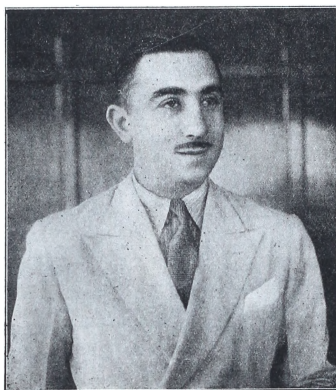


Manila Stock Exchange In Handsom

Move comes during low market period but ticker se

Melons are what brokers like best to cut. The substantial Manila Stock Exchange celebrated its removal from its old Escolta offices to its new ones occupying the entire fourth floor of the new Wilson Building on Juan Luna by cutting a melon for the benefit of all its thirty members. Out of accumulated capital, an equity that had lifted the price of seats to a high of ₱85,000, each member received ₱22,500—a fund of ₱675,000 was distributed. The fact that this fund existed shows the liberal patronage the Manila exchange has been enjoying as well as watchful management on the part of its officers. In a moment will follow the Exchange's authorized explanation of the movement, that had the effect, anticipated, of lowering the price of seats, of which fifteen new ones have been created, to ₱45,000.

Before quoting, it is desired to congratulate the Manila Stock Exchange on its choice of permanent headquarters; and to congratulate S. J. Wilson himself, and Manila, on possession of the Wilson Building—so presentably constructed and conveniently arranged and appointed. New business blocks, apartment houses and hotels in the districts of town best suited to them are quite making Manila over.



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A Journal representative visited the Manila Stock Exchange in its new quarters and was shown about the place by Wm. Parker, a fellow craftsman employed there, without coming to understand just how all the new conveniences work—sensing only that they do, and to the betterment of business. What would be still better for business, if all concerned could come to agreement about it, would be the merging of the town's three exchanges into one. The situation that induced establishment of three exchanges—a fourth is spoken of now—is regrettable and should be obliterated if practicable means of doing so can be devised. So many exchanges, in a market that after all is only the Philippine market, with obvious limitations as such, affect the repute of the business to its disadvantage.

Before the second exchange was founded, many persons interested in trading thought it was needed. Perhaps, however, it was the Securities & Exchange Act that was needed; and a prolonged lull in trading, to teach the less experienced

that share values go down as well as up. Conditions generally prevailing carry one exchange along nicely.

Says the Manila Stock Exchange:

"Outstanding in a resumé of events was the acceptance

Total Record of Transactions Made by the Manila Stock Exchange

Months.....	Year 1936		July.....	August.....	September.....	October.....	November.....	December.....	General Total..	
	Shares Sold	Approximate Value								
January.....	24,366,576	₱ 6,110,406	102,194,539	49,849,003	122,052,506	58,089,052	114,885,356	65,873,873	156,263,771	67,705,872
February.....	27,125,485	6,913,663	98,612,541	42,484,553	121,637,002	39,387,918	798,782,554	₱477,840,162		
March.....	55,603,788	15,706,807								
April.....	51,956,056	16,780,837								
May.....	44,093,523	17,322,864								
June.....	59,991,411	26,615,314								

Daily Record of Transactions Made by the Manila Stock Exchange

Day	March 1937		February 1937		Day	March 1937		February 1937	
	Shares Sold	Approximate Value	Shares Sold	Approximate Value		Shares Sold	Approximate Value	Shares Sold	Approximate Value
1	14,555,320	₱ 1,509,293	13,421,000	₱ 1,775,096	17	7,564,780	1,025,751	12,704,427	1,899,891
2	12,870,310	1,312,326	16,205,000	1,787,915	18	8,029,710	1,261,631	11,712,300	1,407,811
3	7,520,464	1,442,577	12,310,100	1,889,316	19	16,424,525	2,658,145	10,094,515	1,388,142
4	10,401,570	1,591,205	11,403,716	1,855,743	20	7,780,870	1,151,161	6,938,800	828,083
5	7,929,170	1,623,610	10,817,600	1,794,406	22	7,792,470	1,294,513	—	—
6	5,839,990	826,881	8,061,600	1,285,705	23	4,673,600	693,601	10,461,010	2,635,909
8	8,527,050	1,134,586	11,963,322	1,967,923	24	—	—	10,293,200	1,700,260
9	10,669,450	1,338,685	15,151,018	2,727,138	25	—	—	10,980,174	2,084,600
10	8,206,920	1,097,825	18,039,182	2,393,123	26	—	—	16,365,050	2,152,553
11	7,923,640	1,478,500	30,086,510	2,773,641	27	—	—	9,644,640	1,190,466
12	6,295,660	1,907,904	27,911,100	2,469,748	29	3,246,700	484,448	—	—
13	6,320,910	1,127,984	8,085,665	1,276,738	30	5,644,600	1,094,315	—	—
14	—	—	14,981,633	1,834,933	31	5,542,300	1,030,176	—	—
15	6,255,311	949,828	—	—	Totals.	197,312,340	₱29,473,767	312,899,192	₱42,750,570
16	17,297,020	1,438,822	15,267,630	1,631,430					

