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## Accounting Institute in Columbus, Ohio

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No formal organization was authorized, but it was decided to form two groups along the lines outlined, one in Chicago, the other in Indianapolis, such groups to function for several months, subsequent organization to be developed in the light of the experience thus gained.

The meeting was highly instructive and interesting, and enthusiasm for this project runs high. While the Committee is assuming the initiative in this proposed organization, every member of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants should study this proposed plan, and submit her ideas now, while in the formative stage, so that when definitely and finally launched, this project will represent the best thought of our entire group. Send your ideas to any member of the Committee or to -

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#### OUR MEMBERS

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One of our members has suggested that we publish the names and addresses of our members with a little information about each of them in the forthcoming issues of the bulletin. In this way we may become better acquainted with each other. So in this issue we will start off with our officers -

Our President is Ruth Peabody Waschau, 549 West Washington Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois, who is the Assistant Secretary and accountant for the National Engineering Company.

As Vice-President we have Mrs. Grace A. Dimmer, Michigan Theatre Building, Detroit, Michigan, who has a nice public accounting business of her own.

Mary Gildea, our Secretary, is very busy in public accounting being a partner in the firm of H. E. Snyder & Company, Room 767, First National Bank Building, Chicago, Illinois.

Gertrude Priester, c/o Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y., our Treasurer, is a very loyal member of our organization having made the trip from New York to Chicago each of the past three years in order to attend the annual meeting of the Society.

The directors are Georgia Davis, Josephine Kroll, and Charlotte Liszt. Georgia is employed with Price, Waterhouse & Co., at 33 North LaSalle Street, Chicago.

Josephine Kroll is the accountant at The Thomases Company. Being one of our younger members she is very ambitious and is continuing to add to her knowledge by attending classes at Northwestern University. Her address is 2717 Potomac Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

Charlotte Liszt, the only woman ever to have attempted to pass the examination for certified public accountant in the State of Minnesota, is practicing accounting with the firm of H. L. Altman & Co. Her address is 1606 James Avenue N. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

It has been reported that the results of the November 1937 examination for Certified Public Accountant in Illinois show that 3 women passed the examination. They are Julia G. Norse, Evelyn R. Shulman, and Mildred M. Crandell.

WOMEN C. P. A.'S IN THE NEWS

Another newspaper article concerning one of our members is the following taken from the Salt Lake Telegram of July 2, 1937. We think you will all be interested in this glimpse of the career of Claire Haines, a former Vice-President of our Society:

"Very few women have become accountants through chance or because of ready-made opportunities," said Miss Claire Haines, Utah's only woman certified public accountant.

"Any woman who works for her C.P.A. must have a natural aptitude and interest in the subject, coupled with a persevering ambition to obtain that degree."

"She disclosed that the report of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants showed only 125 women certified public accountants in the United States.

"A fact that may interest many women is that during one period of her life, Miss Haines found herself a square peg in a round hole. She spent four years of her life to become a graduate nurse, achieved that distinction and learned, to her dismay, that it was not the profession for her.

"Nursing is a grand profession," she remarked, "for those adapted to it."

"But here was one woman who had the courage to prepare for a second profession when she found a first unsuitable to her particular nature. She took steps to remedy the error and cast her mind over every field she could possibly enter. She thought seriously of medicine and dentistry, but, by the process of elimination, accounting was selected and the ambitious woman took a business course as a first step. Her degree of C.P.A. was realized in 1923.

"At first, when Miss Haines canvassed accounting offices for work, the men who sat in the swivel chairs laughed. 'A woman public accountant?' It was unheard of. Finally, however, she found work with a nationally known firm. Experience obtained here fulfilled requirements to enable her to pass the state examinations for C.P.A. At this time her firm transferred her to its New York office. Shortly thereafter she took over the job of assistant treasurer of a large manufacturing company, which position she held three years.

"I've heard actresses say their work got into their blood," laughed Miss Haines, "and that's the way accounting was with me. I just had to get back to it." As a result of this decision, Miss Haines gave up her high-salaried position and took a public accounting job in Chicago. In a few months' time she was owner and manager of that firm.

"When duty called, this unusual woman answered the call, gave up her prosperous business and returned to Utah to care for an aging father and mother who could not endure the Chicago climate. For two years now she has had her own accounting office in Salt Lake City.

"Miss Haines is the only woman member of the Utah Society of Certified Public Accountants, is a member of Business and Professional Women's club, of the American Institute of Accountants and vice president of the American Woman's Society of C.P.A.'s. She has recently been reelected to state treasurer of the Utah State Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs to serve for another two years."