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It was with deep regret that the Comptometer Organisation in Great Britain and Ireland heard of the death of Mr. D. E. Felt, President of the Felt & Tarrant Manufacturing Company. A floral tribute was contributed for by the whole of the staff and condolences were cabled over as soon as we heard the sad news.

We deeply regret to announce that Miss R. Hills, who for ten years was operator at the Agricultural and General Engineers, Ltd., Aldwyck House, died suddenly on August 4th.

INVITATION.—CHRISTMAS PARTY TO ALL LONDON OPERATORS.

We are holding a Social and Re-union for all trained operators on Saturday, December 6th, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the London School, and we are looking forward to receiving a reply from *all* London operators; we hope to make this social the first of many if we have support from a sufficient number of girls.

Please send in *immediately* the enclosed card so that we can complete the arrangements. With music, competitions with prizes, and tea, we are looking forward to a jolly time.

Only your hearty co-operation will make the Party a success, so please tell all your friends about it, in case they don't receive notice.

LONDON.

We were delighted to see Miss Dorothy Keers, who was on a visit from Sydney, Australia. Miss Keers had been over the School at Chicago and over part of the Factory. We were very pleased to see her and sent our greetings to all operators in the Colonies by her. We were hoping to receive a photograph from her for inclusion in this issue, but in the excitement of going home she forgot us!

Congratulations to Miss Russ who added 91 columns (three and four figures in the pounds) correctly in one hour. We think this is a splendid result and hope it will inspire the present and future pupils of the School to greater effort. This is equal to 152%.



Mrs. Clinkskill.

We have been very pleased to have Mrs. Clinkskill (appointed teacher for the new School at Nottingham) with us for the past three weeks, and wish her every success when the new School opens. Mrs. Clinkskill has shewn great interest in her work whilst in London. (Photo inset.)

Best wishes, long life and happiness to Miss Suckling, who recently became Mrs. Woolliams, also Miss Moat who left the Linotype & Machinery, Ltd., Kingsway, last month, to start a home at Leeds.

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We were very pleased to receive a visit from Miss Higgins, the other day, one of our finest operators whom we have not seen for a year or so. Miss Higgins is chief operator at India House, the new offices of the High Commissioner, which were recently opened by Their Majesties the King and Queen. Where are all our other experts? We shall be glad to see you at any time.

We were pleased to receive a visit, the other day, from Miss Anna Kennedy, an operator in the Glasgow area, who was en route for Cape Town. We wish her every success in the future and hope to receive further news of her in due course.

BELFAST.

Belfast Exhibition of Business Systems.

We are exhibiting in the above Exhibition, which will be held at the Ulster Hall, from November 18th to 21st, noon to 9 p.m. We shall be very pleased to welcome operators and tell them all the latest news.

We are very glad indeed to record the fact that since the last edition of the " British Brevities " the following ex-students from the Belfast School have obtained permanent appointments as Comptometer operators. In wishing them the best of luck in their new surroundings we also extend to them our congratulations :

- Miss Lena Graham to Stevenson & Son, Ltd., Dungannon.
- Miss Ethel McLelland to Workman Clark (1928), Ltd., Belfast.
- Miss Margaret Clark to Spence, Bryson & Co., Ltd., Belfast.
- Miss Sadie Martin to Riddles, Ltd., Belfast.
- Miss Molly Doucher to The Commercial Calculating Service, Belfast.
- Miss Stephenson to The Belfast Steamship Co., Ltd., Belfast.
- Miss Mary Stewart to Samuel McCausland & Co., Ltd., Belfast.
- Miss Eileen Brown to The Ulster Marine Insurance Co., Ltd., Belfast.

DUBLIN.

At the moment of writing we are finding it difficult to keep pace with the demand for temporary operators; nearly all our eligible pupils are now out on temporary work. However as temporary positions very often lead to permanent appointments we are naturally pleased not only at the experience our girls are getting, combined with earning money, but that our Service Department is in such demand.

Now that the tennis season is over and picnics are only pleasant memories, Miss Gall, our Dublin Instructress, is turning her attention to the formation of a hockey club. She has several matches in view and already a number of Comptometer operators have intimated their desire to play. Miss Gall would be much obliged if any others who may read this and whom she has not yet seen would communicate with her.

We were very pleased to have a visit from our General Manager, Mr. Jay G. Klees, in September.

The picnic organised by Miss McCaughey, our Belfast Instructress, for Comptometer operators on the 9th August last was a great success; the rendezvous chosen was the Massereene Estate, Co. Antrim. There was quite a large turn out of girls; a very closely contested tennis tournament resulted in Miss Eileen Brown carrying off the honours of the day.

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BIRMINGHAM.

