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ASWA In Retrospect-1960-1961

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President 1960-61



The 1960-1961 administrative year has been an eventful one for the American Society of Women Accountants. We have grown in numbers and in stature. Four new chapters were added to the rolls of the Society: Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Youngstown, Ohio; Orange County, California; and Boston, Massachusetts. As we contemplate the progress women as individuals are making in the profession of accountancy, our hearts rejoice in their success. We have been saddened by the deaths of a number of our associates. Knowing that sadness is the alloy that rounds out life, we pause in silence in memory of our beloved members who have died this year at the very height of their careers.

It has been said that "stand-still" does not exist. We must either advance or decline. Each year more of our chapters make their influence felt in the community and nation through personal service contributions of members in civic projects requiring accounting knowledge, cooperation with high schools, colleges and universities in encouraging young women to enter the profession, joint meetings

with other professional societies and service on committees and boards of other accounting organizations. We can point with pride to the accomplishments of our chapters and members.

The American Society of Women Accountants is one of the cooperating organizations of the Eighth International Congress of Accountants to be held in New York City in 1962. The National Board of Directors of ASWA has appointed our delegates and alternate delegates. The President of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Mr. Louis H. Pilié, spoke at two of our Chapter Public Relations meetings—Birmingham and Dallas—with extravagant praise for our Society, its purposes and aims, and with encouraging words for all women in the profession.

Whatever success ASWA has attained this year is due to you, the members, from Massachusetts to Hawaii, from Florida to Washington, from Texas to Minnesota. It has been a most edifying experience to be your president. I have attempted to serve you to the best of my ability. Decisions were made after much thought and consultation with others and at all times I have had the best interests of the Society in mind. My mistakes have been of judgment and certainly none were intentional.

It is with the greatest confidence of a year of immeasurable progress that I relinquish the office of president to Anne D. Snodgrass, C.P.A. I am confident that you will work with Anne as diligently and loyally as you have worked with me and my predecessors. As I take my place in the ranks of those who have gone before, may I leave with you a final thought passed on to me many years ago by my beloved grandmother: "Truth is the bond of union and the basis of human happiness. Without this virtue there is no reliance on language, no confidence in friendship, no security in promises and oaths." Thank you for according me the privilege and honor of serving you as President of the American Society of Women Accountants.