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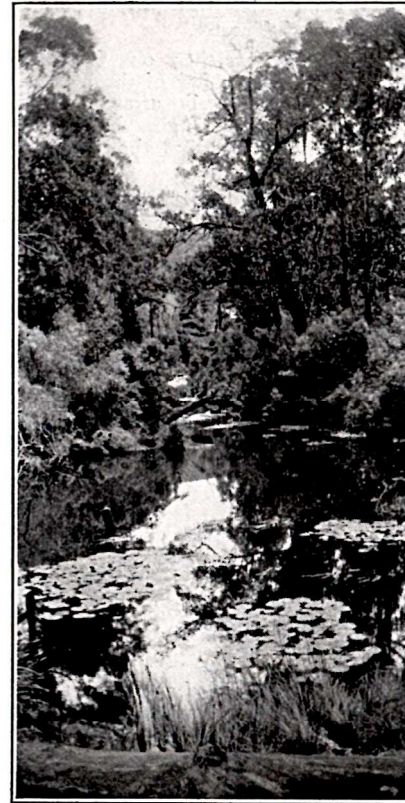


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## M.C.G.C. PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION.

THE "SNAP" COMPETITION held in January brought some excellent examples of photography. We hope that these competitions from time to time will prove even more popular than the first one. It will be seen by the reproductions in this issue that the examples sent in were of a high order.



Class 1.—Landscape or Seascape.

1st Prize.—"The Lily Pond," by Miss Jessie Abery (State Savings Bank).

This subject appears to have been carefully selected in order to produce a well-balanced and artistic picture, with fine appreciation of subtle light and shade.



Class 2.—Figure Subject.

1st Prize.—"The Huntress," by Miss Loris Mortley. A delicately-lighted and well posed picture of Australian Bush Life. The sporting figure, with its background of scrub softly mantled in the shades of twilight, leaves little for adverse criticism.

OUR GYMNAST ENTHUSIASTS are at present keen on their display to be held on 26th March. Members, come along and support them.



## SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE "M.C.G.C."

It is very gratifying when, on looking back, we find that at the inaugural meeting in September, 1928, 120 Comptometer operators were present to decide whether the Club should be formed, and 70 of these were enrolled at a meeting held on October 3rd, 1928. We close the second year of the Club's existence with a membership of 126.

The following is a survey of the year's activities:—

On December 9th, 1929, we held our first public entertainment in the Kelvin Hall. The programme included two one-act plays, a physical culture display, songs by the Club Choir, and several solo items. This entertainment resulted in the donation of £15/15/- to the Children's Hospital.

At the request of Mr. E. R. Peacock, the programme was repeated on April 9th, 1930.

In order to form a Swimming Club, a night at the baths was arranged for 16th January.

Then followed the A.N.A. week-end. The Club's arrangements for this proved an attraction for 36 members, who spent the time very enjoyably at Queenscliff.

At the General Meeting held on March 4th, Mr. Tainsh, from the Shell Co., gave a very interesting address.



**Class I.**—"Snow at Mount Buffalo." A difficult subject which received honourable mention, with particular regard to composition and light values.

On April 1st about 40 members spent an instructive evening at the "Argus" Office, where they had an insight into the work involved behind the printing of our large newspapers.

June 4th was the evening of our Annual Ball, held again in Ormond Hall. Although not quite so successful financially as the previous year, we have no regrets for holding it, as socially, it was a decided success.

The postponed General Meeting on September 10th took the form of a Kitchen Tea, in recognition of the services of our first Treasurer, Miss Burrows, who resigned her position on account of her approaching marriage. A one-act play, given by friends of members of the Club, completed the programme, which was very much appreciated.

On October 8th a large party of Club members and friends spent the evening at the Capitol Theatre.

Although the weather on Cup Day was disappointing, a few of the members ventured on the walk arranged from Mernda to Greensborough. We believe that only five arrived at the appointed destination.

Apart from these meetings of the Club, the other activities have continued throughout the year.

The Physical Culture Class still meets at Bjelke-Petersen's on Friday evenings from 7.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

The Library continues to support itself and now holds 250 books, with 45 subscribers.