The more efficiently a Comptometer is operated, the greater your value to your employer. Efficiency interpreted means getting the answer to any particular problem, or calculation, in the fewest possible number of strokes. Can you extend 1,244 feet by 11 inches by 3 inches at £31 10s. 0d. per standard, in ELEVEN STROKES, or calculate interest on £126 12s. 6d. for 292 days at 6½% per annum, in EIGHT STROKES?

Remember, Strokes saved means Time gained!

Early in the year 1919 there were three pupils in Birmingham School. To-day there are one hundred and fourteen.

Thus, in tabloid form, is summarised the progress of the Comptometer School in Birmingham since the War.

The accompanying photographs show our present School. It is divided into two parts: Elementary Room and Speed Room, each with its own teaching staff—altogether five teachers, of whom Miss Linforth is Head.



Part of the Birmingham Elementary School.

Demands on our space have recently forced us to inaugurate a system of two sessions daily: a Morning School, operating from 9 to 1 p.m., and an Afternoon School, operating from 2 to 6.

Before deciding to put our School on this basis much thought and study had been given to the effect on the pupils' progress, but, thanks to the efforts of Miss Homer, seconded by Miss Linforth, a scheme has been put into operation which maintains the pupils normal progress, and under which, we believe, they will complete their course in approximately the same time as heretofore. Notes on the various " points " are not now written up in class; all such work is done at home, the time in School being entirely devoted to machine operating. When the time arrives that the pupil no longer requires to write up notes, home-work is given—calculations which she is expected to work on paper (showing working), using the methods she has been taught to employ on the machine. In this way pupils gain a more complete grasp of the decimal arithmetic.

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Birmingham Speed School,



The Birmingham Branch Calculating Dept. Staff.—"AT YOUR SERVICE,"

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From the brief outline given above it will be realised that the keeping of records, marking answer sheets, etc., presented a considerable problem, as the work has to be done by the staff. This difficulty has been overcome without any increase of staff, which satisfactory result is primarily due to the ingenious coding system devised by Miss Homer.

Whilst inditing this resumé the writer timed one of the teachers engaged on correcting answers. She, without special effort, examined and marked forty-four papers in eighteen-and-a-half minutes.

To operators who wish to visit the scene of their former struggles, with problems of "plus and minus per cent." we offer a hearty welcome!

If ever in difficulty, give us a ring!

If disengaged, we will help you get another position.

Happy congratulations to Miss. J. W. Nicholls who became Mrs. E. T. Sadler on the 23rd of August, 1930. Miss J. W. Nicholls has been a comptist for twelve years, serving the latter ten at Foster Bros., of which firm she was a very popular employee. All the firm turned out in full force to see the charming wedding of the "100 PRESENTS OPERATOR" as she was called.

Leeds and Bradford Operators.

May we take this opportunity of wishing you a real jolly Christmas when it comes, and may 1931 be a better year for you than any previous year. This message carries our heartiest greetings to you all in Leeds, Bradford, Huddersfield, Halifax, Dewsbury, Wakefield, York, Harrogate, Scarborough, Keighley, Skipton and all the adjoining districts.

BRADFORD.

The Hockey Team has made a start in the Second Division of the Bradford League. As there are four divisions, we are obviously up against some good teams and we will have to hit hard and often to keep our end up, but all members are keen and we hope to secure a fair position on our first season's playing.

COME TO THE BALL.

Book the date for the Grandest Carnival Dance of the season:

At "The Mayfair Ballroom."

At the City end of Manningham Lane.

On Saturday 31st January, 1931.

Dancing from 7.30 till 11.45 p.m.

Carnival Novelties.

By special arrangement at the remarkably low price of 2/6 per ticket.

Excellent Buffet by Betty's.

This function has been arranged by the Hockey Team for all Comptometer Operators and their friends, and we hope you will roll up in hundreds.

Should there be any profit, it is intended for the Comptometer Sports Club, as we hope to build up a swimming club, rambling and other interests according to suggestions received. We should very much appreciate ideas from operators and friends.

But in the meantime book the date and let us know how many tickets to reserve for you. Let us know at 2, Darley Street, Bradford, or advise any member of the hockey team. We shall be glad to welcome anyone from Leeds, and all surrounding districts.

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LEEDS.

Miss Irene Cass is now employed by Blackburns Coates & Co., and Miss Kathleen Boothman has taken up a position at E. Penfold & Co., Ltd., Leeds.

Unfortunately the proposed Hockey Club for Leeds did not meet with the enthusiasm we anticipated, therefore, we have had to abandon the scheme for this year and hope for a better response next season. Leeds School is represented in the Bradford team by Miss K. Bolton and Miss D. Brown, and we trust the team will have a successful season.

