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AWSCPA

President's Message

In the short span of thirty years, since the American Woman's Society of Certified Public Accountants was founded, there have been rapid changes in our way of life. Words like television, atom bombs, astronauts, penicillin, and super jets were not in usage in 1933. We have experienced a severe depression and a world war. New countries have come into existence and old boundaries have been changed. There has been unrest and insecurity everywhere in the world. With all these changes the purpose of AWSCPA—"to advance the professional interest of women certified public accountants"—has remained ever constant.

More and more women are taking their places in the accounting profession. In 1962, over one hundred women received their CPA certificates and an additional seventy-five women passed the examination but lacked the necessary experience requirements for a certificate. We are grateful to our predecessors, who, with vision, courage and steadfastness of purpose, have charted our course and who may claim much of the credit for this growth and success.

We cannot rest on the achievements of the past thirty years, but must strive to increase our abilities and opportunities. Continuing education is absolutely essential. Active participation in the affairs of older accounting organizations is a duty we owe our profession. May we continue to encourage and assist young women who are interested in accounting as a career. Let us also accept our responsibilities to our communities and our Country.

Your officers and directors appreciate the confidence you have shown in us and are aware of the aims and ideals of our Society which we have inherited. We will endeavor to continue to serve AWSCPA in its best interest.

I am indebted to you for the very capable officers you have chosen to serve with me—Margaret E. Lauer, First Vice President; Lucille R. Preston, Second Vice President; Joyce E. Cowman, Secretary; Dorothy M. Colton, Treasurer; and Frances D. Britt,



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Grace S. Highfield has served AWSCPA as first and second vice president and secretary. She also served ASWA as second vice president, treasurer and director.

Miss Highfield is a certified public accountant in the State of Ohio and a partner in the firm of Gattner, Price & Highfield in Columbus.

She is a charter member and one of the organizers of the Columbus Chapter of the American Society of Women Accountants. She represented both AWSCPA and ASWA at the Third Inter-American Accounting Conference held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Other professional memberships include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants.

Loretta A. Culham, Virginia B. Hollister, Julianna Royal, Directors; Mary F. Hall, immediate Past President, will serve as Director ex-officio.

With your support and cooperation, may we continue to grow in stature.