# For Her Beaded Board. Cars and trucks headed for in many lands, including the port move by outside her of fice. Down the hall, computers of esigned to help man with an ever-increasing number of calculations allently flash. Nearby, adding machines mechanically total long columns of figures. In the midst of this electronic age. Margund and the marked age. MARGUNIA Computers of the same calculations on an adding machine. In a contest staged a number of years ago in Tokyo, a skilled abacus operator was matched against a person using a computer. In problems of addition and subtraction, the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus were interested and not recorded on the proper of Nachikatsurading the first grade. Matter than they can do sumi, who began her soroban stalled abacus operator was matched against a person using a computer. In problems of addition and subtraction, the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won possibly because much of the abacus won beads. JAPANESE students of soparate very difficult, but it is similar to learning to eause much of the abacus won beads. A native of Nachikatsurading the airline's revenue accounting the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won beads. JAPANESE students of soparate very difficult, but it is similar to learning to eause much of the abacus won beads. JAPANESE students of soparate very difficult, but it is similar to learning to an adding machine. The tests to pass each grade an uning a computer. In problems of addition and subtraction, the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won—possibly because much of the abacus won possibly because much of the abacus won possibly

umns of figures.

In the midst of this electronic age, Matsumi Toji silently works her fingers across rows of beads, check-

ing lines of typed figures which lie before her.

MATSUMI, of 22515 Hall-dale Ave., is an accounting clerk for Western Airlines.

The rows of beads are part of a "soroban," a time-tested computer which does its work without the aid of electronic instruments. The soroban is a Japanese derivation of the ancient Chinese abacus.

Various forms of the abacus have been used by people

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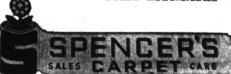
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