West Riding County Council Comptometer Section.

Mrs. Wellington, who has had several years' experience in various business organisations, is in charge of this Section, and deals with the distribution of the work and general routine.

The other operators have all been private pupils in our Leeds School during the last two years.

In addition to these machines, there are two further Comptometers in use for the miscellaneous work at the very important Central Stores Dept. of the West Riding County Council. The first of these machines was bought many years ago and has been in the very capable hands of Miss Moorhouse.

Modern methods, of course, remove the drudgery of the old office ways, and the same principle of centralising the figure-work can be applied in an office where only one machine is required. The Comptometer operator deals with all the adding and calculating in the quickest and easiest way, thus saving valuable time of other members of the staff.

BRISTOL.

Three of our " lambs " have left us for permanent employment : Miss Lambert to the C.W.S., Ltd., Miss Key to Gardiner, Sons & Co., and Miss Slade to Gardner Titley & Widgery, Ltd., all of Bristol. They have our good wishes and we hope that they will keep in close touch with Headquarters.

Our local Operators' Association is still alive—despite the opposition of summer's call to the individual as opposed to the collective. On the 18th June we met for a ramble around the grounds of Blaize Castle—one of the most picturesque show-places in the very beautiful West of England. The ramble was enjoyed and served to keep alive until winter's meetings, the true spirit of an Operators' Association.



Miss G. Cole and M. Wright,

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Bristol and West responded to the clarion call of the Systems' Exhibition, held at Colston Hall, from the 30th September to 3rd October. At the Comptometer Stand we had prospects from way-down Truro, St. Austell and Plymouth, and even from Porth in Wales. Yes, of course, they were all good prospects! Even from our competitors we had appreciative comments on the arrangement of the Comptometer Stand and the very nice-looking girls " playing about " with the machines. In the snap-photograph on page six are our two mainstays : Miss G. Cole, Service Representative, and Miss M. Wright, School Instructress. They were making hearty progress towards the Exhibition when the photographer took aim !

Our Operators' Association has " come through " the summer-doldrums and is going to have a really good time this winter session. It was bad luck that a black-berrying outing arranged in September should have been utterly spoiled by the kind of weather they are reported to get, very frequently, in towns like Manchester, Glasgow and others in the North !

SOUTH WALES (CARDIFF & SWANSEA).

Miss R. Wood who was for several years operator with Sir W. R. Smith & Sons, Ltd., Cardiff, has decided to give up operating and is going to live with her sister in London.

Miss Sylvia Price has given up her position as Comptometer operator with the Bristol, South Wales and West of England Friendly Collecting Society, to take up a Civil Service appointment, having recently passed the examination very creditably.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTH ASSOCIATION OF COMPTOMETER OPERATORS.

A very successful Social Evening was held at the Dorothy Cafe, High Street, Cardiff, on October 15th. More than fifty operators and their friends were present. The most important feature of the evening was an address on the subject of good taste and economy in dress, given by Mr. Dome, buyer, with our good friends Messrs. David Morgan, Ltd., Needless to say this talk was very much appreciated by our members and was illustrated by a Mannequin Parade ; the mannequins being three of our school pupils, Misses Best, Clarke and Lester, who carried out their duties with a quite professional air.

A prize consisting of an order to the value of 10/- to be spent in Messrs. David Morgan, Ltd.'s store, was offered for a competition in judging the exact amount of material used in one of the gowns. The exact length was 2 yds. 24½ ins., and the prize was won by Miss M. Burrows, who estimated 2 yds. 28 ins.

DUNDEE.

Evening School is again in full swing and our class nights are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Miss Clark will be glad to see any operators who wants to come in to brush-up anything they may have forgotten since they left school.

If any of our operators know girls leaving school who are considering a business career, they should mention the advantages of a Comptometer Training, or put the girls in touch with Miss Clark. This refers to both Day and Evening School.

EDINBURGH.

Old operators who have visited our new School have been pleasantly surprised at the excellent accommodation and lighting provided. A hearty invitation is extended to all old pupils who wish to view our new premises.

Miss J. Weir has accepted a situation with the Edinburgh Corporation. We were sorry to lose her from our staff, but wish her every success in her new position.

The Evening Class is proving a big success again this year. In fact so many operators wish to avail themselves of this that we have been forced to restrict the revision girls to one night per week.

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GLASGOW.

Recently the following two operators have left Glasgow for abroad: Miss Anna Kennedy from Messrs. Hugh Twaddle & Sons, Ltd., to take up employment in Cape Town, South Africa, and Miss Pearl Cuthbert from Messrs. Blackie & Co., to go to New York. We wish them every success.

