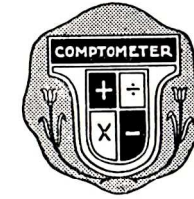


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SYDNEY GRADUATES' SECOND ANNUAL BALL.

The second Annual Ball of the Comptometer Graduates took place at the Wentworth on 20th June, for the benefit of the funds of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind Children's Institution. Wrist posies of autumn-tinted flowers, with tinsel ribbons, were worn as committee badges. The girls' committee consisted of the Misses Jean Fischer and Dorothy Keers (hon. secretaries), Imelda Eagleton (hon. treasurer), Mabel Trevena, Ethel Estlin, Queenie Estlin, Hazel Woods, Claribel Reilly, Vera Daley, Marjorie Morahan, Gladys Harrison, Agnes Cocks, Gwen Fulton, Ida, Marjorie and Kathleen McManamey, Isabel Haynes, Dorothy Wright, and Vera Jeffs. During the evening a "Cinderella" dance was arranged and several novelties were disposed of. The slippers went to Mrs. A. P. Mackie, wife of the President. They were tried on her by Mr. John Garlick, Chief Civic Commissioner. The institution was represented by the Superintendent (Mr. Harold Earlam).

Mr. A. P. Mackie (President of the Comptometer Graduates' Club) with Mrs. Mackie, who wore a frock of Paris lace and green georgette, entertained the Chief City Com-

missioner and Mrs. Garlick, Commissioner and Mrs. H. E. Morton, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cowlishaw, Mr. and Mrs. F. French, Mr. and Mrs. G. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Halloran, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Twigden, Miss Queenie Estlin, and Mr. Harold Richardson. Miss Jean Fischer, wearing a picture frock of green georgette and tulle, had in her party Mr. and Mrs. Harold Earlam, Mrs. Atkinson, Miss Irene Fischer, Miss Daphne Joy, Miss Zara Meyers, Messrs. M. Royden, Atkinson, M. Joy, Alan Wright, Harry Minter, and John Fischer. Miss Imelda Eagleton, who covered her flame lace frock with an Oriental bridge coat, entertained the Misses L. Levy, R. Eagleton, Ilma Morahan, Rene Fletcher, D. McAdam, Messrs. Duncan, Moran, Levy, Carroll, Eagleton, and Tritt. Miss Dorothy Keers, whose pink satin frock had a flounced tulle skirt, entertained the Misses Edna Emery, Rae Dugan, Thora Moore, May Townend, J. McFarlane, Linda Dalley, Messrs. A. Emery, D. Keers, F. Schofield, L. Keers, L. Jenkins, D. Hardaker, and Alan Taylor. Miss Norah Frost, in amethyst georgette and silver lace, had in her party Mr. and Mrs. William Delve, the latter in black lace, and Mr. O. Kohn.

## GYMNASIUM NOTES.

### The M.C.G. Gymnastic Club.

At a general meeting, held in January last, several members expressed a desire for the formation of a gymnastic group. Bjelke-Peterson received the popular vote and instruction classes commenced on April 5th, with 45 members, all of whom declare that they receive much enjoyment and benefit from their weekly hour of gymnastic dances, eurythmics and other exercises. The following is an impression by an enthusiast:—

M.C.G.C. Headquarters,  
3rd Floor, Canberra House,  
Friday Evening, 7.30.

Much chattering.

Shrill whistle.

Solo—"Good Evening Girls."

Chorus from 50 Black and White Crows—"Good Evening Miss Churches."

"Now we'll have some marching to warm you up. On the words **Right Turn**, everyone turn to the left and face me. **Forward March**. On the word **Halt!** everybody stop. **A-r-e Y-o-u R-R-R-e-a-d-y? Halt!**" Noises like shunting trains and girls like carriages, telescope one into the other.



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"Now an exercise for the trunk and limbs—

"No. 6, with the long hair and double joints, splendid position. No. 4, get knees straight. No. 3, keep those toes from turning up—the exercise isn't for the toes—they should remain flat on the floor.

"A little folk-dancing. Ladies, don't forget your manners when you curtsy to your swain. Legs should be well covered by your flowing garments!!! and only ankles visible at any time."

Those of us who were "born great," where hands and feet are concerned, at any rate, have some difficulty with eurythmics, but the scathing criticism of our teacher will doubtless cause us to shrink eventually.

