

Esther G. Post

Class of 1925



Esther Post was a pioneer in organizing women's sports programs and was the founder of the Grove City Girl Scouts.

The retired head of the Grove City College women's physical education department, her many accomplishments from 1926 until retirement in 1966 include initiating such programs as tennis, archery, hockey, softball, bowling, horseback riding, fencing, rifle and body mechanics. Her originality and organizational ability were behind the synchronized swimming show, the May Day pageants, modern dance groups and the Marquettes dance team. She was faculty adviser and founder of the Women's Athletic Association.

Outside of her area, she helped to organize the Outing Club in 1938 and Alpha Theta Mu in 1941. During the World War II years, Post was the only woman on the Air Force Instruction Staff teaching medical aid and survival. She also taught American Red

Cross lifesaving and first aid.

In the community, she organized the first Girl Scout troop in 1932. At one point during her 20 years as a consultant in western Pennsylvania, she had 87 troops under her wing. She received the Girl Scout National Thanks Badge for service in 1933 and again in 1956. The honoree was a charter member of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women.

Further from home, she organized the Pennsylvania Division of the Athletic Federation of College Women in 1936 and served as faculty adviser 11 times. Between 1949 and 1959, Post was co-owner and director of Egypt Valley Summer Camp for girls in Canandaigua, N.Y.

She passed away July 1, 1982.

Additional degrees: Master of Arts, Columbia University