, while Georgina Amato and Vernon Paddock were captain and cocaptain, respectively, of Team No. 2.

The teams were evenly matched from the standpoint of hours spent in the school, adding speed, etc. The winners were promised a victory dinner at the Columbia Club as guests of Mr. O. F. Hammer, our District Manager.

Team No. 2 was victorious and twenty-four of its members attended the dinner. Other guests were Helen Crane of the office staff and Mr. E. C. Denny. Our instructor, Mr. Palmer Johnson, served as toastmaster for the occasion. Business worries and office formalities were dispensed with and the evening

employed at the Northern Pacific Ry. Co. in St. Paul. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Lucille, who is employed at the Northland Greyhound Lines.

Dorothy Tullar, Comptometer operator for the Northern States Power Co. in Minneapolis, was married on April 21 to Frank Schlingerman, also of the Northern States Power Co.

Miss Lucille Larson of the Northland Greyhound Lines, has announced her marriage to Mr. Harold Fisher, which took place on May 22.

Ruth Hendrickson, Comptometer operator at Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., was married to Ralph Lindholm on May 12.



Mable Lacv

was devoted entirely to pleasure and entertainment.

We have in our school a very accomplished pianist, Miss Mable Lacy, who played one of the 125 grand pianos for two performances at the second annual Grand Piano Festival held at Butler Stadium, Sunday, May 2, 1937, during National Music Week. Two pianists were at each piano, making 250 in all.



Students off for an early hike

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Jean and James Kirby

On the evening of April 1st the Comptometer Club of Fort Wayne held a dinner-dance at the Berghoff Gardens, for members of the club, the school, and their friends.

Covers were laid for forty guests at one long banquet table which was placed directly in front of the orchestra pit. Decorations were in keeping with the season and a large bowl of spring flowers centered the table. After the four-course dinner, dancing was enjoyed to the music of Earl Gardner's orchestra.

Speakers for the evening included Miss Hazel Myers. founder of the Club; Mr. W. T. Jalass, district sales repre-



Beatrice and Joseph Benanti

sentative, and T. J. Battistone, service representative. Miss Marjorie Boan was chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements, assisted by Misses Virginia Gerdam and Dorothy Zur-

The following schedule of events are planned for the summer season:

May 6-Potluck dinner at the home of Marjorie Boan.

May 20-Roller skating at Bell's Rink.

June 4-Picnic at Foster Park. July 19-Week at Lake James. August 12-Dance at Lake Wawasee.

September 2-Election of Offi-

September 16-Installation of Officers.

"Believe it or not"-we have two brother-and-sister teams in the Fort Wayne School at present. They are Jean and James Kirby, and Beatrice and Joseph Benanti.

Norfolk, Va.



Evelyn Holland

We had quite a gala affair Tuesday evening, February 16, when we gave Mr. and Mrs. Everett G. Jackson, our new agent and his wife, a surprise Valentine party at their home on Hampton Boulevard. Despite

the snow which started falling at 5:30 P. M., and later turned into a blizzard, about twentyfive students attended.

The party was in the form of a "house warming", each student bringing something for the pantry, which when assembled made a huge basket of delectable provender. Numerous games were played and prizes awarded to the winners. Everyone reported a delightful evening.

Ring winners are Evelyn Holland and Frances Wagner.



Frances Wagner

#### Just Absent-Minded

"What's the matter here?" asked the policeman of the battered man lying on the sidewalk outside an apartment house.

"Oh, just absent-mindedness," was the reply.

"What are you talking about?" retorted the officer.

"Well, you see, I live on the fourth floor of this building. My wife and I are both very absentminded. I just came home from a long business trip, and my wife and I were at the dinner table when a step sounded in the hall and someone tried the door. Well, my wife is so absent-minded that she said, 'Goodness here comes my husband!,' and I'm so absentminded that I jumped out the window."

#### Duluth, Minn.

The Duluth-Superior Comptometer School and offices located at 3 Phoenix Building, 333 West Superior Street, Duluth, extend a cordial invitation to all operators to drop in for a "get-acquainted" visit. Our school is now in full operation and can accommodate all qualified persons who wish to take the Comptometer course.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson wish, through the medium of the "News" to express their sincere thanks to those operators who have already called on them since their recent arrival here.