Free coaching is arranged for backward pupils on Saturday afternoons, from 1—5.30 at St. Kilda, between sets at tennis.

This wonderful opportunity should appeal to all those looking forward to taking part in the Display ? ? ? ?

—By a poor victim.

Melbourne Comptometer graduates are nothing if not ambitious. They are cherishing an idea of having their own Club room, furnished as a lounge, with library and accommodation for heating water, etc.

This would necessitate a permanent Secretary or attendant, and is, in the present early state of finances, beyond realisation. Nevertheless, they laid the foundation stone on the evening of June 17th, in the form of a social gathering. Each member brought one or more books as a contribution to the library, which the Committee, with the help and kind permission of Mr. Edgar H. Peacock, hope to be able to open in the College on the night of the next general meeting.

During the evening Mr. E. R. Peacock gave another of his interesting talks, which always leave one with the feeling that one has learnt something.

A competition was held to prove how many words could be made out of the word "Comptometer" in ten minutes. Honours went to Mrs. Churcher, who managed to find fifty in the allotted time.

The girls entertained at supper, members of the Evening Class (Graduates to be), and altogether the evening was very successful, resulting in the C.G.C. library of the near future benefiting to the extent of 110 books, as well as donations in cash.

Our sincere thanks are extended to our friends, Mr. Fitzhenry and Mr. Tombs, who were again present to give us their willing and able assistance.

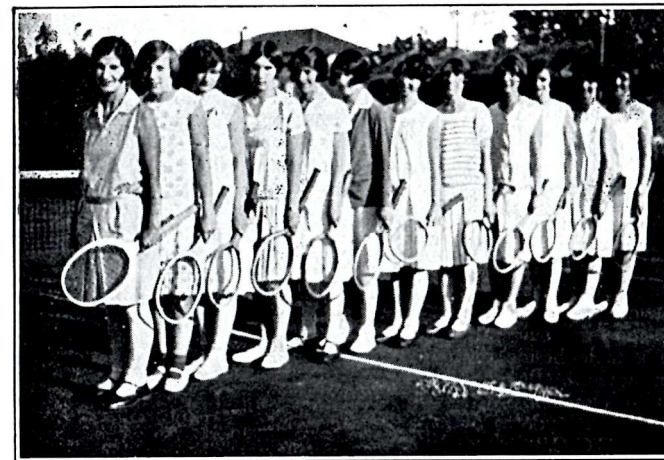
### M.C.G. TENNIS CLUB.

It was decided that the Tennis Club should have a trial season, which was duly opened at the St. Kilda Railway Courts on February 6th, 1929. About fifteen members came along.

The trials were a huge success, both from a sporting and a social point of view, including four very happy Satur-

days. Even on the afternoon when thunder pealed, lightning flashed, and the heavens suddenly opened to submerge three of our number, our ardour was not damped.

It was seen that we had prophets among us. Out of the clear sky of the morning, three of our members had sensed the approaching wetness of the afternoon and had brought bathing costumes, in which apparel, hidden by divers other raiment, they hid themselves hence to the sea, to laugh and frolic. The envious athletes remaining at



On St. Kilda Courts

the courts, concentrated their energies in giving advice and succour to the soaked ones, and as a result of this moral support—far be it from us to suggest it may have been purely their tough constitutions—none of them caught cold.

As there were two holiday week-ends in March, it was decided to postpone play until April 6th, 1929.

A meeting was held in March, and quite a number of new members joined up for the six months. At this meeting the following office-bearers were elected: President, Miss M. Hughes; Vice-President, H. Anderson; Secretary, E. Silk; Treasurer, V. Burrows; Committee, C. Hocking and E. Boell.

On the opening day that erratic god, Jupiter Pluvius, descended once more on the yearning harvests and likewise on St. Kilda city. Twelve members of optimistic disposition were forced to remain under the sheltering verandah of the station.

As the vista of twelve lightly-clad maidens sitting all in a row opened up to the gaze of passengers alighting from

the trains, the faces of the latter assumed expressions which varied from mild curiosity to sympathetic amusement. However, the interest was not wholly on their side. The patient ones lingered on for an hour or more, deluding themselves ever and anon by asserting to one another that King Sol was attempting to break through.

However, the next Saturday was a glorious Commencement Day.

