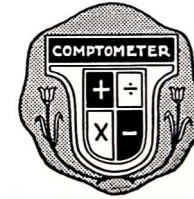


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MISS IRENE LAYTON, L.L.C.M.
who, as Miss Eileen Adair, contributed
towards the success of "Paddy, the
Next Best Thing."

MELBOURNE COMPTOMETER GRADUATES' CLUB.

ANNUAL MEETING.—At the annual meeting, held on November 25th, the motion was carried unanimously that the office-bearers and committee should remain unchanged.

President, Miss Hedley; Vice-Presidents, Miss Hughes, Miss Cunningham; Treasurer, Miss H. Anderson; Secretary, Miss G. Doery; Asst. Secretary, Miss E. Hope; Committee, Misses J. Wellington, O. Sharp, L. Mortley, J. Mirams, — Bastrup.

Competitions and the cutting of the Birthday Cake were the main features of the social part of the evening.

THE LAST GENERAL MEETING for 1930 took the form of a Presentation Evening in honour of our Treasurer, Miss F. Burrows—soon to become Mrs.

Barrow. At the conclusion of the business, the gifts, which were to furnish the kitchen, were brought in, arrayed in a movable showcase. After Miss Burrows had responded, a one-act play was presented by friends. This proved very entertaining, and we left no doubt as to our appreciation of the artists.

LAST, BUT NOT LEAST.—At the end of the year came "Paddy, the Next Best Thing," or, should we say, the very best thing of the year. For the two nights, December 11th and 13th, Kelvin Hall was filled with appreciative audiences, and the hearts of all Comptometer Graduates present were cheered by the excellent production of the play and the enthusiastic audience. As a result, 20 guineas was handed to Toc H for Christmas Relief Work.



MISS LILLIAN BENNETT, T.L.C.M.
who portrayed the part of "Paddy" with
irresistible charm.

MELBOURNE COMPTOMETER DIPLOMA WINNERS

Miss D. Fitzhenry ..	100%
„ E. Barker ..	100%
„ F. Gallagher ..	96%
„ L. Marshall ..	100%
„ R. Easton ..	100%
„ E. Easton ..	98%
„ M. Davis ..	98%
„ L. Bennett ..	98%
„ J. Watkin ..	96%
„ G. Penry ..	98%
„ J. Watson ..	98%
„ I. Sanders ..	100%
„ K. Conole ..	97%
„ C. Sitlington ..	96%
„ N. Cook ..	96%
„ L. Emmett ..	98%
„ M. Croke ..	98%
„ J. Roberts ..	100%
„ V. Johns ..	96%
„ M. Klutz ..	96%
„ O. Hart ..	96%
„ E. Garratt ..	96%
„ M. McLeod ..	100%

A SURPRISE PARTY to Mrs. Barrow, our former treasurer, on Saturday, February 28th, was a huge success. It is, we are sure, many years since Broadmeadows was aroused by such a gay gathering. The vales re-echoed with the strains of song as our motor-bus rumbled over hill and dale into the sleepy little township—apologies to the inhabitants. Thanks are due to Mrs. Barrow for her gracious acquiescence when 20 determined Comptometer Graduates descended on the homestead with full intention of “taking possession.”

“LEARN TO SWIM.”

On the evening of February 3rd, about thirty Comptometer Club girls held a Bathing Party at Elwood.

Fortunately, the evening was quite warm and we were favoured with a full moon. Reluctant squeals and shouts announced our preliminary plunges; but a few minutes later found us in the water enjoying duckings, crocodiles and water fights.

After the swim, our more energetic members were the source of some amusement to onlookers at Elwood, who were very surprised to see figures dancing in the moonlight, doing gymnasium stunts and competing in wheelbarrow races at the edge of the water.

