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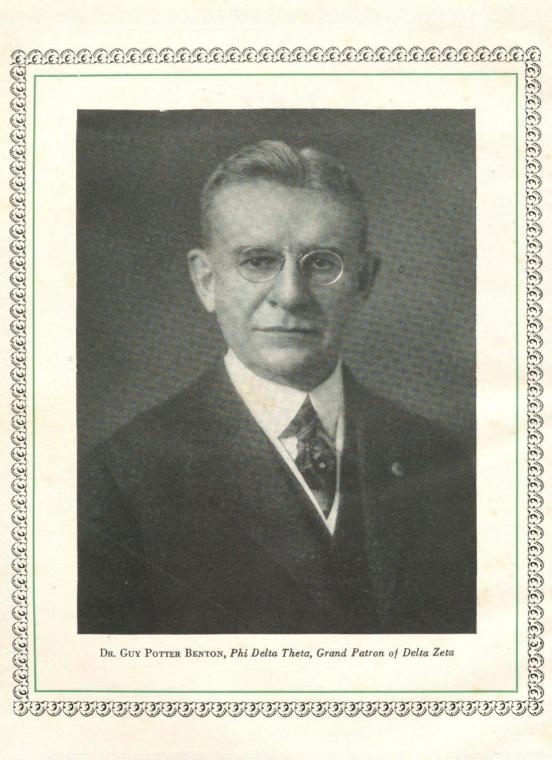
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DEDICATION

Alfa Lloyd Hayes

Mary Collins Galbraith

Anna Keen Davis

Julia Bishop Coleman

Mabelle Minton Hagemann

Anne Simmons Friedline

who opened to us the Golden Gateway of Delta Zeta
through the adventure in friendship begun

October 24, 1902

we dedicate this

Golden Anniversary Story of Delta Zeta

for

October 24, 1952



Julia Bishop, Anne Simmons, Anna Keen, Alfa Lloyd, Mary Collins, Mabelle Minton.

### **Founders**

of

### Delta Zeta

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November, 1902

UTUMN had never been more beautiful, nor Miami University's campus more perfectly the campus of nostalgic remembrance. In other words, everything was completely natural, familiar and normal, except—! And that exception made a world of difference.

So ran the thoughts of the man who stood at the window of a pleasant office room looking out on the scarlet-and-gold autumn day. His eyes, the eyes of an alert dreamer of dreams, suddenly brightened, and he leaned forward for a closer look at something outside. An agitated babble of feminine voices, a slight outcry, drifted up to his ears, but almost before the look of concern on his face could be replaced by a smile of relief, the voices were sounding just outside his open door.

"Dr. Benton,"—a rising inflection—"may we come in?"

With courtesy that revealed nothing of what he had seen, nor registered any notice of the obvious agitation of his callers, Miami's new president greeted each by name and with a cordial handclasp.

When all were seated he asked with warm interest, "And now, young ladies, how

may I be of service to you?"

Six eager voices chimed out, then quickly propriety was uppermost. Carefully, the leader produced from concealment a folded paper, and with some hesitancy but complete sincerity, began reading.

Dr. Benton smiled, nodded, eyes studying the six girls before him, a light deepening

in his eyes as the reading proceeded.

In their turn, the girls' faces gradually relaxed; they drew their chairs closer and finally as the momentous document passed from their hand to the President's they gathered spontaneously behind Dr. Benton as he began to read.

"H'm, h'm—quite good, girls; quite good indeed. Of course you know I shall be ready to help you in every way possible. To be sure, you girls are pioneering, but you have tradition and history behind you here. . . . Now I suggest . . ."

Sighs of relief expressed relief from six deeply stirred hearts. Then . . .

"But Dr. Benton, do you think . . ."

"We wondered about ..."

"What shall we . . ." and at last a chorus-

"Thank you, Dr. Benton—thank you—Goodbye, Dr. Benton . . ." and six demurely elated coeds filed into the office hall.

"Eeek—" and there was a clatter of distinctly heavy footsteps outside, while three of the callers, wide-eyed, turned back in distress.

"Oh, Dr. Benton-those Senators-"

Mindful of his promise, Dr. Benton abandoned his presidential dignity and sprinted down the hall. At first sight of the vandal, whom he immediately recognized, Dr. Benton thundered a command—"Stop!" and in a matter of seconds the chase was ended.

Foiled in his sins, the deflated Senator returned the purloined document; grinned:

"Just a joke, Sir-sorry, girls-no harm meant-"

Then, cheerily unrepentant, he swung on away while the girls, upon Dr. Benton's assurances that there would scarcely be a repetition of the theft, walked back out into the leaf-strewn campus, and, heads together, watchfully retraced their way to their college headquarters.

Behind them, the man in the window resumed his musing; murmuring to himself from time to time . . . "Beta . . . Sigma Chi . . . Phi Delt . . . Yes, and Delta Zeta

... daughter of Miami...."

# The Pelta Arti Erred

To the world,

I promise temperance and insight and courage,

To crusade for justice,

To seek the truth and defend it always;

To those whom my life may touch in slight measure,

May I give graciously Of what is mine;

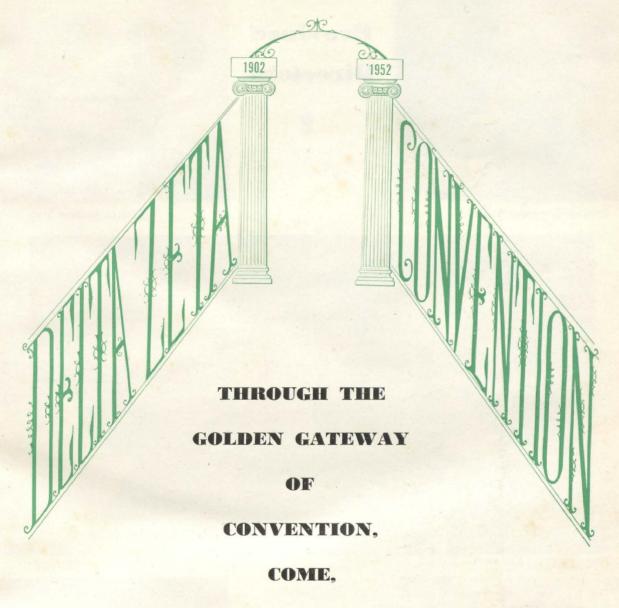
To my friends,
Understanding and appreciation;

Tove that is ever steadfast;

To my mind,
Growth;

To myself,
Faith

That I may walk truly In the light of the Flame.



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This is Delta Zeta



THELMA TOWNSEND ASHLEY

### Province Directors



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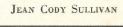


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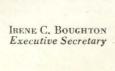
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### Golden Jubilee Convention Delegates of 1952



(1) Marilyn Hatch, president of Delta, DePauw University. (2) Cathleen Sweeney, president of Gamma, University of Minnesota. (3) Joan Parsons, president of Mu chapter, University of California. (4) Mary Clayton, Beta Kappa, Iowa State College. (5) Jean Lautenschlager, president of Gamma Alpha, Baldwin-Wallace College. (6) Kathleen Robinson, president of Gamma Upsilon, Oklahoma City University. (7) Sally Ann Wright, president of Gamma Epsilon, Drake University. (8) Alene Verran, president of Xi, University of Cincinnati. (9) Elizabeth Depew, president of Gamma Nu, Eastern Illinois State College. (10) Wanta Menetre, president of Sigma, Louisiana State University. (11) Grace Griffel, president of Gamma Lambda, San Jose State College. (12) Mae Ong, president of Alpha Kappa, Syracuse University. (13) Vera Fascell, president of Beta Nu, University of Miami. (14) Virginia Vavra, president of Iota, University of Iowa. (15) Joyce McCosh, president of Beta Tau, Nebraska Wesleyan University. (16) Isabel L. Beers, president of Beta Theta, Bucknell University. (17) Priscilla Dillon, president of Nu, Knox College.

The delegates' pictures shown on these two pages are those that were available before press time. The remaining delegates' pictures will appear in the September LAMP.

### Golden Jubilee Convention Delegates of 1952



(1) OLIVE HEMMING, president of Gamma Kappa, Kent State University. (2) Lois Freese, membership vice-president of Phi, Washington State College. (3) Joan Jacobs, president of Omega, University of Oregon. (4) Elaine Freeman, president of Beta Alpha, University of Rhode Island. (5) Jo Lee Webb, president of Alpha Epsilon, Oklahoma A. & M. (6) Phyllis Herman, president of Chi, Oregon State College. (7) Margaret Ann Lucas, president of theta, Ohio State University. (8) Barbara Henderson, president of Alpha Chi, University of California, Los Angeles. (9) Rita Hagman, Gamma Theta, Panhellenic Representative, Carroll College. (10) Susan Healey, president of Alpha Zeta, Adelphi College. (11) Marianna Forrest, president of Alpha Tau, University of Texas. (12) Barbara Girard, president of Alpha Upsilon, University of Maine. (13) Marjory Streich, president of Beta Chi, Wittenberg College. (14) Arline Winchester, Beta Upsilon, Sophie Newcomb College. (15) Donna Prevost, president of Kappa, University of Washington. (16) Margaret Sutherland, president of Alpha Psi, Southern Methodist University. (17) Gloria Allen, president of Gamma Pi, Western Michigan College.



CLEORA CROSBY, Visiting Delegate



FERN RILEY WILSON, Chairman of Mothers' Clubs



FLORENCE HOOD SPEER, Former Council Member

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LUCILE CROWELL COOKS,

Chairman of Constitution Committee



GRACE MASON LUNDY, Former National President



CHARLOTTE WHEELER VERPLANK,
Former National Editor



Exterior View of Restored Raleigh Tavern, Williamsburg, Virginia
In the original building, in 1776, was founded Phi Beta Kappa, first American college fraternity.

### The College Fraternity-An American Institution

"Long live the love of fellowship Circling the old and new."

O EVERY college woman, even of the present generation which has so much and takes so calmly privileges which outrival the wildest dreams of an earlier day, the story of woman's long and uneven but determined fight for equal educational privileges with her brother should be of interest. And to every Greek letter woman the story of the rise and growth of women's secret organizations, paralleling and supplementing the college history of women, is another story of significance.

Each new fraternity pledge soon learns that the whole system dates itself officially from the founding of Phi Beta Kappa at William and Mary College in 1776. Actually there had been two earlier societies of the nature of the college fraternity: The Flat Hat, founded, William and Mary about 1750; and the later P.D.A. Phi Beta Kappa superseded these and made history for us in that it chose to use a Greek name. The classic influence predominating in education of that day (and Greek being considered indispensable to a higher education) it is not surprising that the new society should embody both in name and fundamental principles certain Greek characteristics. At the time of its establishment and until the Revolutionary War disrupted college life for the young men of that day, Phi

Beta Kappa was distinctly a social, fraternal society.

It would be inevitable that young men removed from their homes and associated with other young men in educational pursuit, should form natural groups based on strong and cherished friendships; and their deliberate attempt to make an enduring tie for these friendships was the basic principle on which rose the college fraternity. Its secret nature followed from the natural fact that secrecy is dear to all, from childhood on, but in the case of these early organizations secrecy had also some protective value for the faculty of that day did not always favor an extra display of student freedom and initiative. And yet, ironically enough, the colleges owe to fraternities a debt which they were slow to see and even slower to acknowledge; and received from them a service which in some instances was almost life-saving in its scope. This service was the creating of a connecting tie between colleges all over the country, unofficial but definite and influential, the result of the extension activities of fraternities. More than fifty years before the educational institutions attempted to form any sort of contact among themselves for the advancement, information and unification of educational efforts in this country, the

fraternity chapters had already sown the seeds of acquaintance and common aims, and this association, though arrived at through the social medium of the fraternity, was none the less of vital importance largely because of the fact that the leaders of the country in the decades just following were then in college and many of them were numbered in the early roster of fra-

ternity men.

Phi Beta Kappa's history as a social fraternity was short, practically ceasing with the Revolutionary War. Though it became upon its revival the society we now know, with basic purpose the honoring of distinguished scholastic attainments, still its great service to the fraternity world lay in the fact that it had furnished the impetus and model for many later similar organizations which filled the place it had been created to take. That the college fraternity satisfied a definite desire on the part of the American college youth is attested by the fact that the present number of purely social fraternities in American colleges and universities is now well over one hundred.

The fraternity system as a man's activity was well established in leading educational centers before woman's struggle to be recognized as being entitled to coeducational privileges was even suggested. To be sure, there had early been some "crying in the wilderness." Sarah Josepha Hale, a staunch and unrelenting champion of real educational opportunities for women lent the aid of her editorial voice in Godey's Lady's Book, the leading home magazine of the era, and her personal friendship to every attempt at giving women educational advantages commensurate with those of men. She was long a friend and backer of Emma Willard, whose school for girls became famous. Mrs. Hale also took vigorous interest in the establishment of Vassar College even to being the moving force of having the word "Female" removed from the original title carved in stone over its portals. But public sentiment was overwhelmingly against education for women in anything except the purely decorative type to be received at the various "finishing schools," which was deemed proper and sufficient. Many and imaginative were the horrible pictures painted of the ruin which would surely and rightfully overtake a country so lost to propriety as to allow its women the hazardous right to experiment on the college curriculum with their purely female brains! . . . Parents, who after all are at the bottom of that vague "public opinion," showed themselves strangely loath to admit that daughters could be as able, intellectually, as sons; and even progressive families making every sacrifice to educate their boys held close rein on the girls. How must they have liked the coals of fire heaped on their heads by Lucy Mott, Anna Howard Shaw and others who fought and sacrificed for every step of their way to and through, college!

It is easy to understand why the first openings for coeducation were made not in the conservative East but in the pioneer Midwest. Oberlin College in Ohio was made coeducational from its establishment in 1833; and many others both state and denominational were so organized that if they did not receive women from their first days they quickly opened at the first serious request from interested young women. Yet even where the institution openly conceded coeducation actual experience often proved that this was to a limited extent only; that certain restrictions were placed on the enrollment in courses or in participation in public exercises; and the pioneer college woman found her victory one that never was cheaply or easily won.

In general the advent of women students brought no real opposition from the men. True to boy nature, jeers, jokes and pranks must be attempted. But the women who were so true to their dreams that they braved all for a chance at college were also young women of resourcefulness and wit and almost always quickly able to put their would-be tormentors in the worst of the case, after which their ordeal was generally at its

end.

In the pioneer states of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin a number of institutions were opened to women before or during the Civil War. Indeed the influence of this war and the splendid part played therein by women the country over resulted in a much more rapid acceptance of women in colleges after its close; so that in the Midwest and West there were, by 1870, some two dozen institutions where women were accepted, on the face of it at least, on equal terms with men. In the eastern states the struggle was less successful; although educational advantages were finally conceded to be both due and suitable for women, they were more often provided by colleges for women alone than by the grant of coeducational privileges. So it came about that the majority of colleges for women only are located in the East; they do not exist in comparable numbers elsewhere in our country for the reason that they do not express the ideals or meet the needs of those sections.

Not because woman was determined to copy her brother in all things but because the fundamental need of friendship is as strong in her as in him the college woman produced her own secret organizations from her college experience. First of all came two in a southern college. These were the Adelphian (1851) and Philomathean (1852) both founded at Wesleyan Female College in Macon, Georgia. This was the first woman's college to be chartered by any state: and its two secret societies flourished until the Civil War closed the doors of the college. Both were kept going by loyal members and revived when peace returned to the land. Years later these two societies changed their names and characters sufficiently to meet the needs of changing days and became National Panhellenic Congress members. Alpha Delta Pi and Phi Mu. . . . First to bear a Greek name among all secret societies for women had been a local group, Chi Delta Theta, founded at Emma Willard's school, the Troy Female Seminary, in 1856. Its foundation was sponsored by members of the men's fraternity, Theta Delta Chi, but it lasted only a few years, and its only interest to us now is its Greek naming. In 1867 the I. C. Sorosis was founded at Monmouth College in Illinois, It quickly established other groups, or chapters, and thus has claim to be the first "national" among the women's organizations. Eventually it discarded all excepts its college chapters (in early days there were "town" groups formed on equal standing with the college groups) and took the name by which it has been known since 1888. Pi Beta Phi. Monmouth was the scene also of the founding in November, 1870, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, so named from the first. But January of 1870 had seen the establishment at DePauw (then called Indiana Asbury) of Kappa Alpha Theta, which by these few months won the right to being known as the first women's secret society of national extent to be founded with a Greek name.

The next few years saw a spontaneous upspringing of others-Alpha Phi, Gamma Phi Beta, Sigma Kappa, Delta Gamma. Besides these there must have been numerous local ones, for many of the earlier chapters of the early nationals were formed from locals which petitioned for the privilege of affiliation with the more vigorous organization. The growth of the organizations in the period between 1870 and 1890 was slow and irregular, but before 1890 Alpha Chi Omega, at DePauw University in the Middle West, and Delta Delta at Boston University in the East, had made their appearance. This date seems to mark the turn of the tide to a definite approval for higher education for women, and the women's fraternities prospered thereby. In the decade between 1890-1900, Alpha Omicron Pi, Alpha Xi Delta, Chi Omega, Kappa Delta, and Zeta Tau Alpha swelled the number of women's fraternities, and in the period from 1900-10, over two hundred college chapters were founded, showing that there was a very real desire and place for the sorority as a part of the life of the college girl. On this wave of enthusiasm, Philomathean and

Adelphian took a new lease on life, adopted their present names of Phi Mu and Alpha Delta Pi, and, with the addition of Delta Zeta and Alpha Gamma Delta, the early years of the twentieth century showed the college girl and her sorority an established fact and a busy factor in college life.

The next decade saw Beta Phi Alpha, Alpha Delta Theta, and Theta Upsilon organized. Then Phi Omega Pi and Lambda Omega were organized and Beta Sigma Omicron broke from her junior college classification and was admitted

to National Panhellenic Congress.

The earliest of these organizations, while personally endeared to their members for the friendships they fostered, had as their definite aim the clear intention of being in all things the equal of the men; in educational recognition first, and after that in every form of college life activity. The encouragement which they constantly gave their members, the impetus to excel and prove beyond question their rights to college education, and also the incentive which this in turn gave to completing college, unquestionably gave to these groups much of the deep and true devotion, the courage and the excellence which they almost invariably demonstrated. They knew they had a Cause; and nobly they supported it. Even when the greatest need for winning and using equal rights had passed, the women's fraternities perpetuated opportunity for the woman student to be recognized for herself and they support her yet in her endeavors to win on her individual merit.

With many ups and plenty of downs, and with numerous adjustments to conditions which made flexibility an essential to continued existence, the college women's secret society has come into the twentieth century, and has become almost as universally known and accepted as the coed herself. On the whole, these organizations are known as fraternities. Despite the protest of the men at this lifting of a name they claim for their own peculiar use, there seems to be no real reason for not allowing a women's organization a right to be a "fraternity" if it so desires. On the other hand, some organizations have preferred to adopt the name "sorority" and probably the general public uses this term more often than "woman's fraternity." The word "sorority" was coined by Professor Frank Smalley of Syracuse University for the members of Gamma Phi Beta. Liking the name the Gamma Phi's adopted it at once officially, and since 1911 it has been a word in good standing, having that year "made the dictionary." Six of the N.P.C. organizations, among them Deta Zeta, use the word sorority; all others have remained fraternities. But as immortal Will would remind us-"What's in a name?"

### Old Miami-and the New

"Old Miami, new Miami, Days that were and days to be; Tell the story of her glory-Our Miami, here's to thee!"

ELTA ZETA is a product of this twentieth century, her birthdate being just within the beginnings of this era. However, her fraternal foundations were firmly laid in the traditions and achievements of pioneer days, and their spirit is hers. Possibly no sorority has been more fortunate in the place of its first appearance, and in sorority as with individuals, environment counts for much. This statement is made advisedly for Miami University is conceded to be one of the educational leaders of the entire country in the quality of influence it has exerted. Even in the days when much of this country was yet to be reached only by covered wagon, Oxford, Ohio boasted proudly of its title as "the Athens of the West." Though but a small and quiet village it was indeed the seat of three educational institutions, well patronized and noted for their fine principles and leadership. These three were, Miami University; the Western College for Women, supported by the Presbyterian Church and Oxford College for Women, founded in 1830 under the presidency of a former president of Miami, Dr. Scott; (father of Caroline Scott who later became the wife of President Benjamin Harrison, a Miami alumnus). Oxford College after a long and honorable history merged in 1929 with Miami University and so continues in wider fields, while at the same time insuring continuance of its memory.

Miami University, our particular interest, was provided for by Act of the General Assembly of Ohio on the 17th of February, 1809, in conformance with the provisions of a grant by Congress, in 1792, of a tract of land to be devoted to furthering higher education in the states. Being unable to sell the tract and use the funds therefrom for the establishment of a college in some other part of the state, the legislature at length decided to use it as the site of the institution. The name, Miami University, was selected with a view to pleasing the settlers of the surrounding Miami River valley, and the little cluster of rude log huts which at that time composed the settlement in its midst was complimented by the name Oxford. With a Board of Trustees, fourteen good Scotch and Scotch-Irish for the most part, work was begun for the new university. During the first few years little was done except solicit funds for the plant and equipment. Some of the legislators who were eager to speed the opening, generously contributed twenty dollars each to this first field worker (or missionary, as they called him). Among the contributors was former President John Adams. whose gift was ten dollars, and two books for the library.

Twelve years of difficulty and uncertainty passed by before the actual opening of the new institution. But during these years the pioneer farmers of the Miami Valley had been attracted to the established site of their promised college, that their sons might not lack educational advantages as would be their fate if they should live too far from some center of higher learning. The new college advertised in the pages of the newspapers of the region, and doubtless many a youth and his parents felt a new surge of ambition upon perusing the crabbed, inky paragraphs which set forth and unexcelled features of cheapness and excellence to be found so generously, according to the advertisements, at Miami University.

The first five classes after the opening of the university, averaged only ten or eleven graduates. Many young men could not enter college until they were twenty-one or even older; some few entered at thirty, a few graduated even at forty. The rigors of those days were such that many an eldest son must help set his brothers and sisters on their feet financially before he was free to go out and do what he wanted for himself. In case that was a college education, he delayed not nor hesitated because he might be past his callow teens when he could find the leisure or freedom to enter college. Thus it was no wonder that Miami was claiming to be a college of "Elect Students" or that she won for herself the name of "The Yale of the West." Affectionately bestowed subtitles have been Miami's in abundance. Among the later ones was, "The Mother of Statesmen, for she acquired a long and imposing list of alumni prominent in the ministry, in public and national life. Among them at random may be mentioned President Harrison, Whitelaw Reid, Calvin S. Brice, Andrew L. Harris, John W. Noble, General Runkle, and the Hon. H. M. Mc-Cracken. Miami has also set aside July 25 to observe as the birthday of Dr. William McGuffey, who was on her faculty at the time when he was compiling the material for his famous readers.

The record of Miami University was long the

record of a small college. She failed for years to progress, to grow, as she should have, because of the niggardly appropriations given her by the state which had created her. In all these years of vicissitudes, she was served with strength and devotion by a series of superior Christian ministers who as presidents of Miami gave her the best they had, whatever might be their occasional shortcomings in dealing with the strictly human weaknesses of their students. Her faculty was almost without exception, of high intelligence and superior character; the latter in special meaning, as many were ordained ministers. Despite any shortcomings, Old Miami was characterized by spirited students and intensely loval ones. A charming account of the early years of the university is given by Dr. W. H. Upham (Miami '97) in his book "Old Miami."

During the Civil War Miami struck the lowest ebb of her history. She was a borderline college: both North and South were represented in her student ranks, and men marched from her shady campus to wear both the blue and the gray. Though the faculty remained to carry on, and though some students remained to keep the doors opened throughout the war (86 at lowest enrollment), the aftermath was too much, and with Commencement of 1873 she was compelled to close her gates and cease to function. But now her friends and her alumni were awakened. and through their efforts the University again began classes in 1885. Gradually Miami regained her former strength, though not without an uphill struggle on the part of those who would not give up their faith in her, and valiant sacrifice from her executives.

Under the presidency of Dr. R. W. McFarland, new progress began and during the later administration of Dr. W. O. Thompson and Dr. Guy Potter Benton, marked and enduring advances were made. This growth and progress continued under the later direction of Dr. Raymond Hughes, Dr. W. H. Upham and President Ernest Hahne. State appropriations worthy of the name have put Miami on a firm basis financially. Broader policies and modern methods have been stressed since Dr. Benton began what may truly be called the "New Miami." He admitted women students on full equality with men and in many ways laid the foundation for the later additions and advances. From the almost unbelievable enrollment of 86, during the Civil War, the university now claims nearly 5,000 students. The library has grown from 1,296 volumes to 200,500. From one small two-story building, "Old Main" there have grown many splendid buildings on a campus of 300 acres, an additional 300 acres being used by the airport, part of a school of aeronautics which has brought Miami national recognition for a new pioneering work.

It is not, however, in buildings and equipment that Miami claims her greatest riches. Rather it is in the spirit of her sons and daughters, the richness of their memories and in her traditions of service and valor and inspiration, that she stands enthroned in the life of her country. She still ranks, comparatively, as a small university. But hers has been a big service.

Not only because she is dear to us as the cradle of Delta Zeta, but also because of the fact that Miami is a college of the Middle West, the same type as many others in which Delta Zeta located her chapters, this sketch of Miami is given here to serve as an indication of the spirit of the universities where our earlier chapters were installed. The history of the growth of Miami is the history, in a measure, of the growth of such other universities as Ohio State, Indiana, DePauw, Iowa and others. The influence of these institutions, with their similarity of ideals, could not fail to foster a similar spirit in the lives of the students they enrolled.

Miami has, however, one claim not possessed by many other of these sister institutions. She is called "the mother of fraternities." Within her halls were founded, before 1860, three fraternities known far and wide as the Miami Triad: Beta Theta Pi, founded in 1839, Phi Delta Theta. 1848, and Sigma Chi in 1855 formed by a group which broke away from the Miami Chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon which fraternity had established a chapter there in 1852. Later were established chapters of Delta Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Sigma Nu. In addition to these, the "New Miami" also saw the birth, in 1904, of a new national fraternity. Phi Kappa Tau. Much of the color and romance of Miami's early history hinges on the fraternities; while in turn the sturdy character, the definite interrelation of these three and much of their later policy and history, is undoubtedly the result of Miami influence. They were the western-most of all college fraternities at their founding date and the western spirit and tradition, the decidedly progressive organization and history, has marked them throughout the years.

Even so, Delta Zeta, though many years the junior of these first three societies, has inherited much that was inherited by them. Although Ohio claims the distinction of having the first college which from its foundation offered women equal education opportunity with men (Oberlin, founded 1833) and though hers is a splendid and generous educational system, opportunities for women lagged far behind those for men. Miami University was already advanced in history and

tradition when in 1892 she first accepted women into her normal department, only. It was another ten years before women could receive full college training side by side with the men students; and so 1902, the founding date of Delta Zeta marks the entrance into Miami of women of a certain pioneer stamp. The entire list of college activities as known to Miami women of today, dates from 1902, and the founders of Delta Zeta were among the early women who formed and guided the Y.W.C.A., the literary societies and other college organizations. Their names are signed to charters and articles of organization other than those of Delta Zeta; the entire field of women's activity in Miami of that day knew their attention and their influence.

To foster a new organization rather than to bring in one already formed, would be thoroughly in keeping with the Miami tradition. At the time of the banding together of the six founders of this sorority, the sorority system was already firmly established in other colleges of Ohio. Kappa Alpha Theta had been first to enter the state, with a chapter at Wooster in 1875; and by 1902 there were twelve chapters of six national sororities in six colleges in Ohio. (Four others were added by 1911.) Even admitting that inter-college relations then were nothing like those we know today, it is inconceivable that these girls would not know something of the already existing chapters and perhaps have friends belonging to them. It remains clear that the suggestion of forming an organization of their own, their college's own was not just the pleasure of belonging to a sorority in order to give a background for their friendship, was from the first a district part of their thought. The stories of the founders all bear out this idea; that after the first casual suggestion, the inspiration to prepare an organization that could become a national one; leaped into the foreground of all thoughts and plans.

What they could not foresee, was that the period in which they were undertaking this large task was one significant in general fraternal history for women. It marks a crisis and a new turn in the history of the sorority movement. So bitter had become the opposition to sororities in some localities and colleges; so general were the charges of strife and snobbishness caused by sorority and nonsorority conflict; so precarious

was the situation for the entire sorority cause, that the beginning of the twentieth century is important for two things which saved the day. First of these was the coming together for the first time, for peaceful discussion, of sorority representatives. From this meeting, held (interestingly enough) in 1902, has grown the present Panhellenic Congress. The second saving fact was the establishment, in the opening years of the twentieth century, of a number of new sororities, all of which have from the first expressed a definite aim of service to those outside the sorority bond as well as the securing for themselves of sorority privileges; and with this as a foundation ideal their advent was of force in compelling the reshaping of the course of sororities in general. Or perhaps it might be safe to say that the rise of these youngster groups induced a return at least. to original ideals which had in large part become quite obscured by later superfluities within the older groups. This younger group includes Delta Zeta (1902); Alpha Gamma Delta courageously taking root at Syracuse in 1904, and added to, a little later by Phil Mu and Alpha Delta Pi as new expressions of already old secret societies; then, considerably later, by Alpha Delta Theta, Beta Phi Alpha, Theta Upsilon and the newer entrants into the N.P.C. world. Courage and vision were necessary for these organizations in their infancy; and a tenacious will to justify their contention that nationalization was not an unreasonable and outgrown possibility. They entered the sorority field at a time when many leaders in sorority work felt that the field was filled full, and closed; that the day for the forming of any new groups was positively past; that much, in fact all, pertaining to organization, had been accomplished; and that there was actual danger of overcrowding the sorority field. In 1906 there were 12 national sororities, with 229 chapters. Today there are 31 members in full standing in National Panhellenic Congress, with a total chapter number of over 1700.

At Miami alone, Delta Zeta has been followed by eleven others of these groups. So it would seem that the spirit of the New Miami, as that of the Old Miami, was a pioneer spirit, and drew pioneers. It has fostered the ideals which the small colleges seem best able to fix in the hearts of youth and which lead to glorious and unselfish service.

### Women and the "New Miami"

"Beneath the green shade of the sheltering elms On the field with the fighting team We work and play with a loyal will, Bear the banner of thy fame."

O THE presidential chair of Miami University came, in July, 1902, Dr. Guy Potter Benton. His administration covered a period of nine years and was one of great progress for Miami. The task which faced him in the university was an enormous one, one demanding his fullest talents. That he succeeded in the peculiar needs of the time is evidenced by a statement made by Dr. A. H. Upham in his book "Old Miami." He calls the administration of Dr. Benton the time when "the old Miami at last yields place contentedly to the new."