We wish to thank those operators out at business who have sent their friends and relations along to enrol at the Comptometer School, but would also say that we are crowded out with applications for enrolment and the only way in which we can take in all those wishing to learn the Comptometer is by getting the trained operators out to business. In order to do this, we have for the past year, been giving all operators in the school an hour a day of typewriting instruction, and it would relieve the situation in the School quite a lot if when a vacancy occurs in any firm for a junior to do all sorts of duties such as typewriting, filing, telephone work, etc., operators would let their firms know that we can supply Comptometer Operators with knowledge of typewriting.

In these days of severe unemployment, girls in the school recognise that they must be willing to undertake all office duties, and any assistance from those operators already in employment would be much appreciated.

On August 29th Miss Jessie Waldie, who has been in charge of the Glasgow Comptometer School for several years, bid us farewell in preparation for her approaching marriage to Mr. Taylor. All those operators who passed through the School during Miss Waldie's tenure of office will, we are sure, join with us in wishing her every happiness. Fortunately, the boss was away and we were able to let ourselves go in giving her a send-off worthy of the efforts of fifty girls who had been preparing for this for quite a time.

The School is now in charge of Miss Winnie Buchanan, for several years with Redpath Brown & Co., Ltd., and latterly on our staff as assistant teacher.

We gave a preliminary notice in the last issue, of the endeavours of the hockey members to enter a team in the Glasgow & District Ladies' Hockey League. This is now an accomplished fact and below are particulars of our fixtures for the 1930-31 season.

We are endeavouring also to run a second XI and fix up friendly matches, so that we have reserve players to call upon in case of necessity; therefore, any Comptometer operators who wish to get into the game should communicate with Miss Wright at the School. Also the players are always pleased to welcome spectators at the matches—the home ground is at Barshaw Park, Glasgow Road, Paisley, and matches commence at 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoons.

To date only three League matches have been played. Two drawn games and one victory.

Oct.	4—Scottish Oils	...	...	...	...	Home.
"	11—White Memorial	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	18—Greyfriars	...	...	...	...	Home.
"	25—Ibrox Commercial College	...	...	...	...	Home.
Nov.	1—IOCO Rubber Co.	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	8—Imperial Tobacco Co. "A"	...	...	...	...	Home.
"	15—John St. F.P. "A"	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	22—Kelvingrove Commercial College	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	29—Morrisonians (S.C.W.S.)	...	...	...	...	Away.
Dec.	6—MacLeod	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	13—Petershill F.P.	...	...	...	...	Home.
Jan.	3—Scottish Oils	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	10—White Memorial	...	...	...	...	Home.
"	17—Greyfriars	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	24—Ibrox Commercial College	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	31—IOCO Rubber Co.	...	...	...	...	Home.
Feb.	7—Imperial Tobacco Co. "A"	...	...	...	...	Away.
"	14—John St. F.P. "A"	...	...	...	...	Home.
"	21—Kelvingrove Commercial College	Home.
"	28—Morrisonians (S.C.W.S.)	Home.
Mar.	7—MacLeod	Home.
"	14—Petershill F.P.	Away.

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LEICESTER.

Misses M. Noble and L. Parkin entered the employment of The British United Shoe Machinery Co., Ltd., Leicester (Counting House), last month.

Miss E. Cuttford is the latest recruit to the Comptometer Section of Freeman, Hardy & Willis, Ltd., Leicester.

We wish all these old students every success in their new positions, and we have every confidence that they will deserve it.

The Leicester Evening School held its opening session on September 29th, and the keen attitude of the students makes it evident that the course will be successful and that some Diplomas will be earned before the School closes at the end of March.

We have very little room left in the Evening School, but if any readers of "British Brevities" wish to take a revision course or to train for any special work, we will do our best to take them in.

LIVERPOOL.

When the last issue of the "News" went to press, our picnic to Southport was a coming event to which we were looking forward with pleasurable anticipation. Now that it is over we are able to tell you that realisation was every bit as enjoyable as the anticipation.

During the afternoon the merry party patronised the Swimming Pool, where many were brave enough to enter the water despite the cold, others were content to watch their antics. Some difficulty was found in separating a few of our number from the café where we had tea, but eventually all found themselves at the Amusement Park. If laughing and screaming are to be taken as signs of thorough enjoyment, the whole party were certainly a good advertisement for the Figure Eight, Scenic Railway, etc. The best fun of all though, was the Helter-Skelter. Mr. Maidment "adopted" us all for this and had the fun of watching us come down in all sorts of impossible positions.



A Happy Group of Operators at Southport,

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Our June Picnic had to be abandoned on account of the weather but our, Picnic to Freshfield shore on July 26th was a great success. We bathed, played games, and after tea held a number of races. Winners of prizes were as follows :—

Three-Legged Race :
 Misses Buckley and Worrall 1st.
 Misses R. Davies and Mitchell 2nd.