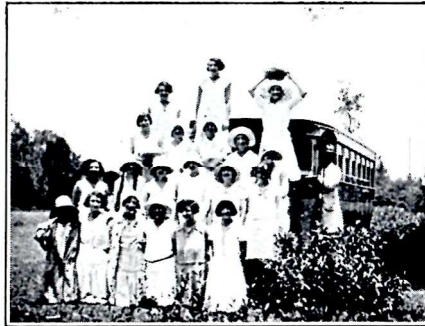
Tea on the sands was a popular event. What appetites!

The remainder of the evening was spent at the St. Kilda Carnival, where the Dipper, Whip, River Caves, etc., were enthusiastically patronised.

BRISBANE C.G.C.

ANNUAL PICNIC.

Members of the Brisbane Comptometer Graduates' Club turned out in full force on Sunday, 7th December, 1930, for their first Annual Picnic. The place selected was Young's Crossing, a picturesque spot about twelve miles from town, offering fine facilities for swimming. Misses Ford, Rudd, Twine, Bree, Bedford, Ratford and Heunert, members of the Gymnasium Club, gave a short exhibition of their skill on the green, to the enjoyment of the onlookers (especially the bus-driver, who was the only man present). Various games were played until tea-time, which was a very pleasant end to the day's outing, and everyone present declared for another picnic in the near future.



A MERRY GROUP AT YOUNG'S
CROSSING, QLD.

Several of the B.C.G.C. girls spent a happy evening at Mrs. Boyd's lovely new home at Paul Place, Wilston. It was a lively party, cheered by a sumptuous repast which left no doubt as to Mrs. Boyd's talent for cooking. Realising the importance of this wifely virtue, a few prospective brides would gladly avail themselves if Mrs. Boyd could be persuaded to commence a “culinary circle.”

Although no longer operating the Comptometer, she has the welfare of the Club just as much at heart, and is as interested as ever.

THE B.C.G.C. TAKES TO THE STAGE!

Under the able coaching of Miss Jean Trundle, three one-act plays were presented to a large audience in All Saints' Hall on 7th May, 1930.

The first play, “Great Expectations,” was a short farce, by Misses E. Morley, A. Bree, I. Shaw, K. Bedford, V. Heunert and V. Twine: and the caste for the second one, “All's Well that Ends Well,” included Misses B. Sewell, E. Bytheway, A. Bree, F. Lewis, E. Morley, D. Rudd, N. James, J. Ford, I. Shaw and T. Hinton. The third play, “Archibald,” is a very well-known one with amateur theatrical societies, but nevertheless it is still very popular and always sure to raise a lot of laughs. The parts were taken by Misses E. Bytheway, B. Cavaye, J. Ford, V. Twine, D. Rudd, K. Bedford, P. Martin, F. Ratford and V. Heunert. Few of the girls had had stage experience, so it is greatly to their credit that they made such a success of the performance. Before the first play the Hawaiian Quartet rendered a selection of Hawaiian music, which was very popular with the audience. Miss Edna Edmonds delighted everyone with her songs, and Miss Lyall Mutch also very ably assisted in varying the programme with a violin solo. A dance, “Raggedy Ann,” by Miss Frankie Lewis, held the interest of the audience brightly between the last two plays. On the whole, it was a highly successful “first night,” and many requests have been received for another entertainment in the near future.

The budding actresses got the most enjoyment out of the rehearsals, which at different times were as good as an “Optimists' Club” in providing laughs. If the public is looking forward to another B.C.G.C. entertainment, the girls are certainly keen for more rehearsals.

THE STRENUOUS LIFE.

Early in the year some of the Club members modestly decided that a course of Physical Culture might improve their deportment, with the result that a class was duly formed. Hitherto unsuspected talent has come to light, and the rumour is abroad that the class may develop into a circus troupe to tour through the other States. A certain lady, who during business hours may be found in the neighbourhood of the Customs House, does a nifty tight-rope act, while another—connected with the ramifications of His Majesty's mails—does a spirited somer-

sault turn. An intriguing rear view of two members earned for them the name of “Mickey and Minnie,” whilst the “Flying Angel” was vaulting over the horse. Yet another member would startle a staid Commonwealth Office if its staff could see her “twine” amongst the ropes of the Roman rings.