It was very much of the "old" Miami when Dr. Benton came to it: for in strongly traditional centers such as colleges of this type, time is not marked by the calendar alone and Miami had not moved aggressively forward to all that was modern in the college world of 1902. So doubtless the spirit of the old Miami was more in evidence at this time than anyone realized. Even today one who makes a pilgrimage to Oxford readily perceives this atmosphere of older days and customs; and as a native of Ohio himself and a member of Phi Delta Theta which had its birthplace at Miami it can easily be surmised that Dr. Benton's outlook on Miami this first year was of an earlier cast than that which came to be his as he took his stride and more and more brought Miami forward into the period of development where she actually belonged. Falling naturally into the spirit of old Miami and in the comparative quiet and seclusion of the Oxford village it would be easy to adopt also the general attitude and feeling of pioneering.

Among the changes which appeared swifty after Dr. Benton's induction none was perhaps more drastic than the opening of the university to women students. This was one of his first innovations, all arrangements for the welcoming (by the administration) of the newcomers being

ready for the fall term of 1902.

No large number appeared this first year and a goodly number of these had already had some college training elsewhere. Whatever may have been the real feelings of the men who had always had sole sway in Miami heretofore, the announcement in the Miami Student was quite gallant and genial—maybe just a little condescending.

The girls themselves took to their new environment like the famous ducks to water. They

became very busy with the organization of such campus necessities as a Young Women's Christian Association, the Liberal Arts Club, and just to prove how quickly they could learn from observation, it was no long time before there

even appeared a sorority!

The primary impulse toward the fixing of natural friendships into the set form of a secret organization came about in a very casual and easy manner as it properly should. There were among the first coeds at Miami University a small number who by reason of such factors as previous acquaintance, residence in the same rooming house, attendance in classes together, had come to form a group that was frequently brought together. In this group were numbered two girls whose homes were in Oxford, blond Alfa Lloyd and dark-haired Mabelle Minton; Julia Bishop and Anne Simmons, friends from nearby Cincinnati; dainty Mary Collins and brisk Anna Keen; and now and then Betty Coulter who also lived near Oxford.

In this first year of women's equality with the men there were no ready-made campus organizations for the coeds, and being ambitious and capable the girls did not long delay in establishing a college Y.W.C.A., forming the Liberal Arts Club, and in general providing themselves with

things about which to be busy.

The new organizations were of course quite popular and the Y.W.C.A. celebrated its full organization by holding an evening party-important because the first ever held on Miami campus. This social occasion, mild and decorous enough, was a real landmark to the women who had fostered the organization and managed the affair, and was even recognized by the Miami Student as being enjoyed by the male guests as well. Talking it all over afterward it was only natural that the more active of the women students should have wished that the pleasant social companionship enjoyed in this one evening could be perpetuated and given some more formal setting. They had before their eyes every day an example of what could be enjoyed from such companionship, for those were the days when fraternity ties were distinctly perceived and exhibited, the four fraternities, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, having things very much their own way in all college life. There in the big old recitation



DR. GUY POTTER BENTON

room in the east end of Old Main, where the party had been held, someone voiced the suggestion, "Why not a sorority for us?" . . . It found ready response in the hearts of others in the group who, away from home in a new world, felt the need for strong ties of friendship.

A few evenings later this group met with Alfa Lloyd and talked about plans while enjoying Welsh rare-bit made in a chafing dish quite in the latest fashion. Three days later a more practical session was held at the room of Julia Bishop and Anne Simmons, on Flower street. Here the name was chosen, and tentative colors selected.

Still three more days passed by and an opportunity came to make dramatic announcement of their secret. A street fair was being held in Oxford town and all the college world must attend and participate in the fun. Down through the crowds came parading six very nonchalant, unselfconscious (if you could believe their good acting!) young women students, carrying red, white and blue canes that were further adorned with long long ribbon streamers of rose and green tied to the handles! Whether the general public or even their college associates were able

to grasp the full meaning of all this symbolism mattered not, so long as the first public step had been made to the satisfaction of the organizers. Shortly afterward Mabelle Minton was hostess at a meeting where as extremely important business, the choice of first neophyte was made and plans for the most suitable torment for the first part of her initiation were made—apparently no doubt being entertained as to her acceptance. And happily for us all, Bess Coulter gave a whole hearted consent to the invitation to join the Alpha Delta Zetas.

Not long afterward, the group made its social debut with a very beautiful and elaborate "rose" reception, given at the home of Alfa Lloyd.

The Miami Student of October, 1902, contains several articles and items of interest to us. The account of the installation of Dr. Benton is given at some length, and is prophetic of the splendid administration he gave the university. This issue is also the first in which the recently admitted coeds were given concession, the Board of Editors of the Student appointed two women reporters, one from the Normal School and one from the university proper. It is interesting to note that the latter was Bess Coulter. This same issue contains the following paragraph in the social department:

### A SORORITY .

On September 19, six of our progressive co-eds organized a sorority. It is a local organization at present but the girls hope to have sufficient success to warrant them in putting in chapters in other schools.

The society is known as the Alpha Delta Zeta and their colors are Nile green and old rose.

The members of the society at present are Misses Collins, Lloyd, Minton, Keen, Simmons, and Bishop.

Note that this section gives the date of the early meeting and organization, and not the date which we now use as the founding.

At that time it was possible for the president of the university to have much closer friendships with his students than would be possible now, and from the very first the girls had confided in and received assistance from Dr. Benton. With appreciation of the helpful influence of the fraternity to a man, and with the fire and enthusiasm that brings about action from a worthy ideal, Dr. Benton's fancy dwelt on the idea of inspiring the group to larger ambitions than merely the forming of a group for local needs and satisfactions. It was a natural enough suggestion that as Miami's sons had given three fraternities for her own, so the daughters, now just entering, might also leave a gift of inspiration and friendly guidance. One could even guess that just the mellow quality of the fall days on Miami's campus would give the final touch



May, 1903 Left to right: Julia Bishop, Bess Coulter, Lillian Minton, Luella Crugar, Noble Miller, Mabelle Minton, Alfa Lloyd, Mary Collins, Anne Simmons.

needed to visualize the work as done and already established in years of cherished sentiment as part of Miami's tradition. Whatever the combination of forces leading to the idea of national ambition, it fell on fertile soil and the necessary preparations were undertaken with due seriousness.

In an institution of the size Miami was then, no such undertaking could go unnoticed by the other members of the student body. The activities of these six girls came to the notice of the "Senators," an organization of men from the various fraternities, and a sort of self-constituted Board of Regulators. They took it upon themselves to discipline these presumptuous young women, who would fain assume for themselves the honor of emulating the men's fraternities, and many were the tricks they played on the harassed girls. One stole the constitution from the very hand of the secretary of the newly formed organization, as she walked out of the president's office. It is with much delight that the Founders tell of the pursuit of the villain by Dr. Benton himself, and of his winning back the precious document, not because of his sprinting ability, but by the virtue of his official posi-

Another incident relates that when the ritual was about to suffer the same experience, Anna Keen, from whose hands it had been snatched, resorted to tears (supposed), which so melted the heart of the would-be confiscator that he humbly returned the papers, only to see the sly young damsel walk off, laughing at his simplicity!

For many years Dr. Coleman, who was one of those obstreperous Senators, had a habit of singing, with a twinkle in his eye, "We love thy sacred shrine—" when Mrs. Coleman was summoned to drop everything and go forth for Delta Zeta, and she confessed that was the first line of a song she was writing when he made way with it.

However, in spite of the persecutions of these tormentors, the organization was prepared: a whistle, grip, and motto adopted, and the Delta Zeta Sorority was formed, and was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio.

The articles of incorporation outlined the purpose of the sorority to be—"To build up the character and cultivate the truest and deepest friendship among its members: to stimulate one another in the pursuit of knowledge and the attainment of a high standard of morality: to inculcate elevated sentiments and noble principles, and to afford each other every possible assistance and to incite all to the attainment of a memorable fame." No mean aim which these six undertook, to set up for their own and their followers' attainment!

Soon the men's fraternities, seeing that the members of Delta Zeta were indeed in earnest, and going about the business of forming a sorority in accepted fashion, ceased to poke fun at the group, but instead even looked upon it with pride as another organization to establish one more Miami tradition. Probably without taking into serious consideration the competition that must inevitably come from sororities already in the field, the Delta Zetas went about laying the foundation for a Greek-letter organization which should have the ideal of nationalism from the very beginning.\*

Having formed their organization, the Delta Zeta girls now began their life as a Greek organization. Their first patronesses were Mrs. Benton and Mrs. Hoke, wife of the newly-elected professor of Natural History. There were four members added to the roll: Elizabeth Coulter, Noble Miller, Lillian Minton, and Luella Crugar. All four were members of the Miami girls'

\* Although Delta Zeta was the only organization on the campus which was avowedly a woman's fraternity, there came into existence a little later a social club known as Q.T., members wearing as their badge a coffin. The two groups, being formed for entirely different purposes, did not come into any sort of rivalry. About a year later, the Q.T. group changed their name to a Greek one and choosing the letters most resembling Q.T., took the name of Phi Tau, although retaining their emblem.



JULIA BISHOP AND ANNA KEEN AT EPWORTH HEIGHTS

basketball team, and prominent besides in Y.W.C.A. and other college activities.

The initiation of these new girls was duly celebrated with what the chapter termed a "banquet" and doubtless from the standpoint of menu it well deserved the name. Anna Keen Davis, pointing to the picture of the six Founders, however, reminded us that their strongmindedness might be well evidenced in founding a sorority and resisting obstacles, but that they remained quite unsophisticated in matters of dress. Upon the momentous occasion of the "chapter" (Founders only) going to sit for its picture, the photographer made the suggestion that a slight decolletage would made a more pleasing portrait and five Founders rushed about seeking their lowest necked frocks, or mercilessly slashing out good lace vokes from Sunday bests. But Anna



Julia Bishop May, 1903

Keen, thinking the matter over, decided that such a low neck was against her convictions and should not be recorded against her for posterity's criticism; hence, for all to see, the high collar and the firm set of mouth to keep her convictions as high!

In this first year they gave no formal social affairs. Their one party was a big sleigh ride to the home of Mabelle Minton, twenty miles in the country. The most exciting part of this evening was losing their way in the high snow drifts, so that it was midnight when they arrived at their destination; not too late, however, to partake with sharpened appetites, of the bounteous "spread" which awaited them. Their attentions



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this first year were occupied in perfecting their organization, making the group a strong unit within itself and developing its members. The end of the college year found Delta Zeta upon a firm financial basis, with members well organized, and plans laid for the future of Delta Zeta as a national organization.

### Rushing with Horse and Buggy

In the fall of 1903 only two of the members were back in college to carry out the plans of the preceding year. Four had accepted teaching positions, and three were claimed by home cares. But Julia Bishop and Luella Crugar were not alarmed by the unexpected turn of things and went to work with good spirits, and soon added five members to their ranks. As Miss Crugar's work was so heavy as to prevent her from giving

much time to the affairs of Delta Zeta, Julia Bishop was practically THE sorority, had the pleasure of doing the rushing, using a horse and buggy to take her prospectives for long trips around Oxford, and, finally, the honor of being the treasurer and paying the bills from her own pocket! With good success in organizing the new members, the chapter again began a happy and profitable year. A letter from one of the initiates of this year gives a vivid picture of the chapter at its work and play. Marie Hirst Stokes writes:

Happy days—that is the first thought that comes to my mind as it travels back over the years to that memorable one when I became a sister in Delta Zeta, for those were happy days, the happiest memory holds for me and no doubt for the others who were then my constant companions. And the next thought, how I wish I had kept a diary in my college days! What a help it would be now to bring into clear relief the picture which the events of subsequent years have caused to grow dim in my mind!

One September day of 1903 I arrived at the Main Hall of Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, for my first morning at Chapel services, feeling very strange and shy. Gazing timidly about among the many students assembled in the vestibule, I was delighted to see two familiar ones, Julia Bishop and Luella Crugar, two girls I had known in Cincinnati. They beckoned me and, greeting me cordially, introduced me to a third girl, Mary Coulter, who was with them. I noticed two bits of ribbon, rose and green, peeping out from under the lapel of Mary's coat but of course did not know what they meant. Later I learned they were the colors of the Delta Zeta Sorority and the fact that Mary was a pledge.

Julia and Luella were the only members of Delta Zeta who had returned to Miami that fall. They had promptly pledged Mary whose sister Bess had been their first initiate of the year before. It was perhaps two weeks before they pledged anyone else and then they selected Jessie Denman, Lilla Stanton, and me. How proud we three were when we received our colors! You may be sure they were worn in conspicuous places! How Julia and Luella ordered us all around and made us wait upon them, especially Julia: she was extremely "bossy."

Then came initiation day. A number of the last year's girls were coming back for it. Julia ordered Lilla and me to go to the train to meet Anna Keen and Anne Simmons and carry their suitcases to their rooms for them. Lilla and I (who together weighed 190 pounds) hired a horse and buggy so that we would not wear ourselves out carrying those suitcases, and drove to the train. Julia was there and when the two Annas arrived, she rushed to



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our buggy standing near by, hurried them into it, jumped into it herself and drove off, leaving us standing by the station with the suitcases. That is just an illustration of the way Julia did things, However, we paid her back after we were initiated. One prank was played by getting all the alarm clocks from the village jeweler, setting them for ten o'clock and hiding them in the room where Julia was entertaining an admirer.

These things happened in the unregenerate days when "foolishness" was a part of the initiation. Besides Julia and Luella there were present for the initiation Anna Keen, Anne Simmons, Noble Miller, Alfa Lloyd, Bess Coulter, Mary Collins, and Lillian and Mabelle Minton. And what a grilling time those girls put us four frightened little initiates through! After that distressing part came the beautiful impressive time, with the ceremonial and the beautiful ritual and at the end the warm greetings of our new sisters. Our hearts thrilled with the thought of the wonderful comradeship which had come to us with the taking of the vows. After that the banquet and the escorting home of four tired but happy girls, each treasuring a glowing pink rose and a rosy dream of happy hours to come to be spent with the dear new friends.

And the dream came true! How many good times we girls had together, how many hard places we helped each other over. The foundations of many a lifetime friendship were laid during this time. Although we had no sorority house and Miami had no woman's dormitory at that time and our respective rooms were far separated, still we maintained a unity of existence and built up a strong



Delta Zeta Chapter, May, 1904
Left to right: Lila Stanton, Elizabeth Barnett, Luella Crugar, Jessie Denman,
Mary Coulter, Marie Hirst, Julia Bishop.

sorority spirit. At meetings, our great purpose, the making of Delta Zeta a National Sorority, was often brought up, and ways and means for the furtherance of our object discussed. The possibility of a chapter at Cornell was often discussed and some inquiry was made concerning the opportunity there. No definite steps were taken, however, for we felt that there was still room for development of the mother chapter and that we needed a little more growth.

One more initiation was held that year when we added Elizabeth Barnett to our numbers. Elizabeth was so shy and retiring that the girls did not get acquainted with her for some time and so could not till then discover how charming a personality or what worth of character she had. When she was discovered they took steps immediately to make her one of them and she had the honor of "having an initiation held for her alone."

If space permitted, many stories, touched with humor and sentiment, smacking faintly of quaintness, all unmistakably tinged with the shadow of the so-called "mauve decade" could be added to the sketch given above. Younger members smile at these colorful reminiscenes as bit by bit they are related by our Founders and early initiates at conventions and Founders' Day banquets. Interesting as they are and important too, as they are in presenting the spirit of that early group, we have seen enough to sense that the early days of Alpha chapter show not only the enthusiasm of the pioneer in striking out for unexplored regions, but the less spectacular, steady and patient adherence of the settler and builder in making his own that which the pioneer showed him.

And now we turn from the very first days of Alpha Chapter and see how this which Mrs. Stephenson so aptly calls the first rose on the bush, shortly was to show that common characteristic of all roses, namely, thorns; or those things which by any other name would still be recognized as difficulties.



### Founders and Patron

"Who sows good seed shall surely reap, The year grows rich as it grows old; Life's latest sands are sands of gold."

LPHA Chapter's historian (writing in 1933) begins her story of the chapter's inception thus: "Only the restless came." And thus concisely does the girl of today give a penpicture of her ideas of that generation to which her mother belonged. It comes over her with a shock of surprise that the women of 1902 whom she meets in certain fiction as Within This Present (Margaret Ayer Barnes), or in history Our Times (Mark Sullivan) and The Mauve Decade (Thomas Beer) are actually the contemporaries of her mother when mother was daughter's age! and that many a pictured generalization in the pages of these books is simply a matter of familiar memory to mother and Aunt Dora. And the picture of the girl of 1902 as given in our tableaux and style shows, with high pompadour, choker collars, Gibson girl figures, is not exactly the picture of the spirit of that day, if we can believe Mr. Thomas Beer. For, let us note, that intrepid castigator of the smug complacence of the closing years of the nineteenth century, which he scornfully terms the Mauve Decade, is compelled in spite of all his honest denunciations, to spare the American woman from his onslaughts.

Instead, he shows her to us as indomitable, fearless, of a mold sufficiently heroic to lend to her suffrage parades, mass meetings and other manifestations of her militant and robust spirit, a glamour and a romance all the more remarkable in view of the fact that her efforts were uncannily productive of practical results. The spirit which prompted these expressions of a desire for a broader outlet for energy and interest, could not but be reflected in the contemporary activities of the daughters and younger sisters of the older

woman. The girl in her teens, too, craved action, excitement, whatever would satisfy her insistent longing for some creative task, release her imagination and her intellect, bring her beauty and vivid contacts, in short, set free the nature that had been neglected and thwarted by the suprem-

acy of pragmatism.

Conservative midwesteners, in the dawn of the twentieth century, cautiously let down the last of the sheltering and hampering barriers that had protected their young women. Strongholds of the mauve decade tottered ever faster and faster. When in 1902 Miami University admitted women to its sacred portals, a few valiant "coeds," daughters, a number of them, of the sons of old Miami, made up the first year's enrollment of female students. Dr. Guy Potter Benton, under whose inaugural auspices this innovation was realized, marked a final step in the thorough equalization of the men and women students when he had the daring to assist in the formation of a "woman's fraternity."

It was a group of these first coeds on the Miami campus, who raised the youthful standard that brought a new vanguard to Miami University. From the assembling of two or three friends who carefully brought others until there was a group six in number, came a bold thought. There were conferences, discussions—deep sessions with the wise counselor Dr. Guy Potter Benton, whose friendly encouragement from presidential heights gave them courage and a wide vision. Finally, a formal statement, much in the style of the period: "Grateful to God for His bountiful gifts, rich blessings, and tender mercies, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the Delta Zeta So-

rority." Delta Zeta was founded.

### Our Founders\*

Alfa Lloyd Mary Collins

Anna Keen Julia Bishop Mabelle Minton Anne Simmons

### ALFA LLOYD HAYES

LFA LLOYD HAYES, daughter of Thomas C. and Flora Lloyd, was born at Camden, Ohio, October 24, 1880. Her parents' later removal to Oxford for residence gave Alfa her high school days in Oxford, and continuing her education at the famous institution, Oxford College for Women, she was graduated therefrom in the spring of 1902, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. With many other seekers after knowledge she registered at Miami University the following fall with the intention of doing work for the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy.

It was not long until she was one of a group of six friends. Feeling proud of historic Miami and her record as Mother of Fraternities, she was

\* Material for these biographies drawn largely from Mss. of Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson as submitted to 1918 Council Meeting.



ALFA LLOYD HAYES, Founder Grand President, 1908-1912

imbued with the proposal of binding all these friends into still closer ties and making of them the first woman's fraternity at Miami. Several preliminary meetings with this object in view were held in the Lloyd Home. Finally all plans came to a focus when in the rooms of Mary Collins these friends pledged themselves to this purpose and laid out a definite plan of action.

When the first business meeting was held after the charter for the organization had been granted by the State of Ohio, Alfa Lloyd was chosen president. For one year she wielded the scepter of office firmly and well. The seriousness with which the first president regarded Delta Zeta as well as her position of general favorite made the new Sorority acceptable and a real addition to the society of the college. The close of her year as president saw Delta Zeta well started upon her life journey, with a membership of nine, a clean record financially and an accepted place in the life of the university.

Upon leaving Miami she found her time fully taken in assisting her father in his business and in fulfilling her social obligations as one of the prominent young women of the town. She kept her interest, however, in the Sorority she had helped to found. She aided the chapter in every way she could and lost no opportunity to meet new girls and help make them at home. Her experience, tact and cordial manner were of great value to Delta Zeta in acquiring new members. During the reorganization of the chapter in 1907 Alfa Lloyd worked with the greatest zeal to make Delta Zeta again a force in the college community.

In 1908 in the month of June, Miss Lloyd was married to Mr. Orison H. Hayes, a rising young lawyer of Indianapolis. They had met while Alfa was visiting friends in that city and after a brief engagement plighted their troth in the Miami Auditorium, now Benton Hall. Being married in this building was significant in its sentiment as Mr. Lloyd had designed and built the edifice. It was a most unusual as well as beautiful wedding, being the first and only wedding ceremony ever performed in the Auditorium. It was, besides, a Delta Zeta wedding, made more lovely by the use of the Delta Zeta colors and roses as well as by the assistance of Delta Zeta girls. Above all, it was a notable wedding because of the position, popularity and attractions of the bride.

The young people went to Indianapolis, to

make their home and at once became popular in society and became social leaders. August 1, 1910, their son Orison Lloyd was born and Mrs. Hayes added to her other accomplishments that of a devoted mother. Although devoted to home, husband and child she found time to engage in many social and philanthropic activities. Her zeal for the welfare of Delta Zeta never flagged after her marriage but at great inconvenience to her home life she made many trips to establish new chapters.

In June, 1908, at the second National Convention of Delta Zeta, in Oxford, she was made Grand President and served in that capacity for four years, struggling with the discouragements that naturally arise in the early life of any young organization. Due to her efforts Delta, Epsilon, Zeta and Eta chapters were organized, the two latter being organized by her in a time when she was disturbed by ill health. She presided at the next convention held in Indianapolis in 1910 and also at the 1912 Convention at Winona Lake. At the former she was re-elected to hold office for two years and during the next year proceeded to put the now national Sorority upon a better working basis. At the Winona Convention she was elected to the position of N.P.C. delegate, National Historian and National Inspector. Not the least of her work was that as N.P.C. delegate; she made Delta Zeta known to the fraternity world nationally.

She held office in Delta Zeta for a period of eight continuous years of active service. Not less important was her work in the clubs of Indianapolis. She was a member of the Monday Club, an organization meeting for the purpose of the study of literature. For two years she was the president of the Indiana branch of Oxford College Alumnæ. Throughout this time she was chairman of the committee for raising \$1,000 for the endowment fund of Oxford College, During this busy time she helped organize the first alumnæ chapter in Indianapolis for Delta Zeta. She was also one of the leaders in forming in this city the City Panhellenic.

Mrs. Hayes was, after her removal from Indianapolis to Washington, D.C., a charter member of the alumnæ chapter established there, and when she again changed her residence to Cambridge, Massachusetts, she continued to take an active part in Panhellenic circles.

In the spring of 1924 she assisted with the installation of Alpha Kappa chapter at Syracuse University, and her presence at the national convention held in Evanston the following June was a great event for the scores of young members to whom until that time our Founders had been mysterious and mythical individuals known by name only. During her residence in Evanston she was in close touch with Alpha Alpha chapter and the Chicago Alumnæ Chapter. At 1930 and 1933 conventions she was surrounded with younger sisters delighting in her reminiscences of early days; and the Fashion Show of the 1933 Convention was vividly illustrated by the gowns which formed part of Alfa Lloyd's college wardrobe and those in the trousseau of young Mrs. Hayes, first Grand President of Delta Zeta.

Evanston's loss in 1940 proved Indianapolis' gain when Mr. and Mrs. Haves returned to that city for residence. Alfa Lloyd Hayes at once resumed her membership in the Indianapolis Alumnæ Chapter and continues to enjoy its varied activities with all the zest and enthusiasm that

marked Delta Zeta's early days.

### MARY JANE COLLINS GALBRAITH

Mary Collins was born in Fremont City, Ohio, December 27, 1879, being the fourth child of James and Maude Rosanna Collins. Mr. Collins was a descendant of one of the earliest colonists



MARY COLLINS GALBRAITH, Founder

of Virginia who had come to that state in 1619. Mrs. Collins was a descendant of a family of German nobility, her grandfather being the son of a nobleman of the name of Von Zeurlinden. Mrs. Collins' ancestors came to the United States in 1835 and settled in Ohio, in Delaware county. Mary's grandfather was one of the "Forty-niners" who went to California. Mr. Collins' family came from Virginia in 1860 and settled near Springfield, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Collins were married in 1870 and settled on a farm near Fremont City.

Here Mary first saw the dawn.

Among her brothers and sisters Mary spent a happy girlhood and attended grade and high school in Fremont City. For a time after her graduation she taught in the public school. Then in 1902 when the fame of the Teachers' College at Miami University had reached her ears she came to Oxford to add to her talent for teaching by professional training.

Essentially feminine, dainty and refined was Mary Collins as she joined the ranks of the students of Miami. "Lady Mary," her nickname, is as descriptive of her as a more wordy pen picture would be. To the mind of the writer "Fluffy Ruffles" also is descriptive of her type. Of average height and slight figure, with oval face framed by lovely dark wavy hair, her deep brown eyes were her chief facial charm. Her nature was most gentle and sweet but was not lacking in firmness. As soon as she came to Miami she made friends with the other charter members of Delta Zeta, Her room at Mrs. Bradley's was a central location and so made a most convenient meeting place for the young organizers to discuss business. Convenience was not the only attraction to this place for the charm of the hostess would have brought them together very often anyway.

The contribution of Mary Collins to Delta Zeta at this time is no small one and yet it is hard to define. Just as the charm of a beautiful, refined woman in its effect upon society is hard to define, just so is the influence of Mary Collins, a woman of the most delicate sensibilities, illusive and intangible as it is, yet had a tangible effect upon the moulding, strengthening and perpetuation of the organization to which she gave her best efforts. The influence of one individual upon another is hard to analyze yet it is one of the most potent influences in society. The early organization of Delta Zeta benefited from the influence of Mary Collins whose presence always made each

one feel a better, kinder woman.

The influence of Mary Collins did not cease with her departure from Miami, but upon accepting a position in the primary department of the Oxford Schools she was ever near at hand to help guide and direct the young Delta Zetas. Her talent as a teacher was unusual and she was most successful in this position which she held for three years. Thereupon she left for a more lucrative position in the public schools of Columbus, Ohio. While thus engaged as a busy teacher she went to work with a will and organized Theta chapter at Ohio State University in Columbus, a chapter which has been a very great addition to Delta

Zeta. This was a tangible contribution to Delta Zeta and a most important one. Never did her interest and influence in the chapter lag even when after four years she gave up her work in

Columbus schools to go West.

In the fall of 1911 she went to Cody, Wyoming, where she taught for some time with great interest and pleasure in her novel surroundings. In the fall of 1915 she entered Michigan State Normal College from which institution she was graduated in June, 1916. She at once accepted a position as critic teacher in the County Normal at Hartford, Michigan.

June 24, 1919, Miss Collins married George Galbraith and now makes her home in Columbus,

Ohio.

Though not numbered among those holding official positions in Delta Zeta since her marriage, Mary Collins has remained in close and loyal touch with her sisters in Columbus. When in 1928, the national council endeavored to gather again all six Founders with their younger sisters, it was a delight to have Mary Collins Galbraith among those who responded to the invitation. All expectations of the younger members as to "Lady Mary" were fully met when they saw her actually among them, beautiful in her white-haired youthfulness, charming in her interest and sympathy. It was her special privilege to act as official conductress from Columbus to convention of the two students from the Delta Zeta school at Vest, and her tact and simplicity in making easy and friendly contacts between the members of the sorority and these two inexperienced children of the mountains gave a perfect demonstration of what Mary Collins had to offer in the early days of Delta Zeta.

Very much a home lover, she lives quietly and busily in Columbus, Ohio, but her rare appearances at Delta Zeta functions are thoroughly enjoyed. In May 1943 she honored the sorority by attending the Miami presentation and with Julia Bishop Coleman representing that congenial

group to which we owe so much.

### ANNA LOUISE KEEN DAVIS

A ray of sunshine was brought into the life of Delta Zeta by Anna Louise Keen. A brief sketch such as this fails to give the picture of the bright face, quick intelligence of mind, bright energetic spirit and beauty of character which this one of the Founders of Delta Zeta has. "None knew her but to love her."

Her parents were Moses Keen and Margaret Murphy Keen who were sweethearts in the school at Milford, Ohio and at the age of eighteen were married. The far west lured them to a search for wealth in the fertile soil of Kansas, where they took up a homestead. After five years they returned to Ohio and located in Newton, one of the oldest villages of the state. Here, September

2, 1884, Anna Louise was born.

Upon the farm which was her home Anna grew strong and rugged from her happy outdoor life. She attended the village school and from there went to high school in Cincinnati, attending Woodward High School, one of the justly famous high schools of that proud city. In June, 1902, Anna was graduated with a most favorable record in scholarship and having the respect and highest esteem of teachers and classmates.

Miami University next attracted Miss Keen and with several other Cincinnati girls she boarded the train for Oxford and college. In this new atmosphere she at once found congenial work and congenial friends. Among these were Mabelle Minton and Anne Simmons. When a woman's fraternity was proposed it was natural that this wide-awake, alert and capable young woman should have been greatly interested and very zealous in working out the plans for it. Light hearted and happy as Anna was, yet the organization and development of the mother chapter were always matters filled with deep seriousness for her. It meant to her an organization founded for the furtherance of the highest womanly ideals.

To the group of Founders she was a constant inspiration because of her ready cheer, and her constant resourcefulness. No task was too hard to be undertaken, no obstacle met that could not be removed. Her steady persistence usually won. A story is told of her that while returning from Dr. Benton's office with the Delta Zeta constitution which she had just read, some pestering male students in an effort to tease snatched away the papers she was guarding so carefully. She soon recovered them, however, by the simple expedient of pretending to cry and the gallant young men felt heartily ashamed of themselves while the gay young deceiver laughed in her sleeve.

Anna Keen's work in Delta Zeta was to put things upon a practical basis. Possessed of untiring zeal in everything she did there was a vigor and joyous spontaneity in her work that made her circle of friends rejoice to associate with her. She was the first secretary of Delta Zeta and was always most prompt in attendance at business meetings, and most practical in her suggestions for the advancement of the organization. The chapter had the benefit of her active membership only one year. In the fall of 1903 she began her career as a teacher.

From 1905 until the time of her marriage she devoted her time to the study of music upon

the piano. She took an active part in the reorganization of Alpha chapter in 1907 and in 1913 was one of the leaders in the founding of Beta (Cincinnati) alumnæ chapter. She served as treasurer of the group for three years and in 1916 was its president.

In August of 1910, Anna married Mr. George Howard Davis and moved to Madisonville near



ANNA KEEN DAVIS, Founder

Cincinnati where Mr. Davis was engaged in teaching. Here they continued to make their home. Eventually they purchased an old farm house, built in 1830 by one of the Davis' ancestors. Remodeling and furnishing this home in the authentic 1830 style was a project Anna fully enjoyed. Their home was the hospitable center of many community activities, for the Davises were both actively engaged where any work for the betterment of the community was under way. Characteristically, Anna's part in her city's life was a spirited one. She served as president of the Madisonville Civic League, with energy and efficiency. A loyal Methodist, she gave freely of her time and energy to church undertakings and associated activities. Particularly strong was her interest in the temperance campaign and she held the office of Secretary of the Women's Christian Temperance Union for the State of Ohio. With no children of their own, the Davises reached out to work for the welfare of all youth.