The Tennis Club continued its activities until September, when it was found necessary to disband, but we hope to have the Club in full swing again for the New Year.

We regret to report that during the year Miss Burrows and Miss Hocking found it necessary to resign from the Committee. Their positions were filled by Miss H. Anderson (Treasurer) and Miss Bastrup.

Our thanks are due to all those who, during the year, have shown a continued interest in their Club, and who have been so loyal in their attendance at the meetings.

Recent Brisbane Diploma winners are:—

Miss E. Lead .. ..	97%
" D. Rudd .. ..	97%
" B. Gibson .. ..	97%
" N. O'Sullivan ..	96%
" F. Lewis .. ..	96%
" E. Smart .. ..	96%
" B. Wilson .. ..	96%
" K. Bedford .. ..	96%

## PERTH DIPLOMA WINNERS.

Miss N. Wilson .. ..	100%
" E. Walker .. ..	100%
" G. John .. ..	100%
" E. John .. ..	97%
" L. Connell .. ..	98%
" E. Halliday .. ..	98%
" P. Jarrott .. ..	97%
" A. Milner .. ..	97%
" L. Cave .. ..	100%
" M. Kirwen .. ..	100%
" D. Draggett .. ..	98%
" F. Beer .. ..	97%
" T. Marsh .. ..	98%
" I. Inglis .. ..	96%
" L. O'Reilly .. ..	99%
" Q. Daff .. ..	97%
" N. Clark .. ..	100%
" P. Streat .. ..	100%
" J. Stowe .. ..	98%
" A. Lowe .. ..	99%
" C. Bennett .. ..	100%
" R. Hallett .. ..	99%

The following letter, which we think may be of interest to some of our readers was received by Miss Closter, President of W.A. Comptometer Club, from a Perth Diploma Graduate who is now touring England and the Continent:—

S.S. "Kaiser-I-Hind,"

Mediterranean,  
May 29th, 1930.

Dear Miss Closter,

In all probability you have read in the papers of our mishap in the Suez Canal. We struck a rock which made a hole about 100 feet long—of course it was not very wide, or we would have gone down in no time, but, although they said it was nothing of any consequence, I heard from one of the officers that a meeting was held to decide whether to stop and put the passengers off in lifeboats or to risk going down and try to get to Port Said. They had all the lifeboats ready to lower at the time, and quite a number of the women fainted.

We went to Cairo by Car and stayed one night there—saw the Pyramids and the Sphinx, the Egyptian Mosque and Cemetery, and the native bazaars. In the evening we went round the more central parts of Cairo by foot. In the afternoon we had tea at Mina House, right at the foot of the Pyramids, one of the places where the soldiers stayed during the war; from there we went up to the Pyramids by camel. Next morning we went to the Egyptian Museum, where we saw the remains that were found in the tomb of Tutenkamen. It was all very interesting, especially as we had a guide who spoke very good English.

We are now on the "Kaiser-I-Hind," an Indian mail boat—managed to get

transhipped after being stranded in Port Said for a week. We couldn't wish for any more comfort than we have here; our only objection is that we are getting off in about a day at Malta.

I will be looking forward to hearing from you. Are there any further developments in connection with the Comptometer girls? Have they had any dances or theatre parties yet? I think bridge evenings are a good idea. We play a great deal here in the afternoons and dance every night.

Will you remember me to Miss Wilson and the other girls at Peacock's.

Yours sincerely,  
FLORA MOIR.

## COMPTOMETER GRADUATES, ADELAIDE, S.A.

The break-up of our Comptometer classes in South Australia for the Christmas vacation took the form of a competitive test for prizes provided by the Adelaide staff.

Peacock Bros.' standard Test Card was used, and the competition aroused considerable interest. The degree of speed and accuracy attained by the majority of the pupils was very gratifying.

Prizes were awarded as follows:—

### Calculating.

First prize—Miss Muriel Hawke.

### Adding.

First prize—Miss Lorna Langsford.  
Second prize—Miss Honor Sheppard.

### Calculating and Adding.

(Highest aggregate marks in both sections.)

