

Elsie Austin Renamed Delta National Head

St. Louis To Be Scene Of 1942 Meet

DETROIT, Mich.—The election of officers at the sixteenth national biennial convention of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority, which was held here December 26-30, resulted in the renaming of Miss Elsie Austin, brilliant Washington, D. C. attorney as national president. Officers were installed at the closed banquet Tuesday evening of the convention week.

Myra Hemmings, San Antonio, Texas, succeeded Mae Downs, of Baltimore, Md. as vice president. Miss Hemmings is one of the sorority founders and retired from her office. Mary Nightingale, Washington, was re-elected secretary. She had formerly been appointed to fill that office, following the death of Edna Kinchion. Beatrice Penman, Kansas City, Kansas, treasurer and Edna Johnson Morris, Gary, Ind., historian, were re-elected; and Victoria McCall, Detroit, Mich., succeeded Frances Durden Griffin of Houston, Texas as journalist.

The convention chairman was Mignon Walker Brown.

To Meet Annually

In its effort to make this one of the most progressive Greek letter organizations, Delta Sigma Theta has decided to meet annually instead of biennially, as it has done for the past several years. The next convention will begin December 27, 1942 in St. Louis, Mo.

In recognition of their outstanding contributions to the sorority during the past two years, special awards were made to various chapters and regions. The trophy for the best chapter history, compiled in scrapbook form, was awarded Eta Sigma chapter, Oklahoma City. An essay on the history of Tau and Alpha Pi Sigma chapters, Detroit, written by Mayme Alexander and Helen Thomas, brought them first honors, a sorority pin. A book of Defense Stamps, as second prize, went to Alpha Alpha chapter for its essay. Beta Omicron chapter, Knoxville, Tenn. won the trophy for the greatest number of life members, seven in all. To Tulsa went the chapter award, since its members were outstanding in defense and civic activities. They have "adopted" a set of twins, provided insulin for a diabetic and have given liberal scholarships to worthy students and substantial financial aid to such institutions as Moten Memorial hospital, the Open Air school at Tulsa and the N.A. A.C.P. They assisted in registering one thousand people for civilian defense and bought \$50 worth of Defense Bonds. The Midwest region, which Madeline Robinson of Cincinnati, directs, received the regional award. It had the largest attendance at the convention and among its collective achievements are a day nursery at Toledo, Ohio; a youth council in Chicago; and a cancer control project in Detroit.