100 Yards :
 Miss Buckley 1st.
 Miss Worrall 2nd.

Thread-Needle Race :
 Miss Blundell 1st.
 Miss Welch 2nd.

Potato Race :
 Miss Sudders 1st.
 Miss Bedford 2nd.

Miss May Jones, was the winner of Competitions both for Neat Dive and Free Style in Championship Races at the Liverpool Union of Girls' Clubs Swimming Gala.



Miss May Jones

Cupid has been busy on Merseyside recently and we tender our best wishes to Miss Elsie L. Hamm, who was married on 27th September, and whose photo we show here. Miss Hamm has been with the Liverpool Corporation for the past 13½ years, and an operator for the past seven. She has been supervisor of the Calculating Dept. for five years, and we are sure that the many operators (both temporary and permanent) who have passed through her hands will join us in wishing Miss Hamm every happiness in her new life as Mrs. Magee. Congratulations, too, to Miss M. Barton, whom we hear celebrated her birthday on June 6th by becoming engaged to Mr. Fred Ashley. She writes us, however: "I am not parting with my nice new 20-column, of which I am very proud, for some time yet."

The following operators have recently been placed in permanent posts : Misses M. Buckley, Constance Hughes, D. Clay, E. Flower, D. Johnston, Elsie Owen, Mabel Harris and Queenie Sutherland.

Operators recently placed in permanent posts are : Misses Nora Currie, H. Atkinson, Campbell, Rutherford, Berry, Shimmin, K. Brown, Ida Jones, Diploma winner (photo) and L. Mitchell.

Miss Joan Tomkins, the youngest of three sisters to join the Comptometer family, recently demonstrated that she means to carry on the reputation her sisters have gained as Comptometer operators, by winning a prize, given by our teacher, Miss Russell-Jones, for the operator shewing the least number of errors in one week's additions.



It is with deep regret that we record the death of Miss Grace Chapman, who for some time had been operator with Bees, Ltd., Liverpool. Although Miss Chapman had been ill for some months, her death came as a great shock to us. A floral tribute was sent from the School, and we are sure that all who knew Miss Chapman will sympathise with her people in their sad bereavement.

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We were fortunate in securing a pitch for our Hockey Club at Walton Hall Estate, and we hear that our girls are proving themselves to be very formidable opponents. We have a few vacant dates for the second half of the season (both home and away) and if any of you know of Clubs wanting fixtures, perhaps you will get in touch with our Secretary, Miss Vera Shimmin, at the School. A Dramatic Section of the Liverpool Comptometer Club is also about to be started, and the first meeting of this venture was held on October 27th, at the School. Although membership of the Liverpool Club now runs to well over one hundred, there is still room for all others who would like to join us.

We have been pleased to welcome the following firms' pupils to the School : Messrs. Bradburn, Coldrick & Jones, and Misses Unsworth, Lunt, Jenkins, White, Bowes, Mawdsley, McClean, Dickie, D. W. Thompson, Yarwood, Smith, Moss, O'Connor, M. Williams, Castell, Gribbin, Palliser and Chambers.

MANCHESTER.

We are sorry to say that a slight error has been made in this issue of the " Comptometer News," Miss Annie O'Dowd's name appearing underneath the photograph of Miss Norah Parry, who was chosen to represent the " Genius of Lancashire " in the recent Salford Pageant.

We are pleased to say that our first two sessions of Evening Classes are full to overflowing ; we hope however that our operators will take advantage of the following sessions commencing on December 29th and February 16th. Enter your names at once for the Diploma or " Refresher " Course.

It will interest many of our operators to know that Miss E. Winkley, who is in charge of the Manchester School, took a very drastic step the other week-end by becoming Mrs. Garner. However, since she has decided not to forsake the Comptometer world and intends to remain with us, we have forgiven her, and extend to her our heartiest congratulations.

Also congratulations to the following operators who have recently left our ranks to get married : Miss Dorothy Danson, Miss Mary Stewart, Miss Margaret Stewart.

We are pleased to hear that Miss Marjorie Ward, an operator in the employ of the C.W.S., is quite a talented young lady. She has recently passed the Grade 4 Examination for Ballet Dancing. Congratulations Marjorie !

MIDDLESBROUGH.

Since the last issue of the " News," the Day School has been filled, and we are looking forward to some good results from our new students.

The usual winter Evening Classes have commenced with a very good attendance at Darlington and Middlesbrough, although we have a few vacancies in the Middlesbrough Evening School, and Miss Lambert will be pleased to see any operators or their friends on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

During the summer several successful rambles have been held to various beauty spots of the district, and an interesting programme has been arranged for the winter months.