First—Miss Muriel Hawke.  
Second—Miss Jean Clarke.



**Class 2.**—"Young Aborigines at Lake Tyers Settlement." Miss Duffell (Peacock Bros.) is to be congratulated on having secured this characteristic group. Clearly lighted and well defined, it has a picturesque appeal when contrasted with more conventional subjects.



BRISBANE COMPTOMETER  
GRADUATES' CLUB  
CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Our Christmas function this year took the form of a Fancy Dress Party, and was voted a great success by all. A delightful programme was given by Misses Viv. Twine, Lyall Mutch, Glad. Clothier, Joyce Ford, Elma Weller and Frankie Lewis.

Hawaiian costumes, Bon-bon, "Yes, we have no bananas," pirate, and other colourful costumes made a gay scene, and the Grand March was led by a mock-wedding party, consisting of a bride (Viv. Twine), bridegroom (Alma Bree), two bridesmaids (Grace Wright and Elma Weller), a flower girl (Jessie Sawers), and the minister (Glad. Clothier). The "bride" wore an ankle-length frock of white satin and georgette, and the bridesmaids wore powder-blue georgette. Both the "bride" and "bridesmaids" carried bouquets of pink roses, tied with pink tulle, while the "flower girl," frocked in pink, carried a basket of blue hydrangeas.

We were all glad to see our former President, Mrs. Boyd, who joined us, for the first time since her marriage.

All too soon the evening drew to a close, and the party was finished in true Christmas spirit by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the Brisbane Comptometer Graduates' Club was held on 21st October, 1930. The Secretary's report showed that the Club had a very active year, and the Treasurer's report was most satisfactory. After the business of the meeting was concluded, the evening was continued as a pre-wedding celebration in honour of the first President, Miss Ena Bytheway, whose marriage to Mr. Arthur Boyd was to take place within a few weeks. A most enjoyable programme of vocal and instrumental items was given by several of the girls.

Just before supper, Miss Bytheway was presented with a handsome crystal cut glass water set and a beautiful bouquet of red lilies as a token of affection and esteem from the Club members. Miss Clothier, the newly-elected President, in a brief talk, spoke of the very fine way in which Miss Bytheway had worked for the Club during the past year, and, on behalf of its members, wished her all future happiness.

MORE ROMANCE!

Two of our Brisbane operators have given up "Comp"ing and taken to house-keeping. They are Miss Ena Bytheway (now Mrs. A. Boyd) and Miss Edna Edmonds (now Mrs. Walker). We wish them every happiness, and hope they will be as good housekeepers as they were Comptometer operators—and that's saying something.

The engagements of Miss Gladys Clothier (Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd.) to Mr. A. S. Hurwood, of Brisbane; and Miss Frankie Lewis (Brisbane Gas Co.) to Mr. R. Corkill, of Tiaro, Queensland, have been announced since last issue of "Comptometer News." We wish them every happiness.

SYDNEY C.G.C.

The following Graduates have recently qualified and received their Diplomas:—

Miss Mollie Todd ..	100%
„ Vera Lloyd .. ..	96%
„ Kathleen Hannan ..	96%
„ Elsie McLintock ..	96%
„ Heather Cullen ..	96%
„ Jean Phillips ..	96%
„ Dorothy Rochester ..	96%
„ Cecilia O'Keeffe ..	96%
„ Norma Roberts ..	96%
„ Irene Elsworth ..	96%
„ Eileen Pride ..	96%
„ Mavis Evans ..	96%
„ Mary Mitchell ..	96%
„ Gwen. Mann ..	96%

AN INTERESTING TOUR.

Miss Dorothy Keers, whose name is always associated with Club activities, has just returned from a long tour of America, England and the Continent. Staying about two months in America, Miss Keers visited the Los Angeles Comptometer School and Head Office in Chicago, where she was shown over the factory, which she found most interesting.

While in London, Miss Keers attended a ball given in honour of the Australian Cricket Team, and also found time to visit the London Comptometer School.

After touring through Paris, Brussels, Berlin, Lucerne, Venice, etc., the return was made via Egypt and Port Said. We trust Miss Keers will give the Club an interesting talk at an early date.