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FOREWORD

This is the second issue of the Annual Register published by the State Board of Accountancy of Kentucky. Its purpose is to furnish information to State, County and City authorities and to the General Public about the holders of Kentucky C. P. A. Certificates and about the Accounting Profession, in order to bring about a better understanding between Certified Public Accountants and those who have occasion to make use of their services.

WHY BE CERTIFIED?

The work of the certified public accountant is probably less understood and more misunderstood by the laity and general public than is the work in any other profession.

To a great many people a certified public accountant is merely an adept at figures. It is hard for them to dissociate the present day certified public accountant from the "expert accountant" of fifty years ago. This is probably due to the fact that they do not fully realize the extent to which present day business machines have displaced the necessity for lightning speed in mental addition, which was the chief claim to fame of the "expert accountant" in days of yore.

Probably an even larger number of persons look upon the certified public accountant as a sort of super-policeman, and seek his help only for the purpose of detecting and catching the thieves of their own business family, and, all too frequently, of their own making. This idea is possibly due, in large measure, to the tendency of the public press to emphasize the faults and foibles of mankind in glaring headlines and to extol all virtues in 3-point type.

A still greater number of people look upon the certified public accountant as merely a high grade bookkeeper and make practically no distinction between the public accountant and the certified public accountant. This idea is probably inculcated by some of the practices of the profession itself and, fortunately, is being gradually dissipated through higher and more uniform standards for examinations and higher types of men coming into the profession.

These public attitudes may, at first glance, appear to be a reflection upon the profession itself. However, it is possible that most of those imbued with such ideas are equally of the opinion that all doctors practice medicine; that all attorneys-at-law are lawyers; and that all they see in the paper is so.

Conditions being thus as they are, the young man or woman of today who has chosen accountancy as a profession and whose future and life-work lies ahead, may well pause to ask the question, "Why be Certified?" If one can do as good work and the public does not know the difference, why go to the expense and waste the energy necessary to become a certified public accountant?

Conceding the fact that, for some time at least, it is going to add very little to earning power, yet it would seem that the young man or woman contemplating taking up accountancy as a life study should become certified for two reasons.

The first reason is because of the almost imperceptible yet gradual change in the attitude of the public. Accountancy is one of the oldest of the professions. Because of its early and almost constant association with the tax gatherer, it was long accorded the opprobrium of the laity, and it is only within the past few decades that it has emerged from its chrysalis and become the most evolutionary of all the professions. Sooner or later the public is going to recognize only certified public accountants and sooner or later the budget and finance department of every governmental unit will be in charge of certified public accountants. The future demand for qualified certified public accountants is going to be much greater than the present visible supply.

The second and most important reason is because of the effect upon the attitude of the accountant himself. It is of comparatively rare occurrence that an applicant for a Kentucky certificate by examination successfully passes all subjects on the first trial. The intensive study in preparation for the examination, whether one or more times, and the test of mental endurance through working under a nervous tension against time, has made a far, far better accountant out of every applicant that has stood an examination, whether successful or not.

After having intensively prepared for, endured, and successfully passed a C. P. A. examination, the applicant is entitled to a certificate of assurance to the public and to himself, but it is of infinitely greater value to himself.

CERTIFICATE HOLDERS

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (KY.)—PRACTICING IN KENTUCKY
ARRANGED BY CITIES AND FIRMS

ASHLAND

ESTIL W. SMITH, C. P. A., Scott Hotel Building.

CUMBERLAND

JOHN CREECH, C. P. A.

HARLAN

HENRY HOBSON BENNETT, C. P. A.

LEXINGTON

W. A. HIFNER, JR., C. P. A., City Bank Building.

LOUISVILLE

L. C. BARNETT & CO., Heyburn Building.

L. C. Barnett, C. P. A.—Partner.

BERNSTEIN & BERNSTEIN, Kentucky Home Life Building.

Sylvain K. Bernstein, C. P. A.—Sole Proprietor.

*BROWN & IMHOF, Washington Building.

J. Bernard Brown, C. P. A.—Partner.

Irvin W. Imhof, C. P. A.—Partner.

Thad. J. Schuler, C. P. A.—Employee.

HARVEY DEBS CARDWELL, C. P. A., 1062 Cecil Avenue.

*COTTON & ESKEW, Kentucky Home Life Building.

William Cotton, C. P. A.—Partner.

Sam W. Eskew, C. P. A.—Partner.

W. T. Boden, C. P. A.—Employee.

P. W. Hagan, C. P. A.—Employee.

Holmes B. Hill, C. P. A.—Employee.

ERNST & ERNST, Marion E. Taylor Building.

Grover C. Greweling, C. P. A.—Assistant Manager.

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CERTIFICATE HOLDERS—(Continued).