Ursula Shields, formerly with the Kelley-How-Thompson Co., Duluth, has accepted a position in the payroll department of the Great Northern Ry. Co., Superior.

Mr. Heim and Mr. Anderson of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern Ry. Co., and Mr. Matt Wilson of Commercial Electric Co., are taking clerk instruction in our evening school.



Irene Shields Inez Baldwin

Miss Inez Baldwin and Miss Irene Shields are doing review work in the school preparatory to accepting positions.

Bernard H. Kruse of Proctor is enrolled in our school, which may explain the sighs and wistful looks suddenly apparent among the young ladies.

#### Been Out Before

He-"I'll be tickled if we find a gas station soon. The gas is running low."

She-"I suppose I'll be tickled if we don't."

#### Des Moines, Ia.

Business has interfered shamefully with all social activities during the past three months. No Comptometer group has had a picnic, party, dance or breakfast during this time. Mr. Nelson says that he has even been late for his dinner every night, to say nothing about breakfasts, "pot-luck" luncheons, etc.

It might be interesting to note that we have three sisters in Des Moines who will all be Comptometer operators in the near future, and although they are sisters their names are all different. Lucille Layland finished her course last September and is employed at the Iowa Agricultural Conservation Committee; Evelyn Hixenbaugh is attending our night school, and Fay Morgan is in our day classes. They are sisters, believe it or not.



Lucille Skinker

Lucille Skinker, one of our graduates, has been voted the most beautiful girl in the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at Washington, D. C.

#### Grand Rapids, Michigan

Hilarity and romance were in the air on the evening of May 11th, when Mr. and Mrs. Slager entertained both the morning and afternoon classes at a weiner roast at Townsend Park.

It was a beautiful evening for such an occasion, warm and with a soft breeze blowing. Several of the more ambitious took part in a ball game, while others enjoyed themselves by jumping rope. After the ball game, when

everyone was decidedly famished, the group proceeded to attack a marvelous array of good things to eat. Weiners and marshmallows were roasted over a large, glowing camp-fire. More games and entertainment followed until dark.

This party was such a success that plans are now under way for another, for all operators, young and old. Prepare now for the next one.



The Grand Rapids Comptometer party

### Modern Girl Has Harder Job To Wed

Professor Shows It's Five Times More Difficult to Get Suitable Husband Than in Old Days

students to select a suitable husband as it was for their shy and fluttery grandmothers, sociology has established. It seems that the circumspect days of chaperons and double standards offered no handicap to old-fashioned belles.

Professor Joseph K. Folsom, sociologist and lecturer, in Vassar's experimental course, "Marriage and Family Life," now attracting nation-wide attention, blames modern individualism for the current difficulties in courtship.

"With the diversity of modern types, the girl of today needs to meet at least 25 eligible young men to have an adequate range of choice," he said in an interview. "Her grandmother could marry successfully, choosing from a group of five pros-

In Professor Folsom's opinion, the theory that, in courtship, opposites attract one another is folklore rather than fact. "Sociological studies indicate that people with similar intelligences, tastes and physiques are most likely to marry," he said. "Similarities in attitude are also important if a marriage is to be successful.

"Temperament is another matter. The husband may be phlegmatic, the wife, a human dynamo, but if they both have the same objectives, there's no basis for discord."

#### Less Aggressive Now

Professor Folsom believes it is an evidence of maturity in modern college women that they are less aggressive in their attitude toward careers.

"The college girl of today," he observed, "can adapt herself to men without a feeling of inferiority. The early college girls were a group of pioneer feminists who wanted to challenge male superiority by entering the business world. Today the student body represents more diversified types, girls who are content to be home-makers as well as those ambitious for careers.

"It's a wholesome sign that college girls no longer feel it necessary to jeer at domesticity. Even the students who are planning careers admit that men and marriage are their fundamental interests."

Professor Folsom has measured the increase in collegiate romances by a coldly mathematical sys-

It's five times as difficult for 1937 Vassar College tem of charts. "When the present graduates of Vassar are 35 years old, from 75 to 80 per cent of them will be married," he said. "At the beginning of the century, only 50 per cent of Vassar graduates became home-makers."