In 1936 Anna Keen Davis was Convention guest of honor. She was continually surrounded by younger members who reveled in her gay and informal stories of the Oxford street fair and many other off-the-record "doings" of the Founders. In this, her first experience at a large modern convention, Anna expressed herself as "proud, yet humble; and sincerely inspired by this happy association with the contemporary Delta Zetas and by the contemplation of the sorority's growth and achievements."

Delta Zeta gained much from the joyous spontaneity, the practical good sense and wholesome philosophy of Anna Keen Davis. She was one whose life and influence were an honor to Delta Zeta and whom Delta Zeta continues proud to honor in memory. In May 1949 she passed on to the Eternal Chapter, but as she would say, "to live in hearts I leave behind is not to die."

#### JULIA BISHOP COLEMAN

Of those who watched the beginning and growth of Delta Zeta there was no one who contributed more to the vitality of the young organization than Julia Bishop. The spirit that is Delta Zeta came from her.

She was born in Loveland, Ohio, May 19, 1881. Her parents were Dr. Lucius W. Bishop and



JULIA BISHOP COLEMAN, Founder Grand President, 1924-26

Permelia Tuits Bishop. Both were persons of considerable education and unusual refinement. Dr. Bishop was graduated from Miami University in 1867 and from Ohio Medical College in 1870. Mrs. Bishop was a graduate of Xenia Female College. Dr. Bishop practiced medicine in Loveland for the greater part of his life. Both he and Mrs. Bishop took a prominent part in the life of the village and to them considerable credit is due for the prosperity and well being of the place.

Julia attended the public school in Loveland and high school in Madisonville. Her proficiency as a student as well as her womanly qualities won her the superintendent as a friend. She especially excelled at this time in original work in English. With a fine record for scholarship Julia was graduated from this school in 1898.

In 1899 she registered for her work in the University of Cincinnati. Here she continued her record for splendid scholarship but left there in 1901 in order to be at home with her widowed mother who had the care of her invalid sister.

In 1902 through the influence of Dr. Dyer, the Dean of the Normal College of Miami, Julia Bishop came to Miami University. The fact that her father had called Miami "Alma Mater" was no doubt an influence that decided this action. Julia at once made friends in her new college home. Chief among these were Anne Simmons, Mary Collins, Mabelle Minton, Alfa Lloyd and Anna Keen.

When Delta Zeta was organized Julia Bishop put into it the idealism and spirituality which has made it live. The ritual which is so dear to every member of Delta Zeta was written by her with help from Dr. Benton. Her office the first year in the fraternity was that of treasurer. The affairs of this office she handled in a most creditable manner.

Not only in the fraternity work was Julia prominent but also in other college activities was she well known. During her first year at Miami the Young Women's Christian Association was organized there; she was one of the charter members and was active not only in the organization but always took a leading part in the work thereafter, being vice-president and chairman of the membership committee the first year and having charge of the devotional work the second year. Of this organization which is now the strongest and most active of organizations at Miami, Julia Bishop may be justly proud that she was a charter member.

In the fall of 1903 Julia Bishop was the only member of Delta Zeta who returned to Miami. Had it not been for her genius for making friends and keeping them it would have been hard for Delta Zeta to recover from the loss of her eight other members. Those not returning to Miami had either taken positions as teachers or were busy with work in their own homes. Thus the work of continuing Delta Zeta was left almost entirely in the hands of Julia Bishop. Her hands were capable to the task, however, and Delta Zeta grew and prospered under her leadership for that year she was the president of the chapter. Beloved by Delta Zeta sisters, fellow students and members of the faculty, there was probably no woman at Miami so respected and admired. She is one of the fine women who made co-education popular at Miami where it was not at first in high favor with the men who had been lords of all they surveyed for eighty years.

It was while a student at Miami that Julia met Mr. Coleman and their romance began. (But many other Delta Kappa Epsilon men worshipped at her shrine so that the mere observer scarcely

knew which one she preferred.)

In 1904 Miss Bishop was graduated from Miami with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, leaving not only a record for scholarship of a high order but also leaving a memory of her womanliness

and strength of character.

During the years after leaving Miami, the college romance begun there ripened into still deeper and deeper affection until it was consummated in the marriage of Julia Bishop to John Mc-Ferren Coleman, then in the banking business in Adams County, Ohio. In 1913 Mr. Coleman entered upon a medical course in the Ohio Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, and was graduated therefrom in June, 1917. Dr. and Mrs. Coleman make their home in Loveland in the beautiful home where Julia was born. Here their daughters, Mary Permelia, May 7, 1913, and Julia Jean, November 18, 1916, were born.

Despite the care of her busy household and the expert attention to her children Mrs. Coleman found time to spend in the women's clubs and social service in her own community. She is a member of the D.A.R. and the Ohio P.E.O. sisterhood, of which organization she served in a most distinguished capacity for two terms as state president, and of Eastern Star. She continued to be interested in literature and belongs to several literary clubs. She had charge of all Red Cross relief work of Loveland during the recent period of economic distress. She takes a prominent part in the Mother's Club of Loveland and is active in the social center work connected with it. But her heart is in her home and there can this one of the greatest women of Delta Zeta be found at her best.

In 1920 she was elected National Historian. In this office she worked ardently, collecting much valuable material, although unable to complete the history.

At the 1922 Convention Mrs. Coleman was

elected to the office of Vice-President. In this capacity she rendered splendid, tireless service, not only through the work exclusively pertaining to her office, but in the capacity of inspector and installing officer where she showed herself a great inspiration and a tower of strength to the chapters and the council members. During this biennium, the following new alumnæ chapters were chartered: Spokane, Detroit, Los Angeles. Work in developing chapters at Dayton, Ohio; Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and in the Twin Cities, was begun. Another service of increasing significance was the definite encouragement of Alumnæ Associations. She assisted in the installation of Alpha Gamma, Alpha Delta, Alpha Zeta, Alpha Theta, Alpha Lambda, Alpha Xi, Alpha Tau, Alpha Upsilon, and Beta Gamma.

The great value of her service to Delta Zeta, in this capacity, led most logically to her enthusiastic election as President in 1924. As President she gave an administration of notable worth to Delta Zeta, and her refusal of a second term was unwillingly received by her sorority, for it may truly be said that no other president has in one term aroused the great love that Mrs. Coleman received from all who felt her influence. Fuller treatment of it must be deferred to the proper place in the chapter on administration.

When the California convention, in 1926, reluctantly allowed Mrs. Coleman to retire from active service on council to give more attention to her home and young daughters it retained her interest and her invaluable services by making her chairman of the important Committee on Constitution, which position she held until 1936. At 1933 Convention it was the privilege of Mrs. Coleman, one so far unique to a Delta Zeta Founder, to be present and assist in the initiation of her daughter, Mary, as convention initiate, and in beautiful and symbolic fashion mark a new milestone in her adventures in Delta Zeta.

The initiation of Jean, the younger daughter, at 1936 convention, rounded a perfect record for this Founder's family. Though in recent years Julia Bishop Coleman has taken a less vigorous part in the activities of Delta Zeta nationally. her interest has continued unabated. Until 1942 she attended every national convention, adding much both to the sound guidance and good fellowship of these meetings. She, with Mary Collins Galbraith attended the presentation of the Founders' Memorial at Miami in May 1943. At this time she commented that she could now sit on the sidelines and enjoy the sorority with a clear conscience feeling that Jean Coleman Lisle as homemaker and mother and Mary Coleman as a member of Delta Zeta Vocational Guidance Committee and staff member of Stephens College were carrying on for her.

#### MABELLE MINTON HAGEMANN

Mabelle May Minton who brought into Delta Zeta her large enthusiasm and broad generosity of spirit was born in Millville, Ohio, November 8, 1880. Her mother was Florence Jane Parker a descendant of General Warren of Boston, and whose ancestors came to America in 1620 in the May flower. Her father, Harvey Minton, met her



MABELLE MINTON HAGEMANN, Founder

mother when they both were students in Wheaton College, Illinois. The college romance resulted in marriage and their life together began upon a farm near the tiny village of Millville. Here on Buena Vista Farm three sons and five daughters were born, Mabelle being the eldest. Mabelle went to the country school near by, named for her grandfather. The outdoor life gave to Mabelle a superb physique and fostered in her a love for freedom and democracy. After finishing the required course in the country school, she went to Hamilton High School and from there went to Wheaton College, her father's and mother's Alma Mater. In 1902 Mabelle went to Miami and quickly became associated with those who were to conceive of Delta Zeta and bring this woman's fraternity into existence.

In 1903 the illness of her mother prevented her return. In 1905 Mabelle took a course in the Teachers' College of Columbia and then had a teacher's experience of two years in the state of New Jersey. After this she took up work in a large banking institution in New York City where she held a responsible position for four years.

The entire reliability which characterized her

business career is shown throughout her work in and for Delta Zeta. As one of its organizers she was tireless in her efforts to bring unity and stability into the Sorority from the time of its inception. At critical moments in the beginning of Delta Zeta she was self-possessed and resourceful. She never shirked the hard things but was ready to sacrifice herself in any way for the attainment of Delta Zeta to national recognition.

A few intimate incidents of her early membership and endeavor are remembered with interest by the other members. Upon the occasion of the first initiation, in the spirit of a practical joke some of the men of the fraternities boasted that they were going to be present and see how the Delta Zeta girls did it. Every one but Mabelle was excited but she calmly began plans for making such inspection possible. This involved changing the place of initiation from the usual meeting place of Delta Zeta in the Main building of Miami to Mabelle's own home. Due to this plan the initiation went off without interruption. Upon another occasion when an initiate fainted during the rites Mabelle showed instant resourcefulness in taking care of the young lady who was ill, while all the others were wringing their hands. One of her characteristics which has done much for the stability of Delta Zeta has been her constant insistence upon the selection of girls of unusually high type of character and scholarship for membership. From the first Mabelle insisted that mere popularity was not sufficient requirement for admission to Delta Zeta.

Her work outside of active membership was of the same reliable and useful character. In the work of extension she organized and established Iota chapter which from the beginning has been a great credit to Delta Zeta. In the establishment of Omicron and Xi she also took a most important part. In the capacity of a national officer she served as Recording Secretary, 1912-14, National Inspector, 1914-16. At the 1910, 1912 and 1914 Conventions she took a most active and inspiring part. Delegates loved her at sight so her influence was very great. Her ideas for Delta Zeta being of the highest type, this influence always brought out the best at these conventions.

After giving up her business career Mabelle lived with her parents and brothers and sisters upon Buena Vista Farm, her birthplace. Such a circle might seem limited for one of her talents and resources yet because of her radiant personality, light and cheer emanated from this home—each brother and each sister was helped in his or her career by this generous big sister and a more useful life was the result. Alpha chapter too, felt her sympathy and generosity. They found that she could be relied and called upon at all times. No one of the Founders made as

many visits to Alpha chapter or was in such close touch with its problems and activities.

In 1921 Miss Minton married Mr. Henry F. Hagemann and until her husband's death, in 1924, led the uneventful but busy life of a homemaker in Columbus. She later resumed her business activities in actuarial work, and gradually resumed closer contact with the Sorority. In 1928 she was one of the four Founders to attend convention at Bigwin Inn. Her old charm of manner as usual made all her friends, and she climaxed her inspirational activities for the Sorority in her beautiful toast, "Hail, My Daughters!" at the installation banquet. With the forward look which had ever been hers, she pointed to new goals for us, and her comparison of the Founders and Patron to the rainbow, which is composed of separate colors beautiful in themselves, but which blend to the pure white of friendship and loyalty, will long be remembered for the response it found in hundreds of hearts. This was Mabelle Minton's final message to the Sorority she had loved and served so long and faithfully, for within the year the Sorority was to be saddened by the news of her death, sudden and unexpected even by those who knew she was battling with what must be a fatal affliction. Though she was the first of the Founders to leave us her legacy to us is one of inestimable worth in the lessons of service and sisterhood which she not only taught but demonstrated.

#### ANNE SIMMONS FRIEDLINE

The date of the birth of this interesting member of Delta Zeta was January 23, 1879. Her parents were Rebecca Dial and Matson Simmons. The youngest of six sisters, one might expect her to be the spoiled child of the family, but quite otherwise. The love and affection lavished upon her by her sisters has made her, only the more, appreciate her responsibility in giving out the brightness and cheer which this brought into her life.

In beautiful Walnut Hills in Cincinnati, she went to grade school and then entered the Walnut Hills High School graduating with the high esteem of her teachers in 1898. Thereupon Anne entered the University of Cincinnati and at the end of four years having won social as well as scholastic distinction, was graduated. The following fall she went to Miami University and there immediately made friends of the girls with whom the nucleus of Delta Zeta was made.

Her contribution to this group was a splendid cheerfulness and most practical helpfulness. An appeal to her judgment by the others never failed to bring successful and well directed action. Naturally the beginning of Delta Zeta was not all serious efforts and uphill work. There were



ANNE SIMMONS FRIEDLINE, Founder National President, 1926-28

obstacles some times in the way of forming a complete organization but many were the happy "larks" which our Founders had together. As she was chief of their councils so was Anne Dial Simmons chief in their merry making. Her happy face seldom seen without the smile that all her friends loved, with the dimples showing, was a true indication of the happy heart within, from which there never came a glint of malice or envy. Perhaps the best characterization that can be made of her is to say that she was the perfect comrade. Her friends felt surrounded by her sympathy and understanding and exhilarated by her constant good cheer. This was of advantage in her future career, for, not only did her scholastic ability, but this other of being a good comrade, make her a most successful teacher.

Upon graduation from Miami in 1903 with the degree of B.P. she went to teach in the Lockland High School, Lockland, Ohio. During her first year there she continued her work at Miami and was granted the degree of A.M. in 1904. In this city she taught sentence structure for three years and she was beloved by both pupils and associates. From this high school she went to accept a position in the teaching of history in the

Norwood High School, Norwood, Ohio.

In 1909 she gave up this work and entered upon a new career. On June 29, 1909, she and Mr. Justus R. Friedline of Colorado Springs, Colorado, were united in marriage in her old home upon Walnut Hills. She left this happy home of her childhood to make equally happy that of Mr. Friedline in Colorado Springs. Here Mrs. Friedline entered with zest into the life of



Oxford Street Fair, September, 1901

Arthur L. Bairnsfather, Mayme Barger, Alja Lloyd.

Mr. Bairnsfather des gned the first

Delta Zeta badge.

the city. She was a member of numerous clubs, some literary, others purely social. The work of the Daughters of the American Revolution became one of her great interests. She was for several years regent of her chapter and in 1927 was elected state regent, doing outstanding work in visiting and co-ordinating her chapters. After this term of office she became chairman of the National Committee on Americanization, proving a valued worker in this capacity. From 1920-22 she was president of the local branch of the A.A.U.W.; served as vice-president both of the city Federation of Woman's clubs, and the city Panhellenic, as well as a member of the Drama League. She was an unusually charming hostess and always at her best within the portals of her lovely home. Most of their winters Mr. and Mrs. Friedline spent in travel.

Mrs. Friedline took a lively interest in the affairs of Delta Zeta following her graduation from Miami. Her first important work was that which she did in connection with the revival of Delta Zeta from its inactivity in 1907. In 1912-14 she served Delta Zeta nationally as the Grand Vice-president and was active in creating a fund for extension work. Her later interest was in extension work for Delta Zeta in her section, in which work she served as a committee member

under Mrs. Stephenson's presidency. She assisted with the installation of Alpha Lambda and Alpha Phi chapters, by which latter time she had again returned to the national council, serving 1925-26 as Vice-president to fill out the unexpired term of Georgia Chandler Hornung, resigned.

In the year 1925-26 her work was of great practical value to Delta Zeta. As officer in charge of the alumnæ work, she presented at convention a report showing work done with care and keen insight into the needs and conditions of the alumnæ chapters. But in inspections of college chapters, too, she proved herself able to grasp the undergraduate problems of today even though her personal experience with them had almost ceased during the past several years. At 1926 convention, Delta Zeta felt itself fortunate to have available for the post of National President, one connected with its history from the very time of the founding, and happily elected Anne Simmons Friedline to its highest office.

Her administration was marked by careful business methods, and emphasized the work of internal rather than extensional, growth.

By her own request she was again released from council service at the conclusion of the convention of 1928 where she presided with vision and great ability. Her husband's health causing her some concern, she felt her home should come first for the immediate future. Almost tragically prophetic was her feeling, for in the following winter she was to lose her husband, who had been, as she herself said, "the perfect comrade." Irreparably bereaved she yet rallied from this blow with the courage which was hers by nature and training, and again gave herself to service to Delta Zeta, this time in a new capacity. In 1929-30 she was the splendid and tireless guide of Iota chapter, just then moving into its new home with many exacting adjustments to make. She made for herself an outstanding reputation with faculty and others. Wishing to be nearer her home again for business and personal reasons, she assumed the same position with Alpha Lambda chapter for 1931-32. Her sudden death in September 1932 was a shock which took from Delta Zeta a wise and saving counselor, a sound and conservative builder, and true friend. The depth of our loss we are yet to discover fully, as time brings up new situations in which instinct would turn us to Anne Simmons for that balanced judgment, that firmness of decision and that sagacity which were hers in rare measure.

## A Builder of Delta Zeta-Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson

LIZABETH COULTER STEPHENSON, our second President, is so inseparably a part of Delta Zeta, almost from its beginning, that it is difficult to write of any phase of Delta Zeta's life without paying tribute to her loyalty and her service.

The parents of Elizabeth Coulter were Thomas William and Caroline (Cooper) Coulter. Both were American born, Mr. Coulter being of Scotch, Quaker and Dutch ancestry. His grand-parents and his father were among the earliest settlers in Butler County, Ohio, and both father and grandfather were farmers, which vocation Mr. Coulter followed all his life. Mrs. Coulter was the daughter of Dr. Jacob Cooper, a well-known Hebrew scholar, Presbyterian minister, and (for the greater part of his life) Professor of Philosophy in Rutgers College, New Brunswick, N.J. Elizabeth Coulter was the second of five children; Charles, James, Mary and Helen being the others. On the farm, near Oxford,



ELIZABETH COULTER STEPHENSON, First Pledge, First Historian, Second National President, 1912-16

Elizabeth was born, March 14, 1881. With her brothers and sisters Elizabeth attended the country school and at the age of fourteen went to high school in Oxford graduating in 1898 with a high average grade for the course. Thereupon she went to Oxford College for women to continue her education, attracted to this one of the two women's colleges in Oxford, by the fact that her grandmother, Caroline MacDill Cooper, a great aunt Ruth Cooper, and her mother, were all alumnæ of this time-honored institution.

Her brothers were at this time students in Miami University and the distance from their home to Oxford led them to rent a house for themselves. Elizabeth's time was entirely taken up with her studies and the housekeeping for the three of them.

At her graduation from Oxford, in 1902, Miss Coulter received second honors in the classical course, and the degree of Bachelor of Arts. In the following fall she entered the Normal Department of Miami University, where she numbered as friends those who were to become the Founders of Delta Zeta. She became the first pledge of the new sorority, and she was the first person to receive the initiation ceremony, being initiated in March, 1903.

Upon graduating from Miami University with the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy, Elizabeth Coulter became a teacher in the Franklin, Ohio, High School. In the summer of 1904 she returned for the summer session at Miami University. There she had for roommate, Lilla Stanton (West), with whom she studied and "larked" in the beginning of what developed into an enduring friendship.

After this happy summer Miss Coulter resumed her work in the Franklin High School, where she continued to teach until 1906. Being physically worn out by the strain of teaching she determined to make a change and accepted a position as proof reader in a large publishing house in Cincinnati. She was employed as proof reader for three months after which time she was persuaded by Professor Dyer, Superintendent of the public schools of Cincinnati and her former instructor in Miami, to go back to teaching. Accordingly in January, 1907, she began to teach in the public schools of Cincinnati where she taught until 1909, but spent the year 1907-08 in Cornell University. For her year's work she received the master of arts' degree for advanced work in English, her graduating thesis being an important translation of Hermann Paull's conception of

Germanic Philology.\* In 1909 she went to teach in the Norwood High School near Cincinnati. This was her happiest and most successful year of teaching although it was her last, for her marriage to Mr. Henry Lee Stephenson, a merchant of Portland, Oregon, took place July 14, 1910.

Her interest in Delta Zeta began one spring day in 1903 when Anna Simmons approached her in the main hall of Miami University and asked her to become a member of Delta Zeta, explaining the purpose of the budding organization. This appealed strongly to the girl known as Bess Coulter by her classmates so that there was little hesitation in accepting the invitation. Not only were all the members of Delta Zeta her good friends but a further appeal was that this organization was founded with the purpose of becoming a national fraternity. Her grandfather Jacob Cooper had been one of the charter members of Delta Kappa Epsilon at Miami and her brother James was a member of the same fraternity, so it was that a glow of pride accompanied the thought that she might have a little part in such an accomplishment and thus keep up the family tradition.

Her first real work for Delta Zeta was in the reorganization of Delta Zeta after the break in 1906. All her spare time in the summer and fall of that year was spent in correspondence with the alumnæ of Delta Zeta laying plans for the reconstruction of the organization. This resulted in the first National Assembly of Delta Zeta in 1907 in Dayton which has been mentioned before.

The following year while at Cornell Miss Coulter, familiarly known by her associates as "Betty," "Cherub" and "Tommy," planned and established the second chapter of the sorority while the mother chapter was being reorganized. The founding of this chapter was one of the happiest events of her life. Not one refusal met her invitation to become a charter member of Beta chapter, by the girls who were then and have ever since been her devoted friends.

Her next work was an attempt to found a chapter in the University of Minnesota. Although this was a disappointment it only served as an incentive to further efforts for Delta Zeta.

Upon her appointment as Grand President, although just recovering from a serious illness and much of the correspondence having to be done in bed, Mrs. Stephenson went to work with a will. Her idea was to get every girl in Delta Zeta to work her hardest. Every member of Grand Council helped most enthusiastically but those doing unusually valuable work were Grace Alexander Duncan, Epsilon, Anne Simmons Fried-

line, Alpha, Emma Brunger, Epsilon, Gladys Robinson Stephens, Epsilon, and Merle Maxwell Hedden, Epsilon. The 1914-16 administration brought to the front besides these, Martha Louise Railsback, Delta, Gertrude McElfresh, Beta, Nettie Wills Shugart, Zeta, Mildred McKay, Beta, Gretta Tully, Theta, Arema O'Brien, Theta, and Julia Christman, Theta. Mrs. Stephenson was very happy in her work for Delta Zeta although discouragements often came. That her efforts were attended with success was largely due, she always asserted, to the splendid support given her by the national officers and the active chapters. The progress made during this administration has been mentioned elsewhere. She regards as her most important work for Delta Zeta, the reorganization in 1907, founding Beta chapter, founding of Kappa chapter, and the making of a national constitution. In addition to her work for Delta Zeta Mrs. Stephenson always found time to take an active part in the work of her church, in organizing the work of the Campfire Girls and later assisting their program, and in the A.A.U.W., in which organization she successfully held office. After the death of Mr. Stephenson, Mrs. Stephenson again resumed her professional work as a teacher, with distinguished success.

Her appearance at the 1922 Convention, after several years of unavoidable absence was a timely one, as she served with gratifying efficiency on the Constitutional revision Committee at that time. Although she has been able to participate in each of the Province Conventions held in the Northwest Province, she did not again attend a National Convention until 1933. It appeared to all present, very fitting that the first member ever to be initiated by the Founders should be present upon the occasion of the initiation of the first daughter of any Founder.

During her later residence in Portland she continued to be an enthusiastic and valuable member of the alumnæ group. Her participation was somewhat curtailed by heavy professional duties and by impaired health although the latter factor was little commented upon and unknown to many, even close, associates. That her illness was incurable and would be fatal was known to Bess Stephenson but her spirit was such that she surmounted even this cross and if anything, took an even keener delight in the deep and beautiful values of living. Indeed her passing, quickly and quietly coming, found her looking out over the beauty and majesty of the western horizon and exclaiming "How beautiful, how wonderful!"

But whether by coincidence or otherwise, Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson will always be inextricably associated with all that is courageous, vivid, and enduring, in the Delta Zeta Sorority.

<sup>\*</sup> This work was of such outstanding merit as to attain her a place in Who's Who in America.

## **Early Years**

HE year 1905-06 brought surprises. In the fall, Alpha chapter, larger in numbers than at any previous time, had returned bubbling with plans. A house had been rented, they were all to live together, and they confidently expected a banner year. Almost at once they found and pledged several desired girls.

This year, however, they found another sorority on campus. The girls formerly known as the Q.T. had changed to the Greek letter name Φ T, and were not only functioning as a sorority, but boldly offering competition to Delta Zeta by rushing the same girls they were interested in pledging! As time went on, grapevine hints were heard that it was easier to acquire nationalization by joining some already established organization, then by the longer and harder method of building one's own national sorority. Tentative gestures toward establishing new sister chapters seem to lend support to this argument. A little

pressure crept in.

For the first time, no Founder was in the college chapter, though most were either at home or teaching near by. When, presently, they were taken into consultation about approving a petition to some national sorority, they did not unsympathetically refuse to understand the question. Instead, since they could sense the very strong feeling of the college girls for future security, they expressed willingness to lay aside their own dear dream, on condition that all should be talked over with Dr. Benton, in whose judgment they felt they could trust. Together the girls conferred with Dr. Benton, finally deciding on careful choice and procedure, with his full approval. What was their astonishment and unhappiness upon approaching the national sorority of their choice, to learn that their campus rival, too, had set its sights toward nationalization, and with the same goal.

Advice given by friends of both groups was to combine and try again. Both groups concurred in this, somewhat reluctantly. To some of the Delta Zetas it was a heart-breaking decision, for it meant the abandoning of their own precious ideal to build Delta Zeta into national stature. But they mustered their courage and burned all their paraphernalia, joining with the Phi Taus to prepare the petition, which went out in the Phi Tau name. After what seemed an interminable wait, they received the second answer. It was

negative.

To the  $\Delta$  Z Founders this seemed providential. They urged all former Delta Zetas to withhold any petition to another national long enough for themselves to graduate, which would be in 1907.

"Then," they pleaded, "the real Phi Taus can go ahead and make what plans seem best to them, while we can go ahead with our original plan of making Delta Zeta national." But this proposal seemed to delay any action too long to satisfy the girls of either element in the group, and while this state of uncertainty yet prevailed, the college year came to an end, seemingly with everything in chaos.

During the summer, the older alumnæ who were nearby took counsel among themselves as to their own next step in this whole matter. Their feeling remained strong and true to Delta Zeta as conceived originally. From friends in various fraternity chapters the assurance came that they could continue their existence as the corporate body of Delta Zeta and carry out their plans for nationalization. On this reassurance, they proceeded to energetic action. Led and directed by Elizabeth Coulter, nineteen of them assembled one momentous day at the Algonquin Hotel in Dayton. With Eva ShellaBarger as chairman, they courageously declared themselves a Convention, and then and there established a National Assembly of Delta Zeta. Business was conducted in an orderly but determined way, and although they realized that all the early work was to be done over, the incentive to work for Delta Zeta was so strong, that their cherished purpose again seemed within reach. Alfa Lloyd was made Chairman of a Committee on Constitution; and the task of reviving Delta Zeta on the Miami campus was assigned to her and Mary Collins. Extension was placed in the hands of Bess Coulter, and when the "First National Convention of Delta Zeta" adjourned, it was with a new and strong feeling of confidence and unity.

Plan your work, then work your plan! So decided Alfa Lloyd, Mary Collins, Bess Coulter and Jessie Denman, in the summer of 1907. Living there in Oxford, they could work well together. Being right on their beloved campus was a strong bolster to morale. A constitution was prepared, the ritual rewritten, and plans made to recover certain Delta Zeta property which had gone astray.

When Miami University opened in the fall, Mary and Alfa began their search for just the right girls to undertake the important work of re-establishing the chapter on the standards they desired. By January they were sure they had girls with the needed talent, purpose and executive ability; and so, early in 1908, Alpha Chapter began to function again. In June, when the alumnæ could return, formal initiation was held,



THE DELTA ZETA SORORITY founded at Miami University Oxford Ohio, 1902,\_\_\_\_ To all to whom these presents come greeting. It apprearing that Gertrude E. Mc Elfresh, Grace B. Hare. Ida E Bightingale, Marguerite Decher and Emma Chindsay

are students moved studing in Cornell University Ithaca New York, that the
Ellpha Chapter & the Delta Zeta Sorority located at Miami University hereby constitutes the afore-mentioned young women when buly initiated, the Beta Chapter of the Delta Jeta Sorority, estitled to all its rights and benefits. Diven under our hands and seal at Oxford Ohio, this 14th day of March 1908. Alla Llyd President. Ehuldh Backer Secretary.

BETA CHARTER MEMBERS

BETA'S CHARTER

using the new ritual for the first time, to welcome into full sisterhood Lillian Lloyd, Faye Bunyan, Hazel Bryan and Lois Pierce. To this number was soon added Ruth Gaddis, a transfer from Ohio Wesleyan, where she had been a mem-

ber of a local sorority.

Meantime, while Alpha was being brought from a flicker to a strong and true flame, Elizabeth Coulter was lighting a new lamp. In the year 1907-08 she was at Cornell University doing graduate study. Here she had gathered about herself a little band of choice friends who became the charter members of Beta Chapter. Distinguished for the remarkably close and strong friendship which developed as an outcome of the attachment each girl felt for Bess, the members were also outstanding as individuals for their personal and scholastic attainment. Great was the pride and joy in Bess Coulter's heart when on her own birthday, March 14, she lovingly inducted into Delta Zeta the five young sisters she had chosen to bring the name of Delta Zeta to Cornell: Gertrude McElfresh. Erma Lindsay, Ida Nightingale, Grace Hare and Marguerite Decker. Erma Lindsay was the only freshman in the group, and the thrills felt by her at being elected to share honors and happiness with beloved "Betty" were delightfully told by her (LAMP, Volume 3, Number 3) some vears later.

Back at Miami, where another select little band was tending the flame of Delta Zeta, the letters from Bess, with their final happy report,

were joyful news indeed.

#### **Oxford First National** Headquarters

When Bess returned home for the summer, a second Convention was inevitable, and it took place in Oxford. In reality it was little more than a reunion of the Alpha Chapter members; for none of the Beta Girls could come so far "west" even for a sorority convention. So Bess was the only Delta Zeta who had seen any Delta Zetas other than Alpha girls. Her story of the new chapter was naturally the Convention's extension report, and easily its most exciting piece of business. But in the sure confidence that there would be further extension, and realizing that Beta would need guidance to progress in a new year when Bess would not be with it, there was official business in plenty. Ritual and constitution must be officially approved; correspondence with Beta checked and answered; conferences held with the officers of Alpha chapter, and future plans con-

Officers were elected, to serve for two years. Alfa Lloyd became Grand President; Mary Coulter, Grand Vice-President; Jessie Denman, Grand Treasurer and Elizabeth Coulter, Grand Secretary. The constitution designated Oxford as the chief place of business and Alpha Chapter as the governing body, with full powers to grant charters and conduct other sorority business. This action was in keeping with the traditional course of action taken by older and earlier fraternal groups, but why it should have appealed to this group of girls is not clear, unless their strong feeling for using a traditional pattern led them to prove that "ontogeny recapitulates philogeny!"