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS (KY.)—PRACTICING IN KENTUCKY
ARRANGED BY CITIES AND FIRMS—(Continued)

LOUISVILLE—(Continued).

*ESCOTT & ESCOTT, Lincoln Bank Building.

C. R. Escott, C. P. A.—Partner.

Wm. W. Grogan, C. P. A.—Partner.

EDW. B. FONTAINE, C. P. A., Kentucky Home Life Building.

*CHAS. G. HARRIS & CO., Kentucky Home Life Building.

Chas. G. Harris, C. P. A.—Partner.

Orville D. Harris, C. P. A.—Partner.

JOHNSON-FOWLER & CO., Breslin Building.

Huet L. Johnson, C. P. A.—Partner.

R. S. McGLASSON, C. P. A., Washington Building.

MELDRUM & MELDRUM, Hilliard Building.

Geo. F. Meldrum, C. P. A.—Sole Proprietor.

Buell E. Henry, C. P. A.—Employee.

NAUMAN, NAUMAN & CO., Starks Building.

A. J. Nauman, C. P. A.—Partner.

GOLDSBOROUGH ROBINSON, C. P. A., Starks Building.

HUMPHREY ROBINSON & CO., Columbia Building.

W. H. Hartman, C. P. A.—Partner.

Robert Miller, C. P. A.—Partner.

L. I. Boone, C. P. A.—Partner.

A. M. Kellerman, C. P. A.—Partner.

M. B. McMullen, C. P. A.—Partner.

Robert N. Dennis, C. P. A.—Employee.

Eugene M. Heimerdinger, C. P. A.—Employee.

J. A. Hunter, C. P. A.—Employee.

Ishmael Planck, C. P. A.—Employee.

Bradley O. Turner, C. P. A.—Employee.

WILLIAM J. RYANS, C. P. A., 4626 Southern Parkway.

ALBERT C. THOMPSON, C. P. A., Kentucky Home Life Building.

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LOUISVILLE—(Continued).

*WALDMAN, PETOT & CO., Marion E. Taylor Building.
John S. Petot, Sr., C. P. A.—Partner.
Max Waldman, C. P. A.—Partner.

*YEAGER & WHITE, Louisville Trust Building.
Kenneth White, C. P. A.—Partner.
L. C. J. Yeager, C. P. A.—Partner.

L. TIPTON YOUNG, C. P. A., 418 W. Liberty St.

MURRAY

E. B. ALBRITTEN, C. P. A.

NEWPORT

EDWIN F. THORBURN, C. P. A., Newport Finance Building.

WINCHESTER

J. O. TYLER & CO., McEldowney Building.
J. O. Tyler, C. P. A.—Partner.

CERTIFICATE HOLDERS—(Continued).

ENGAGED IN PRACTICE IN KENTUCKY—(Arranged Alphabetically):

Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
E. B. Albritten Murray, Ky.		Individual Practice
L. C. Barnett, Heyburn Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	I	Partner L. C. Barnett & Co.
Henry Hobson Bennett Harlan, Ky.	A	Individual Practice.
Sylvain K. Bernstein Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.		Sole Proprietor Bernstein & Bernstein
W. T. Boden, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Cotton & Eskew
L. I. Boone, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Humphrey Robinson & Co.
J. Bernard Brown Washington Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Partner Brown & Imhof
Harvey Debs Cardwell, 1062 Cecil Ave., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Individual Practice.
William Cotton, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Partner Cotton & Eskew
John Creech, Cumberland, Ky.		Individual Practice
Robert N. Dennis, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Humphrey Robinson & Co.
C. R. Escott, Lincoln Bank Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Escott & Escott
Sam W. Eskew, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Partner Cotton & Eskew
Edw. B. Fontaine, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Individual Practice
Grover C. Greweling, Marion E. Taylor Bldg., Louisville, Ky.		Assistant Manager Ernst & Ernst

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Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
William Waller Grogan, Lincoln Bank Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Escott & Escott
P. W. Hagan, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Employee Cotton & Eskew
Charles G. Harris, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-I	Partner Charles G. Harris & Co.
Orville D. Harris, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-I	Partner Charles G. Harris & Co.
W. H. Hartman, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Partner Humphrey Robinson & Co.
Eugene M. Heimerdinger, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Humphrey Robinson & Co.
Buell E. Henry, 419 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Meldrum & Meldrum
W. A. Hifner, Jr., City Bank Bldg., Lexington, Ky.	K-A	Individual Practice
Holmes B. Hill, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Cotton & Eskew
J. A. Hunter, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Humphrey Robinson & Co.
Irvin W. Imhof, Washington Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Partner Brown & Imhof
Huet L. Johnson, Breslin Bldg., Louisville, Ky.		Partner Johnson- Fowler & Co.
A. M. Kellerman, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Humphrey Robinson & Co.
R. S. McGlasson, Washington Bldg., Louisville, Ky.		Individual Practice
M. B. McMullen, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Humphrey Robinson & Co.
Geo. F. Meldrum, Hilliard Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A-I	Sole Proprietor Meldrum & Meldrum