> The combining of marriage with a career presents difficulties to the husband as well as to the wife, the sociologist said.

"The popular attitude toward the father of the family is to consider him as an animated checkbook," he added. "His main function is to finance the household. But if a man wishes to participate more fully in the family life, he, too, is torn between his work and his home. This is especially true of professional men, writers, clergymen and professors, who spend a larger share of their time at home. Personally, if I had the leisure, I could spend half my time making things more pleasant for my family."

#### Not Individual Problem

As a sociologist, Professor Folsom maintains that marriage cannot be considered an exclusively individual problem. "In my lectures, I point out to Vassar students that they cannot isolate themselves from the community," he explained. "They must view marriage from the standpoint of other people, involving elements of competition, rivalry and conflicting standards of conduct.

"For example, a girl who is deliberating on a choice for a husband must realize that while she is making up her mind, a more decisive rival may make off with the man. Also, there is the question of social expediency. Standards of conduct differ with the community. Petting may be frowned upon in one locale and accepted in another. We want students to learn to adapt themselves to practical situations without sacrificing their inner values."

Professor Folsom is enthusiastic about the new Vassar course on marriage. "Of course, material on the family has been available for many years, but the subject was always presented more or less academically. The present course is designed to be of practical personal use to the students."

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#### AUSTRALIA ON THE AIR

Melbourne Calling-Greetings to Our Comptometer Comrades Overseas



General-Motors-Holdens Ltd. building at Fisherman's Bend, Melbourne, which was officially opened by the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Lyons, on Nov. 5th.

Melbourne Comptometer operators read with interest the doings of their fellow operators on the other side of the world, and that "other side" has drawn perceptibly nearer to us in recent years.

In this age of rapid advancements, who knows what the next step will be? Yesterday communication between us was a matter of weeks-today we move a lever and can hear you speak. Tomorrow maybe-who knows? But until tomorrow comes let us give you an idea of Comptometer Club affairs here "down under."

Our interests are as varied as our work. Quarterly meetings and reunions take the form of social gatherings, when the chair is usually occupied by our friend and ex-officio member, Mr. E. H. Peacock, who is the Consul for Czecho-

slovakia. Diplomas are presented, and a program rendered by talented members of the Club. (At our next quarterly meeting we are presenting twenty diplomas gained since last meeting.)

Matters of educational interest are very popular with our members. We have enjoyed during the year visits to-

National Broadcasting Stations Melbourne's principal fire station Melbourne's Central Telephone Exchange Electricity Commission Power Station Leading Newspaper Houses Parliment House (while in session) Liners in port Art displays

The year's program usally includes several theatre nights, the proceeds being given for philanthropic purposes. Our winter sports include skat-

> ture. Summer sports are swimming, surfing, yachting, tennis and motoring. Let us add in conclusion our very best wishes for the "Comptometer Craft"-world-wide. Here's luck to the link that binds!

ing, riding, hiking and physical cul-



Above-Comptometer operators in Christmas camp at Seaford.

Right-Comptometer graduates visit Essendon Aerodrom.





# SNICKERS

#### Dizzy

The drunk hailed a cab and fell into the back seat.

"Shay, driver," he ordered, "drive me aroun' the block a hundred timesh."

The driver was startled—but he obliged just the same. Around and around the block they went. And on the sixty-fifth trip, the stew leaned over to the driver.

"Step on it, buddy," he hiccoughed, "I'm in a hurry."

#### Not So Bad

A man in an insane asylum sat fishing over a flower bed. A visitor wishing to be friendly walked up and said, "How many have you caught today?"

"You're the ninth," replied the nut.

#### Bull's Eye

"It says the man was shot by his wife at close range."

"Then there must have been powder marks on the body."

"Yes, that's why she shot him."

#### Comedy

Clerk—"These are especially strong shirts, madam. They simply laugh at the laundry."

Customer—"I know that kind; I had some which came back with their sides split."

#### Slow Motion

Lover: "I must rush out the back way! I hear your father at the door!"