One of our Comptometer Club members, Miss Kathleen Reay, was married during August, and is now residing in Falkirk. Miss Connie Stephenson of Stockton has taken her place as operator at Messrs. R. & W. Crosthwaite, Ltd., Thornaby-on-Tees, and Miss Hilda Irwin from the Middlesbrough Day School, is now operating at Darlington Forge Co., Ltd., Darlington.

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NEWCASTLE.

Since our last issue the following girls have been placed in permanent appointments or appointments likely to lead to permanency : I. Ord, M. Melville, H. Irwin, H. Harbottle, D. Wood, F. Ainslie, N. Simmons, E. Murray, J. Douglas, D. Milne, A. Dawson, J. Roddham, C. Stevenson, O. Ryan, L. Iveson, E. Elliott, L. Springett, J. Harker, K. Scott, D. Maddison, J. Mark, L. Douglas, N. Chorley, D. Milton, E. Barrass, O. Evans, M. Reid.

The following also have secured one or more temporary appointments : W. Dodds, A. Lewis, O. Allison, L. Legg, M. Rutherford, V. Davidson, D. Haddow, P. Young, E. Thomson, M. Robinson, M. Knox, M. Owen, P. Bantham, M. Elliott, M. Rogerson, N. Cass, O. Bramley, G. Eltringham, I. Mitchinson, E. Harrison, J. Snaith, C. Whitwood, M. Innes, E. Jopling, D. Harrison, M. Leybourne, B. Abel, P. Troup, M. Gray, M. Watson, M. Henderson, K. Sharp, N. Walton, E. Hayes, E. Last, M. Grahame.

We understand that Madge Brown Price Waterhouse's popular operator is now Mrs. Milne. Best Wishes for every happiness from all her Comptometer friends. Also that Connie Forster is now married. Best wishes, Connie.

Mabel Kidson of the Comptometer Staff has taken on Madge Brown's job at Price Waterhouse, and to show what we all thought of her, the Staff presented her with a travelling clock on her departure. This wee clock possessed an alarm so there will be no excuse for missing trains to go on out-of-town audits, Mabel!!

We had an interesting function on Thursday, October 16th, when the Comptometer divisional headquarters in Newcastle were turned into a lecture hall on the occasion of Mr. Haigh's lecture on "The Comptometer and Modern Office Organisation," to the local organisation of the Institute of Works and Cost Accountants. We were very glad to see a good many old friends present and from remarks made afterwards, all seemed pleased with our welcome and what we had to show them. Our best thanks are due to the Misses Dodds, Harvey and Stoker, who helped our Staff in giving special demonstrations. Incidentally the Staff worked like Trojans and they contributed very materially to the success of the evening.

Comptometer Club.

At a meeting held on October 23rd, our Club was re-formed and the following committees appointed :—

General Committee.

P. E. H. Haigh, Esq. (President), Alice Douglas (Secretary), Edna Horn (Treasurer), E. Thompson, Mabel Kidson.

Sub-Committee.

Social.	Hockey.	Swimming.	Hiking.
Elizabeth Elliott.	Doris Milton.	Madge McBride.	Olga Johnson.
Gladys Robson.	Eleanor Saunders.	Lily Monaghan.	Marjorie Rankin.
Winnie Young.	Violet Davidson.	E. Robinson.	Hilda Smith.

Since then we have not let the grass grow under our feet as the following shows :

Social.

Arrangements have been made to hold a competition evening on the 7th November, and these arrangements are in charge of Elizabeth Elliott. We are to have a small dance at the beginning of December which Gladys Robson is attending to, also a concert at the end of March. The latter is left to Winnie Young, who informs us that a play is to be the order of the day.

Please note everybody that the date of the annual Comptometer dance has been fixed for Friday, 20th February, 1931, at the Brighton Assembly Rooms, as on the last occasion.

Hiking.

The first hike took place to Slaley, on Sunday, October 12, and a fair-sized muster enjoyed a fifteen-mile tramp.

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Swimming.

Miss McBride reports that a number of swimming enthusiasts turned up on Friday, October 9, and enjoyed a good time at the Northumberland Baths. We have an ambitious programme for the Spring and Summer of next year and more will be heard of this.

Hockey.

This is going with a real bang. An excellent pitch has been obtained on the Town Moor and such has been our progress that a first team is already in being. We played our first match against Armstrong-Whitworth 2nd eleven on Saturday, October 18, and already some eight fixtures have been arranged.

Violet Davidson has been elected Captain and Kathleen Chayter Vice-Captain. The team shows great promise and we have visions of playing Bradford and Glasgow shortly.