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Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
Robert Miller, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Partner Humphrey Robinson & Co.
A. J. Nauman, Starks Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Nauman, Nauman & Co.
John S. Petot, Sr., Marion E. Taylor Bldg., Ishmael Planck, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	A	Partner Waldman, Petot & Co.
William J. Ryans, 4626 Southern Parkway, Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Humphrey Robinson & Co.
Thad J. Schuler, Washington Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	I	Individual Practice
Estil W. Smith, Scott Hotel Bldg., Ashland, Ky.		Individual Practice
Albert C. Thompson, Ky. Home Life Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K	Employee Brown & Imhof
Edwin F. Thorburn, Newport Finance Bldg., Newport, Ky.		Individual Practice
Bradley O. Turner, Columbia Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Individual Practice
J. O. Tyler, McEldowney Bldg., Winchester, Ky.	K	Individual Practice
Max Waldman, Marion E. Taylor Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	K-A	Employee Humphrey Robinson & Co.
Kenneth White, Louisville Trust Bldg., Louisville, Ky.		Partner J. O. Tyler & Co.
L. C. J. Yeager, Louisville Trust Bldg., Louisville, Ky.	A	Partner Waldman, Petot & Co.
L. Tipton Young, 418 W. Liberty St., Louisville, Ky.	K	Partner Yeager & White
	K-A	Partner Yeager & White
	K-I	Individual Practice

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RESIDENT IN KENTUCKY—NOT PRACTICING:

Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
Horace H. Ackerman, 508 W. Jefferson St., Louisville, Ky.		Franklin Title & Trust Co.
Arthur L. Ashcraft, 1800 Fleming Road, Louisville, Ky.		Internal Revenue Agent
Espy Bailey, 518 Wallace Ave., Covington, Ky.		Fay-Egan Mfg. Co., Cincinnati, O.
Albert Christen, Shively, Ky.	K-A	Farm Credit Administration Examiner
Frank J. Dooley, 423 Winchester Ave., Middlesboro, Ky.	A	Farm Credit Administration Examiner
Thomas Hayden Dowell, Hotel Henry Watterson, Louisville, Ky.		Federal Land Bank
Robert Dee Haun, 238 McDowell Road, Lexington, Ky.	K	Professor University of Kentucky
Herbert O. Hincks, 3502 Lexington Road, Louisville, Ky.		Frankfort Distilleries, Inc.
Charles H. Knapp, Vanceburg, Ky.		None
John C. McNeil, McVeigh, Ky.		Fordson Coal Co.
Ben R. Shaver, 2023 Eastern Parkway, Louisville, Ky.	K	Bernheim Distilling Co.
Warren M. Van Hoose, Frankfort, Ky.		Assistant State Budget Officer
B. Perry Weaver Louisville, Ky.		Retired
Alvin E. Woolsey, Glasgow Junction, Ky.	K	Farm Credit Administration Examiner

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NON-RESIDENT—PRACTICING:

Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
John W. Alexander, Citizens Bldg., Cleveland, O.	A-O	Partner Alexander, Cochran & Huffman
Chas. J. Andersen, 1 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.	K	Individual Practice
John E. Baker, Astoria, Ill.		Individual Practice
Lovell C. Beall, Union Central Bldg., Cincinnati, O.		Individual Practice
Chas. R. Bradford, 816 Mercantile Library Bldg., Cincinnati, O.		Employee J. W. R. Bradford & Co.
J. W. R. Bradford, 414 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.	A	Partner J. W. R. Bradford & Co.
C. D. Buffon, Volunteer Bldg., Chattanooga, Tenn.	A-O	Individual Practice
James Cameron, 50 E. 42nd St., New York, N. Y.	A	Individual Practice
W. W. Christian, 1011 State St., Santa Barbara, Calif.		Individual Practice
Burney R. Clack, 5528 S. Owasso, Tulsa, Okla.	K-A-I-O	Individual Practice
C. S. Clayton, Dixie Terminal, Cincinnati, O.		Partner Superior Audit & Tax Co.
E. C. Conley, 1st Huntington Natl. Bank Bldg., Huntington, W. Va.	O	Proprietor Federal Audit Co.
J. Rex Cooper, 1017 Diamond Ave., South Bend, Ind.	O	Individual Practice
Frank C. Deckebach, Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, O.		Individual Practice