Quarters in New Wilson Building

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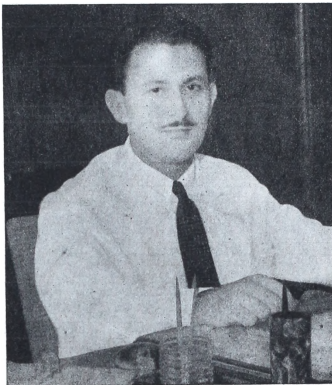
by the Governing Committee of the application for two new members at a price of P45,000 each. These new members are Esteban Parellada, Manila stock broker with offices in the National City Bank Building, and Miguel Simon of the firm of Hess & Zeitlin, Manila stock brokerage house in the Crystal Arcade.

"Tuesday, April 6, at a general meeting of the Manila Stock Exchange, the membership approved the distribution of P675,000 equally between the 30 members of record as of April 3, 1937. The effect of this was to decrease the price of seats to an approximate minimum of P45,000 as against the previous approximate valuation of P85,000. As explained by President Enrique Santamaria of the Manila Stock Exchange:

"The distribution by the Manila Stock Exchange among its members of surplus funds accrued through sale of seats and other sources, and establishment of 15 additional seats, was designed to decrease the large equity which broker-members have tied up at present in their seat holdings and thereby to bring the price of new seats to a level more consistent as an investment with the actual earnings of brokers. This does not by any means indicate any change in the Exchange's conservative or constructive policies in behalf of public service. On the contrary, it is felt that this action will result in stabilizing and clarifying the present trading situation."

"As a result of the action by the membership, the Governing Committee on Friday accepted the offers of bids by Messrs. Parellada and Simon, subject to their complying satisfactorily with the usual membership requirements.

"The Governing Committee also constituted a Committee of Publicity and Quotations of which A. C. Hall, treasurer of



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the United States and abroad and the public was thereby able to obtain full information through Manila Stock Exchange broker-members before the opening of the day's trading here.

"The official opening of the Manila Stock Exchange in its new quarters, the entire fourth floor of the S. J. Wilson Building, gives the exchange three times as much space as it had in the old quarters. The total membership of the stock exchange is now 30 and with the acceptance of two new memberships, 32. There are now at the disposal of the Governing Committee, subject to specific regulations and formalities, 13 additional seats."

Some Manila Stock Exchange Rules

Some of the rules governing operations of the Manila Stock Exchange.

Penalties

Sec. 3. The Governing Committee may prescribe penalties for violations of rules adopted pursuant to the Constitution, and for neglect or refusal to comply with orders, directions or decisions of the Governing Committee, and for any other causes or offenses where penalties are not specifically prescribed by the Constitution.

Corners

Sec. 6. Whenever, in the opinion of the Governing Committee, a corner has been created in a security listed on the Exchange, or a single interest or group has acquired such control of a security so listed that the same cannot be obtained for delivery on existing contracts except at prices and on terms

arbitrarily fixed by such interest or group, the Governing Committee may postpone the time for deliveries on Exchange contracts therein and may from time to time further postpone such time, or may postpone deliveries until further action by the Governing Committee, and may, at any time, by resolution, declare that if such security is not delivered on any contract calling for delivery—such contract shall be settled by the payment to the party entitled to receive such security or by the credit to such party of a fair settlement price—

Committee of Investigation

Article XI. A Committee of Investigation, to consist of two (2) members, which committee shall have the following powers and duties:

(a) It shall be the duty of this committee to consider matters relating to

the Manila Stock Exchange, is chairman. The two other members of the committee are Max Kummer, of Max Kummer & Co., and A. U. Fox, of Swan, Culbertson & Fritz. The purpose of this committee will be to facilitate the dissemination of market information for broker-members and the investing public.

"The ticker service of the Manila Stock Exchange, which service is operated by the Stock Quotations Company, Inc., owned by the Manila Stock Exchange, functions with remarkable degree of efficiency and timeliness. On the morning of Thursday, April 8, news agencies and market reports from New York and London stated that rumors had been widely circulated in foreign markets that a reduction in the price of gold was contemplated. European and American markets had weakened in face of these rumors.

"But in Manila, brokers and investors were fortunate. After the first reports were received throughout the city, the Stock Quotations ticker service transmitted to brokers complete reports from

the business conduct and financial condition of members and their customers' accounts, and to observe the due course of transactions on the Exchange, with the view to seeing whether resort is being had to improper transactions;

(b) With the prior authority of the Governing Committee, it shall have power to investigate the dealings, transactions, and financial condition of members, and to examine their books and papers and their customers' accounts without previous warning or advice. It may confer with members regarding any matter within its jurisdiction and advise the President in respect to any such matters, and it shall report to the Governing Committee any matter which in its judgment requires the consideration of that Committee. The books and papers of any member or member firm of the Exchange shall at all times

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