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## AWSCPA

*Marion A. Frye, newly elected president of the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants, functioned last year as the society's first vice-president while serving at the same time as national president of the American Society of Women Accountants. That she is willing to take on a second presidency this year bespeaks her interest and energy.*

*She is the founder and a past president of the Cleveland chapter of ASWA and her labors in the expansion of that society have resulted in the formation of several of the other chapters. Her numerous activities include two years as public relations chairman of both societies.*

*She is a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs, the American Institute of Accountants, the National Association of Cost Accountants, and the Zonta Club. She has an accounting practice of enviable proportions in Cleveland.*

*A CPA since 1941, she prepared for the examinations by studying the correspondence course of International Accountants Society, Inc. She has also attended evening courses at Cleveland College.*

*In private life she is Mrs. Andrew Doelker, likes to read and to cook, and, with her husband, to dispense hospitality to the accounting profession at Winding Creek Farm, North Ridgeville, Ohio.*

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In achieving our Certified Public Accountant certificate, we have realized an individual ambition, and we also realize that in receiving this degree we have assumed a responsibility to our chosen profession, accounting. We also know that we are given the requisites for fulfilling the responsibilities thus assumed.

Through the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants, though we are geographically separated, our exchange of ideas and experiences helps others in their achievements, ambitions, and problems.

Let us not forget to say, "Thank you," to those able past officers and directors who have given conscientiously and selflessly of their time, so that our organization today stands as a recognized one in the profession. To the farsightedness of those past officers and directors, we give credit for the accomplishments which AWSCPA claims, viz., the organization of the American Society of Women Accountants in 1938 to provide a different classification of membership for women in various phases of accounting, which Society now has 20 chapters, with six additional ones in the formative stage; publication and editing of *The Woman CPA*; establishment of the AWSCPA award in 1945; and formation of the national office in New York in 1947.

May this year and the years to come see added success in our helping women to achieve recognition as individuals by merit of accomplishments, because we can give to our profession "a logical and keen attention to detail (a woman's virtue) and a paramount requisite"; that through our encouragement more women may continue their studies and realize their ambition of securing the coveted CPA certificate to satisfy that inner urge which recognizes a chosen field of activity; that through other local, state, and national organizations our individual talents may be used to further the accounting profession.

When AWSCPA was organized in 1933, there were approximately 116 women certified public accountants in the United States. In 1946, the fiftieth anniversary of the first CPA law, certificates had been issued to more than 26,000 persons and less than 400 were held by women. The number of woman CPA's increased by 84 this past year, which brings the total number to somewhat less than 600. The ever-increasing number gives added strength and encouragement to maintain the high standards of the accounting profession, and to strive for higher attainments and recognition.

Thank you for the honor bestowed upon me in electing me as your president for the year 1949-50. I fully realize the trust it entails, and I hope this year shows further progress and achievement, which can be accomplished only through the loyalty and cooperation of my co-officers, the membership, and the general public.