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Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
C. J. Dieterle, 420 E. 7th St., Burbank, Calif.		Individual Practice
Frank E. Feistritz, Merchants Bank Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.		Employee Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.
William James Ferguson, 1 Cedar St., New York, N. Y.		Employee Arthur Young & Co.
Joseph W. Gill, 152 Baer St., Huntington, W. Va.		Individual Practice
Frank J. Glass, Strong Bldg., Parkersburg, W. Va.	A	Individual Practice
John Sebastian Glenn, Stahlman Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.	A-O	Individual Practice
Estey W. Gouwens, 120 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.	K	Partner Finance Audit Co.
Harry W. Greene, 632 Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Cincinnati, O.		Individual Practice
M. Guy Hardin, Paul Brown Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.	K-O	Individual Practice
Lloyd M. Hill, Citizens Bldg., Cleveland, O.		Individual Practice
Alfred Hoffenberg, 11 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill.	O	Proprietor Illinois Certified Audit Co.
Louis H. Huffman, Citizens Bldg., Cleveland, O.	A	Partner Alexander, Cochran & Huffman
Harvey M. Kenyon, 3100 Linwood Road, Cincinnati, O.		Individual Practice

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Jesse Knapp, 1st Natl. Bank Bldg., Portsmouth, O.	A-O	Individual Practice
Martin J. McBride, 2925 Pike Ave., Birmingham, Ala.		Individual Practice
J. E. McDavid, Kanawha Valley Building, Charleston, W. Va.	A-O	Employee Harry R. Howell Co.
Thomas M. McIntyre, Nichol Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.	A-I-O	Partner McIntyre & Associates
James Mulroy, Electric Bldg., Cincinnati, O.		Partner James Mulroy
William J. Mulroy, 3414 Woodburn Ave., Cincinnati, O.		Partner James Mulroy
Herman Nichols, 527 5th Ave., New York, N. Y.	K-O	Partner Harrington & Nichols
Christian Oehler, 15 Broad St., New York, N. Y.		Employee Haskins & Sells
Fred G. Page, Nashville Trust Bldg., Nashville, Tenn.	O	Individual Practice
Floyd J. Pfeeger, Liberty Bank Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.	K-A	Individual Practice
Knox B. Phagan, 25 W. 43rd St., New York, N. Y.	K-A-I-O	Partner Phagan, Tillison & Tremble
Lawson L. Putnam, 159 N. State St., Chicago, Ill.		Individual Practice
Hobart Richey, 77 12th St., Wheeling, W. Va.		Individual Practice

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Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
C. Elmer Roberts, Union Central Bldg., Cincinnati, O.		Individual Practice
Robert B. Rouse, Mercantile Library Bldg., Cincinnati, O.	K-A	Partner Rouse, Favret & Co.
Frank A. Seward, 1st Huntington Natl. Arcade, Huntington, W. Va.		Individual Practice
David E. Short, Jr., 1606 Belcourt St., Nashville, Tenn.	I	Partner Short, Swinebrood & Associates
Clewell M. Smith, Standard Bldg., Cleveland, O.	A	Partner Laubscher & Smith
N. G. Somerville, 1st Huntington Natl. Bank Bldg., Huntington, W. Va.	A-O	Individual Practice
Mortimer C. White, Swetland Bldg., Cleveland, O.		Individual Practice
James T. Wilkes, 15407 Center Ave., Harvey, Ill.	O	Individual Practice
James M. Williams, Odd Fellows Bldg., Raleigh, N. C.		Partner Williams & Wall
Charlton C. Wright, Union Central Bldg., Cincinnati, O.	K-A	Individual Practice

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NON-RESIDENT—NOT PRACTICING:

Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
Fred Allen, American Laundry Machinery Co., Cincinnati, O.		American Laundry Machinery Co.
Arthur M. Dewey, 2149 W. 53rd St., Cleveland, O.	A-O	Joseph & Feiss Co.
T. M. Dickerson, 850 E. 58th St., Chicago, Ill.	K	Natl. Committee on Municipal Account'g
H. B. Eversole, Iowa City, Ia.	A-O	Assoc. Professor of Accounting, Univer- sity of Iowa
William E. Fink, Kirkwood, Mo.		U. S. Dept. of the Interior
David B. Griffin, 1825 H. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.		Assistant Treasurer Reconstruction Finance Corp.
John G. Griggs, 312 Keith Bldg., Dayton, O.		Real Estate Broker- age & Property Mgt.
Claude W. Hupp, 19 Rector St., New York, N. Y.		Reynolds Metals Co. and U. S. Foil Co.
Guy B. Jeffries, 4307 Sherman Blvd., Galveston, Texas		Cotton Concentra- tion Co.
Frederick Juchhoff, 332 S. LaSalle St., Chicago, Ill. 410 Star Bldg., Washington, D. C. 208 Platt Bldg., South Bend, Ind.		Law Practice
C. E. Kaase, 24166 Center Ridge Road, N. Olmsted, O.		Land Bank Examiner
Kosti W. Kohtala, 725 S. Wells St., Chicago, Ill.	K	Empire Paper Co. and Cumnor Hotel Corporation

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NON-RESIDENT—NOT PRACTICING—(Continued):