All who have not yet joined the Newcastle Club should do so at once by sending in the yearly subscription of 2/6 to the Treasurer, Edna Horn, The Comptometer School, 12, Ellison Place, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Best thanks are due to the Club Secretary, Alice Douglas, for the energy she has displayed in the initiation of the various arrangements in hand and the interest given to all sections of the Club's activities. There is no doubt that the Season 1930-31 is going to be a jolly one for Club members.



Miss Edna Horn (Treasurer.)



Miss Alice Douglas (Club Secretary).

Evening Classes.

A fine network of Evening Classes has been organised throughout the Newcastle Division in such a way that the Staffs from all Comptometer users, or private pupils from any part of the area, are able to reach a Comptometer School without difficulty.

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These Classes, which are from 7 till 9 p.m., are held as follows :—

Newcastle.	Evenings.	Teachers.
	Monday ...	Miss Douglas ; Miss Crow.
	Tuesday ...	Miss Thompson ; Miss Donald.
	Wednesday ...	Miss Holmes ; Miss Saunders.
	Thursday ...	Miss Horn ; Miss Trotter ; Miss Haddow ; Miss Elliott.
Middlesbrough.	Tuesdays ...	Miss Lambert.
	Wednesdays ...	ditto
Darlington.	Mondays ...	Miss Oliver.
	Thursdays ...	ditto
	Tuesdays ...	Miss James.
	Fridays ...	ditto
Sunderland.	Monday... ...	Miss Grier.
	Friday ...	Mrs. Richardson.
Consett.	Tuesday ...	Miss Siddle ; Miss Rowe.
	Thursday ...	Miss Errington.
Carlisle.	Wednesday ...	Miss Grassam ; Miss McCumiskey.
	Friday ...	ditto ditto

The School Principal, Miss Nisbet, is in charge of all the arrangements and pays visits periodically to each School to co-ordinate methods of teaching and operating.

It is interesting to note that in the Newcastle Division at the present time, between two and three hundred girls are being trained at one time on the Comptometer. Seven years ago there were just half a dozen ; such is the progress made ! !

Any enquiries regarding these Evening Classes should be addressed The School Principal.

SHEFFIELD.

Mr. Cooper had a very nice letter from one of his customers in Gainsborough which we give in part :

"Several of our girls have been to your school to be trained for Comptometer work. I think all of them enjoyed themselves at the school and have many happy memories of the work done there. They still remember the school and its activities."

We agree with Mr. Cooper's comment when he received this letter—" Ahem ! 'nuff said."

There have been so many operators accepting positions with users since our last " Brevities " that we cannot find the space to mention them in detail. Anyhow, they all know they have our wishes and thoughts for success, and that our School and Staff is always behind them, anxious to be of help and assistance at all times. Good luck to everybody and a happy future !

One of our well-known local firms has invented a new kind of Comptometer Check Stamp. This is in the shape of a ring and is worn on the little finger of the right hand. It is very small and neat and just fine for speed work when ' stamping ' is necessary. We shall be glad to give fuller information ; address enquiries to our Sheffield School.

Now that we have the three Schools to consider, I suggest we start with a heading for each.

Sheffield.

Our School had a most exciting lunch hour a few weeks ago. The office next door caught fire, and what with smoke belching out into the school-room, firemen galore doing heroic deeds with hoses and smoke masks, crowds outside, and the window glass falling, our girls had a real thrill. Luckily we were all able to get clear of the building before the fun got properly started.

Last year, round about Christmas, we all enjoyed our Operators Re-union in the school-room and offices, and we propose to hold another one this year on Saturday afternoon, December 20th. The idea will be practically the same as last year, though for the sake of one tallish agile operator from Rotherham, we are ordering specially strong balloons ! Will you one and all please note the date and keep it free ? These Re-unions are jolly affairs, and we hope every operator possible will turn up. Letters advising times and such like will be sent you in due course, and we shall be glad to receive the names by return of the operators coming.

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We had the pleasure of having Mr. Roland Dunkerley, F.C.W.A., Controller of the United Steel Companies, Ltd., in our School a few weeks ago. Mr. Dunkerley presented Miss Joan Hunt with a Comptometer Ring, and gave us a topping talk on the subject " What an Employer Expects from a Comptometer Operator," as well as various hints and tips on progress and efficiency generally. He told us of a clever experiment he made to ascertain the value of the " Controlled-Key " and how astonishing the results were—his head operator, as an example, using the Control 351 times in seven hours, whereas she estimated she only used it about 50 times. As Mr. Dunkerley so carefully pointed out, this result meant his operator saved making 351 wrong answers. Mr. Dunkerley, as many of you will know, is an expert of experts on office work and routine, and it is interesting to note that he personally used one of the very first Comptometers—a wooden box model—installed in this country.