Soak's Daughter: "There's no need to hurry, dear. It'll be an hour before father finds the keyhole."

#### Why?

Father: "Why were you kissing my daughter in that dark corner last night?"

Youth: "Now that I've seen her in daylight I sort of wonder myself."

#### Not For Her

"I tell you I won't have this room!" protested the old lady to the bell-boy who was conducting her. "I'm not going to pay my good money for a closet with a measly little folding bed in it. If you think that just because I'm from the country—"

"Get in, lady, get in," the boy cut in wearily. "This isn't your room. This is the elevator."

#### A Slight Difference

A professor from one of the well-known colleges was invited to address a club meeting and he chose as his subject, "The Need of Education."

The following day the leading newspaper of the city carried a bold black headline reporting "Professor's Speech Shows the Need of Education."

#### Wrong Impression

She: "Did anyone ever tell you how wonderful you are?"

He: "No, I don't think anyone ever did."

She: "Then I'd like to know how and where you got the idea."

#### Tests

1st Mosquito: Why are you making such a fuss?

2nd Mosquito: Whoopee! I just passed the screen test.

#### Ultra Modern

Judge (to couple): "Caught on the park bench, eh? What are your names?"

He: "Ben Petten." She: "Ann Howe."

#### Disappointed

The Girl (coyly): "Did I ever show you where I was tattooed?"

The Boy (expectantly): "No." The Girl: "Well, we can drive around that way."

#### No Bargain

"Sir, I want your daughter for my wife."

"And I, sir, am not willing to trade."

#### A Bargain

The decrepit old car rolled up to the toll bridge.

"Fifty cents," called out the

"Sold," replied the driver.

#### Close-Mouthed

Mistress: "Marie, when you wait on the table tonight for my guests, please don't spill anything."

Maid: "Don't you worry, ma'am; I never talk much."

#### Cause for Worry

"Boy, I'm scared! I just got a letter from a man telling me he'd shoot me if I didn't stay away from his daughter."

"Well, all you have to do is stay away from his daughter."

"Yeah, but he didn't sign his name."

## Comptometer INSTRUCTION SERVICE

C. VEBECK

#### Example 1:

An operator writes in an interesting question: What is your answer to it? "Chain:  $33 \frac{1}{3}\%-14\frac{1}{2}\%-7\frac{1}{2}\%$ 

The net of above chain is .52725, the discount being .47275.

Now to arrive at the discount direct: Add .333333 into the machine. Place fingers in the same position on the small figures less one (333332). Move toward the right one place and multiply by 145. This gives 42999, raise this to 43. Place fingers in same position on 42, small figures less one; move toward the right two places, and multiply by 75. Register shows .47275 as the correct discount. Why?"

#### Example 2:

\$25 equals  $7\frac{1}{2}\%$  of 65% of what amount?

An operator submits the above example and wishes to know if it is possible to do it on the Comptometer from start to finish without cancelling or remembering any figures, and have the final answer of \$512.82 properly pointed off in the register. It certainly is possible, and easily done.

#### Example 3:

A railroad contractor agreed to grade 450,000 cubic yards in 90 days. He employed on the work 560 men for 30 days; then, measuring the grading completed, he finds that they have made 120,000 cubic yards. How many more men must he employ at the expiration of the 30 days, in order to complete the work in the contract time?

Do this all on Comptometer without cancelling or writing down any figures except the finished answer.

#### Example 4:

Find return premium on policy for over one year and less than two years, using Short Rate Table.

In figuring the above on the Comptometer, do not cancel from start to finish to get answer of \$5.09 return premium.

#### Example 5:

#### AMORTIZATION

Debt \$6,000.00

Semi-annual equal payment \$721.45 Rate of yearly interest 7%

To be paid in 5 yrs. — i.e., ten semiannual equal payments.

Knowing the equal payment and other facts above, what is the method of figuring and setting up the following semi-annual balances on the Comptometer without cancelling from start to finish and without writing anything on paper except the following:

ayment No.	Balances
0	\$6000.00
1	5488.55
2	4959.20
3	4411.32
4	3844.27
5	3257.37
6	2649.93
7	2021.23
8	1370.52
9	697.04
10	0.00

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