Name and Address	Society Memberships	Connection
Joseph A. Lenny, 17 Battery Place, New York, N. Y.		Bureau Internal Revenue Examiner
John Ford Morris, 165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.	I	Chemical Bank & Trust Co.
R. E. Morrison, 3549 Burch Ave., Hyde Park, Cincinnati, O.		Highland Body Mfg. Co.
Frederick J. Murphy, 233 Broadway, New York, N. Y.		Life Insurance Agent
Daniel J. O'Brien, Commodore Perry Hotel, Toledo, O.	K-A	Commodore Perry Hotel Co.
Alfred M. Reichard, Remmele Bldg., Tiffin, O.		Professor, Tiffin University
Joseph A. Tatro, 641 Washington St., New York, N. Y.		Investigator U. S. Treasury Departm't
Clarence E. Wheeler, Commerce Bldg., Washington, D. C.		U. S. Government Service
Clarence C. White, 1141 12th Ave., Huntington, W. Va.		New York Life Insurance Co.
J. E. Wilson, 1414 Maltman Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.		Textiles

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The following holders of certificates did not reply to the Secretary's request for information:

Edgar Biggs	—201 Sou. Ohio Bank Bldg.	—Cincinnati, Ohio
H. C. Carleton	—2622 Ida Ave.	—S. Norwood, Ohio
Chauncey L. Christian	—2318 W. Madison St.	—Louisville, Ky.
R. R. Circle	—Cameo Arcadia Bldg.	—Ashland, Ky.
Glenn W. Foster	—1312 Wilshire Blvd.	—Santa Monica, Calif.
Thomas W. Hinton	—Address Unknown	
Herbert M. Howson	—Kemper Lane Apt.	—Cincinnati, Ohio
Zopher L. Jensen	—19 S. LaSalle St.	—Chicago, Ill.
J. H. Kalmbacher	—738 Security Mutual Bldg.	—Binghampton, N. Y.
J. L. Marberry	—Guthrie Bldg.	—Paducah, Ky.
Walter H. Trossett	—Address Unknown	
Sylvester D. VanKirk	—2519 Ingleside Ave.	—Cincinnati, Ohio
John G. Walling	—215 Market St.	—San Francisco, Calif.
John Zimmerman	—331 Elnora Ave.	—Elizabeth, N. Y.

Since the law was passed in 1916 the Kentucky Boards have issued 175 certificates as follows:

By Waiver	15
By Reciprocity	29
By Examination	131
Total	175

No certificates have been issued by waiver since 1920. Only three certificates have been issued by reciprocity in the past five years, and these three were issued to holders of certificates from other States who were actually practicing in Kentucky.

There are now 147 certificate holders.

Engaged in Public Practice in Kentucky.....	48
Engaged in Public Practice in Other States.....	50
Not Engaged in Public Practice.....	49
Total	147
Certificate Holders Deceased	16
Certificates Revoked	8
Certificates Voluntarily Surrendered	4
Total	28

EXAMINATIONS

During the last few years, one examination each year has been given, the date of this being October or November. Prior to 1930, the Kentucky Board prepared its own questions. Since that date, the examination service of the American Society of Certified Public Accountants has been used. Arrangements for this service are made from year to year. All questions and problems prepared by the American Society have been published in the Certified Public Accountant, National Press Building, Washington, D. C. The Board has a few copies of the 1932, 1933 and 1934 examinations which we will be glad to furnish applicants. Requirements for eligibility to sit in the examination are incorporated in the Kentucky law, a copy of which is included in this book. Non-resident applicants must submit a statement from their State Board to the effect that they are eligible to sit in the examinations in their own State. Subjects covered by the examination are as follows:

Auditing
Theory of Accounts
Commercial Law as Affecting Accountancy
Practical Accounting

A grade of 75% is required for passing. All examination papers are graded by the Kentucky Board which assumes full responsibility therefor.

The following statement shows the results of the last five examinations:

	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	Totals for Five Yrs.
Theory of Accounting:						
Number of Candidates....	15	17	15	10	20	77
Number Passed	4	12	9	0	6	31
Auditing:						
Number of Candidates....	11	15	19	8	15	68
Number Passed	2	5	17	6	12	42
Commercial Law:						
Number of Candidates....	16	16	18	12	17	79
Number Passed	9	11	7	6	7	40
Practical Accounting:						
Number of Candidates....	27	33	35	27	28	150
Number Passed	2	5	6	10	7	30

It will be noted that the total sittings shown above range from 68 to 150. The number of candidates actually examined was 66, but most of these candidates sat more than once and some of them sat several times.

RECIPROCITY

The Kentucky Board has no specific reciprocal relations with Boards of any other States. In recent years, certificates have been issued without examination to a number of accountants resident in Kentucky or actually practicing in Kentucky who were the holders of C. P. A. certificates from other States. In each case of this kind, investigation has been made and the Board has satisfied itself as to the qualifications of the applicant.