In the next biennium Delta Zeta prospered. Alpha Chapter was soon recognized by all as holding her former place of prominence on Miami's campus. This was due both to the popularity of the members, and their enthusiasm and energy; and also to the strong local pride which college and town felt for all that was definitely its own. The fact that the headquarters of the young sorority was established there gave Alpha considerable prominence. In her control lay the course of expansion, the providing of installing teams and the issuance of charters. The month of June, 1908, had seen the wedding of Alfa Lloyd to Mr. Orison H. Hayes, and much was made of the sorority motif, the ceremony itself taking place in Benton Hall, while the sorority colors and sorority members added an element of young and romantic interest. To Mrs. Hayes was assigned the larger part of the travelling required for investigation of possible groups and installing of new chapters.

May, 1909 found her journeying to Indiana, where she presided over the installations of Delta Chapter at Greencastle, and Epsilon Chapter at Indiana University, in ceremonies just one day apart. Her assistants for these two occasions were Ruth Gaddis and Frances Knapp of Alpha Chapter. Both these chapters were placed in institutions strongly committed to the fraternal pattern, but still, because each was the first sorority group to be established in a long time, there was considerable of the pioneer quality

present.

True to her great interest in expansion, Elizabeth Coulter had imbued every Delta Zeta with that same zeal. During this same year, Mabelle Hobart, a Beta alumna, was studying at the University of Minnesota. There with Miss Coulter's suggestion and aid, she sought possibilities for a new chapter of Delta Zeta. A small but promising nucleus was organized and in the spring pledged to membership, with final installation as Gamma chapter set for fall. When it was found, in the fall, that unexpected events had prevented the return of the Gamma pledges, Miss Coulter asked

that the name Gamma be held for that campus, since Delta and Epsilon had already been named in spring installations. This was done, and in the course of time, the name was claimed when Gamma became a reality in 1923.

Now it was clear that Delta Zeta was well on her way to meeting the required five chapters which would grant her membership in the Panhellenic Congress. Great satisfaction was felt in the addition of Zeta Chapter at the University of Nebraska, in February, 1910. Although Mrs. Hayes made this trip alone and installed the chapter alone, Fannie Putcamp, one of Zeta's charter members, always insisted that it lacked nothing of the thrill essential, to those who became Zeta's charter members.

The coveted admission to National Panhellenic was duly received in June, 1910; but just before that time, a new chapter had been added for good measure. Eta Chapter at Baker University, Alma Mater of Delta Zeta's beloved Dr. Benton, had been installed just in time for Convention. The installation was courageously conducted by members of Zeta Chapter, which proved as time went on to have a real gift for expansion.

With the granting of Eta's charter in May, 1910, Alpha Chapter had signed the last of the charters granted under the old constitution. Time was indeed bringing changes and growth, and at the Convention of 1910, Alpha relinquished the control which had been given her. The Grand Council elected at that time took full charge of all matters of government, extension and national direction. The "old days" were over. Safely through her gauntlet of tests at last, Delta Zeta was ready to show what should be her contribution and her achievement in the larger field of Panhellenism.



## Conventions

#### Third National Convention Establishes "The Lamp"

N JUNE, 1910, Delta Zeta met for the first convention which strictly deserves the name "national," for the Convention of 1907 was exclusively of members from Alpha Chapter and was devoted to the re-organizing of Delta Zeta; while that of 1908 was held before Delta Zeta had qualified for membership in the National Panhellenic Conference. The Convention of 1910 was therefore a milestone of importance.

"The first session of the Delta Zeta Convention was called to order by the Grand President, Mrs. Hayes, June 17, at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, Indiana." So wrote Ada Mae Burke, E, secretary pro tem.

Indianapolis had been selected for convention because it was the home, by this time, of Mrs. Hayes, and also because its location was central from the standpoint of delegate travel. Roll call was answered by the following delegates:

Alpha Chapter—Ruth Gaddis
Beta Chapter—Abbie Dibble
Delta Chapter—Stella Moor
Epsilon Chapter—Grace Duncan
Zeta Chapter—Miss (Janet) Cameron
Eta Chapter—Miss (Ferne) Samuel

There were also in attendance others who were not voting delegates, but it was a small group which gathered in the famous building on the Inidanapolis Circle, in this first national convention. We can imagine the little prelude of solemnity, the stir and the thrill felt by those taking part in some momentous action. For momentous this convention was. But the language of the secretary reduces the pulsing life of the meetings to the prosaic statements of facts accomplished.

In importance, probably the most important single action was the naming of Ruth Gaddis, just graduating from college, as "editor of the sorority magazine, The LAMP." The name would be a foregone conclusion, but there is no written action of the magazine's being discussed, approved, or named. Evidently this matter had been under consideration beforehand and needed only formal confirmation to become a matter of record. The Editor was named—but the Convention, showing its inexperience in such matters, did nothing to work out the details of financing, publishing or handling other than to rule that all college members would be required to be subscribers to The LAMP.

A Songbook was also approved, with Alma

Miller of Delta as chairman, and Elmira Case, E, as assistant. There were songs at this convention, sung with enthusiasm, too, but most of them were adaptations of favorite college or popular tunes. Alpha Chapter contributed "Dee Zees, happy Dee Zees; alway so gay, never passé..." which proved to be the convention favorite for more than one time. Epsilon came singing the "Epsilon Series," which included



Alma Miller, Δ, who gave Δ Z her first published songbook.

sections to the lilting tunes of "Boola, boola" and others; and boldly borrowed from one of the men's groups was, "We wear the diamond, diamond; we wear the diamond and four pearls . . ." which all were soon singing. The songbook committee felt these somewhat lacking in dignity for putting in black and white.

The special business of the convention was the development of the chapters and their individual members. Mrs. Hayes suggested that annual sorority examinations, in requiring careful preparation by members, might well promote the ideal of member development. The convention approved and adopted the proposed plan. It was also suggested that well-arranged and entertaining chapter programs would aid development of members and chapters. (Is this not the first faint fore-shadowing of the Standards Program?) The Roundtables discussed this earnestly.





What the Well-Dressed Conventioneer of 1912 were to be "in the swim"! Ada Mae Burke, Alja Lloyd Hayes, Myrtle Graeter and Mabelle Minton.

Extension was another fascinating topic. Much information and interesting discussion was exchanged, but no aggressive campaign was formulated.

The official notification that Delta Zeta had been granted admission to National Panhellenic Conference brought with it the necessity for considering some of the matters then being discussed in NPC. Sophomore pledging, which was one of these, was considered in all its pro's and con's. The Delta Zetas expressed themselves as agreeing that "it seems commendable on the whole," but refrained from making a final decision in support of delayed pledging. (In one of its experimental cases it was later to cause the closing of one of these early chapters.)

Many matters, small or great, presented by the member-chapters, were courteously considered by the assembly. An initiation fee of fifteen dollars was established for college chapters, but Epsilon was to be allowed to charge a five-dollar pledge fee, in keeping with campus custom; a bill of \$13.68 to cover expenses of members from Zeta Chapter to conduct the installation of Eta Chapter, received approval; any girl wishing to resign from the sorority must submit her request in writing, for the chapter's action: . . . and so on and on, a drone of business that seems somewhat trivial but must have tingled with importance at the time. The very brevity of the secretary's report, its prosaic and condensed character only shows how completely the chapters had settled into acceptance of their sorority status as a permanent routine. They could scarcely be expected to realize that in a few short years this convention would be looked upon as a pioneer meeting, and every scrap of business eagerly sought.

"The reports of the chapter delegates," wrote the secretary demurely, "were of special interest to the girls from the other chapters." She does not mention those unscheduled sessions which we may be sure then, as later, provided the marginal notes on all official reports and discussions.

It was decided to hold the national assembly biennially. Officers elected for the next two years were:

President—Alfa Lloyd Hayes
Vice President—Kathryn Goodwin, E
Secretary—Ida E. Nightingale, B
Treasurer—Bernice Bassett, Δ
Corresponding Secretary—Martha Railsback,
Δ

The Editor was not a member of the Grand Council, and the Panhellenic representative was to be Mrs. Hayes, with Miss Railsback as alternate delegate. Once more stressing the importance of developing the character and personality of the individual member, the "Third National Convention" adjourned, and its several members left for their homes with satisfying memories of work accomplished, friendships made, training and encouragement gained and given.

September found chapters, committees and Council officers already busy with the year's work. Arrival of the first LAMP was hailed with delight, and the young editor was congratulated upon the speed and effectiveness of her work. A slim little pamphlet of forty-six pages, soberly bound in brown, it was nevertheless pounced upon and read from cover to cover. Its messages from Council, chapter news, glimpses of a larger college and fraternity world, afforded both pleasure and stimulation. The sorority congratulated itself upon having provided itself with this sensitive and visible link between the separate

In January, 1911, the chapters gravely, and favorably, considered the first petition for charter to be granted by other than Alpha Chapter vote. Special interest attached to this new chapter, for Beta Gamma, the local group petitioning, had been formed under the personal guidance and direction of Mary Collins, who was teaching then in Columbus, Ohio. On the university campus, Theta of Delta Zeta attracted attention because it was the first new chapter to be established in a period of fifteen years. However, it was quickly followed by numerous others, the NPC increase accompanying an increase in student enrollment at OSU. For this installation, Martha Railsback was chief installing officer. Her assistants were Fave Bunyan and Frances Knapp of Alpha, now experienced veterans, with Mary Collins of course standing as guardian angel on the scene of action. A terrific snowstorm on the day of installation prevented Grace Duncan, E, from arriving in time to serve as the Editor's proxy, but the ceremonies proceeded smoothly and the new group of ten popular young women was cordially welcomed by fellow-students and campus organizations.

In this year, 1911, Delta Zeta first sent her official representatives to the meeting of National Panhellenic Congress. Mrs. Hayes and Miss Railsback were the delegates, and the verdict of the sorority on receiving their reports, was with inner enthusiasm and outer decorum, that "They acquitted themselves creditably on the committees to which they were assigned." This was an important meeting for the Panhellenic Congress, as it was adopting a new and broader policy for its entire program, revising its constitution to fit the expanding demands of the time. Delta Zeta conscientiously kept her members informed on matters Panhellenic through the medium of the sorority magazine. It was noted that Kappa Kappa Gamma recommended keeping chapter size to thirty; that a discussion of the value of life subscriptions to sorority

magazines was held; that "for ten years NPC has built sentiment; now work years are upon us."

Another important matter before the sorority was selecting the place for the 1912 Convention. Establishing the custom of meeting in some pleasant resort spot, Delta Zeta chose Winona Lake, a naturally lovely park in northern Indiana. Officially the home of the Presbyterian summer assembly, Winona Lake was widely used as a meeting place for other groups and proved an excellent choice for the location of the Fourth National Convention of DZ.

#### Fourth National Convention Fosters Alumnæ Chapters: Founders' Day: Sees Songbook

Quoting from the report of one who attended: "Never was a happier group of girls gathered together. A great amount of business was transacted during the day but fun and frolic consumed the evenings. The hours on the lake are still remembered with pleasure by those who attended. . . ."

Officers and chapter delegates, the business members of the convention, totalled but fourteen. A larger number of visitors was present, however, and such was the informality and comradeship of the meeting, that these made contributions freely and of great value. Looking back, through the reports of the officers and chapters, it was clearly seen how well the guiding theme of promoting individual and chapter development had been followed. The same theme was stressed again in the actions reported and adopted. Reports were detailed but heard with unflagging interest. The number of members elected to Phi Beta Kappa or receiving other honors received due commendation.\* Plans for the more effective self-government of college chapters were formulated, and a "policy" of approved action was adopted to guide the chapters in making local decisions. For the first time in Delta Zeta history the words "rushing rules" receive mention!

Special eagerness was shown over the manuscript of the songbook, presented by its chairmen, and its early printing was heartily authorized. The convention considered its magazine and suggested a broader policy for financing and editorial policy; gratefully heard and quickly put to use by the incoming Editor.

Recognition of the increase in alumnæ membership, with all its possibilities and responsibili-

<sup>\*</sup> Epsilon and Zeta were leading sororities in scholarship on their campi; and Alpha was mourning that a new dormitory at Miami would require her to surrender the house her girls had so enjoyed.

ties, began to be manifested. A "Homecoming Day" was proclaimed, to be observed by all chapters on October 24, 1912, this being the first official Founders' Day observance; alumnæ dues were reduced from three dollars per year to one dollar (this refers to dues alumnæ should pay to the national treasury), and finally, the definite organization of alumnæ chapters was set in motion. Two committees were named in charge of this work, in the states where organized groups seemed most nearly ready to form. Mrs.

CHARTER MEMBERS OF IOTA CHAPTER
SNAVELY HERR AXTON
DYAS PUTNAM
KELLER JOY WILLER

Hayes was chairman for Indiana, with Bernice Bassett and Ada Mae Burke to assist; while Elsa Thoma of Alpha Chapter with Adelaide Hixon of Theta, undertook to organize the Ohio alumnæ.

A committee was appointed "to procure all Delta Zeta pins illegally held by members of the former Phi Tau"; a business meeting of the Council was approved for 1913, and it was decided to hold the 1914 Convention in Indianapolis, with Epsilon chapter as hostess and in charge of all arrangements.

Evidence of the widening program of the sorority was shown by the appointing of a national committee on extension, and of a sorority inspector. The LAMP, too received a considerable staff. Officers elected to serve for the next biennium were more numerous this time, the list of elections showing:

Grand President-Mrs. H. L. Stephenson, A

Grand Vice President—Mrs. Justus R. Friedline, A

Grand Recording Secretary—Mabelle Minton,

Corresponding Secretary—Martha Railsback,

Grand Treasurer—Erma Brunger, E Registrar—Julia Christman, ⊚ Grand Custodian—Bernice Bassett, ∆ Editor-in-Chief—Grace Duncan, E Assistant Editor—Minnie Pratt. △

Advisory Board—Mrs. Ruth Gaddis Jeffries

Mrs. Gladys Robinson Stephens, E Miss Frances Francis, Z

Sorority Inspector and Panhellenic Delegate— Mrs. O. H. Hayes

Extension Committee—Mrs. Frank Hecker (Jessie Denman), A, Chairman

Mrs. R. L. Hazzard, H, Western Member Miss Ida E Nightingale, B, Eastern Member

With confidence in its new Council, proud that the services of three Founders were to be continued under the leadership of Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson, the Convention gathered in high spirits for the concluding banquet. Mrs. Hayes served admirably as toastmistress. "Her words of wisdom, lightened with humor, were well received by the college members," wrote one who was there to know. Mabelle Minton's toast was an account of the founding of Delta Zeta and its early history. This, reported one delegate, "proved most interesting." How grateful we should all be to her if she had preserved a copy! The toast list also included talks by the college delegates whose remarks, on the above authority, "were bright and appropriate."

The consciousness of a high purpose and the confidence of the power to attain that purpose was strong in this group. In a special way they felt impressed upon them by their new president their opportunity to use sorority life as a means for personal achievement and service. In turn, the earnest spirit and loyalty of the members were of great encouragement to the new council.

This spirit of devotion was indeed to stand in good stead during the next biennium. Once again the sorority found itself standing at a possible parting of the ways. To the one hand lay the path of continuing national growth according to the beginnings already made. To the other hand lay the invitation for combining with another group. To those in whose memories the phoenixlike history of Alpha Chapter was still a personal experience, any such proposal was unwel-Nevertheless, unwilling to assume authority for action without the full knowledge and concurrence of the college chapters, the officers had made known to the membership, this proposal and its supporting arguments. They quoted the words of a well-known sorority leader who advocated this move; 'that there were by this time twenty-three sororities carrying chapters in many colleges, and that in the larger universities such as California, Nebraska, and Northwestern. where there were more than ten chapters on each campus, the feeling was expressed that all the really interested and eligible women had been organized, and that there were "too many sororities." 'Suggestion had been made that such a group as Delta Zeta, which had no southern groups, might profitably join with a group predominantly southern, in order that union could accomplish national representation. The warning, sincerely issued, that young groups would find independent nationalization too full of dangers and difficulties for lasting success, was sounded. Those fraternal leaders who were urging the combination of groups and reduction of the total number were experienced, sincerely interested, and acting on the basis of careful study. The group to which they carried their message did not lightly disregard it. This was evidenced by the fact that Delta Zeta had received a number of letters of tentative inquiry and approach upon a possible union. Some came from young groups which felt that the union would, as suggested, give a strength impossible for itself alone; some came from older groups interested in taking the Delta Zeta chapters unto themselves. Sooner or later in every such correspondence it was found that matters of adjusting name, badge and other cherished properties, led to conflict, delay, and the mutual wish to retain the dearest part of sorority characteristics. Delta Zeta decided to continue in her own path of national growth, balancing the fear propaganda with a faith that the way would be opened for her as time went on. Relief at having assumed this course made an interest in Extension very natural at this time.

Mabelle Minton was the guiding spirit in forming the sorority's next chapter, a spirited group at the University of Iowa, which was installed in May, 1913. Though the same spring



GRACE ALEXANDER DUNCAN, E. Editor, 1912-1915



Emma Brunger, E, Grand Treasurer, 1912-14

saw Eta Chapter becoming dormant owing to adverse circumstances following the adoption at Baker University of sophomore pledging, the establishment of Iota and the reporting of two alumnæ chapters, in May, 1913, were convincing evidences to Council, that Delta Zeta was growing.

Indianapolis and Cincinnati vied for honor of announcing the first alumnæ chapter. With the formation of Alpha Alumnæ Chapter, Indianapolis won, but by a small margin, for the Beta Alumnæ Chapter was formed also in May, 1913, at the home of Lilla Stanton West, A. The meeting at which the Indianapolis chapter completed its organization was a luncheon, the first in the long series of State Days!

Taking stock of the situation, Council decided to sacrifice its own pleasure and ease, by omitting a Council meeting in 1913, and applying the funds it would require to other projects of the sorority. Mrs. Stephenson, in her letters to her Council, spoke with especial appreciation of the valiant service being rendered by the LAMP, and which was largely the contribution of the LAMP staff. "Too much praise cannot be given these three girls, Mrs. Duncan, Mrs. Stephens and Mrs. Merle Hedden, who worked so hard, often under great discouragements to enlarge the usefulness of the LAMP," wrote Mrs. Stephenson. She especially praised their service in preparing and publishing in the fall of 1912, a directory of chapters and members. Included in the November 1912 LAMP, it listed seven chapters and a total membership of two hundred and forty names, and was "a most valuable aid to the officers in particular." The LAMP also was notable for its coverage of general NPC material, constantly urging its members to keep awake to Greek advances.

The creation, in the fall of 1913, of a national Extension Fund, was the joint project of Mrs. Stephenson and Mrs. Friedline, who had general charge of the fund. It was raised by the interesting plan of selling "bonds" and an effort was made to create a feeling of personal interest in the project. The funds so secured never attained any spectacular figure, but the amount of interest aroused and information distributed, in the course of the campaign proved fruitful later in strengthening the feeling of individual relation

to the national work.

The conducting of business for a sorority, even a young and small one, by letters, required a great deal of personal devotion and self-sacrifice on the part of every national worker. It became clear to all that as she advanced, Delta Zeta was needing a constitution carefully planned to assist and fit her. All the officers made their contributions of suggestions and advice, but to their Grand President they delegated the actual responsibility of putting the new document into form for presenting to the 1914 Convention. Practically unaided, she made of this "revision" almost a creation; accompanying the national constitution with a local one for the use of college chapters, and making at the same time a number of suggestions for refinements and alterations in the initiation ritual.

In 1914, war broke out in Europe. In the United States life went on very much as usual. If diplomatic notes became more frequent and more strained; if munitions were manufactured in larger quantities than before; if financial circles kept keenly tuned to possible effects from

developments overseas, the average American, and especially the college American, went on without too much consideration of European affairs except in certain tiresome courses in Current Events! Delta Zeta had just installed Kappa

Chapter and was busy growing.

The installation of Kappa Chapter, in April 1914, was Mrs. Stephenson's crowning and generous contribution to Delta Zeta during her presidency. The addition of this chapter was of great importance to Delta Zeta, both because of the outstanding services rendered by many of its members, and because it opened the way for other chapters in the growing and vigorous colleges of the western states.

With the chartering, during the college year, of alumnæ chapters at Columbus, Ohio and Lincoln, Nebraska, the 1914 Convention was assured a roll call of an even dozen chapters: eight col-

legiate and four alumnæ.

So much had been presented through the LAMP about the coming meeting, Epsilon chapter through personal letters had done so much to arouse enthusiasm, that the 1914 meeting proved to be a gratifying success to all who attended.

#### **A Constitutional Convention**

Fifty enthusiastic members registered for this Convention at the City Y.W.C.A. where meetings were held and where delegates and officers were housed. Other guests were entertained in the homes of Indianapolis members. Chairman Sue Reed and her committees had worked untiringly to make officers and delegates comfortable, and the program a success. It is interesting to compare the schedule for five days of convention meetings as planned in 1914, with the same time as planned in years nearer our own. An admirable attention to social events is shown in this Convention. Mrs. Hayes and Miss Railsback opened their homes to the convention guests and the sorority women of Indianapolis for two pleasant events, while the formal banquet was held in the historic Claypool Hotel, and the concluding jollity was enjoyed in the rural background of the Railsback country lodge south of Indianapolis.

The complete program was (see illustration of early convention programs): a simple leaflet of one page, but it shows that the consideration of the constitution was to be a matter of chief importance, and that means strenuous work for any convention. "In spite of the hot weather," wrote Mrs. Stephenson who was doubtless thinking wistfully of Portland's pleasanter climate, "business was conducted with an interest and a vim that showed their faith in Delta Zeta. With equal zest all entered into the pleasures of the

week, everyone contributed her share to the general happiness. The success of the entire convention was entirely due to the delegates' energy and their loyal support to the Grand Council." These words are taken verbatim from Bess Stephenson's own history manuscript, so it cannot be at all amiss for a later historian to write that perhaps the delegates would have attributed some of the success, and some of their own energy and enthusiasm, to those same Council members.

This Convention was really noteworthy for the heavy work schedule which it completed. The admiration, affection and confidence of the sorority for Mrs. Stephenson was an outstanding factor in creating the enthusiasm and despatch with which the sometimes involved and tedious business of thinking deeply on a sorority constitution, continued. Besides drafting the constitution, they gave their attention to standardization of the ritual, consideration and acceptance of the pledge service presented by Delta Chapter, the formation of a definite Social Service policy, and the beginning of an active extension

program.

An inspiring contribution to the Convention was the report brought by Mildred McKay, B, chairman of the Social Service Committee. She impressed upon the sorority the importance of realizing that an organization is useful only as it is of service to others, and she urged Delta Zeta to prepare with purpose, to be ready to serve. In Delta Zeta, she pointed out, was a wonderful opportunity and a matching responsibility, for helping girls solve the problems of college life, which should be considered vital problems. She gave it as her opinion that the most effective service Delta Zeta could render at this time, would be to make a united effort for each individual chapter, each individual member, to be a force in college life; a force that would raise the social, intellectual and moral standards of college women, and inspire all its incoming members with wholesome ideals, and a right understanding of the opportunity and responsibility of a college sorority woman.

This address and the expressions of Council members set the spirit of the Convention as affirming that Greek-letter women had a greater responsibility toward their colleges than other women, because of the greater opportunity to make their influence felt, and the more prominent position they held in the public observation. The reports of the Council members reflected this same spirit. It is interesting to note that Mrs. Stephenson's records state, "a time-saving device, which, however, proved to be very enjoyable, was the arrangement of having the

reports of the Grand Officers to form the toasts at the formal banquet."

A new custom, that of awarding a Scholarship Cup to the chapter having the highest scholastic standing in the sorority, was established at this time. The already-energetic Indianapolis Alumnæ Chapter was ready with a handsome silver cup which it presented to the Grand Council for this purpose. The proud recipient of the cup at its initial awarding was young Iota Chapter. Iota's name recurs again in this same role!

Concurring with the recommendations of National Panhellenic, Delta Zeta pledged itself to stand against excesses in rushing entertainment, impulsive rushing, and other social extravagances. She adhered to the stand against high school sororities, and adopted the rule against initiating honorary members or chaperones, then being fostered by NPC. It needed a period of learning things the hard way to realize that certain of the recommendations coming from NPC were growing out of the needs and desires of groups already maturely developed, and were not, necessarily, suitable for the younger groups which were coming into NPC at this period.

Invitations for the 1916 Convention were received from both Zeta and Theta Chapters. At Convention's request, Mrs. Stephenson made the decision, and in choosing Lincoln, she pointed out that it offered interest in the promotion of extension. Besides making tentative plans for Convention, a reunion of members was planned to take place during the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to be held in California in

1915

By acclaim the Convention returned Mrs. Stephenson to the presidency, finding in her its ideal leader. To serve with her it elected:

Vice President—Martha Louise Railsback Grand Secretary—Mrs. Nettie Wills Shugart, Z

Recording Secretary—Erma Lindsay, B Grand Treasurer—Mrs. Gertrude McElfresh, B

Inspector—Mabelle Minton
Panhellenic Delegate—Martha Railsback
Sorority Historian—Alfa Lloyd Hayes
Editor of the Lamp—Grace Alexander Duncan
Censor for the Lamp—Florence Joy, I
Business Manager—Edith Wray,  $\Delta$ Exchange Editor—Mrs. R. A. Stephens, E
Advertising Manager—Mrs. I. H. Hedden, E

#### 1915 Council Meeting Installs Mu Chapter

The first extension activity for the new biennium was the establishment of an alumnæ chap-



For Nu Chapter's installation at Lombard College, Delta girls came bringing roses. Second from right, in front, is Myrtle Graeter. Second from right, in rear, Nettie Wills Shugart.

ter in New York City. This was greeted with real enthusiasm because the members who in increasing numbers were for various feminine reasons going to New York City, would be sure of a welcoming hand. College chapters installed included Lambda at Kansas State Agricultural College, sponsored by Mrs. Shugart; Mu at the University of California, and Nu at Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois. Of these, Mu Chapter at the University of California holds special interest, historically.

California was the Mecca for many organizations in the summer of 1915, with the Panama Exposition as an especial attraction, Panhellenic was scheduled to meet there in August, and Delta Zeta's Council had timed the installation of Mu Chapter to precede the Panhellenic date. Great pleasure had been taken in the acceptance of the petition of the Enewah Club, group to be installed as Mu of Delta Zeta. Largest of the universities to be entered by Delta Zeta, California had found in its increasing student body, ample room for more than the twelve sororities which had so disturbed Panhellenic prophets a few years before. From a number of "living groups" which were proving useful in serving both university and student body, a number of new NPC chapters were being formed about this time. Enewah, the group which petitioned Delta Zeta, had been on the campus in active existence since 1900. It was, therefore, actually older than Delta Zeta herself. The girls were housed in a comfortable chapter home, and here they welcomed the Delta Zeta Council for the entire duration of the general Council Meeting as well as for the formal installation. The acquaintance fostered between chapter and Council during this time, was to ripen later into exceptionally strong national consciousness from the California chapter, although for a considerable period it was the only Delta Zeta chapter in a large area. Fortunately the advance announcements of the installation, plus the attraction of the Exposition, was bringing a number of Delta Zetas to California, and so the installation ceremonies were attended by much the largest representation, both in numbers and chapters, yet to be present for an installation. The presence of the entire Council gave the occasion unusual impressiveness, much the quality of a Convention. Among campus representatives attending the installation tea were some from a young national founded on the California campus. Its name was Beta Phi Alpha.

Business considered by the Council included the appointing of Arema O'Brien to succeed Grace Duncan as Editor of the LAMP; developing plans for the better direction of chapters, which were everywhere feeling the influence of the many national changes taking place; and acting on Panhellenic matters. Attending the sessions of this Panhellenic meeting was of great value to the Council members, each of whom garnered something of value in her own office. Forming friendships and conferring with officers of other organizations assisted the Delta Zetas; while in their turn, Grand Council felt justifiable pride in the interest shown at a discussion presented by Mary Dranga Campbell, E, at a Panhellenic Round Table on Social Service. Speaking from her experience in the education of the blind, Mrs. Campbell made a valuable contribution. The closing banquet found Delta Zeta represented by Gertrude McElfresh, then professor of English and acting Dean of Women at Oregon Agricultural College, in an especially charming talk.

#### Xi and Omicron Installed, 1916

Convention was to meet in Lincoln, Nebraska, in 1916, and Delta Zeta's year was swiftly and richly rounding out to the expectations of this meeting. Opening the year in an auspicious manner, were two installations, Xi Chapter at the University of Cincinnati, and Omicron at the University of Pittsburgh.

Friendships between Mabelle Minton and Elsa Thoma Baer, of Alpha Chapter and members of the Hypatia, a local society on the campus at Cincinnati, culminated in the installation of Delta Zeta's thirteenth chapter, with thirteen charter members, on January 16, 1916. Instead of a purely conventional tea, this alert young chapter chose a tea-dance for it announcement event; a choice much enjoyed by the student body which came to extend warm welcomes.

Thirteen charter members were also present in the group which became Omicron Chapter. However, this campus was one relatively new to NPC groups, the first having entered in 1915. With sorority consciousness quickened by her experiences during the Panhellenic meeting at California in 1915, Mrs. Mary Dranga Campbell found herself much interested in the members of  $\Sigma \Sigma \Gamma$ , a local sorority on the Pitt campus. The group finding itself reciprocally interested in her suggestion that it turn its growing desire for nationalization toward Delta Zeta, it worked out presently that the installing team for Xi Chapter could also have the pleasure of installing Omicron chapter the next week.

Early in 1916 the Grand Council, and the hostess chapters, Zeta and Lincoln Alumnæ, began a vigorous campaign for the June Convention. The Convention, with headquarters at the Lincoln Hotel, showed increase not only in size of its attendance, but in all that it repre-

sented and reported.

#### 1916 Convention Marked By **Many Changes**

From Kappa Chapter, inspired by their pride in Mrs. Stephenson, came a large delegation. Mu Chapter, too, displayed western energy in its delegates. For the first time, a "Convention Special" train had been enjoyed. Made up at Chicago, where the girls from Indiana, Ohio, New York and intermediate points had come together, it brought the group to Lincoln with

acquaintances already firmly established. The hostesses became famous for their friendliness, their ability to anticipate services desired, their capable manner of planning and managing the full and ambitious program set before the Convention by Janet Cameron, Z. Mrs. Fayette Davis, charming hostess for an informal party on the opening evening, seemed altogether different from the awesome Mrs. Davis known to the college chapters through correspondence on



NETTIE WILLS SHUGART Charter member of Zeta Chapter National "Big Sister": Grand Secretary

Sorority Examinations. A novelty which was to become a tradition was Pageant Night, staged in the Temple Theatre, in which Delta Zeta produced her own varied bill of entertainment, creating the first of many Stunt Nights! A dance for the delegates was the friendly gesture of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity of the University; while other social features included a reception to Lincoln's Greek-letter women, at the home of former Governor and Mrs. Aldrich, chapter patron and patroness.