Thank you, Mr. Dunkerley, and we hope it will not be long before we again have the pleasure of welcoming you in our midst.

Hull.

Hull-o ! Hull-o ! and likewise what ho ! for our Comptometer Annual Carnival and Dance. Most of you have tickets already, but in case any have been missed, here is our hearty invitation to come and be merry. Stan Burt and his Melody Band will make the rhythm on Thursday, December 18th, in the Young People's Institute Assembly Hall, Hull, and the tickets are only 2s. each. If you have not got your tickets yet, please rush to get them—even now there are only a few left. Miss Abba, our popular Hull teacher, is the organiser and tickets can be obtained from her.

Any profits (*sic*) made by the Dance will be put on one side for a summer outing or other " do."

By the way, our new address is Bank Chambers, Lowgate, not Ludgate as printed in this issue of the " Comptometer News." The telephone number is the same as before, i.e., 1246—if anyone wants to decorate the new School with flowers.

Nottingham (New Branch).

So here we are at last ! A proper Nottingham School all for ourselves and a fine Nottingham staff to help and assist our progress.

Here's the very best good luck Nottingham, and may it not be long before you rival your co-Sheffield and Hull Schools in results and efficiency.

The School and Office address is Lloyd's Bank Chambers, 6, Southwell Road, Nottingham, and the telephone number is 43664. Mrs. Clinkskill, a very experienced and popular lady from London, has charge of the school, and within a month or so a Nottingham gentleman will be ready to commence duty as the local Manager.

Day and Evening Classes have already been started, and in the latter we are pleased to say we have the assistance of the very efficient and capable Miss Young. The Day School badly needs private pupils right away, so if any of you have friends who fancy an office career, please tell them to call and see Mrs. Clinkskill. A week's free trial is given every applicant, and we do not accept anybody as a pupil unless we feel certain the necessary results will be forthcoming.

All the modern operation viewpoints, short cuts and methods for particular classes of work can be obtained from the school, so we hope you will one and all call in to see us whenever convenient. Decimal cards can be obtained from the school free of charge.

And now, Nottinghamites, how about an Operators Re-union ? The School-room is large and the roof garden is even larger, so we can dance, talk, work (?) or do anything else we prefer. We will be writing each of you personally very shortly, but in the meantime please keep Saturday afternoon, January 3rd, free, as that is the day planned for our first Re-union. Tea, bun-fight and a whale of a time, so keep the date open.

As our list of Nottingham Operators is not complete, will you please tell your operator friends not receiving the " Comptometer News and British Brevities," to send in their names to Mrs. Clinkskill. Every Comptometer operator should receive a copy.

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London.

Miss K. Ashman	Miss W. A. Brown	Miss Brice
„ E. L. Collingwood	„ Cross	(Evening School Student)
„ Dennington	„ G. Fells	Miss M. Dawson,
„ B. Hayter	„ M. L. Keet	„ R. Gardner
„ Marriott	„ C. Maynard	„ Littleworth
„ Smith	„ E. Storr	„ Richardson

Bradford.

Miss E. Tordoff	Miss L. Mitchell.
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Bristol.

Miss S. James	92.42%
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Cardiff.

Miss E. Holland	95%
Miss E. Oakes	95%
Miss M. Sullivan	91%
Miss M. Jeans	100%
Miss L. Rattenbury	92%
Miss M. Jones	94%
Miss D. Ray	92%

Dublin.

Miss E. O'Donnell	Miss N. Nagle
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Edinburgh.

Miss Badenoch	94%
Miss Glasgow	97% (Certificate of Merit.)
Miss E. Hadden	94%
Miss Meekison	...	...	92%
Miss Buchanan	...	...	91% (Certificate of Merit.)
Miss Hannaford	...	...	97%
Miss Robertson	...	...	100%
Miss C. Hadden	...	...	91%
Miss McWirter	...	...	95%
Miss Lochhead	...	...	95% (Certificate of Merit.)

Hull.

Miss E. Edwards	Miss F. Fenton	Miss D. Gillingwater
„ L. Hardy	„ G. Jackson	„ N. Martin
„ J. Nicholson	„ H. Rankin	

Leeds.

Miss D. Boulby 98%	Miss P. Rennison 98%	Miss N. Wattam 94%
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Leicester.

Miss D. Howard	96.97%
Miss M. Noble	97.73%
Miss L. Parkin	91.67%

Liverpool.

Miss I. Jones	Miss B. Maiden
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Manchester.

Mrs. Jervis	Miss E. Pollard
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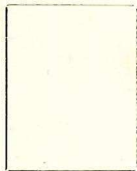
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Miss D. Wood	95.5%
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Swansea.

Miss V. Davies	98%
Miss K. Williams	94%

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