RESTRICTIVE LAW

Kentucky does not restrict the practice of public accounting to Certified Public Accountants.

A committee from the Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants has prepared a draft of a regulatory law which it intended to introduce at the last session of the Kentucky Legislature. On account of the fact that the Legislature was absorbed in revenue legislation and other matters it appeared that there would be no chance to receive fair consideration of the bill and it was not introduced.

Under the provisions of this law the practice of accountancy would be restricted to Certified Public Accountants and Registered Accountants and would eventually restrict the practice of accountancy to Certified Public Accountants. It would not however interfere with accountants from other States fulfilling engagements in Kentucky which originated outside the State.

THE EVIL OF BLIND COMPETITIVE BIDDING ON MUNICIPAL AUDITS

Volumes have been written about this evil, but to date, little or nothing has been done—in Kentucky at least—to correct it.

This article is being written with the hope that something not only can, but will be done about it. It is certain that if public officials charged with the duty of securing the services of public accountants could see this evil in the same light that it is seen by the majority of practicing accountants, it would vanish over night. The officials should not be blamed nearly so much as should the accountants, inasmuch as it is the general belief that in order to make an audit contract legal, bids must be received on a competitive basis. Inasmuch as the point has not been decided by the courts of Kentucky, it is at least a debatable question. It is seldom contended that the lowest bid must be accepted if it is not also the best bid. However, it is hard for the public official to justify the letting of a contract at \$2,500.00 or more when some other accountant has apparently offered to do the same audit work for \$250.00 or less. Because of this justifiable fear of criticism, the low bid is all too frequently accepted without a sufficient investigation being made to determine whether or not it is the best bid.

It is not surprising that the officials are confused as to what course to follow when the accountants themselves have not been able, as yet, to agree upon some unified plan of action. We are not unmindful of the stock excuses we use to explain why we do not refuse to make flat bids on municipal contracts or why we bid less than a fair price. The excuse most frequently used is that if we refuse to make a blind, flat bid, or bid a price that will be fair and proper, and protect the accounting firm against contingencies that may arise, we leave the municipal field open to the less reputable accountants. It is our belief a fair trial of the following plan would prove that we are shadow-boxing when we use this stock excuse.

A suggested plan is that a voluntary agreement be made between all accountants practicing in the State of Kentucky who object to blind or flat competitive bidding on municipal work, to the effect that the reply to a request for such a bid will be a letter explaining why satisfactory accounting services cannot be obtained by this method. This letter, of course, would be prepared in advance and its contents agreed upon by the participating accountants. In addition to setting forth, in detail, the reasons why satisfactory accounting

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service could not be obtained through the method of flat competitive bidding, the letter should also contain evidence that this is not merely the opinion of the participating accountants, but is shared by public officials and business men throughout the State who are familiar with various classes of accounting service. This letter should also include an outline of the minimum requirements for a satisfactory municipal audit and an offer of a committee to assist the municipality requesting bids in preparing specifications for its particular requirements.

If it is determined that a contract for this character of work has been awarded to an accountant at a price so low as to make it apparent that an acceptable audit could not be made without a financial loss to the accountant, an investigation of the service rendered should be made by the interested accountants without cost to the municipality and if it is determined that a proper audit has not been made, full publicity should be given to the matter. If this is done it is our opinion that the so-called cheap or unethical accountant we have been shadowboxing will be forced to change his plans or retire from the accounting profession.

A vast majority of all public officials are not only honest and efficient, but they are anxious to serve their constituents in the best possible manner, and if, through the cooperation of the accountants, they can be convinced that they are not receiving the best available accounting service through the usual method of flat or blind competitive bidding, this method will disappear.



KENTUCKY SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

The Kentucky Society of Certified Public Accountants was organized on May 16, 1924. Mr. W. A. Hifner, Jr., was the leader in the organization of the Society and he was its first president. The articles of incorporation state that the Corporation was organized and incorporated "for the purpose of maintaining and elevating the standard of proficiency and integrity of the profession of Certified Public Accountants in the State of Kentucky; of promoting and protecting the interests of its members and of cultivating professional cooperation and social intercourse among them, encouraging wise and needful legislation and opposing the enactment of laws and ordinances prejudicial to the Certified Public Accountants and the giving and ex-

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changing information among its members, receiving and raising of funds by donation and by assessment on its members and the doing of all things necessary or incident thereto."

The present Officers and Directors are as follows:

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Bradley O. Turner, President
L. Tipton Young, Vice President
Robert Dee Haun, Vice President
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During the fiscal year ended June 30, 1934, the Kentucky Society suffered somewhat from the spirit of the times but it has recently taken on new life. Membership has been increased substantially in the last three months of 1934 and several meetings have been held. It is contemplated that monthly meetings will be held in the future except during the winter season.