When we get a few more members it will be possible to run a second court for competitive games once a month. New

members will be made very welcome, and those who care to join are asked to please communicate with Miss E. Silk, c/o Wm. Haughton & Co., Little Collins St., Melbourne, at once.

Melbourne graduates are justly proud of their fellow member, Miss Alice Lisle, who on May 11th carried off the Victorian State Savings Bank Tennis Cham-

pionship. Our heartiest congratulations, Miss Lisle.

### PERSONAL PARS.

**Felicitations.**—Comptometer girls are noted for Speed and Accuracy. Mrs. Taylor, formerly Miss Eva Johnson, introduced us to the "right" man at the C.G.C. dance. Best wishes for the future happiness of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor.

Our best wishes to Miss D. Morris, of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., whose engagement has recently been announced to Mr. J. Shannon, of Adelaide.

**More Publicity.**—Judging from the photograph which appeared in the "Herald," Miss May Hughes (one of our Vice-Presidents) was having a wonderful time snowballing, skiing, etc., at Buffalo. Lucky girl!

We regret that Miss Edna Hansson has, through illness, been prevented from joining in Club activities for the past few weeks. We hope that "Pavlova" will soon be herself again.

**"Man Found in Girl's Bed."**

Two of our graduates, during a recent week-end jaunt, had a harrowing experience which they tell as follows:—

"Returning to the guest house at about 1.30 a.m., we groped our way to the electric light, and while one switched it on she said: 'Just look at our bed.' Imagine our fright when we looked further and saw a fearsome-looking head emerging from the bed-clothes. Perhaps you would like a description of this gruesome object, which apparently had thrust his company upon two girls cut from the rest of the house, and enveloped by the blackness of the night.

"His head was a pillow tied at the neck with a bathing belt, the eyes consisted of dandelions, while the nose, mouth and dog-teeth were made from peelings of water-melon. A pillow, rolled sheets and blankets formed the body and legs. Our tennis racquets with their handles out, and covered with a jazz jumper, were used as arms. A realistic tissue paper hand hung over the side of the bed. At the bottom of the bed, our tennis shoes, one pair inside the other, were crossed, and at first glance appeared most life-like. The whole was covered with the quilt of the bed. The man was evidently dangerously ill, as on a table beside the bed were a clock, an aspro bottle containing salt, a towel, also a card instructing us to give the patient—"3 doses of Strychnine once a day.—C.G.C."

"The mirror of our dressing table was frosted with face powder and decorated with dead ti-tree. On the mirror was written: 'Welcome home, C.G.C.'"

**HOW THE COMPTOMETER GRADUATES OF SYDNEY ENJOYED EASTER.**

On Thursday, the 28th March, several of the Comptometer graduates of Sydney were guilty of casting furtive glances at the clock mentally calculating: this time in — hours we shall be in the train, and this time to-morrow—I wonder where we shall be?

Strangely enough, well after the "to-morrow" had dawned, they could all be easily located by the snores which loudly thundered forth from one of the numerous cottages in Lurline Street, Katoomba.

Subsequently we all set out for Echo Point to decide how to spend the afternoon. The view from the Point was perfect: the mountains looking very green after the rain, and the day could not have been better. The Comptometer graduates decided on their favourite trip—Megalong Valley, with

the little afternoon-tea place, famous for its home-made cakes and scones.

Arriving home late, the holiday makers had tea, then one of those delightful fire-side chats—without the fireside—till someone in an amazed voice whispered ten o'clock. Everybody flew round in circles to clear the things away. Supper had been promised at "The Paragon" for 10 o'clock.

Saturday is quite an eventful day in Katoomba. Everyone goes to the pictures, so the Comptometer graduates decided to go, too. Unfortunately, about 3 o'clock that afternoon, they decided to have afternoon tea at the bottom of Katoomba Falls as well. Merrily they all sallied forth, each with her portion of refreshments tucked under one arm and a bottle of drink under the other.

Finally, they ate afternoon tea at that delightful place right at the bottom of the Federal Pass. As darkness was closing in very quickly, they hurried to Leura Falls, to stagger up those steep 6000 steps.

The next morning the graduates were awakened at the dreadful hour of 9 a.m. by the loud tooting of a horn. A brother of one of the graduates had arrived with five friends as a surprise, and now six hungry men were demanding breakfast. Another fly round in circles, and after a very hearty breakfast the male section of the party suggested the Federal Pass again—just for exercise, as they put it: so off they all went to what turned out to be a very delightful picnic.