Business recorded was extensive, some concerned with organizational improvements, such as reducing the number of Grand Officers, and making the LAMP more largely the responsibility of the Editor; granting to Grand Council of full power to carry on business and make all decisions in the interim between Conventions;

naming of Burr, Patterson and Company of Detroit as sole official jewelers. A system of uniform dues for chapters to pay to the National Treasury was evolved; and a service for the installation of college chapter officers was offered and approved. Supporting Panhellenic in its current trend of using the name "Fraternity," Convention recorded favoring the name "Delta Zeta Fraternity," as changed from "Delta Zeta Sorority" of founding days; and it supported the recommendation of the Social Service Committee that Delta Zeta would do her bit for better working conditions for women by insisting on garments bearing the Consumers' League mark of approval.

For the first time Convention witnessed a demonstration initiation in which actual membership was conferred. The two pledges selected for this distinction were Claudia Wells of Lambda Chapter, and Florence Burch of Zeta. Mrs. Shugart presented for approval her "Loving Cup Service" which had been a custom in Zeta Chap-

ter.

The spirit of this Convention, like its attendance, was buoyant. Much of its exhilaration was due to the keynote message of Mrs. Stephenson. In her address, "Unity with Diversity" she compared Delta Zeta to a mosaic masterpiece. Each unit, she said, was beautiful and compact with in itself, and entirely unique. The perfect whole was attained only by the fitting together, with exquisite harmony and meaning, of all the smaller units. The delegates from thirteen college chapters and five alumnæ chapters heard this with open hearts, and found it a message that made a program for progress.

Although the Convention realized with a pang that it could not refuse Mrs. Stephenson's plea to be released from the presidency, its appreciation for what she had already given was deep and sincere; and it could take satisfaction in knowing that the presidency could pass safely into the hands of one ready both by nature and training under Mrs. Stephenson, for this important office. The election of Martha Louise Railsback as Grand President was greeted with spontaneous applause. Serving with her as the first Grand Council of "Delta Zeta Fraternity" were:

Grand Vice President—Erma Lindsay, B Grand Secretary—Rene Sebring Smith, A Grand Treasurer—Hazel Putnam, I Editor of the Lamp—Arema O'Brien, © Historian—Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson Parliamentarian—Ruby Long, K Registrar—Janet Cameron, Z

Auxiliary officers chosen were: Business Manager of the LAMP, Madeline Baird,  $\Theta$ ; Social Service Chairman, Beulah Greer, A; Editor of the

Songbook, Virginia Ballaseyus, M; Big Sister, Mrs. Shugart, Z; and the necessary committees.

The Big Sister program offered by Social Service Chairman Mildred McKay, was one which dealt with chapter guidance, supervision, direction of pledge training, in short, exactly all that the name could imply, which might be carried on through correspondence, centered in one director; and Mrs. Shugart recommended by Zeta for rendering this service to itself, was admirably suited to extending her field of activity. Filling in the years before frequent chapter visitation was possible, this office was one discharged with benefit.

The delegates who had come from Seattle returned with a charter for an alumnæ chapter in their city; while the beginnings of several others soon to be chartered were also heard with inter-

est.

The concluding banquet became, literally, history. Mrs. Stephenson was Toastmistress, and realizing that the story of Delta Zeta's founding could never grow old to her younger sisters, she arranged a symbolic program called, "The Legend of a Rose Garden." With poetic feeling she conceived of Delta Zeta as symbolized in its flower, the Killarney rose, and carried her story from the beginning of the Gardener and his search for the perfect rose, through appropriate topics as Soil, Handmaidens, Thorns, and on to the beautiful full-blown rose. . . . The toasts given on this night were so immediately loved that they were repeated in many times and places; and when she later prepared her own Mss. for the sorority history, Mrs. Stephenson followed this outline, with few changes, introducing the sections with the toasts from the 1916 banquet. Included here is the condensation of it which remained to appear again in the 1934 History of the Sorority.

### A Legend of a Rose Garden

MRS. STEPHENSON:

Years ago in a beautiful land there was a lovely garden filled with all manner of flowers and watched over by a wise Gardener. In the midst of the garden there was a portion which was the pride of the Gardener's heart. Here were roses of every kind. They were varied in hue and fragrance, in size, beauty and texture. The Gardener worked and dreamed among his roses and watched them with careful eyes. Dreaming, there came the desire to add a new variety of a more delicate hue than any there, one that would be fine in texture, rich in fragrance and of enduring strength.

Searching, at last upon the banks of the Killarney in the Land of Loving Kindness, he found a fragile wild rose. From this he took a cutting



CHARTER MEMBERS OF RHO CHAPTER

and returning to his garden he grafted it upon the Red Rose of Courage. With infinite care and tenderness he watched the cutting and found that it grew and would bloom. The unfolding petals showed the hue he desired, a firmer pink than that of the wild rose, but with the added petals of the Red Rose; united were the strength of the one and the fragrance and delicacy of the other. From the new growth of the pink rose he selected another cutting. Having prepared a rich soil, he planted it with loving care. Over it he placed the glass called Truth. That no harm might come to his rose he selected six of his worthiest handmaidens to take charge of it. One was named Enthusiasm. Her zeal never tired. Early and late in the midst of her other labors



CHARTER MEMBERS OF PI CHAPTER, EUREKA COLLEGE

she watched the rose that it would not wither and die. She directed the efforts of her sister, Protection, who guarded the rose that no enemy might do it harm. Sympathy, another sister watched lest the earth around the precious cutting should become dry. Sister Knowledge studied the ways of cultivation, that the rose might be rugged and fragrant. Purity hovered near washing off the plant, taking care that nothing soiled the freshness of its petals. Tenderness ministered both to her sisters and the rose. Under the care of the Wise Gardener and with the ministrations of the six sisters the new rose flourished and bloomed.

#### THE STEM

MARGARET LUCKINGS, B

After the cutting took root the stem developed. The stem of a flower is its pushing force. The stem of our rose is the Council, which through its splendid co-operation and efficiency has given us strength and vigor for the fragile plant so that it has branched out far and wide and has become strong enough to fight successfully any destroying force. Now one stem supports a lovely rose bush bearing hosts of beautiful blossoms. The roses, and every petal of them, know whence the supporting strength of that stem comes and are thankful.

### THE FULL-BLOWN ROSE

JANET GRAY CAMERON, Z

Looking at the center of the rose we marvel no longer at the beauty and strength of the sepals and petals, for strong, straight and majestic in the very center of the rose stands the pistil, symbolical of the Grand President. Supporting this central point are the stamens, symbolical of the officers of the Grand Council.

As the petals of the rose open out they are as dreams come true. When life first stirred in the veins of the young plant there was the conception of the perfect rose and all through the period of growth it was planned for.

And now as the buds unfold giving promise of the glory to come, we feel that exhilaration, that exultant expectancy that comes when we know that our ideals are about to be realized. As the petals open out one by one we are almost breathless, for each one is different. One is curved gracefully, one is almost smooth, one is tinged with a little deeper shade of pink, yet all are of wondrous beauty.

#### HALF-BLOWN ROSES AND ROSEBUDS Frances Brown, M

The first buds to brave the cold and breeze are our first chapters; many of their petals are opened out to show a deeper shade of color.



Arema O'Brien Kirven, Theta, Editor, 1915-1922; Social Service Chairman, 1922-1926

Close to the heart of the plant are the unopened buds just lifting their soft-hued faces to the light. These are the newest chapters.

Though every bud is different—for were they all alike the plant would never be so beautiful, it would not be a rose—yet there is about them a certain similarity in form and harmony, in shading, that marks them all as children of the same mother plant. No bud or half blown rose is unnecessary or unimportant, none must droop or have imperfect edges for the marring of one bud or bloom or one petal ruins the beauty of the whole plant. May each chapter have the vision of the perfect rose, each girl see the glory of the perfect petal, that the petals may make a perfect full blown rose and the plant become a most beautiful blending of color and form, a perfect creation.

# Chapter Districts Promote Inspections

The new Council began work with seriousness and dispatch. Evidences of their executive ability were seen within the first year. Profiting from Panhellenic observation, Miss Railsback had effectively planned for chapter supervision and visitation by forming the chapters into eight

Districts, each under the supervision of one of the eight Council officers. A general interest in alumnæ and in possible extension in states not as yet containing any chartered chapter, was also assigned these officers. With this improved organization, it was possible for the business of the sorority to be handled more easily and more efficiently than heretofore. The first year of the new plan yielded splendid results; all chapters were visited and assisted with their chapter problems. Martha Railsback made the longest, a western trip; partly by automobile, which required some courage at that time. Alumnæ chapters welcomed four new groups-Lafayette and Ft. Wayne, in Indiana; Omaha, Nebraska and Berkeley, California. Two new college chapters had been added in the spring of 1917; Pi Chapter at Ureka College, in Illinois, and Rho Chapter at the University of Denver.

Plans for the 1917 Council Meeting were reviewed in the LAMP of that spring. An interesting arrangement was outlined. Grand President Railsback had opened for this meeting, her family's summer cottage, not far from Indianapolis. Here in comfort but seclusion, Council could meet at work; here also, in the needed leisure hours, Delta Zetas who might like to come together for a "House Party" with each other and their officers, were invited. It proved to be a successful plan, and afforded to a number of members who had never been able to attend a Convention, an opportunity to know some of its experiences.

#### Loan Fund Begun

Before the Council assembled for this meeting, America had entered into World War I. Council gave special attention to the unusual phases of the usual college and sorority activities which this national situation was sure to create. Especially it was felt that the eight college chapters which lived in and managed their own houses, would meet difficulties, and should receive greater assistance. A National House Management Committee was formed for this purpose. The inspirational value of the work carried on by the National Big Sister was noted and appreciated. The report of the Social Service Committee showed that a number of chapters had found opportunities to sponsor some worthy local altruistic project, and Miss Greer gave details of these. It was reported that a certain amount of difficulty was being experienced in finding consumer goods bearing the NCL label, but in the interests of child welfare and better conditions for working women the sorority stayed by its pledge. Miss Greer contributed a history-making recommendation which found expression in the Council Minutes as follows: "Moved, seconded and carried, that our Social Service Fund, started

with the royalty on pins, be thrown into one general fund, to be considered as a loan fund which may be used for a scholarship fund for chapter loans or for the promotion of social service at the discretion of a committee to be appointed by the President and the Vice President, and the latter to be Chairman of the Committee." And, "Moved, seconded and carried that all alumnæ chapters be asked to contribute \$25.00



Erma Lindsay Land, Beta, Grand Vice-President 1916-20, Delta Zeta's first Phi Beta Kappa.

to this fund during the year of 1917-18." And thus was created our Scholarship (Loan) Fund.

At this time the Council received and adopted for trial a plan for the uniform financial management within college chapters. Myrtle Graeter Malott, who had been named on the National Finance Committee at 1916 Convention, presented this before the Council as the contribution of her husband, a finance specialist. Realizing the timeliness and efficiency of such a system, Council adopted it and continued to use it with but few modifications, for the next twenty years.

Interest in extension had remained strong since the 1914 Convention, and took more than an academic form at this meeting. Mrs. Shugart, who had from the very first been a sort of guardian and guiding spirit for the activities of Zeta Chapter, had found to her pleasure that two young Zeta alumnæ were teaching in Universities where she felt entrance by Delta Zeta was timely and would be beneficial both to the sorority and the institution. Her alumnæ assistant, Mayme Dworek at the University of Louisiana and

Fannie Putcamp at the University of North Dakota, had fallen to work enthusiastically, capably and with exceptionally fine success. Council received with great pleasure and surprise the petitions of Alpha Alpha Zeta, from Louisiana State University, and Alpha Sigma Alpha at North Dakota. Both were groups of outstanding excellence in themselves, and each introduced Delta Zeta to a new and important section of the country.

Prompted by the thought that other similar circumstances might arise, Council prepared a set of instructions for use with future petitioning groups. News of these new groups went out with reminders to members . . . "Members, attention! When travelling, leaving your chapter, or going to a college where there is nothing known of Delta Zeta (incredible supposition!) remember that through your interest, your praise, your influence, a new chapter may be added to Delta Zeta. Every favorable word counts—every

thought counts. Remember!"

With plans for installing Sigma at LSU and Upsilon at North Dakota, made; and with some plans and much hope that the war situation would resolve itself soon enough for a Convention to be held in 1918 (Beta had long been dreaming of being hostess), the combined Council Meeting-House Party turned to its various homes. Council had finished a year of arduous work, often at personal cost both financially and in energy given. They felt that the flourishing state of the sorority was ample reward for their efforts; and they imbued the chapters with the same strong spirit of sturdy performance. The consciousness of national unity was strongly evident in chapter relationships and in the message exchanged through the LAMP pages.

The fall of 1917 saw America's colleges opening under strange new conditions. The college world and the little fraternity world within it, were beginning to be affected by the war. Boys marched away to fight, or to be trained to fight; or stayed on campus and trained to march away. Fraternity houses became barracks overnight; the campus rang with military music and other less musical sounds as the great mass of S.A.T.C.

was set going.

This same fall found energetic, freedom-conscious Martha Railsback on her way to California, where she became a part of the National Council for Defense, with headquarters at San Diego. Giving unstinted service in this her real job, she managed at the same time to hold the helm of Delta Zeta steady, although the double duty was assumed at a real sacrifice of her own energy and time. Writing in the LAMP, Volume VIII, Number 2, she stated humorously that her official

title was "special worker for the National War Council of the Y.W.C.A." but that as she was usually introduced as the "War Secretary" it

didn't matter much anyway.

In the ranks of the youthful Delta Zeta there not many members at this time with the required training to undertake very exceptional or conspicuous service. Most of her service was that which could be rendered by the college or alumnæ chapter units. Still she was not without members who were mobilized for service in more official ways, and to all these she rendered special honor and recognition as far as possible.

The Lamp carried a column listing all members who were officially in war service, as well as the men—fathers, husbands, sweethearts and brothers—who represented them particularly. Wartime brides figured rather plentifully among the personal notes. One of them was Myrtle

Graeter, October 1917.

Chapter letters chronicled the activities undertaken in each college, Beta was the first Red Cross knitting unit to be completed on the Cornell campus, while Ida Raffloer was inspector for all finished articles produced by campus workers. Theta subscribed \$250.00 for the Army Y.M.C.A. and raised the money by many means, some of them amusing. Mu chapter purchased Liberty bonds with the money which would have paid for the 1917 Founders' Day banquet. Lambda and other chapters made generous chapter gifts to war causes. Girls joined the Red Cross Motor Corps; formed Food Conservation Units; the chapter houses came under the regime of "meatless, wheatless, heatless" days; supported the sale of War Savings Stamps; bought posters for the Belgian Relief. When the flu pandemic swept the country, they were numbered among the emergency nurses.

Appeals for help to foreign child victims of war were effective. Columbus alumnæ adopted, first one, then two, French war orphans. Beta chapter adopted a Belgian baby; Pi chapter

sponsored a French orphan.

Individual members went into service as nurses, as yeowomen, as hostesses in Recreation Houses in Training camps, or joined other organizations giving special war services. Many of these workers were, naturally, in clerical positions. The Lamp included in its lists: Helen Lane, Alpha, Red Cross Home Service; Helen Pearson, Delta, with the Red Cross in St. Louis; Lucy Shelton, Red Cross dietitian: Ermine Felter, Pi, exemption board work; Helen Murray, Theta; Dorothy Morehouse and Kirsten Larsen, Kappa, in Surgeon-General's office; Louise Harvey, Mu and Helen Schumacher, Kappa, yeowomen; Edith Fox, Delta; Mayme Dworak, Zeta and

Elsie Stewart, Kappa, in laboratory work at the base hospital in Ft. Douglas and elsewhere.

Among those doing nursing service were Fae Tolles, Z; Ruth Murray,  $\Theta$ ; Margaret Hope,  $\Lambda$ ; Cora Higgins, Z; Celia Lorance,  $\Lambda$ ; Martha Ford, P. Also among the nurses must go the name of Flora Margaret Ruth, E '15, whose term of service at Camp Pike, Arkansas was cut short by death in October 1918. She had gone into



GEORGIA LEE CHANDLER, Epsilon, YWCA Overseas Worker, 1918-19

service only in February, an exceptionally talented and promising girl of many interests, winning personality, beloved by her chapter and many college friends. Her death brought to Delta Zeta the only gold star in her member service flags; and for Indiana University her gold star is the only one representing a woman's name in the casualty lists.

Fittingly, Delta Zeta's first member in overseas service of any kind was Mildred McKay, B. After several months of service as hostess in the Camp Upton Hostess House, she was assigned to Canteen Service in France. She did not fail to keep her Delta Zeta sisters in mind, as she sent back letters to them which appeared in the LAMP, Vol.

VIII, No. 2 and Vol. IX, No. 4.

Others who served overseas were three Epsilonians: Jo Miller Gordon, Georgia Chandler, who spent several months during the Reconstruction period as assistant to the Women's Reconstruction Committee of the Y.W.C.A., and whose special work was the managing of one of the Paris pensions; and later in the war, Mary Dranga Campbell, who sailed with the Serbian

Relief Commission, first assistant to the director. Having long lived in Serbia, Mrs. Campbell was exceptionally fitted for her assignment and did it so meritoriously that she received the decoration of the Serbian government.

Early in 1918 it was realized that national conditions growing out of the war would make a convention postponement necessary, but plans were made for Council to meet in Columbus, Ohio, from June 10-16, and to make some of the sessions open to visiting members who might be able to attend. Theta Chapter and Columbus activating Eta chapter brought approval and the setting of October 1918 as the date for reopening.

Extension was a matter of moment. Reports from the installation of Tau Chapter at the University of Wisconsin in the spring of 1918, as well as those of Sigma and Upsilon, were heard with appreciation by the Council and their numerous guests (for an appreciable number of alumnæ and college members attended many sessions, and gave quite a "Convention-al" appearance). Petitions from Δ Φ Φ at Washington



CHARTER MEMBERS OF UPSILON CHAPTER

Alumnæ chapter became hostesses for the events of the week, and while some of the Council members living at great distance were unable to attend, officers in attendance included: Miss Railsback, Miss Smith, Miss O'Brien, and Miss Baird, Miss Ann Younger, then Songbook Chairman, and Myrtle Graeter Malott, member of National Finance Committee and acting Treasurer.

The usual routine of business took place, consideration of reports from Council members and committees, with suitable action; certain changes in the constitution approved pending action by the next Convention; an additional year of trial for the treasury system recommended; the consideration of Mrs. Shugart's careful plans for reState College, and Z X at Oregon Agricultural were received, with the endorsement of Mrs. Mc-Elfresh, their sponsor, and Ruby Long, and a prompt affirmative was granted to Kappa's request that she be given these new neighbors. Arrangements were begun for their installation as Phi and Chi Chapters.

Ann Younger reported work going slowly on her Songbook collection, but Mrs. Stephenson, after two years of devoted labor, was ready with the Mss. for the completed opening chapters of her history, together with a complete plan for its organization and outlines of later chapters. Delta Zeta heard this report with marked satisfaction, and urged the completion of the work, and the earliest possible printing.

Concern was felt over the report that sorority members were being charged with undemocratic attitudes to non-sorority women; and the problem of keeping in touch with alumnæ was rewar, it was with something of the effect of being thrown back on its heels that the sorority awoke in November to find the war over, the barracks effects of college beginning to pass away, and in common with other organizations, began taking



CHARTER MEMBERS OF SIGMA CHAPTER

garded as needing constant attention. Roses were received from the official jeweler, and messages of congratulation sent to two busy members of the Extension committee, upon the occasion of their marriages.

Delta Zetas took time out to hold a Panhellenic reception and to have a large luncheon with talks by President Railsback and other notables, concluding the meeting.

Geared to an expected prolongation of the

stock of her current status in order to plan as wisely and quickly as possible for the inevitable and imminent readjustment which would be ushered in with the New Year, 1919.

In January, in the midst of a terrific blizzard, Nettie Wills Shugart and Myrtle Malott conducted installation services for Upsilon Chapter, and wrote glowingly of the really unusual group of girls which were to represent Delta Zeta in this new area. On the campus of Washington State College, Easter Eve was solemnized by the initiation of the new Phi Chapter, in time for the group to attend the unique Easter morning service dear to this campus... One week later, the \(\Sigma\) A E house at Oregon State College bore a most unusual appearance, as it was temporarily taken over by a busy group of young and younger women, the installing officers and charter members of Chi Chapter of Delta Zeta.

The summer of 1919 brought a blow in the shape of Martha Railsback's resignation as President. The pressure of her own responsible position as a Special War Counselor for the YWCA could no longer be carried with sorority duties added. The presidency of Delta Zeta, the last in a long list of sorority services, was, she felt, about to require more rather than less attention. . . . Miss Smith, quick to realize that the loss of Miss Railsback's guidance would greatly handicap Delta Zeta, led the chapters in presenting to her an urgent plea to reconsider, at least long enough to conduct the 1920 Convention. This, though done in such a spirit as to leave "Our Martha" no doubt as to her place in the regard of her chapters, was not successful in changing her conviction as to her best course. Bowing to the fact that the sorority must not exact the unreasonable, Delta Zeta accepted the resignation, trying as best she could to speak words of appreciation for the unceasing service which Martha Railsback had given in her years of promoting the welfare of Delta Zeta.

An additional complication was the inability of Grand Vice President Erma Land to step into the Presidency at this time; for the announcement that she was succeeding to the Presidency coincided with a very personal announcement that the small daughter she had just welcomed was "doing well." Due to these developments, Rene Sebring Smith as next in succession, assumed the duties of Acting Executive. To finish her own term as Grand Secretary she appointed Luella Reeder, a charter member of Eta Chapter at its re-establishment, and then secretary to the President of Baker University.

The reorganized Council promptly assumed its work and kept the sorority moving on in remarkably smooth fashion during the rest of the biennium. The absence of confusion or complication was gratifying testimony to the effectiveness with which the chapters had absorbed the spirit of their leaders, and learned the successful management of themselves. In an early message the new Executive pointed out that with war at a close, the four-year period of no convention must indeed be broken by a convention in 1920,

and after taking counsel with chapters and associates, Denver was selected as the meeting place, with Rho, Lambda and Eta Chapter sharing hostesship.

#### 1920 Convention "Mile High Convention"

To the Shirley Hotel in Denver, there came, in June 1920, a group of Delta Zetas whose enthusiasm carried more than a touch of pure curiosity. Few of these girls had ever attended a Convention, or even had a delegate come home from one to tell about it. Registered delegates included seven Council officers, twenty-one college chapter delegates and delegates from ten of fourteen chartered alumnæ chapters. In addition, an appreciable number of guests were in attendance. The Denver Post, probably influenced by the "mile high" atmosphere, exuberantly chronicled "1500 Pretty Girls Attended Sorority Convention" but numbers alone showed error for the girls were pretty, and they were indeed enthusiastic and intent upon their convention affairs.

In every report, officer, chapter or committee, there was evidence of progress made in spite of the strain of the war years and the curtailment of sorority programs.

Chapter representation showed delegates making their début from the following chapters, Xi, Omicron, Pi, Rho and Sigma from the first biennium; Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi, and, as a surprise, Psi Chapter at Franklin College in Indiana. The installation of this third chapter in the Hoosier state had been Miss Smith's last duty before setting off to Convention. Convention beamed over this progress in membership, and agreed that it was a fitting time to go forward in growth. Consequently it welcomed the petition from Delta Psi, at the University of Oregon, to become Omega Chapter of Delta Zeta.

Better to accommodate the supervision of chapters, there were set up at this time four Provinces to replace the former eight Districts; and the work of chapter visitation and supervision was to be delegated to a President appointed for each Province, this lightening the duties of Council members, who were previously responsible for visiting districts. With the provision for Provinces and Presidents, Delta Zeta inaugurated the combining under one officer of extension and inspection in each designated area.

Ritual and constitution were found to need some attention. Constitutional changes (aside from adding the Big Sister to the list of Grand Council officers), dealt mostly with the manner of payment of Life LAMP subscriptions and Life Alumnæ dues (twenty-five dollars for each, pay-

able in five annual installments of five dollars until completed). Esther Culp of Pi chapter was made chairman of the Ritual Committee, with instructions to present their work to the 1922 Convention. The issuances of the Fifth edition of the Directory of Members was reported, but a new one was already needed! Adoption of the excellent Pledge Training bulletin which Edythe Wilson of Lambda Chapter had created and used in her own chapter, was proposed. The value of a regular, uniform type of pledge school and a nationally prepared Pledge Training Book was enthusiastically approved. The book was requested for distribution in the fall.

There was much ado in general about alumnæ; the ways in which to maintain their interest, to help them increase chartered groups, make their meetings more meaningful, fit the sorority activities into the avowed aim of having Delta Zeta and Delta Zetas be a recognized force for good and for progress among women. It was proposed that Delta Zeta enlarge her programs of social service to be coordinated under national direction of one large project; that the Scholarship Fund not be confined to the use of members and chapters, but that effort be made to increase it and to extend its use to the proposed new altruistic project. Though considered with interest, the convention contended itself with approving further investigation into this general idea, taking no action at this time, since no definite project for consideration had been presented.

At this Convention, too, it was decided to return to the uniform pin for all members, thus discontinuing the "all-diamond" alumnæ pins which had once seemed desirable and of which but few were ever actually ordered.

Much business of both national and local concern came before this Convention, but the conclusion of the meeting was that in national matters they preferred to make haste slowly. In this, the combined Seventh and Eighth Convention of Delta Zeta, they could see what growth had been made since Convention had met in Lincoln, 1916. New problems, new adjustments, presented themselves to this assembly, and bade fair to continue demanding attention for a considerable time. Careful consideration, the setting up of a committee to study and report, rather than to act in the few short convention days, was the choice of the assembly. They sensed that great changes had taken place in the college and sorority world, demanding watchful care, planning for each forward step to be one of real advance. In particular there were two schools of thought on the matter of chapter chartering expressed. One urged that new chapters be considered only at a National Convention. The other proposed that

Council's judgment between Conventions might bring a petition before the chapters for their vote. Though the latter officially carried at Convention, the strength of the former was in evidence during the next biennium, and regardless of the sincerity of its adherents, caused some delays in adjusting to the developments of the next two years.

The Convention was quick to underscore its appreciation of the fine leadership given by Rene Sebring Smith, by electing her to the Presidency. Serving with her were a number of experienced officers continuing their service, and some promising new ones. The nine Grand Council members named were:

President—Rene Sebring Smith
Vice President—Ruby Long
Grand Secretary—Luella Reeder, H
Grand Treasurer—Myrtle Graeter Malott, Δ
Editor—Arema O'Brien
Big Sister—Nettie Wills Shugart
Parliamentarian—Alys Sutton, Σ
Registrar—Henrietta Schlegel Jones, O

Gertrude McElfresh was appointed Panhellenic Delegate, and the LAMP was provided with a new staff of assistants.

With the installation of these officers the concluding banquet expressed the confident feeling that with the closing of the recent period of national emergency, a new era of nation-wide progress would follow, in which Delta Zeta was ready to do her part well.

This anticipation proved true in realization. Colleges grew apace as "normalcy" once more spread its blessings over the United States. Sororities met with opportunities for scores of new chapters. Delta Zeta duly installed Omega chapter in October after Convention. Enthusiasm for a new chapter in the vigorous Northwest was shown by the very large representation of members attending the installation, the highest so far on record. As Oregon State College and the University are but forty-five miles apart, an interesting plan developed, for sharing sorority experiences, and Chi Chapter came in a body for the installation, the two chapters soon enjoying their first reunion on the occasion of Founders' Day.

Alpha Alpha Chapter at Northwestern University was also installed this same fall, the happy culmination of a long and sometimes discouraging period of working and waiting for the girls of the chartering group. Alpha Beta Chapter at the University of Illinois was also in process of developing at this same time, but its actual installation did not take place until the spring of 1921. Illinois was now the first state to boast four college chapters. Stimulated by these new



CONVENTION MET ON THE CAMPUS OF CORNELL UNIVERSITY FOR ITS FIRST EASTERN MEETING, 1922

groups, an alumnæ chapter was growing in Chicago, waiting to be chartered at the next Convention.

Though these three chapters concluded the installations for the biennium, chapter development was carefully encouraged, province presidents visiting all college chapters, and, for the first time, alumnæ chapters as well. The arrival of the new green-and-gold songbook was another potent factor in promoting inter-chapter unity and kinship. Pride was taken, too, in the election of Arema Kirven as Chairman of the NPC Editor's Conference at its meeting in Indianapolis in 1921.

The sorority's cherished dream of meeting with Beta chapter was realized in 1922. On the beautiful Cornell campus at Ithaca, New York, there gathered in June, 1922 by far the largest and in many respects the most enthusiastic Convention yet reported. Hostesses were Beta college chapter and New York Alumnæ Chapter, who proved themselves all that could be desired. Meeting in the actual college halls, there was at once the seclusion form city bustle, and the familiar atmosphere of college background. Sage College was a comfortable and convenient home, while the beauty of the campus, of the exquisite little chapel, and of the outside area which was enjoyed in a day of recreation added much to the satisfaction of the Convention.

Arrangements had been made for a number of coaches to be combined at Chicago to form a Convention Special, with Ruby Long as official hostess. This was sufficient to guarantee that the delegates arrived at Ithaca well acquainted, and fully indoctrinated for fullest possible enjoyment of Convention's offerings. The hostesses had planned with thrift in mind, knowing the condition of college girl's purses at the end of a year; total cost for the five days of Convention was, they pointed out, "really reasonable; five dollars a day for meals and room, and seven dollars for registration and entertainment fee." Ah, dear pre-inflation days!

Several matters of business shared top ranking for the attention they received. Great enthusiasm greeted the report of the Extension Chairman, Georgia Chandler Hornung who presented to Convention petitions from five groups, representing as many types of colleges and sections of the country. Each group had been visited by a Delta Zeta officer, and approval for the five was unanimous. Chicago and Los Angeles were also chartered as alumnæ groups.

The Social Service suggestion begun at 1920 Convention flowered into action when the motion was made that Delta Zeta adopt in a national way, the support of a school, in the mountains of Kentucky, part of the work of the Caney

Creek Community Center, Inc. An account of the work of this center, and of one Delta Zeta worker's enthusiasm for her share in it, with her desire to see Delta Zeta share this service, was the letter sent Convention from Esther Mooney of Delta Chapter. The opportunity to share with those whose narrow circumstances were from no fault of their own, made a distinct appeal to the sorority, and the project of establishing "The Little Lamp" received a very vigorous approval.

The Treasurer, Myrtle Malott, had the pleasure of reporting the treasury to be in the best condition of its entire history. "Short—but sweet," was her characteristic opening remark; sweeter perhaps to her than to any other, after five strenuous years of watching, planning and

budgeting.