Several years ago the Kentucky Society furnished a committee to cooperate with the Louisville banks to prepare a synopsis of information desirable in audit reports which were to be used for credit purposes. Copies of this synopsis were furnished to local accountants and hundreds of copies were mailed by the banks to their customers. This had a wholesome effect both on accountants and clients and it is believed that it resulted in an improvement in the quality of accounting work and audit reports that has continued to the present time. Much remains to be done but this was a long step in the right direction.

COPY OF KENTUCKY LAW

AN ACT creating a State Board of Accountancy, Prescribing its Powers and Duties, Providing for Examinations and Issuing Certificates to Qualified Public Accountants, and Providing for Penalties for Violation of the Provisions of this Act.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

1. There is hereby established a State Board of Accountancy to consist of three members.

Within thirty days after this act becomes a law the Governor shall appoint as members of said Board three persons skilled in the knowledge and practice of accounting, each of whom shall have been a citizen of the State of Kentucky for at least one year and shall have been for at least three years immediately preceding such appointment actively engaged as a professional public accountant as hereinafter defined.

One of the members thus appointed shall be appointed for a term of one year; one for a term of two years and one for a term of three years, and thereafter as the terms of said offices expire the Governor shall appoint, from among the holders of certificates as certified public accountants as hereinafter provided for, a member of said Board for a term of three years or until his successor shall be appointed and qualified.

The Governor shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in the membership of the board and remove any member for cause after due notice and a hearing thereon.

2. Within thirty days after the appointment of said board, the members thereof shall hold a meeting and organize, by the election of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, each of whom shall hold office until Tuesday after the first Monday in January, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and the election of officers thereafter shall be held annually on Tuesday after the first Monday in January. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be held by the same person. The first board after organizing shall issue to each member thereof a certificate as certified public accountant.

3. The Board shall make all necessary rules and regulations for conducting examinations of applicants and governing the method and time of filing applications for examinations, and the time within which an applicant must be examined after his application has been filed, and said board shall have the power to adopt all other reasonable rules and regulations, not inconsistent herewith as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects and purposes of this act.

All such examinations shall be conducted by the State Board of Accountancy. The examinations shall take place as often as may, in the opinion of the board be necessary, at such date and place as may be selected by it, but not less than once in each calendar year.

Said board shall keep a complete record of its proceedings, and an accurate list of all applications made, certificates issued, certificates revoked, a complete record of cash receipts and disbursements, and shall make report of same annually to the Governor on the thirty-first of December.

Said board shall adopt and provide itself with a seal with a band inscribed "State Board of Accountancy of Kentucky," with the coat of arms of the State of Kentucky in the center, and all certificates issued as provided for in this act, shall be signed by the President and Secretary of said board and shall bear the imprint of said seal.

A majority of said board shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of two members shall be considered as the action of said board except in case of revoking a certificate, in which case the unanimous vote of the board shall be required.

4. Every applicant for certificate as certified public accountant shall be—
A citizen of the United States or a person who has, in good faith, declared his intention of becoming such citizen; not less than twenty-five years of age;

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of good moral character; a graduate of a high school with a four-year course, or who, in the opinion of the board, possesses an education fully equivalent to that of a graduate of a high school with a four-year course; who has had at least three years' experience in the practice of accounting, at least one year of which shall have been either in the office of a practicing accountant or in individual practice as a public accountant.

5. No person (except those provided for under section six of this act) shall have issued to him a certificate as certified public accountant until he has been found qualified by written examination, conducted by the State Board of Accountancy of Kentucky in the subjects of "Practical Accounting," "Theory of Accounts," "Auditing" and "Commercial Law as affecting Accountancy."

6. The said Board of Accountancy shall waive the examination of and issue a certificate as a certified public accountant to any person who furnishes said board with evidence of satisfactory work in accounting completed by him and who possesses the qualifications mentioned in section four of this act, as to age, citizenship, moral character, preliminary education and experience in practice of accountancy, who is a citizen of the State of Kentucky, and who for more than three years immediately preceding the passage of this act shall have been practicing on his own account as a public accountant and who shall apply in writing for such certificate within ninety days after the passage of this act, provided, that such applicant shall submit with his application proof of his age, citizenship, good moral character, educational qualifications and experience in the practice as a public accountant as set out in section four of this act; or to any person who is the legal holder of a certificate as certified public accountant or chartered accountant issued by or under the authority of any other State or Territory of the United States, District of Columbia or foreign nation, provided, however, that the Kentucky State Board of Accountancy shall be satisfied that the standards and requirements for the issue of such certificates are fully equivalent to those established by this act.