With such a galaxy of gifted graduates, do you wonder that the season was finalised with a truly dynamic display.

NEWS FROM SYDNEY C.G.C.

“THE WAY OF A MAN”— With a Comptometer Graduate.

Since the last issue of the “News,” Master Cupid would appear to have been busy amongst our Senior Operators. Miss Wrigley, who was formerly Instructor in the Sydney School and very popular with her students, is now running in double harness. Miss Q. Bonner, who was operator at W. D. & H. O. Wills, Kensington, for many years, has also left office routine behind to take up domestic duties. Her husband is Mr. Booth, accountant at Messrs. Swans Ltd., where Miss Bonner also filled the position as operator some years ago, previous to taking up duties at Kensington. From this we can assume that the “affair” is one of long standing. Both Miss Jean Longmuir and Miss Marshall have followed the path to the altar and happiness.

Miss Kelloway is busy packing her trunks in readiness for her projected departure to the Old Country, where she will also embark on the great adventure—Matrimony. She will be accompanied by her mother, who will spend some time holidaying in England. We believe Miss Kelloway's fiancée comes from the land of the heather.

We wish them all happiness and prosperity.

INVINCIBLE!

A well-known Melbourne firm recently sent its stockwork to Peacock Bros., Melbourne, to be calculated on the Comptometer, and subsequently the manager telephoned to congratulate the Comptometer Department on the speed and accuracy of their work.

The balance sheet had proved successful beyond all expectations, and the firm then began to wonder whether, perhaps, there might be some discrepancy in the

Comptometer work, particularly as the extensions were more than usually difficult. Consequently they had the work re-checked independently, and when it was found that the result did not differ one penny from the Comptometer figures, the firm appeared to be just as pleased as the Comptometer operators.

Occurrences of similar nature are not rare, and each one strengthens the ever-increasing faith of business men in the Comptometer as the most efficient machine for calculations.



MRS. D. MANTACK

Formerly Miss L. Closter, who for some years was in charge of the Perth Comptometer School.

PERTH COMPTOMETER GRADUATES CELEBRATE.

On October 13th, at Temple Court Cabaret and Dining Rooms, a dinner was given in honour of Miss I. Closter, who left our office after eight years' service at Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd., to be married to Mr. D. Mantack.

About 100 Comptometer operators assembled at dinner to wish them both the best of luck.

Dinner was served at 6.30 p.m., during which Mr. Wilson (Manager for Peacock Bros. Pty. Ltd) proposed their health and spoke of Miss Closter's long years of service with the firm, and presented her with a Crystal Lamp and Sweet Set, being the gift of the Comptometer girls. At the conclusion of the dinner a party remained

at the Cabaret and spent an enjoyable evening.

The wedding took place at St. Matthew's Church, Guildford, at 6 o'clock on 22nd October.

The bride, who is exceptionally fair, made a pretty picture as she entered the church on the arm of her father. Her gown was of ivory satin, falling in graceful folds to the ground, and her veil of Chantilly lace formed a Juliet cap, held in place by a wreath of orange blossom. A sheaf of white gladioli completed a very charming toilet.

She was attended by one maid (Miss Joyce Closter, her sister), who wore a striking frock of floral amber taffeta, with accessories to tone, also a sheaf of golden gladioli.

A reception was held at the Council Chambers, Guildford, where relatives of both families assembled. The bride's travelling costume was an ensemble of nigger-brown satin.

SIMPLIFY YOUR WORK!

Have you any idea of the marvellous help even a small knowledge of decimals might mean to you?

If you could not do the following examples on the Comptometer in 3 secs., 3 minutes' instruction at headquarters will enable you to do so. Moreover, this method may be applied to many different examples that you are likely to come across in the day's work.

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@ 32/6 per ton.
- (2) 12 reams 14 quires 12 sheets
@ 7/6 per ream.
- (3) 10 ozs. 9 dwt. 16 grains
@ 15/6 per oz.



MISS JOYCE CLOSTER

Mrs. D. Mantack's chief bridesmaid.