Reports of the college delegates formed the material for interesting sessions, as the members compared notes of their chapters and colleges. Fifteen house chapters wondered how chapters managed to develop a life of their own in dormitories, or, worse yet, live at home and commute. Non-house chapters wondered where the time and know-how could come from, to engage in so responsible an undertaking while going to college. Small-college girls dwelt upon the values of their Alma Maters; girls from the great state universities expressed appreciation of their greater advantages. One and all realized that the sorority was growing in every way, and that it was certainly about to burst out of its old garment, the Constitution of earlier years. Julia Bishop Coleman, Historian, laden with files, expressed a measure of this realization in her report: "much labor, some results, and hope for the swiftly approaching future, which should be included in the records."

As the full extent of an organization's needs began to be outlined in the reports of chapters and officers, attention naturally turned to proposals for adaptation, which in turn would create constitutional changes. One of the most challenging sessions of the entire Convention was the Constitution meeting. Presented by Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson, the changes proposed were concisely explained, related to the whole structure of the sorority, and the recommendations of the Constitution Committee when finished and adopted, found Delta Zeta moving far out in the forefront of progressive sororities, establishing a national headquarters with an executive secretary in charge. Here were to be kept all records. files and supplies, and distributions likewise to be made therefrom. When Rene Sebring Smith was returned to the presidency, Convention voted to open the new office in the city of her residence in order that its beginning should have her guidance and direction.



Convention Programs

Note that the program for 1914 consists of one single sheet.

Council members to serve with Rene Sebring Smith included:

Grand Vice President—Julia Bishop Coleman Secretary—Marita Oelkers Littauer, B Treasurer—Edythe Wilson Thoesen, Λ Editor—Vera Brown Jones, A A Registrar—Myrtle Graeter Malott Parliamentarian—Ruby Long Historian—Grace Mason, E Big Sister—Nettie Wills Shugart \*Extension Secretary—Georgia Chandler Hornung, E

Arema O'Brien Kirven, requesting her release from Editorship after the longest single service given to that office, was placed in charge of the new Social Service work; the needed committees were appointed, and the post-Convention Council Meeting named as Executive Secretary a new worker in the national forces, Grace Mason.

The fall of 1922 found a new name on the business directory of the Johnson Building in Muncie, Indiana. In Room 464, it stated, the Delta Zeta Sorority Headquarters would be found. There was nothing very pretentious about this first Central Office. It was convenient to town and to the office of the Grand President, in the city YWCA where she was General Secretary. But the Grand President and the Historian-Executive were quite pleased with their labors when the opening of the college year found all in readiness for the new service. A tremendous amount of work had gone into the preparations, packing and instructions to carry on the installation of the chapters chartered at Convention. In September busy installation teams ushered into official existence the following chapters: Alpha Gamma, University of Alabama; Alpha Delta, George Washington University; Alpha Epsilon, Oklahoma Agricultural College; Alpha Zeta, Adelphi College. The energetic new Editor thrilled her readers with the stories of these events, and early showed a pleasing habit of using many pictures with her material. In January she reported the addition of Alpha Eta, University of Michigan.

Chapter inspections began promptly, and went steadily forward all year. The Extension Chairman presented two more petitions too enticing to hold back, and before the end of the college year two new chapters had joined the chapter roll. These were Alpha Theta at the University of Kentucky and Gamma, the long-awaited, at University of Minnesota.

Indianapolis was the scene of the 1923 meeting of Grand Council, and while business sessions occupied most of the time, social gather-

ings arranged by the hospitable alumnæ brought officers and members together for an initiation, as well as for a successful project then just becoming popular, a summer rushing party conducted by all the chapters in the state, and entertaining girls planning to enter any college where Delta Zeta was located. So much progress had been made in the thirteen years since Indianapolis had entertained the First National Convention, it was small wonder that a member whose experience included both events should twinkle, "How the child has grown!" This meeting was to hear the report of continuing growth in every department. Mrs. Hornung, Chairman of Extension, presented an impressive list of local groups in process of qualifying to petition for installation, and announced that one group had been favorably voted upon during the year, to be installed in November 1923 as Alpha Iota Chapter (University of Southern California). Mrs. Coleman's report of alumnæ activity was equally vigorous. Detroit qualified for a charter, Detroit and Cleveland would soon be added to the list; alumnæ associations, based on a successful plan introduced by Upsilon Chapter, were proving themselves popular and helpful. Mrs. Coleman's recommendation that for clarity and ease of understanding, Alumnæ Chapters should in the future be named for the city of location, rather than with Greek-letter names, was accepted. A timely move, indeed this proved to be, against the days when alumnæ chapters passed the one hundred mark!

Reflection of the prosperity enjoyed by the entire nation as wartime stress was replaced by business of peace, was shown in the favorable report of the National Treasurer. Mrs. Malott reported the growth and usefulness of the sorority's two Loan Funds, the improved management chapter visitors had found. Mrs. Kirven, arriving fresh from a visit to "The Little Lamp," was able to report that sorority funds being shared with mountain people were rendering a service both truly helpful and appealingly effective. Miss Smith reported that NPC was uniting its member organizations in two interesting projects. First of these was a gesture of international helpfulness, the rebuilding of the famous Library of Louvain, a wartime casualty. Second was the erection of a "Panhellenic House" in New York City, to serve not only as meeting place for sororities, for the NPC or for other groups, but to provide living accommodations for the many hundreds of college and sorority women annually going to New York and for whom selection of suitable living quarters was often a great problem and obstacle to success and happiness. Delta Zeta had contrib-

<sup>\*</sup> Added to Council officers by this Convention.

uted generously to these fine projects, both from the National Treasury and through an educational campaign within the chapters, who had

responded in a gratifying manner.

Mrs. Jones was congratulated on the excellence and growth of the LAMP and plans were begun for a Life Subscription plan that should provide a Magazine Endowment Fund. Although publication of a new songbook would require an extension of time in preparation, the sorority's twenty-first birthday was to be observed by devoting the December, 1923 LAMP issue to Delta Zeta's first published and completed, though abbreviated, history.

The last day of the meeting was devoted to an excursion to Bloomington, Indiana, where Epsilon chapter was completing a new chapter house in time for fall college opening. The busy Executive Secretary counted up the figures from annual reports and reported this would be the thirteenth house owned by the twenty-four chapters then operating chapter homes; and the total valuation of these houses exceeded \$300,000.00 (a sum which at that time could represent far more and perhaps better housing than would be

typical of 1953!)

Scarcely had the college year opened when Mu chapter was to lose her home in the disastrous fire which swept through Berkeley. Though the clustering ivy which had given the house at 1837 Arch Street, such a charming distinction, could not be duplicated, the new home, begun immediately and carried through promptly by the wonderful and loyal cooperation of Mu alumnæ, ranked as one of the distinguished sorority residences of the area.

During the winter of 1923-24, President Rene Sebring Smith was in New York City, doing advanced study. Her residence there was an inspiration for the alumnæ members in New York, while the many contacts afforded with other sorority leaders, yielded a return to Delta Zeta as it offered Miss Smith an increased opportunity for giving service in her role as Delta

Zeta's Panhellenic delegate.

The fact that 1924 was to be a Convention year found chapter visitors reporting the chapter achievements exceptionally commendable and enthusiastic. Another activity which was of marked influence during this year was the nation-wide increase on the part of colleges and local fraternal groups, for nationalization. Delta Zeta in common with many other NPC groups, found herself receiving a wealth of requests whose excellence commanded attention. Mrs. Hornung and her assistants covered many miles visiting these would-be petitioners. To allow for their representation at Convention, the groups

receiving favorable answers were installed during the college year, and thus it was that the chapter roll was extended to forty-three college chapters before Rene Sebring Smith called to order at Evanston, Illinois, the Tenth National Convention.

Extension was not emphasized to the neglect of other departments of the organization, however. The 1924 Convention showed that vigor and strength were present throughout the whole organization.

#### 1924 Convention, Hotel Orrington, Evanston, Illinois

In June, Delta Zeta met for her Tenth National Convention at the Hotel Orrington, in Evanston, Illinois. Hostess chapters were Alpha Alpha, Alpha Beta, Nu, Pi and Tau. This was the first convention in which attendance mounted to hundreds, and it was truly a mirror of the composite life of the sorority. For the first time, the number of delegates of new chapters was the featured event of the opening session. The enthusiasm of the representatives, the personal charm which they displayed, and the eagerness with which they came to share from their chapters, and to glean from them, proved an inspiration from first to last, for all in attendance. New chapters represented at this convention for the first time included all which had been installed since the 1922 meeting, and included (installed 1923) Gamma, Alpha Eta at University of Michigan, Alpha Theta at University of Kentucky, Alpha Iota at University of Southern California; (1924) Alpha Kappa, Syracuse University; Alpha Lambda, University of Colorado; Alpha Mu, St. Lawrence University; Alpha Nu, Butler University; Alpha Xi, Randolph-Macon Woman's College; Alpha Omicron, Brenau College; Alpha Rho, Ohio Wesleyan; Alpha Pi, Howard College; Alpha Sigma, Florida State College for Women: Alpha Tau, University of

Innovations at the Convention were the series of badges to help identify members, officers, guests, and Founders; the distribution of attractive little Memory Books for autographs, programs, pictures and other Conventionata; the awarding of a handsome silver tray to that chapter whose members' travel totalled the greatest number of miles (handily won by Mu, whose ten members totalled 40,000 miles of distance covered); and the issuance of an excellent Convention newspaper "The Convention Lantern."

The presence of Alfa Lloyd Hayes for the first time since 1914, contributed much pleasure to the younger members, her "Memory Book"

being steadily autographed in exchange for her own signature.

Convention actions included the approval of a new and independent community center to be set up for our Social Service project and named, "The Big Lamp"; improving and extending the function of the Province Organization by adding Province Secretaries; adoption of a uniform pledge service for chapters, and of a uniform initiation costume; granting of a charter to the local Kappa Alpha Nu, at University of Maine, visiting which had been one of Miss Smith's last trips before coming away from the East; approval for colonization of the University of Kansas and University of California at Los Angeles; adoption of uniform chapter scholarship reports, based on a plan developed by Upsilon chapter.

Grand Treasurer Edythe Wilson Thoesen came equipped with an audio-visual presentation of the funds of the sorority, the use of Delta Zeta monies, the Loan Fund in action, the annual budget, and other usually prosaic data. The increase in payment of alumnæ dues was shown to be a very tangible outgrowth of the rising alumnæ chapter membership and activity. Re-

ports of the various national committees reflected the capable guidance which had been rendered in house management, chapter rushing, pledge



training, Panhellenic relations, national cooperation, and internal improvement.

With the adjustment of Province organization to allow for greater cooperation between chapters and province directors, the Convention voted



FIRST CONVENTION OF ETA PROVINCE, 1925

Mrs. Stephenson, Ruby Long and Mrs. Coleman were honored guests.



DELTA PROVINCE CONVENTION MET WITH TAU CHAPTER, 1925



FIRST ALPHA PROVINCE CONVENTION, 1925

to accept Mrs. Shugart's recommendation that National Big Sister be discontinued as a member of Council; and similar action was taken for the Registrar and Parliamentarian, whose work could be assigned to other officers. The adoption of the name "National Council" rather than "Grand Council" was also approved; so that the first "National Council" elected at this time was composed of six officers:

President—Julia Bishop Coleman Vice President—Georgia Chandler Hornung Secretary—Marita Oelkers Littauer Treasurer—Myrtle Graeter Malott Editor—Vera Brown Jones Historian—Grace Mason

This is the first Council which does not include at least one officer new in national work; but a number of names which appear in the list of Standing Committees named after this Convention introduce to the sorority as newcomers, members later familiar in a great variety of services. Chairman of the Health Committee was Dr. Helen Johnston, Iota; one of her committee members was Dr. Mary Hill Fulstone, Mu. Chairman of the Constitution Committee was Mildred French of Lambda, while the House Management Committee was headed by Irene Boughton of Iota, Rene Sebring Smith continued her service as NPC delegate and Central Office was moved to Indianapolis, Indiana.

The hostess chapters had provided for convention visitors to see as much of Northwestern campus, the Lake Shore area and Chicago as could be crammed into tours, picnics and other events; the Orrington as a chapter house on grand scale set a new record for convenience and service; Ruby and Nettie simply outdid themselves at their finale, "the pin party," and with unanimous approval for accepting the invitation

of Mu chapter to schedule the 1926 Convention for California, the delegates from 43 college chapters and 21 alumnæ chapters scattered to their homes with rhyming words ringing in their ears—"the Lamp at Vest"... "we're going West!" "it's all the best..."... "by any test"...

#### Year 1925 Sees First Province Conventions

Presidents of Provinces Alpha through Eta went busily to work planning for the series of "First" Province Conventions which filled the spring months of 1925 in the Delta Zeta calendar. The addition of a Province Secretary to share the increased duties of the Province President proved to be a welcome bit of assistance, and the reports of all the Province Conventions teemed with enthusiasm and accomplishment. The presence of a national officer at each Convention proved valuable both in the increased national consciousness which it provided for members in attendance, and for the securing of discussions helpful to formulating the programs and policies of the 1926 National Convention. All province conventions were over in time for their reports and recommendations to be presented to the 1925 meeting of National Council. This meeting was held in the gracious and hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. Coleman, in Loveland. Ohio: and when the officers were assembled, several of its members had the pleasure of meeting for the first time, another Founder who had returned to official duty. This was Anne Simmons Friedline, who had accepted the office of Vice President when Georgia Chandler Hornung was unable to finish her term; and a second Westerner returned at the same time, as Edythe Wilson Thoesen had consented to return to Council as Secretary when



EPSILON PROVINCE 1925 CONVENTION ENTERTAINED MRS. FRIEDLINE

Marita Littauer had resigned early in the year. The council attendance was rounded out in full by the presence of the Treasurer, Editor and Historian.

Much time was given to the details required for 1926 Convention. The tentative program from California's busy committees was examined with the feeling that a notable gathering was assured. The first trans-continental convention special train was planned to make up at Chicago, special coaches on other in-bound lines bringing girls together here. Reports flowing in from chapters and chapter inspectors were organized and flowed out again in letters of commendation; of suggestions to the various national committees; to special committees. A revised local constitution was approved for a year's trial in action. The simple white engraved "shingle" used up to this time was replaced by an attractive wall plaque bearing the coat of arms in color. The council's approval was given a design for the proposed Mother's pin, already under consideration for some time. A new national scholarship cup was purchased to be awarded in place of the original cup given by the Indianapolis Alumnæ Chapter, which had become the permanent possession of Iota chapter. A gift of five hundred dollars was to be made to Dr. Guy Potter Benton, in part recognition of his contribution to  $\Delta$  Z. Mrs. Coleman was authorized to present this gift in person on a visit she was to make in the fall to Gamma Chapter at Minneapolis, where Dr. Benton had been living since retiring from the presidency of the University of the Philippines.

A pilgrimage to Miami University and Alpha Chapter's home was one of the happy events of this meeting. Special pleasure attended the fact that Anne Habekost, of Alpha Chapter, was Dean of Women for the summer session; and in her position as official hostess she was assisted by a number of college and alumnæ members of Alpha Chapter. This day, spent with two Founders at hand to guide and reminisce, was all too short! Cincinnati Alumnæ Chapter entertained Council and the college members of Xi Chapter at dinner; only those from out of town displaying the least bit of surprise on being told that "we will have dinner at the Cincinnati

Zoo!"

# Council Members Visit "Little Lamp"

At the close of the official business sessions, an unusually interesting experience was shared by Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Malott and Miss Mason. With Dr. Coleman as conductor and chauffeur, these three members made at trip to the  $\Delta$  Z

school in Kentucky. Joined at Ashland by Mrs. Kirven and two of her committee members, Miss Aline Davis and Miss Amanda Thomas, they spent the next week visiting Caney Creek Community Center, Delta Zeta's own center, homes and schools, and the hospital operated by Esther Mooney Stumbo, originator of the proposal for establishing this work. With Mrs. Stumbo as guide and interpreter, the  $\Delta$  Z group pronounced the trip not only intensely interesting, but very informative and helpful in making future plans for the Social Service Project.

The college year 1925-26 was marked by much activity on part of chapters and officers. In January, the National Panhellenic Congress met in Dallas, Texas. Delta Zeta was represented by four officers. From California, where she had already established herself in her profession at Long Beach, Rene Sebring Smith returned with all the enthusiasm of a convertee. At this time she became the Treasurer of NPC, first  $\Delta$  Z to hold one of the national rotating offices since the sorority entrance in 1910. Mrs. Coleman served as official alternate, while Mrs. Jones and Grace Mason attended the Editors' Conference. Delta Zetas in Dallas proved gracious hostesses to their visiting officials, and great pleasure was taken in the opportunity to meet and to approve, the petitioning group at Southern Methodist University, which was being capably colonized by Fannie Putcamp Smith, Z, Province President.

Installation for this group, as Alpha Psi Chapter, was held before convention; as was also the installation of Alpha Omega chapter at Millsaps College, Jackson, Mississippi.

### "Delta Zeta en Route to San Francisco," 1926

The last few days of June, 1926, found National Council meeting with Mrs. Friedline in her home at Colorado Springs, Colorado. With a heavy agenda list disposed of, the Council joined the Convention Special at Colorado Springs and completed the journey to San Francisco in company with the delegates and other members travelling on it. The Convention Special proved all that could be desired as a maker of friendships, tonic toward a happy Convention, creator of background of understanding. Plans had been made for stops at a number of notable points along the way, including Salt Lake City, where a tour of the city also included a visit on the University campus and a meeting with Delta Zetas as well as a local sorority which had been corresponding with Mrs. Thoesen. All the events of the train trip, humorous and otherwise, were permanently recorded for the travellers by the efforts of a little coterie of workers, headed by blonde Margaret Huenefeld, of Xi chapter. These kindred spirits retired to a cramped nook each night and in the wee small hours ground out with much laughter and a few groans, a mimeographed sheet which called itself, prophetically, The Lampkin.

## Exit "Fraternity"; Re-enter "The Delta Zeta Sorority"

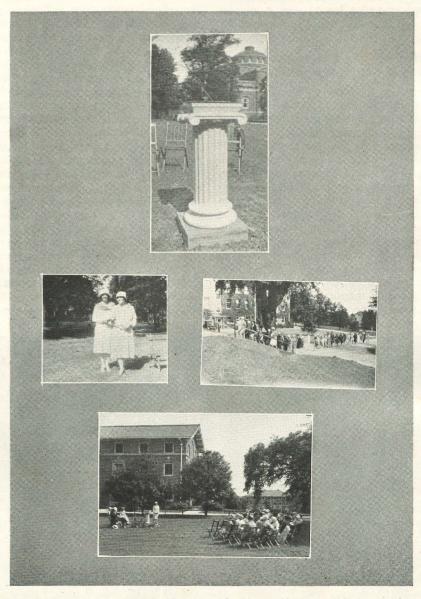
All the glamorous advance publicity relating to the 1926 Convention was found in actual realization as Convention progressed. Mu Chapter and Berkeley Alumnæ Chapter with the facilities and cooperation of the famous Fairmont Hotel, gave the sorority a convention which truly was the most outstanding in its history. True, a great quantity of thoughtful and constructive legislation was passed by the business sessions; all of which quickly found itself a working part of the sorority, but among the living memories of the A Z's who attended this convention will always be those connected with the things that stand for California . . . Chinatown, the first night: the hills of San Francisco and the streetcars precariously manoeuvering passengers up and down, safely; the campus of the University of California, and Mu chapter's house, for many members the large and most impressive of their chapter house experiences; the social events of this convention were brilliant but friendly; the official convention initiation, presenting the new revision of the ritual, brought also the innovation of an especially created pass-word, destined to become important in the sorority's history. A touch of sentiment was given in the coming to one session of a "Founders' Day baby" the daughter of Louise Sheppa Lovett, Mu. The regular issues of the Convention Chronicle were filled with reports of these and other bits to remember.

In the business sessions, careful advance preparation insured smooth, clear and informed action by the assembly. The maturity of the sorority showed in its increased accomplishments, in its enlarged needs. Approval for adoption of the revised local constitution and for the preparation of a booklet in which should be assembled all the national and local constitution, bylaws and standing rules, was recorded. Adoption of the comprehensive plan for Life LAMP and Membership Fees payments, as presented by Myrtle Malott, marked a step forward not only in management at the local chapter



MEMORIAL SUN DIAL presented to Miami University at 1927 Province Convention, accepted by President Hughes.

and member level, but in wise provision for the future funds of the sorority magazine and general funds. At this time all initiation dues payments were abolished in favor of the system yet plaque, songbook, constitution and the use of the sorority pin. No "initiation fee" as such, is charged; in other words, for everything paid, the member received a tangible return value.



The Memorial Sun Dial: Iva Stock Smith, Alpha, chairman of Committee for Presentation with Lois Higgins, Alpha, National Vice-President. Processional across the lawn. Miss Coleman spoke on "The Moving Finger."

used by Delta Zeta, and which has been successful not only for us but widely adapted by other groups for their own use. By this plan, the initiate pays into the sorority national treasury an amount to cover her life LAMP subscription, and her Life Membership dues; her sorority supplies, which include her personal membership

This plan was made adaptable to alumnæ so far as magazine subscriptions and membership dues were concerned, and within the year proved its value by abolishing forever the necessity for annual notices of dues payable, or subscriptions needing to be renewed.

The continuing increase in alumnæ member-



TROUTDALE IN THE PINES WELCOMED EPSILON PROVINCE, 1927



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CHARTER MEMBERS OF BETA BETA CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI

ship and alumnæ interest led to the providing for special attention to alumnæ from Province officers; to the increased effort to promote the formation of all types of alumnæ organization—association for the local college chapters' alumnæ; chapters in cities and towns, and clubs which should grow into such chapters.

Extension was approved under the colonization plan and a list of preferred colleges for consideration was prepared; as well as a someevery chapter and department. One of the convention actions in keeping with this policy was to place the historian as head of a standing committee rather than on Council where after all there was but little need for such an office. It happened in this manner that the Council elected at San Francisco was the smallest numerically, since the founding of the sorority. Its members were:

President-Anne Simmons Friedline



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what more conservative list of requirements to be met by petitioning groups.

Consideration of history past and future led to the proposal for an official memorial of suitable nature to be placed on the campus of Miami University to mark the Silver Anniversary of Delta Zeta, and with a feeling for tradition the return to "Delta Zeta Sorority" was found to meet with the favor of the Convention.

The characteristic note of this convention was that of desiring deeply intensive work within the organization for the next two years. The executive ability needed for such a program was admirably present in both the experience and the temperament of the president chosen at this time, and her administration was notable for its strong emphasis on development within the sorority, in

Vice President—Lois Higgins, A
Secretary—Fannie Putcamp Smith (Mrs.
Frederick D.)
Treasurer—Winona E. Jones, M
Editor—Grace Mason Lundy (Mrs. H. M.)

## **DZ House Ownership Grows**

The first year of Mrs. Friedline's administration showed notable progress in the enacting of the legislation taken in 1926. Chapter visitation was stressed as the most logical method of creating chapter strength and achievement. The visits of the fine staff of Province Presidents was greatly assisted by the many visits made by Mrs. Friedline herself, who spared no energy or time to increase her acquaintance with the sorority, and to lend herself to its advancement.

An increasing amount of routine work developed within the National Headquarters for the new Executive Secretary, Sabina Murray, B, and the staff of the Executive Office was increased to care for the additional service. Among the items of interest which the first year's record showed was the appearance of a new and enlarged

1926 plan began to take effect; the enthusiasm and growth of alumnæ chapters as reported from the round of official visits paid them; and the increase in house ownership. The 1927 report of house ownership showed twenty houses then owned, with a valuation exceeding \$527,000.00 while the completion of six more under con-



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songbook, under a committee headed by Miriam Landrum, A T; careful study by the national scholarship committee of accurate ways of tabulating and evaluating the chapter scholastic records in order to give greater accuracy to the awarding of the national scholarship trophy; extension in use of the sorority Loan fund, both to individuals and to chapters; the gratifying growth of the LAMP Endowment fund when the

struction in that year would advance the valuation to more than \$750,000.00.

These and many associated matters formed the basis of Council business for the 1927 Council Meeting held at Troutdale-in-the-Pines, Colorado, in July.

Leading the reports considered at this meeting were those which chronicled the second round of Province Conventions, which had been enthusiastically attended. To these groups the visiting national officers had carried reports from the National Council, business to be considered, policies to be explained and put in action, and advice on all the questions arising from chapter sharing of experiences.

The careful research done by Fannie Putcamp Smith in preparing her list of colleges and universities and their qualifications, was felt to be an outstanding service; and the presentation of two requests for permission to petition, from Tau Delta at the University of Mississippi, and



Biloxi, Mississippi was chosen by Beta Province Convention 1929

Theta Delta Omicron at Rhode Island State College, received affirmative action.

Attention was directed to the fact that Delta Zeta's next immediate increase in potential chapters would come from alumnæ members, and attention was given to methods for retaining interest of members after graduation from college; for suggesting programs of value to alumnæ groups; for tying the various parts of the sorority more closely together. Careful planning for alumnæ service as chapter advisers was begun, since it was realized that member-interest in college chapters remained very strong.

An additional project which offered an opportunity to each individual alumna, regardless of her membership in an alumnæ group, was the Birthday Gift for our Social Service project. As the year 1927 was Delta Zeta's Silver Anniversary, it was considered an appropriate time for making such a gift and the wisdom of this reasoning was demonstrated with the generosity that marked the gifts resulting from the Birthday Fund Campaign.

The one sorrowful note among the many reports received by Council was word of the death of Dr. Guy Potter Benton. It was with a sense of personal grief that the sorority bade farewell to one who had been so long a friend, and so

faithful a friend. It was the pleasure of the sorority to be able in a timely and practical way, to express its own appreciation for Dr. Benton, to his family, in the months of illness which had followed his return, an invalid, from his term as President of the University of the Philippines.

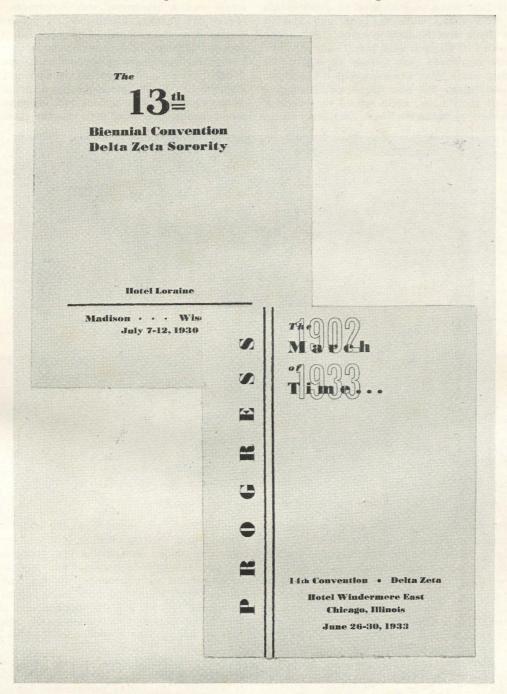
Among the most interesting reports from the 1927 Province Convention meetings had been that from Gamma Province (Indiana and Ohio). The central event of this Convention was the dedication and presentation to Miami University of the Memorial Sun Dial, which had been approved as the sorority's commemorative gift to the University. To Iva Stock Smith, A, had fallen the important and difficult task of putting into effect the wish of the 1926 Convention to place at Miami a suitable reminder of Delta Zeta's founding on this campus. A loyal Delta Zeta, a wise Miami daughter, Mrs. Smith undertook her task with energy and discrimination. The beauty and symbolism of the sundial, greatly impressed the group of Delta Zetas and friends who were present for the simple but effective ceremonies of presentation. The actual unveiling was done by Mrs. Smith. Julia Bishop Coleman, officially representing the Founders and the National Council of Delta Zeta, gave the presentation address: "The Moving Finger." Lois Higgins, also Alpha, and National Vice President, made the formal presentation of the sundial to President Raymond Hughes, who in his speech of acceptance also spoke of his personal knowledge of Delta Zeta, and of his gratification in its achievements both on Miami campus and nationally. The beauty of the Miami campus on a perfect summer afternoon made exactly the setting a poet or historian would wish for an event so poetic and so historic. Members who were present felt themselves to be privileged to assist in one of the outstanding sentimentexperiences of the sorority.

Plans for the 1928 Convention, which would center about the observance of the Silver Anniversary, had resulted in the selection of Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Canada, for the Convention site. So wholeheartedly did Council apply itself to the making of these plans, that when the members separated for their various homes, each felt as though she had by some magic taken a little preview into the future, where once again an outstanding gathering would take place.

## Twelfth Convention Silver Anniversary

Delta Zeta's Silver Anniversary was commemorated by the Twelfth National Convention. For this and other reasons the Convention was one long to be remembered. The presence of four Founders gave the atmosphere of historic continuity. Not even the regret that Alfa Lloyd, Anna Keen, and Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson were

humor with which Anna Simmons Friedline played her dual role of Founder and President was a constant delight to the Convention.



unable to attend, could lessen the delight of knowing Julia Bishop Coleman, Mary Collins Galbraith, Mabelle Minton and Anna Simmons Friedline in person. The delicate balance of Mary Collins Galbraith contributed greatly to an unique and popular feature of the Convention. She had served as travelling guide for two children selected from the  $\Delta$  Z center at Vest, Kentucky, to come to Convention and represent their school and home community before the Delta Zetas. Selected by school vote as the boy and girl best fitted and entitled to receive this honor, the two had made the long and amazing journey from the Kentucky mountains to the lake country of Canada with Mrs. Galbraith. She cheerfully confessed that to her as well as to them, this was a first experience at a big Delta Zeta Convention. To hear these children give reports of their lives, their school experiences, to sense through them the Delta Zeta program in

who enjoyed the convention as much, and was as much appreciated, but in a different way. This was the Convention initiate, a woman whose name and achievement was known to almost every girl present. Distinguished for her professional work as head of the English Department of Hunter College, and perhaps even better known for her years of service as Chairman of the O. Henry Short Story Award Committee, Dr. Blanche Colton Williams quickly won the hearts of her new sisters by her stimulating personality and her sincerity. Beta Beta chapter claimed the



ALPHA Province Convention, New York City, 1929

action, to gain an insight into their background, history and ambitions, was for Delta Zeta a meaningful and vivid experience. That the whole trip was fascinating and educational to the Vest children, none could doubt; but to hear them include among the multitude of astonishing experiences, trains, steamboats, elevators, sunrise over level Ohio cornfields; to observe their surprise at meals served in courses and sense their doubts as to the propriety of cigarettes for women, gave considerable pause to the sorority's younger members. Realizing that for each of these two children there were hundreds of others who would never know such experiences or share their modest privileges was another stopping thought.

In marked contrast to these guests was another

honor of this new member, as she had been both student and instructor at "Ole Miss" in earlier years. Initiation services for her were conducted by the chapter delegates from the southern province and were beautifully done. The spacious pavilion, allowing ample room for all guests to attend, formed a fitting background, and the thrilled attention of the convention attendants carried over to the service and charged it with strong solemnity and feeling.