7. For the purpose of this act a public accountant is hereby defined as a person skilled in the knowledge of science of accounting who holds himself out to the public as a practicing accountant for compensation and who maintains an office for the transaction of such and whose time during the regular business hours of the day is devoted to the practice of accounting as a professional public accountant.

8. Any person who has received from said State Board of Accountancy a certificate of his qualifications to practice as a certified public accountant as herein provided, shall be known as a certified public accountant and no other person and no partnership, all the members of which have not received such certificate and no corporation shall assume such title of certified public accountant or chartered accountant, or use the abbreviation, "C. P. A.," "C. A." or any other words, letters, or abbreviations indicating that such person, firm or corporation is the holder of certificates as herein provided for. All firms and partnerships as are authorized to do business under the provisions of this section of this act shall at all times keep on file with the Secretary of the said State Board of Accountancy, the names and post office address of each member of said firm or partnership, which record shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of any person holding a certificate as certified public accountant, issued under the provisions of this act.

9. For the purpose of defraying the expenses of said board, a fee of twenty-five dollars shall be paid into the treasury of said board by each of the members of the first board appointed by the Governor, and a like sum shall be paid into the treasury of the Board of Accountancy by each person applying thereto for a certificate as certified public accountant, which fee must accompany the application and no part of said fee shall be refunded, but no additional charge can be made against the applicant by the board for holding the examination or determining his right to the certificate or issuing to him of a certificate as certified public accountant.

Any applicant failing to receive a certificate upon his first application, under section six of this act, or any applicant who fails to pass at his first examination shall be entitled to enter at any stated examination held within

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one year from the date of his failure to procure a certificate, as provided for in this act, without payment of any additional fee.

10. Members of the Board to be appointed under the provisions of this act shall be paid for the time actually expended in the pursuance of the duties imposed upon them by this act an amount not exceeding five dollars per day and they shall be entitled to necessary traveling expenses when on official business of the board.

All necessary expenses incident to carrying out the provisions of this act shall be paid out of the funds of the board but no expenses incurred under this act shall ever be a valid charge against the funds of the State of Kentucky.

11. Said State Board of Accountancy shall revoke certificates issued under the provisions of this act, and held by any person who may be guilty of knowingly issuing or certifying to any false statement or statements or who has been convicted of crime involving moral turpitude, or who fails to pay the annual dues within sixty days after the same is due, provided however, that written notice of such proposed action shall have been delivered in person or forwarded by registered mail to the holder of such certificate at his last known post office address, stating the cause for such contemplated action, together with a copy of the charges and appointing a time and place for hearing thereon by the State Board of Accountancy, provided, however, that no certificate issued under this act shall be revoked until after such hearing and at all such hearings both the board and the accused may be represented by counsel. Any certificate issued by this board and subsequently revoked shall be surrendered to the board.

12. The Board of Accountancy hereby created shall not have the power to create any debt or incur any expense beyond the funds of the board which shall consist of the fees hereinbefore fixed and an annual fee of not exceeding two dollars which shall be paid at such time as may be fixed by said board by every person holding a certificate as certified public accountant issued by said board. Any person desiring to be relieved of the annual dues may do so by voluntarily surrendering his certificate to the board, after which he shall not be considered or known as a certified public accountant within the meaning of this act, unless he is again qualified by the examination, as provided for in this act.

13. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred dollars or be imprisoned in the county jail for a period of not less than one month nor more than six months or both so fined and imprisoned in the discretion of the court or jury.

14. Nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent any person from being employed or practicing as an accountant in this State.

15. No person shall be appointed a member of the State Board of Accountancy of the State of Kentucky who is directly, or indirectly interested in, or connected with, in a pecuniary way, any business college, organization, or association, teaching bookkeeping, or accounting; but nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any member of the said board from delivering lectures or assisting in any such business college organization, or association teaching accounting or bookkeeping; provided that such services are rendered without charge and that no compensation or remuneration is received or accepted for such services.

16. If any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this act shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of said act, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, paragraph, or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

AMENDMENT

Sec. 4618-53. State Board of Accountancy.—The State Board of Accountancy as now constituted shall be continued, but is hereby transferred to and made a division of the office of the State Inspector and Examiner. (1934, p. 679, Art. XXII-2.) Effective date, July 1, 1934.



A CHALLENGE AND AN OPPORTUNITY

It has been said that Public Accounting is the most hazardous of professions. Reasons for this are well known by accountants and space is not available here for the enlightenment of others who may read this book. Most of the hazards can be avoided, however, by careful and persistent efforts on the part of the accountants to obtain and record complete and exact information.

The scope of the accountant's work has been greatly broadened in recent years. Extensive and complicated tax legislation; the demand for more exact credit information; legislation regarding the issue and distribution of securities; N. R. A. codes and other current developments have increased both the activities and responsibilities of the Certified Public Accountant.

The number and variety of calls for service that we are receiving and will continue to receive constitute both a challenge and an opportunity.