The delightful, happy holiday ended all too quickly, so again we are waiting till—next time.



**Brisbane Comptometer Graduates Club makes a bright beginning**



It was a gay and enthusiastic gathering of about a hundred ladies and gentlemen who met in the Jenolan Cafe, Brisbane, on the 30th July to launch yet another Comptometer Club and forge another link in that far-flung fellowship which exists between operators of that celebrated calculating machine known in every part of the civilised world.

As every Comptometer Graduate knows, this innocent-looking machine helps to control the destinies of huge business institutions, and gives employment to thousands of the finer type of business girl; but Brisbane Graduates, assembled at the Jenolan, began, perhaps for the first time, to realise that this same machine is also the nucleus about which a marvellous spirit of comradeship was formed, functioning in various cities as the Comptometer Graduates Club and providing considerable social advantages as well as leading to emulation and competitions in efficiency.

Thanks are due to Mr. E. R. Peacock, Governing Director of Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd. and Consul for Czechoslovakia,

who gave much of his valuable time, whilst in Brisbane, to the matter of preliminary organisation, and in his inimitable, whole-hearted way helped to carry the evening to a successful issue. His talk on mechanical calculation was full of interesting matter and helped to bring home to the Graduates the dignity of the work in which they were engaged. The value of the Diploma as evidence of a degree of competency was also emphasised.

Early in the evening Mr. Peacock explained the object and workings of the Comptometer Club, and the business of adopting a constitution and electing officers was carried through. Seats were changed from time to time, but introductions were unnecessary, as each girl wore a card showing her own name and that of the firm with which she was connected. This simple plan resulted in the formation of many kindred acquaintanceships which will doubtless ripen into warm friendships as the activities of the Club develop.

That the Club is not lacking in social talent was proved by the very excellent programme provided by Misses Nagel, Hartshorn, Jones, Aspeden, Smith, Bytheway, Martin and Clothier. Mrs. Peacock also very kindly contributed a popular item.

Full justice was done to the dainty supper which was served at 10 p.m., whilst 11 o'clock saw the close of an extremely enjoyable evening, characterised by enthusiasm and cordiality.

#### Brisbane Comptometer Graduates Club Office-bearers.

The new Club commences its career under what promises to be very capable leadership. The following officers were elected: President, Miss E. Bytheway; Vice-Presidents, Misses E. Lead and R. Currie; Treasurer, Miss M. Pugh; Joint Secretaries, Misses G. Clothier and V. Ardill; Committee, Misses P. Martin, M. O'Hagon, M. Powell, V. Heunert, E. Morley and B. Wilson.



The above is a reproduction from a "snap" showing the corner of the Statistical Department of Messrs. Anthony Hordern & Sons, Sydney. It hardly does justice to this very modern office and its popular operators. However, this does not trouble Miss Trevena, if we can judge from her radiant smile. Miss Trevena is the very able secretary of the Sydney Graduates Club.

### THANK YOU!

Brisbane Graduates thoroughly appreciated the congratulatory telegrams which were sent from Sydney and Melbourne Comptometer Clubs on the occasion of the formation of the B.C.G.C.

These inter-Club messages demonstrate the spirit of comradeship that is rapidly developing amongst Comptometer Graduates throughout Australia.

The following Graduates have recently qualified for Membership in the Melbourne Club and have received their Diplomas:—

Miss W. Fowler	· · ·	100%
„ P. Alldis	· · ·	100%
„ J. Clark	· · ·	97%
„ J. Walker	· · ·	97%
„ J. Snadden	· · ·	100%
„ J. Halligan	· · ·	100%
„ M. Hughes	· · ·	100%
„ A. Lewis	· · ·	100%
„ J. Davies	· · ·	100%
„ C. Weaver	· · ·	100%
„ A. Bryant	· · ·	100%
„ M. Scarfe	· · ·	97%
„ M. Elliot	· · ·	100%
„ E. Thomas	· · ·	100%
„ M. Bradley	· · ·	97%
„ M. MacFarlane	· · ·	97%
„ J. Legg	· · ·	100%
„ O. Watts	· · ·	100%

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14.56	x	13.42
3.42	x	.56
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