The extensive chapter visiting by which Mrs. Friedline had come to know the sorority most thoroughly, led her to recommend for adoption a number of actions in line with her strong conviction of the importance of the increasing need for constantly improving leadership of the chapters. For the first time the sorority was to employ

a fulltime visiting delegate, whose visits would supplement the usual once-a-year trips made by the Province Director.

The report of the Extension Secretary revealed what growth was taking place in the demands on her time and energy. The recommendation of Mrs. Smith, that petitions from the University of South Carolina, University of Louisville, University of Pennsylvania, University of Utah, be accepted, passed the Convention, and these new chapters, Beta Delta through Beta Zeta, were installed the following fall. Convention took action to recognize the importance of the Extension program by placing Extension under the charge of a newly created office, that of Second Vice President. The National Secretary was thus allowed necessary time for her duties of supervising Scholarship and Sorority Education. Voting for new chapters was changed to consist of the votes of Council, and of the five college and alumnæ chapters nearest the petitioning group.

Revision of the constitution necessitated by these and other changes, as well as the arrangement for a new set of chapter instructional books, to include officers' Manuals, pledge training book and chapter course of study, was approved.

vention was of interest not only because it was of itself inspiring and full of spirit, but because it introduced to the sorority as second-place winner, a very appealing new number: "Dream Girl of Delta Zeta," the work of Juanita Kelly of Nu Chapter. In the test of time it has proven itself probably the most beloved single song known to Delta Zeta, outclassing its once more successful rival, by Harriet Campbell of Pi Chapter.

Stunt Night at this Convention outdid itself in its riotous fun, and the Delta Zetas shared it with the entire guest body of the inn. Their enjoyment was as spontaneous and hilarious as that of the sorority, and their amazement was

The Province Song Contest held at this Con-

in turn enjoyed by Delta Zeta.

An exquisite pageant, written and directed by Elaine Ryan of Mu chapter, again sounded the notes of beauty and inspiration; and the height of feeling was maintained to the last in the toasts at the closing banquet. Using an Indian theme, messages of tingling and unforgettable beauty were given by Ruby Long, Anne Simmons Friedline and Mabelle Minton. "Hail, my daughters!" was prophetically important as Mabelle spoke for the last time from her heart of love and pride in Delta Zeta. Many at this





DR. BLANCHE COLTON WILLIAMS, Beta Beta, 1928 Convention initiate



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convention expressed the feeling that the inspirational experiences of this convention would have ample cause for its being held, even if it had not transacted the important business which it did enact.

Gifts of silver candlesticks, to signify the anniversary, were presented to all Founders, while

Election of officers for the coming year placed these in Council:

President—Myrtle Graeter Malott Alumnæ Vice President—Lois Higgins Extension Vice President—Fannie Putcamp Secretary—Ruby Long





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Mrs. Friedline was presented with a gift in appreciation for her splendid leadership as President. In accepting her gift, Julia Bishop Coleman again paid tribute to the importance of Dr. Benton's early assistance to the Founders, and expressed to the sorority his appreciation for their thoughtfulness to him in the last year of his life. Memorial Service for this year was especially centered around Dr. Benton who had died only a few months earlier.

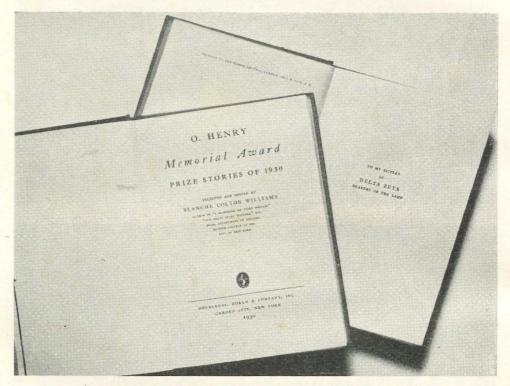
Treasurer—Winona Jones Editor—Margaret Huenefeld Pease

Irene Boughton of Iota, who had served well as Director of her Province, became Executive Secretary, succeeding Sabina Murray, and Grace Mason Lundy was appointed Visiting Delegate.

Although the next two years were to see the onswoop of a drastic depression, the biennium opened with an unusual surge of effective ac-

tivity on the part of both college and alumnæ chapters. A greatly increased national consciousness marking the contacts was the outstanding note of chapter reports, LAMP letters and chapter visits. Part of this was due to the unifying effect of sorrow; for the 1929 Founders' Day Memorial Service marked for the first time, the loss of a Founder. Mabelle Minton had passed away in March of 1929 and her loss was a personal one to every Delta Zeta who had come under the stimulus of her lofty ideals and

brought the girls difficult problems which they had met with admirable courage and optimism. In spite of lowered college enrollments, of losses in memberships due to inability of families to spare money for college when actual existence might have become a question, of smaller numbers. A decision to make the 1930 Convention one of greatest value without dispensable luxuries, met the approval of the chapters, and a central point was specified so that both time and transportation requirements might be thriftily met.



"BOOKS OF THE YEAR" FOR DELTA ZETA IN 1930 WAS DR. WILLIAMS CONTRIBUTION

her personal devotion to the advancement of the sorority she had loved and served so long. Another influence in effecting unity was the appearance, shortly after Council had approved them, of the new chapter handbooks for pledges, members and officers.

Council Meeting of 1929 could clearly see that the depression was a heavy one and that it might become worse. To guide the college chapters through their financial affairs two important committees were set in action; one to help with all problems concerning the financing and management of house ownership, and one to provide for the custody and use of the Loan and Endowment Funds in the wisest and most helpful application.

All officers realized that the past year had

# "Lucky 13th" Convention Successful by all Signs!

Convention of 1930 reflected the successful adjustment made by college women and the college sorority to America's financial crisis of 1929.

The keynote theme for this Convention was Achievement, and it proved a most appropriate choice. In scholarship, 13 of Delta Zeta's fifty-five college chapters had stood in first place among organizations; and the awarding of the national scholarship award to Alpha Psi Chapter required some computing in close figures before the decision could be announced. Thirty-one grants from the Loan Fund had proven its value to chapters and members during the pre-

ceding year; the altruistic service at Vest Mountain Center showed an increase in number of persons served; the national committee on guidance of Chapter and House Financing had proven of practical worth. Beta Eta Chapter had been installed at Swarthmore College in May before Convention met, and the chartering of Beta Theta at Bucknell to be installed in the coming fall, was approved. Nu Chapter reported with mingled feelings, the merger of Lombard College with Knox, and the consequent removal

the men's groups was Mr. George Banta, whose reminiscences on the securing of the early contract for publishing the LAMP, were indeed something for history. Mr. Banta, who was at that time president of his own fraternity, Phi Delta Theta, revealed to the convention a fact somewhat surprising to the Delta Zetas. . . . Unique in Greek letter history, while Mr. Banta was presiding over Phi Delta Theta, Mrs. Banta was president of Kappa Alpha Theta. Mr. Banta reflected with some mild surprise, on the fact that



Four Former Presidents Attended the 1930 Convention: Alfa Lloyd Hayes, Julia Bishop Coleman, Anne Simmons Friedline and Rene Sebring Smith

of the chapter to the Knox campus. One era of fine work and cherished tradition ended, a new one began, for these two collegiate institutions. A major pang to all Nu members came with the necessity for giving up their cherished lodge, the product of so much loyal cooperation and the scene of so many happy chapter functions. In the larger world of Panhellenic, pride was taken in the outstanding record of Rene Sebring Smith, who had climaxed her seventeen years as delegate for  $\Delta$  Z by serving as Chairman of NPC for one of its most successful terms, and for her challenging innovation of including undergraduate representatives in the personnel of the NPC meeting held at Denver in 1929.

Distinguished by its strong inspirational quality throughout, this meeting established a level seldom attained by any one convention. Keynote speaker was Dr. Francis Shepardson, president of Beta Theta Pi and longtime editor of Baird's Manual. Another representative from

this was his first experience at a sorority Convention!

From Delta Zeta's own ranks three speakers who contributed richly to the satisfaction of the Convention were Anne Simmons Friedline, who spoke on Chapter Achievements from the personal and spiritual viewpoint; Ruby Long, wise and beloved National Secretary, and Elizabeth Barnes, alumna of Chi Chapter and distinguished teacher of dramatics at Oregon State College.

An innovation which proved highly efficient was the providing of portfolios for each convention attendant, in which notebooks, reports, meal ticket, official badges and all the necessary equipment for dealing effectively with every convention event, was compactly assembled. The programs for this Convention elicited much admiration. They cleverly made use of all the signs and superstitions dealing with "luck" and turned them to good purpose. Black cats and other emblems of witchery and sorcery decked





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out the program books, black lined with gaudy scarlet, and filled not only with the "Conventionata" but with favorite songs, silhouettes of the Founders and other notables, and altogether fascinating. These were the creation of Margaret Pease, and were the first of a long series of specially planned and designed Convention pro-

grams from her fertile imagination.

Highlights to remember from the social part of this Convention included the costume ball, the first of the now-traditional "Pups and Hounds" luncheons, playday at the famous Dells of Wisconsin, and Rene Sebring Smith trying to perform her "pledge" duties to the exacting requirements of the members of the "sorority within the sorority," dubbing itself the "Chore Girls" and which ran a successful and riotous career for the next few Conventions, finally giving way, in 1940, to the more polished "Jewels."

The election of Council members saw the return of three veterans and the induction of three new leaders. The reelection of Mrs. Malott as President and Margaret Pease as Editor was by great acclaim. Lisette Reinle of Mu chapter had had long service in her home fields before the task of Convention Marshal showed how efficient a worker she could provide in a national office; and modest, twinkling Margaret Buchanan of Alpha Omega was chosen for National Secretary with the same confidence all her southern chapters had felt in her as Province Director. The tremendous personal popularity of Dr. Helen Johnston, I. after three successful performances as Convention physician, carried in to her selection for the responsible position of National Treasurer. Her past record as outstanding business woman, National President of Altrusa Clubs, and leadership in the American Medical Women's Association, made her the perfect candidate for this important work in this difficult time.

Desire for closest possible cooperation between National President and Executive Secretary, led to the removal of national headquarters from Indianapolis to San Antonio, Texas, the home of Mrs. Malott. The summer months were busy ones for Irene Boughton, sorting, packing, unpacking and establishing a new business office in time for the opening of chapters in September. This move proved to be unexpectedly fortunate when a serious automobile accident in the early fall placed Mrs. Malott in the role of invalid for several months. The affairs of the sorority moved on smoothly, and the National Council, meeting in San Antonio in the summer of 1931, was able to rejoice over the President's recovery as well as over the many points of progress the sorority showed in following the plans laid at 1930 Convention.

The national financial stringency was considered in its relation to chapter needs and provinces were rearranged to comprise fifteen, with a director over each one. A national magazine agency was established, proceeds dedicated to sorority projects; additional equipment for the sorority office was admired as Council considered the forthcoming directory of membership and rejoiced in the fine increase in LAMP endowment funds. Careful schedules were set up for chapter visits from province directors, whose steady and capable guidance had established a remarkable record of success for the year 1930-31, and whose skill in planning and directing Province Conventions with a maximum of benefit and a minimum of cost was one of the most significant items in the annual report. Letters of commendation were sent to the college chapters who had met the year's difficult problems with such courage and optimism. Chapter numbers showed reduction, both from inability of initiated members to return to college, and from smaller pledge groups, many freshmen finding it impossible to consider fraternity membership if it created any great additional expense. Chapter houses were operated thriftily, and a real gain in many instances was the closer bond created between alumnæ and college groups where their cooperation for the chapter's welfare served to unify the older and younger members. Non-housed chapters fared better, from the standpoint of financial responsibility than the housed groups. Hardest hit of all were the groups on campi where the college administration was unable or unconcerned to guide and guard the social groups in their programs of house ownership and house management. Losses of houses and sometimes of chapters, which fraternal groups sustained from this unhappy condition, were slow in the recovering, and the pity was that too late, many institutions saw their opportunity and their responsibility.

Council established procedures to carry on, if necessary, through an extended siege of depression, but meantime outlined plans for the regular biennial convention, in the happy event that 1932 would make possible the meeting, already designated for Asheville, North Carolina.

Rounding out their schedule of duty, the hard working officers were allowed occasional respite by President Malott. As reported briefly by Margaret Pease, who was making her first visit to Texas, "More business, more things accomplished, more good meals, more tortillas consumed! The whole Council came away talking Spanish and picking out cacti needles; Dr. Johnston was especially proficient at this latter."

Province Conventions, which met in Syracuse, Atlanta, Lexington, Evanston, San Antonio, Los Angeles and Portland, Oregon were especially appreciated in the summer of 1931. The strong unifying theme of Fraternal Fundamentals was variously presented by these groups. The mosaic of reports which they presented in their meetings and to the 1931 sessions of National Council were, like the beloved Delta Zeta song, a blend of Sunshine and Shadows. . . . Bits of the sunshine came in such stray items as the reports of two hundred and fifty Delta Zetas attending Indiana's Fourteenth Annual State Luncheon: that Delta Chapter had led all DePauw organizations in scholarship for two successive years, retaining possession of the Panhellenic Cup; that Alpha Pi Chapter was congratulating its new representative in College Humor's Hall of Fame. one Margaret Fitzpatrick; that not only Dr. Blanche Colton Williams but Marguerite Pecot of Sigma, Janet Murphy of Beta Theta, and Aurora Yetta of Epsilon, were spending the year abroad on scholarships; that Mu Chapter had just initiated her first DZ daughter, Elizabeth Archer, daughter of Nelda Eaton Archer, M '12; that Oscar and Gertrude, the two children from Vest who were guests at 1928 Convention, were in our 1931 graduating class; that the library

at Vest had received many welcome boxes of books during the winter; that Delta Zeta, in the person of Rene Sebring Smith, would hold the chairmanship of the NPC meeting to be held in the winter of 1931; that the strong local group Sigma Delta, at Iowa State College, was to be installed in the fall as Beta Kappa Chapter of Delta Zeta; and agreed with Ruth Nielander of Gamma Chapter, who had written in an article for the LAMP:

"The depression has left its calling card at the doors of our sororities. And why not? Hasn't it visited every institution, industry and organization in the world today? Why should it hurry past a chosen few doors adorned with Greek letters? It is not feasible that it should, and it did not. But what are our sororities doing when they find themselves suddenly included in the depression lists? . . . It means that every member lucky enough to return to college will work a little harder, that unity and cooperation in the group will follow naturally, that more responsibility will be placed on each member and that she will bear it generously; that rushing will discover girls of special value to fill these ranks; that many alumnæ will come back to help the chapter with its problems. No, the depression will find very little permanently to depress here. . . ."

During the year 1931-32, the advantages of more and smaller provinces were effectively visible. Active supervision by province directors and the National Building Committee was of



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great value in helping chapters ride out the depression. Alpha Beta, Gamma Delta and Alpha Chi proceeded successfully in their acquisition of new chapter houses; while Sigma completed the financing and building of a delightful little chapter lodge (which, alas, had to be abandoned when the moving of the University replaced chapter lodges with a Panhellenic Building on LSU's enlarged campus). National Panhellenic Congress met in St. Louis, presided over by Delta Zeta's Rene Sebring Smith, and a "lucky thirteen" Delta Zetas were in attendance. Margaret Pease finished the editing of a splendid and handsome new Directory of over 7,000 members in time to serve as NPC's official Parliamentarian, and among the delegates from the college Panhellenics were four Delta Zeta undergradu-

Early in the spring of 1932, reports from alumnæ chapters, and from province and national visitors, led to a survey among the chapters, concerning the postponement of Convention. Although the national financial situation was gradually returning to a more prosperous and normal state, it was clear that a convention held in 1932 would have but a small attendance other than the official delegates and officers. The strong feeling of alumnæ members and chapters, that the inspirational offerings of a convention should be shared by as many members as possible, led to the vote for postponing convention until 1933. The intervening year, it was felt, could be profitably spent on greater internal development, and in gatherings of groups covering smaller territory. State days were continuing to increase; among the "firsts" of this year was Colorado's inspiring meeting.

In the summer, Myrtle Malott and Irene Boughton came back to Ft. Wayne, Indiana, to visit Myrtle's parents, and there Margaret Pease joined them for what was later termed the "Compressed Council Meeting of the Depression." For a busy week these three officers compiled reports, cared for routine business and handled new situations. Margaret Buchanan reluctantly resigned, due to heavy pressure of her position at the Mississippi State College for Women, and Ruby Long generously consented to finish the important work of the National Secretary. Grace Lundy, busy serving as a reception committee for young son Jimmy, reported growing interest in alumnæ organizations under the new plan of State Chairmen to serve as coordinating officers. Co-organizers for college chapters were reported to have rendered valuable help in their first year of their extensive use. A summer issue of SIDELIGHTS, the sorority's esoteric bulletin, presented to the entire membership a summary of the sorority's activities and a statement of its present condition. More than any other single thing, this terse, unadorned analysis of Delta Zeta, in times troublous and still unsettled, served to carry to chapters and members at large the assurance that Delta Zeta rested on firm foundations, and was growing steadily, surely, even if with less flourish than in the heyday of prosperity which had marked the teeming twenties.

Founders' Day, 1932, was marked by a new note of poignancy, for in the months just preceding, Delta Zeta had lost two more loved and loyal members: Nettie Wills Shugart of Zeta Chapter, who had established the first Founders' Day observance, and, with a deep sense of the irreparable, Anne Simmons Friedline. The sorority was reminded again of her message to the 13th National Convention, and her words:

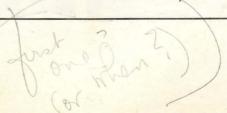
"... The one thing lacking today is a sense of direction, and it seems to me that that is what we might make as our goal: a direction, a program within the chapter, and that would include all these other things that are desirable... May not that be our theme song—our blue note—the establishment of a new tradition of wholesome living?"

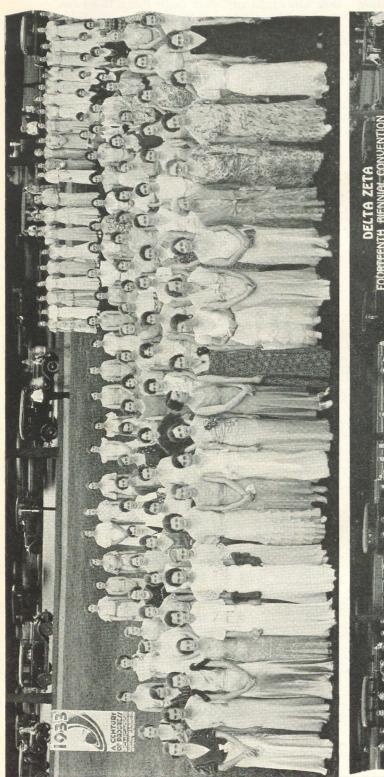
# Thirty-One Years and a Century of Progress

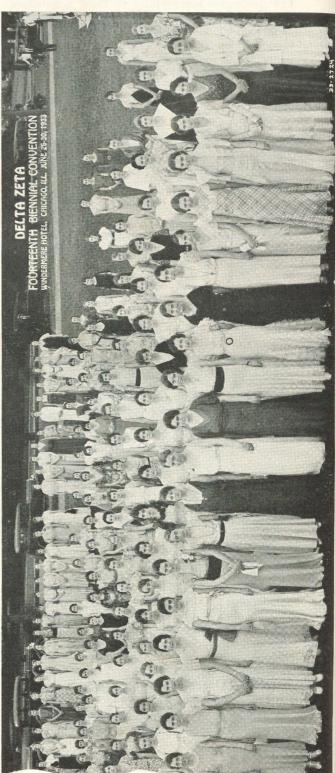
The Century of Progress Exposition being held in Chicago in 1933 was the deciding factor in changing Convention plans from North Carolina to Chicago. The value of combining this exceptional event with a national convention could not be overlooked by Delta Zeta; for the sorority, in common with the nation at large, felt a great lifting of spirit in the focusing of attention on the positive and the possible. Quickly the theme of the 14th National Convention expressed itself in an intriguing challenge: "Thirty One Years and a Century of Progress."

The theme proved to be characteristic of the entire Convention. Gathered at the Hotel Windermere East in Chicago was the largest number of members yet to attend a national convention. In fact, the hotel had to do some quick and effective work to provide for all who came; for the sorority had courteously and conservatively asked for only those who had registered in the usual way; yet these sisters continued to arrive in scores and dozens. To be sure, many had started out to "see the Fair" and decided later to join the Convention. Proof of the attraction of Convention was shown, however, when it was found that most of those registered were on hand for business sessions as well as the purely social ones.

Again the pups and hounds barked out their excited testimony of conventions attended. Again







all were barked down except Myrtle Graeter Malott whose triumphant solo Woof! (though Rene Sebring Smith missed by only one!) was duly rewarded by a handsome dog collar, bearing her initials in brass studding. This bit of drollery was the perfect "ice-breaker" for all "pups" and was enjoyed no less by three other very special guests who barked with the in-betweens: Alfa Lloyd Hayes and Julia Bishop Coleman, Founders, and Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson, former National President.

Again the Convention program books caused oh's and ah's of admiration. Silver-covered, and featuring the official design of the Fair, the contents of the books also brought gratification. A thumbnail history of the sorority under the heading "...labuntur anni..." the program of the events of convention, the convention personnel, and words of favorite songs brought the book to a close with the words: "... Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit." Every page was shot through with the drawing in red, girls representing the early years of the sorority, a Gibson Girl, one on a high-wheeled bicycle, another the presumable DZ and the rushee in a be-ribboned horse and buggy.

Among the convention notables two exceptionally attractive young women proved to be a delight to both delegates and visitors. One of these was Mary Permelia Coleman, older daughter of Julia Bishop Coleman and Dr. John McFerren Coleman, candidate for the 1933 Model Initiation. Conducted by Council and Mrs. Coleman, the love and special sentiment associated with this initiation and its candidate, as well as the ritualistic perfection of the ceremony, seemed to set an all-time record for feeling unusal in its intensity and unanimity. . . No one present in that initiation room will ever forget Julia Bishop Coleman as she lifted the Delta Zeta LAMP and began to speak. . . .

The banquet which followed was distinguished by the perfection of detail which was so apparent in this entire convention; but the final thrill in each Delta Zeta's heart came in that moment when there rose to speak to the newest initiate, Delta Zeta's first and beloved initiate, Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson. . . . Thirty-one years of striving for the ideals of the substance of shared sisterhood, were compressed into those few moments. History tingled in the very air. All felt themselves happy and proud, supremely one; but none could blame the Alpha girls, both old and new for their pride in the special little circle within the circle; and none failed to realize what Alpha had meant to all Delta Zeta.

After the banquet had drawn to its close of song, there was a reception in the loggia, and

here Mary Coleman divided honors with Gail Patrick (Margaret Fitzpatrick) proudly claimed by Alpha Pi, and a loyal Delta Zeta. She had flown to Chicago for the double purpose of attending convention and representing Paramount Pictures at the Fair. Her growing success as one of Hollywood's capable young actresses might attract her sisters, but it was her sincere and unspoiled enthusiasm for friends, for life and achievement, which held them.

A tremendous amount of hard, constructive work was efficiently pushed to conclusion in the five days of Convention. Forum discussions on the important and increasingly complex chapter responsibilities such as more effective pledge preparation, evaluation of campus activities, the relations between college chapters and alumnæ members, or alumnæ groups; the planning of programs to make the work of College Panhellenics something other than a repetitious hash of rushing trivia; province meetings where directors helped their chapters deal with common problems peculiar to their own area; reports of the successful management of the magazine subscription agency; visitors with reports and movies from the Vest Mountain Center; reports from the growing group of Mothers' Clubs-all these and more were checked off with enthusiasm and despatch, and interspersed with social events including a boat ride on Lake Michigan; a Silhouette dinner, a trip through the Fair, a tour of Chicago, which required a whole fleet of yellowcabs; a clever Silhouette Dinner, and of course the Stunt Night.

The Convention Committee on Recommendations answered the question which had been in many minds by proposing that in order to return Convention to even-numbered years, as it had been, and should remain for the Golden Jubilee in 1952, the next National Convention should be set for 1936, and that the three-year interval be bridged by Province Conventions. To prevent undue demands on any group of national officers the recommendation was made that two councils be elected at this 1933 Convention. One to serve for the year 1933-34, and the second to assume office in 1934 and serve for the biennium ending with the Convention of 1936. Convention took the novelty of such action in its stride, and followed the recommendation. With the exception of Lisette Reinle, who resigned because of heavy personal responsibilities, the Council for 1933-34 was the same as for 1930-33. Lucille Crowell Cooks, A, who had given fine service in the office of Province President, succeeded Miss Reinle as Extension Vice President.

Convention closed with the installation of the following new council, who would formally assume office in 1934:

President-Margaret Huenefeld Pease, Z Vice President—Georgia Chandler Hornung Second Vice President-Lucille Crowell Cooks,

Secretary—Helen Meyer Craig, M Treasurer-Helen Johnston, I Editor-Grace Mason Lundy, E

It was decided to continue national headquarters in San Antonio until the change of Councils, when it would move to Cincinnati, Ohio; and Irene Boughton remained in charge. For the second time a full time Visiting Delegate was appointed to make chapter visits, and Margaret Pease was the happy choice for this important liaison work.

Even after an extended period of years, this



MYRTLE GREATER MALOTT, National President, 1928-1933

Convention remains one notable for the exceptional efficiency and hospitality of the committees in charge of its many events. Under the inspired leadership of Catherine O'Gara, AA, the members of Chicago Alumnæ Chapter proved themselves a marvel for their patience, their ingenuity, their selfless gifts of time and energy. Especially noteworthy were the many beautiful musical offerings which added to the inspiration and spirit of every gathering. All in all, Chicago, which included in its membership alumnæ from every corner of the land, and had the largest working membership of the alumnæ groups to date, set a record in which it can perpetually feel justifiable pride.

In the early fall Mrs. Pease began her nationwide tour of DZ chapters. First official act was the installation of Beta Lambda Chapter at the University of Tennessee. During the following year she established a real record for territory covered, particular duties performed, and standards of excellence shown in each one. In her visitations she performed a most valuable service to Delta Zeta and her members by including in the itinerary every alumnæ chapter possible to meet, and many Mothers' Clubs. The effect upon the alumnæ chapters was to give them literally a rebirth of enthusiasm and vision; and their greatly increased attendance among the 1936 Convention personnel may be directly laid to the effect of Margaret's visits. It was also at her suggestion that the loyal and valuable work of the Mothers' Clubs was recognized by being placed under a national chairman. First to receive this interesting appointment was Bernadetta Daly, of Rho and Denver Alumnæ.

In the summer of 1934. Irene Boughton supervised the removal of National Headquarters to Cincinnati, Ohio, where it was established in the city's handsomest office building. Together Margaret and Irene placed the new office in order for its important function, and open house was held for the Delta Zetas of the city, enthusiastically

attended.

Council Meeting brought the national officers together in this convenient setting for a profitable session in July, 1935, where plans for the 1936 Convention, again set for Asheville, North Carolina, were perfected. Reports for the year just ending showed much advance in the organizational work of the sorority. Province directors for all fifteen provinces had covered their schedules and reported that the new procedure books which had first appeared for use in 1935 were wonderfully helpful. Members and chapters were happily reading the long-expected complete history of the sorority, which had appeared as the October, 1934 issue of the LAMP: an issue of formidable



ERNESTINE COAKSON MILNER, Alpha, Keynote Speaker, 1936 Convention Dean of Women, Guilford College

size but handsomely illustrated, and well-documented,

To the Land of the Sky journeyed the Delta Zetas in June, 1936, to gratify a long-cherished dream of the Southern Province that it might be hostess to the sorority. Audio-visual education was making a place for itself in schools and colleges, and proved equally useful for a sorority Convention. By charts, pictures, exhibits and people, the picture of Delta Zeta was one in which the large Convention group could share pride and a sense of personal participation. Already the 1932 edition of the Directory was found to be outgrown. Membership had risen to over 9,500 and an especially gratifying feature of this numerical increase was the rapidly growing interest of alumnæ members. Seventy-eight alumnæ chapters and 60 alumnæ associations were reported in active support of the sorority program.

Chapter exhibits proved a constant drawingcard for attention, as members absorbed the records and stories of their sister chapters. This

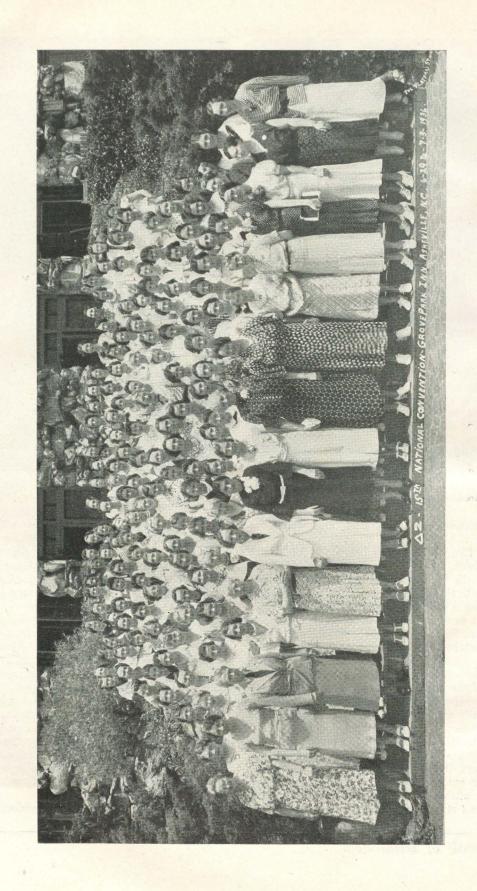


VIRGINIA SHOWALTER HANDY, Kappa, first national chairman of Delta Zeta's Standards Program

visual picture of the chapters in action gave added significance to the awarding, for the first time, of the National Achievement Award. Proud winner of this beautiful silver trophy was Alpha Gamma Chapter at the University of Alabama. The several chapters who were runners-up were named a court of honor.

Recognition of the value of an official Visiting Delegate was coupled with the realization of the strenuous nature of this work, for the officer assuming it. Convention was happly to find within its own personnel two young alumnæ eminently suited for this type of service and with great pleasure announced the selection of Augusta Piatt, Alpha Pi, and Helen Riter of Alpha Chi, as official visitors for the coming year. Service within the sorority was emphasized by the approval of an enlarged pledge manual and by the adoption of a new program for the college chapters, to be known as the Delta Zeta Standards Program.

Easily one of the outstanding undertakings of



Delta Zeta, the Standards Program seems the logical outgrowth of a continuously felt urge within the sorority, to reach out beyond a narrow conception of sorority membership, to follow, as Anne Simmons Friedline had so aptly put it, a sense of direction. Upon the suggestions and recommendations made by Margaret Pease after her nation-wide tour of the college chapters, Gertrude Houk Fariss, by natural inclination and by professional circumstances exceptionally fitted to draft such a program, had given her brilliant mind to the outlining of such a program. From the very start she had based her plans upon the conviction that sororities must increasingly offer to college women something in addition to and beyond what was strictly their college contribution. How real was the need for this type of project, how universal its application, was apparent immediately. Looking back. it was not difficult to see that there had been within the chapters, many local programs designed to make members something more than a



Augusta Piatt, Alpha Pi, co-chairman 1936 Convention

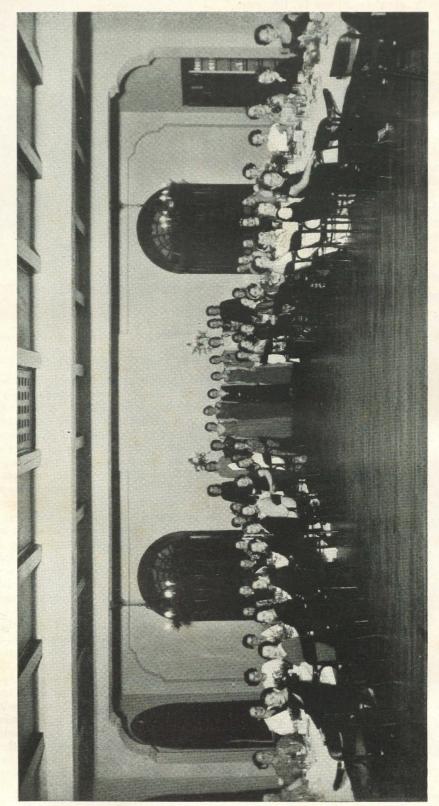


DOROTHY MUMFORD WILLIAMS, Alpha Zeta, Former Province Director. Author of 1936 Convention Pageant and of the Delta Zeta Creed.

merely privileged social group flourishing within an educational institution.

Rides through the beautiful scenic country surrounding Asheville; a visit to Biltmore House and a tour of the Biltmore Mills, from which had come the generous gift of hundreds of yards of beautiful handwoven green tweed for convention program covers; a gala Cotton Carnival, paying tribute to the South; picnic suppers, sings, Roundtables serious and gay; demonstration of all the gamut of chapter techniques; these were telescoped into five wonderful days. Stunt Night, engineered by Frances Westcott, A A, and Indianapolis alumnæ, was-all that such a Stunt Night would be, even though Frances was not then, the complete veteran whose Dizzy Drammers of later years have become traditional for "wowing 'em!"

It had been accepted by Convention from the very first that Margaret Pease should be released, for a time at least, from official sorority duties. Few had realized the heavy burden she had carried in her biennium as president: the loss of her father, the birth of her own daughter, Gwyneth (Convention had already hovered with enchantment over the pictures of this delightful baby and felt twinges of guilt that she should share so generously of her mother's strength and attention); a heavy illness of Margaret herself. Margaret's loving and artistic planning had gone into



INSTALLATION OF BETA NU CHAPTER AT FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLECE

all the features of this Convention, from the programs, through the details of special decorations, and finally the planning of the beautiful and memorable installation banquet. The programs for this banquet, woodcuts on special rice paper, exquisitely done by Aline Rogert, Cincinnati alumna, were in themselves collectors' items. The love and appreciation of the sorority for a supremely devoted and versatile leader was reflected in the faces of all as they turned toward Margaret when she rose to lead them in the beautiful installation ritual.

Accepting the sorority's leadership for the

next biennium were:

President—Irene Boughton
First Vice President—Helen Myer Craig
Second Vice President—Lucille Crowell Cooks
Secretary—Mildred Pearl French, Λ
Treasurer—Edna Wheatley, H
Editor—Gertrude Houk Fariss, Ω

The new members of Council, all of whom had previously become familiar with sorority work through Province work, represented an interesting range of geographical distribution, professional affiliation, and talent. Helen Craig had long served effectively as financial adviser to Mu chapter and in financial duties of the Bay Cities Panhellenic; Lucille Cooks had a cosmopolitan background of residence with alumnæ groups and in professional experience, as fine business record; Mildred French was Dean of Women at Connecticut State College, so that Scholarship was more than an amateur's interest with her; while Gertrude Houk Fariss, Dean of St. Helen's Hall Junior College, was also more than a novice in journalism and public relations.

A significant fact in this convention was the many alumnæ members present, and as one facetiously put it, "such dignified alumnæ; look at all our gray hair!" Among these were two people relaxing after jobs well done, simply enjoying the opportunity to hand out words of approval and wisdom. These were Rene Sebring Smith, whose voice rose lustily with the California delegation as they shouted "On to Pasadena" and engaged in their irresistible propaganda for holding the 1938 Convention in Pasadena. It was all settled before Good-byes were said: "See you at the Huntington in 1938!" Myrtle Graeter Malott, ready to leave for an extended tour around the world, was one of the first to proffer her reservation right on the spot. Myrtle, of course, was taking no chance on losing her laurels as Number One Hound!

Never did two years seem to fly by more rapidly! When President Boughton assembled her Council in Cleveland, Ohio, in the summer

of 1937, it was to find that energetic Californians already had many thrilling plans and suggestions to present for their consideration. Helen Myer Craig, National Secretary, was the bearer of much advance information as well as the chronicler of great growth in her own department of alumnæ chapters. Increased interest among alumnæ was causing the old pattern of alumnæ organization to need letting out at the seams, and ready Helen had a plan for organization into which all types and kinds could fit, find their worthy niche, and allow for later expansion. The plan was adopted for "trying-on" until Convention. The work of Augusta Piatt and Helen Riter as visiting delegates had been so universally acclaimed that the service was continued for the coming year. Although Helen Riter was unable to remain in service, energetic Augusta signed on for the second year, to the great delight of all who had known her auburn-haired glamour and her



MILDRED BULLOCK KEEZEL, Alpha Sigma, Co-chairman 1936 Convention

southern drawl which so deceptively masked the whirlwind of energy which she really was. Phi chapter reported a commodious new chapter house and Rho Chapter was the first on University of Denver campus to set up a completely resident chapter house. Province Directors were twelve in number at this time, the roster of names including several which were to become much better known in  $\Delta$  Z as time passed by: Dorothy Mumford Williams, Kay Butterfield Larson, "Bunny" Gale, Mildred Keezel. State chairmen reported enthusiastically on the interest roused by State Newsletters, and the increase in State Days. The LAMP was receiving much commendation for the excellent work done by its alumnæ editor, Irene Follett Gulbran, its departments dealing with books, the stage, public affairs. Increasingly important was the work of the Vocational Guidance Committee, which kept a timely and helpful series of articles on vocations and all allied information before  $\Delta Z$  readers. The



GRACE STOERMER, Alpha Chi, 1938 Convention Initiate

completed re-activation of Beta Beta and Beta Kappa Chapters was matter for rejoicing, while Beta Mu Chapter at Florida Southern College was now a vigorous infant of great eagerness to take part in its first National Convention.

The charms of California and Californians were on twenty-four-hours-a-day display all through the 1938 Convention. Housed in the spacious and gracious Huntington Park Hotel at Pasadena, the conventiongoers were convinced that a record was being set which would require many years to excel. For two full years California Δ Zs had worked on this which was to be THE perfect Convention, and bold would be the individual to declare that they had fallen short of their goal! Using all the richness of California history and natural resources, plus A Z wit and ingenuity, they packed the five days of Convention with an amazing galaxy of events to remember. On the theme "Asi Construimos Para Mañana" (Thus we build for Tomorrow) Delta Zeta passed in review. Convention initiate was Miss Grace Stoermer, an outstanding leader in California banking service, and assistant vicepresident of the Bank of America. Most spectacular of the Convention events was undoubtedly the Tournament of Flowers. Modelled after the annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses, thirtyseven exhibits (requiring, for the record, 14,536 individual flowers) were placed in parade before the dazed but delighted eyes of Convention. Six happy winners received prizes, congratulations and posed endlessly before photographers. . . . In fact, the click of the camera became the constant background for Convention. Thelnar Hoover, a professional photographer and loyal Δ Z husband, faithfully recorded the events of Convention, both official and not-so-official, weighty and hilarious, to carry out the generous project of the Los Angeles Alumnæ chapter. The beautifully executed movie of Convention in full color, presented to the sorority at the close of Convention, was their gift to all Delta Zeta, for during the next biennium convention was thus shared by hundreds who had been unable to attend in person.

Again the chapter displays, both collegiate and alumnæ, attracted constant admiration and attention, and all could understand the difficulty of the committee whose task it was to select, from their records, the winner for the Achievement Award. The splendid record of Beta Alpha Chapter, Rhode Island State College, in capturing this coveted award for ten years of work of outstanding merit, was recognized by all present

After two years in operation, the Standards Programs were found to have been of dis-

tinguished value to the sorority. Widespread commendation from educators, alumnæ and Panhellenic friends, was corroboration, if any were needed, of the chapters' own verdict that these programs had brought a new quality of maturity, of awareness, of vigor, to our collegiate groups throughout the nation. In 1938 we were standing, as we realized all too soon afterward, on the verge of world turmoil. The Convention took note of this foreshadowing in planning Standards Programs for the next year. A committee to inform the sorority on the ways in which World Peace might be maintained was appointed at this time, and Peace was made a major theme of the Standards Programs for the year ahead. While nothing in the program was of effect in staving off war when it became a reality, who shall say that this thoughtful preparation did not have an effect in stabilizing the sorority during World War II, or that it was not of value in guiding the alumnæ of those days in their patriotic service, whether in uniform or on the home front?

The widening horizons for women were kept continually before the sorority through the indefatigable. Vocational Guidance Committee, whose masterpiece was a complete survey of Vocational fields and opportunities presented in the LAMP, Volume 24 and 25. This work was quickly recognized by college administrators as being the most timely and complete in its field, and numerous requests were received from Deans of Women, wishing to use it as reference material in their own work in Vocational Counseling

among their college students.

It was a matter of gratification to all Delta Zetas that these and other records of the sorority had been so well covered in the LAMP, and the physical form of the magazine so attractive, that in February the Theta Sigma Phi Matrix Table at Northwestern University had voted it the best of the eighteen magazines represented on that campus, and had presented to Alpha Alpha Chapter a silver cup in recognition of its excellence. Thoughtful readers of the LAMP could have sensed then, and increasingly within the next few years, an awareness of world conditions, a searching for the meaning of events, and an effort to make some contribution to the general good, far in advance of what might have been expected in a publication representing young college women.

For the first time in a period of years, Founders were represented by one only, Julia Bishop Coleman. Mrs. Coleman was on a trip containing two major thrills, for in addition to Convention, she had paused briefly in Clarinda, Iowa, to visit with Jean Coleman Lisle in her new home. The wedding picture of diminutive Jean, who had been married in her mother's own satin

and lace wedding grown, and a favorite Convention conversation piece. Mrs. Coleman's approval for the newly composed songs to be used in the initiation ritual was quick and generous. These songs, the beautiful work of Dorothy Mumford Williams (lyrics) and Virginia Ballaseyus (composer) were used for the first time at this Convention and added richly to the beauty and inspiration of the service.

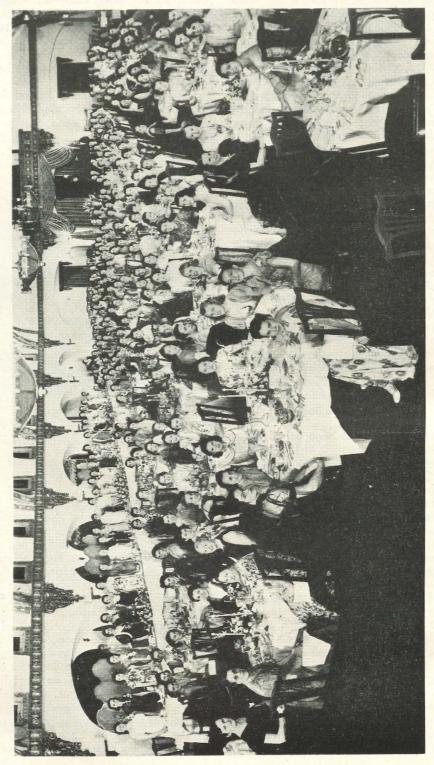
The social events of this convention were distinguished by the brilliance and the gaiety which



GWYNETH Pease, with the smile that captivated 1936 Conventioneers

fitted so well with the setting California offered. The Panhellenic banquet addressed by Margaret Orem Lindsay, Alpha Phi, was second only to the installation Banquet in its beauty and individuality of appointment, appropriately featuring the Greek motif in decoration and theme. A tour through the famous Huntington Library, the hilarious Watermelon Feed, Stunt Night (in which of course Standards must be preposterously travestied by Council, of all people!) a series of theme luncheons, breakfasts and dinners, made every day seem the best yet.

Convention installation banquet on the theme "El Camino Real" was an occasion not only of brilliance but extreme satisfaction. Council for the coming two years would be led again by Myrtle Graeter Malott who, after a two-year tour around the world had been one of Convention's favored guests. Plans of her personal life were

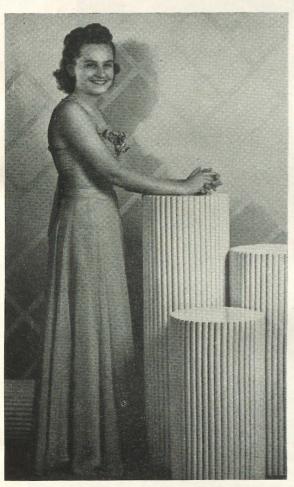


INSTALLATION BANQUET, 1938 CONVENTION OPENED "EL CAMINO REAL" TO DELTA ZETAS

fortunately such as to make her available for Delta Zeta service and, indeed, the coming biennium found her devoting to the direction of the sorority, time and devotion commensurate with that of a full-time position. Others elected to Council at this time were: First Vice-President, Helen Myer Craig; Second Vice-President, Grace Mason Lundy; National Secretary, Mildred French; National Treasurer, Frances Westcott, A A, and Editor, Gertrude Houk Fariss.

In addition to these there was a gratifying list of experienced workers serving in the many other important positions required by this time. The importance of special and diversified programs was listed by the number of committees established to carry on the activities of the sorority. Margaret Pease ably continued her important work as NPC delegate; and Chairman of the Constitution committee; attention to the sorority archives, in anticipation of a later volume of

history, was cheerfully accepted by Julia Bishop Coleman; Dorothy Mumford Williams lent her discriminating attention to certain needed changes in wording and handling of rituals; Edna Wheatley, who had once confessed that her first muleback ride in Kentucky had almost discouraged her as to mountain work, now undertook to head the Vest project; the expanded work of the Vocational Guidance Committee was placed in the hands of Esther Culp Litchfield, a college dean; with Mary Coleman, now on the staff of Stephens College, and Dr. Olive Card (Rho) a professional consultant in psychological matters, for assistants. Standards was extended to provide some help for alumnæ who wished to avail themselves of the guidance which college groups had found so valuable. Magazines continued to lend financial assistance under the enthusiastic chairmanship of Emilie Rueger Princelau (AI) and recognition of the extent of management



KAY HORNUNG, GAMMA, 1940 CONVENTION INITIATE



GEORGIA CHANDLER HORNUNG, EPSILON, NATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT 1924-26:1934-36, EXTENSION CHAIRMAN 1922-24, COUNCIL DEPUTY



THE 1938 CONVENTION RELAXED FOR ONE MORE PICTURE IN THE GARDENS OF THE HUNTINGTON HOTEL

needed in selecting and training each new group of college pledges was met by the appointment of a National Chairman of Rushing (Florence Hood, A B) and of Pledge Training. (Bernice Hutchison Gale, M). Finally, in accord with the new activity sponsored by NPC, that of providing newspapers and magazines with true and accurate publicity on the constructive and altruistic projects carried on by the NPC groups, a Chairman of Publicity was named, to chart this work for Delta Zeta. Frances Jones (A X) who had so successfully served as chairman of this convention, was chosen for this task.

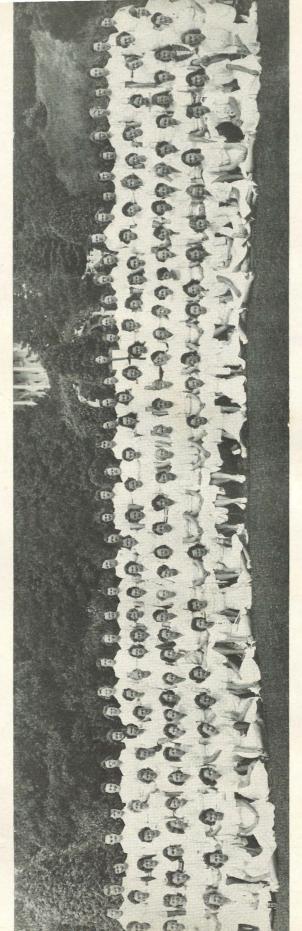
During the next year the Delta Zeta Headquarters at 1603 Carew Tower, Cincinnati, pushed out to additional space required by the expanding activities of the sorority and the new assistants required to make that work more efficient. In addition to Miss Boughton and her assistants (one full-time, occasional extras), Myrtle Malott could also have said, "I work here." Directing the activities of twelve province directors, she also made numerous trips herself, especially to counsel on matters of house or chapter financing. The greatly increased popularity of State Days as a means of bringing alumnæ and collegiate members together easily and happily, led to many calls for Myrtle to serve as speaker. How she loved it, and how the girls loved her! She was also a splendid representative of the sorority in the many extension visits on which she was sent by the Extension Vice-President. The general

conditions of the country were again creating a great increase in college enrollments, with the corresponding desire for sorority participation. Grace Mason Lundy carried on a constant program of making all the sorority visitors extension-conscious, so that they could accurately and helpfully serve both Delta Zeta and the worthy would-be's. A survey was made to chart the most needful areas for early extension. It was clearly seen that one of the ways in which national sororities would be best able to combat the barrage of adverse publicity-much of it patently inaccurate and unfair, but powerful in its appeal to the more unthinking public-would be to increase the number of strong and useful college chapters, NPC groups were outstandingly vigorous in their extension programs during this period, even the lifelong conservatives falling in step with the march of the times.

Council meeting of 1939 was held in Cincinnati. Though it will long be remembered by the officers present because of a certain Corriganlike quality to Frances Westcott's driving on the homeward trip from Miami University, it will stand in the records of the sorority because it offered a look back at one of Delta Zeta's most successful years, and a look forward at one which was to prove of equal achievement. The excellence of the chapter reports led to the decision that there should be awarded at 1940 Convention a second chapter award, this one to go to a chapter which over an extended period of time had



BETA XI AT ALABAMA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE IS BETA PI'S "TWIN"



Sunday Morning in the Garden at the Grand Hotel, June 1940. Kay Hornung, Convention Initiate, Is Second from Left, Front Row.

maintained a high standard in all aspects of chapters and campus activity. The "Delta Zeta Creed" presented by Dorothy Williams in compliance with a suggestion from Council, was received with pleasure. The poetic and exquisite insight which had made Dorothy's work on Ritual so valuable, showed again in the creative inspiration of her Creed, which was at once realized to have the qualities of an enduring masterpiece. Congratulations were extended to Kappa Chapter, which had fittingly observed its Silver Anniversary in April. Plans for the 1940 Convention, which was to be held at the Grand Hotel. Mackinac Island, occupied a considerable portion of the time. It was felt that the vast increase of information about Delta Zetas and their achievements, both as individuals and through groups, which the Vocational Guidance Committee had been accumulating during the year, should be a featured part of Convention. The purpose of this Convention was to be that of increasing the consciousness of accomplishment and the power of unity in action. The stir of unrest in other parts of the world, reflected variously in America, was not disregarded nor underestimated, but it was felt that continuing sturdily in the path marked out was the wisest and soundest preparations for whatever might lie just ahead. When Council took a slight breathing spell to mingle with the Delta Zetas of Cincinnati informally, Julia Bishop summed up neatly the change in times: "There were six Founders, there are six of you Council members now; but to get together for this meeting three of you had to fly across the continent, with chapters dotted along your entire path. In our day we relied on Dobbin, not Pegasus!"

In the summer of 1939 an experience unique in the history of Delta Zeta, or inded of any sorority, was recorded; the initiation into membership of Her Royal Highness, Crown Princess Martha of Norway, and her lady-in-waiting, Mrs. Raghnild Ostgaard. This notable event occurred in the course of a tour being taken by the Crown Prince and Princess through the Northwestern States, while they were guests of the University of North Dakota for Commencement. It was the privilege of Upsilon Chapter to extend them the hospitality of her lovely and commodious home, and it was the sincere interest of the royal visitors in such an institution as a college sorority, how it functioned, what place it filled in the lives of younger people and of older ones too, which led to the happy inspiration on the part of Delta Zeta to share sorority membership with her guests. To Gudrun Hulteng Letich, charter member of Upsilon Chapter and a true daughter of Scandinavian descent, fell the



Crown Princess Martha posed in native costume on steps of Upsilon Chapter house, 1939

pleasure of pinning a Delta Zeta badge upon Princess Martha. Five seniors of Upsilon chapter were in the graduating class which received its Godspeed message from the Crown Prince. Myrtle Graeter Malott, invited by the chapter to share its visit with these distinguished guests, was present to act as the sorority's official hostess to the party and to extend to our new members the sincere welcome of the entire sorority.

Founders' Day, 1939, found a new chapter sharing this annual celebration, for Beta Nu Chapter at the University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, had been installed in September by Mrs. Malott, Mrs. Lundy, Mildred Bullock Keezel, and a host of loyal alumnæ in Miami who had been working earnestly with the local group for two years. Enthusiastic sisters from Alpha Sigma and Beta Mu also joined in the installation services, so that a record State Day formed the setting for the chapter establishment.



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS AT BETA PI INSTALLATION, ALBION COLLEGE, MAY 1940

November brought the sad news of the passing of beloved Bess Stephenson, and pins were draped with black to mark the respect and love which a grateful Delta Zeta felt for her loss.

While the Vocational Guidance Committee could enjoy the chapter reports of occupational interests of graduating seniors, National Head-quarters arrived at the knowledge of occupational and marital changes in another and more perplexing way. Women were on the move, and

the Lamp and other sorority mail was being returned from addresses which knew them no more. A tabulation in 1939 had shown that many members were on the "lost" lists of chapters, and during that summer a vigorous campaign was undertaken by chapters and State Chairmen, in cooperation wth National Headquarters, to bring address lists up to date. The results of this work were made tangible in the Sixth Edition of  $\Delta$  Z Membership Directory, which appeared early



ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER, OKLAHOMA STATE COLLEGE, RE-ACTIVATED MAY, 1940







Above: Memorial Service was conducted by Leila Maul, Rho.

Center: On the sidelines for a few moments only: Helen, Irene, Julia B., Lucile with Edna, Margaret, Gertrude and Mildred for background.

Left: Greetings from Founders were received by Helen, Lucile, Edna, Irene, Mildred and Gertrude.



INSTALLATION GROUP OF BETA NU CHAPTER, UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

in 1940, listing approximately 10,500 members. It was of invaluable assistance to the many alumnæ groups, province directors and State Chairmen.

As Spring brought out flocks of Round Robins flying among Delta Zetas planning for the 1940 Convention, President Malott signed charters for

Beta Xi Chapter at Alabama Polytechnic Institute (familiarly known as "Auburn") and Beta Pi and Albion College in Michigan. The installations of these two chapters took place on the same weekend in May. In Alabama Mrs. Malott was chief installing officer with Mrs. Lundy and province and chapter personnel assisting; at



As the 1940 Convention Opened

On the platform are Shirley King Patterson, Convention Chairman, Dorothy Mumford Williams, Margaret H. Pease, Frances Westcott, Grace Lundy, Myrtle Malott, Dr. Henry MacLean, Sigma Chi and Keynote Speaker, Helen M. Craig, Mildred French, Gertrude Fariss, Irene Boughton.

Albion, Margaret Pease and Irene Boughton officiated. In each case the fledgling chapters were the central attraction of the 1940 State Day, and these meetings proved a great stimulant toward convention attendance.

## "Horizons Widen," Theme for 17th Convention

June brought perfect weather for Convention on historic Mackinac Island, and Convention brought a list of achievements long enough to grace the fabulous porch of the Grand Hotel, hammered and etched pewter candy trays, and tiny bronze Roman lamps. Achievements of college and alumnæ chapters required a suite of rooms for housing, along with scrapbooks and publicity exhibits. The newly-created Council Award went, with recognized fitness, to Alpha Chapter, certainly "one which for a long period of time had attained outstanding recognition on its own campus. . . ." The Achievement Award was well-earned by its recipient, Beta Kappa Chapter at Iowa State College. It was announced that this award would henceforth be known as



DOROTHY BROWN WITH COUNCIL AWARD

Indeed, the LAMPKIN, Convention's daily newspaper, burst all former bounds in its determination to "tell all."

"Horizons Widen" had been chosen by Myrtle Malott as the Convention theme, a theme impressively portrayed from the stately opening processional to the final "Bo-Jo'" pronounced by Myrtle at the Grand Installation Luncheon. Dr. Henry MacLean, Grand praetor of Sigma Chi Fraternity, was keynote speaker, and the "Lamp Soliloquy" which he dedicated to the sorority in his address set before the Delta Zetas a pattern for highest achievement.

Impressive visual form of the findings compiled by the Vocational Guidance Committee was the first Talent Display to be featured at a Convention. Hobbies, professions and interests of members were presented in fascinating exhibits. Some of these were reproduced in the Convention favors, two charming ones being hand-

the Founders' Award; since it by established custom consists of six sterling candlesticks engraved in memory of the six Founders.

Unanimous approbation greeted the motion that Delta Zeta honor the memory of Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson by establishing in her name a Foundation, funds from which should go to members of exceptional promise and distinguished scholastic attainment to continue their education, either by a plan of their own selection, or in giving their services to Delta Zeta as affiliates or coorganizers. The launching of this program was to be the central theme of 1940 Founders' Day services.

In the initiation of Kay Hornung, pledge and organizer working with the new chapter at Albion College, hundreds of Delta Zetas who had known the inspiring, loyal and tireless services of Georgia Chandler Hornung for a full score of years, found special happiness in demonstrat-



GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER AT BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLECE, INSTALLED DECEMBER 6, 1941

ing to Georgia Lee just how joyful this occasion was to all Delta Zetas. The initiation banquet, where Dorothy Williams' moving *Creed* was used for the first time as the toast theme, was such an experience as is not often duplicated for the pure happiness it expressed, in truly feminine fashion, by both tears and smiles.

Statistics carried meaning. The membership census of over 10,000 members meant a fine increase also in college chapter enrollments and in chartered alumnæ chapters. Reports of alumnæ activities for the spring centered around a recordbreaking number of State Days, practically State Conventions in miniature. Reasons for the popularity of these meetings included ease of staging, accessibility to large groups, increase of automobile transportation, frequently possible, and effectiveness as a public relations medium. To channel so great and fine an interest into a source of rushing and other chapter assistance, where it had been splendidly demonstrated, the Convention took a number of action adopting suggestions which had been previously formulated and were now proven valuable by test.

Chief of these was concerned with Council offices. The addition of a new Vice-Presidency, to combine the duties performed in the preceding biennium by the Rushing and Pledge Training

Chairmen, was approved. The Vice Presidential designations were also changed from First, Second, (Third), to be Extension, Alumnæ and Membership. Duties of the National Secretary were revised to cover the direction of Chapter Standards Programs, and Scholarship. Committees geographically distributed were to work with the Secretary and the Membership Vice President.

With the addition of the new vice presidential office, it was voted to make the Editor's office an appointive one, and to this position Irene Boughton was named for the next biennium. Convention also approved the preparation of a revised Constitution, and other needed publications. These, as well as the esoteric publication SIDE-LIGHTS, would all be prepared and issued from national headquarters. But once again, to centralize the personnel and equipment, headquarters was to move, from Ohio to Indianapolis, Indiana.

Social arrangements for this Convention, distributed among alumnæ chapters of Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota, were especially happy both in decorations and spirit of extended acquaintaince which they were planned to develop. Cleveland, with the Pups and Hounds; Luncheon as well as a Great



CHARTER MEMBERS OF BETA RHO CHAPTER, MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE



MILDRED POTTER
Alpha Omicron
Co-Chairman, Indiana

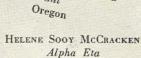


KATHRYN HUNEKE ČLINGINGSMITH
Alpha Psi
Texas

GOLD STAR
LEADERS WHO
PUT THEIR
STATES OVER
THE TOP IN
THE ECS



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ANITA BROWNLEE PLATTE
Alpha Nu
Co-Chairman, Indiana



CHRISTINE POLLARD
QUATTLEBAUM
Kappa
South Carolina





ALICE APPELL
Alpha Beta
Illinois

Lakes Dinner; Indian Day, naturally in charge of the Indianapolis Tribe; Detroit with its Motor Luncheon and Aurora Borealis Dinner; Chicago with its Vocational slant in the Career Girl's Luncheon and the beautiful settings for initiation banquet; Milwaukee's Straits luncheon, and Modern Age dinner; and Minneapolis with its "Grand" luncheon, ran an amazing gamut of variety in setting and entertainment, a continual source of wonder and pleasure. Other events, each of which had its own important place to fill, were the Artists' Tea, featuring some of the talented exhibitors and participants in the Talent Show: the lovely Memorial Service held early one morning in the historic little village chapel: the clever rushing skit "'Neath Moon or Sun" concocted by Gale and Hood, and the Pajamboree, M-Ceed by Ileen Wilson Taylor.

At the close of this memorable Convention it was necessary to say Goodbye, officially speaking, to Myrtle Malott, Helen Myer Craig, and Mildred French, who retired from office with the love and gratitude of the sorority warmly surrounding them. Myrtle Malott conducted installation services for the new council which con-

sisted of:

President—Grace Mason Lundy Alumnæ Vice President-Florence Hood, A B Extension Vice President-Mildred Bullock Keezel, A Σ Membership Vice President—Ileen Wilson Taylor, M Secretary—Gertrude Houk Fariss Treasurer—Frances Westcott

Margaret Huenefeld Pease was continued as NPC delegate, to the great satisfaction of all, and was named as Chairman of the Constitution Committee. Other Standing Committee Chairmen were: History, Julia Bishop Coleman; Social Service, Edna Wheatley; Ritual, Dorothy Mumford Williams; Vocational Guidance, Esther Culp Litchfield; and Building, Aurel Fowler Ostendorf, A H.

October 1940 found all in readiness for a year that was indeed to make history. With new headquarters established in the Circle Tower, Indianapolis, Irene Boughton found that her initial experience at editing the LAMP was largely a matter of selecting the most important from the great array of pictures and stories that poured in, testifying to the widespread interest in launching the "ECS" as the Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson was quickly called. "Candles of Memory," the program for Founders' Day, were lighted in scores of gatherings and more than half the first year's quota was raised on this one occasion. Alpha Chapter was especially happy that the aftermath of Founders' Day on Miami campus was the opening, in December, of sorority suites for all groups on the campus; attractive quarters in handsome new North Hall having been prepared for the girls, so that at long last, each

sorority had a place to call its own.

Gertrude Fariss continued to impress upon the chapters that new horizons lay ahead, in her dynamic Standards Outline for the year. "Design for Living" gave the girls much of both immediate and future value. The changing and portentous spirit of the times continued to trouble the leaders of college groups, for despite the brilliancy of the New York World's Fair, and the glimpses which it seemed to show of horizons stretching out to peace and world-wide understanding, social and economic conditions reflected an increased unrest, prosperity notwithstanding. Leaders of NPC and NIC took note of these conditions and prepared to make their organizations of the greatest possible assistance to college groups. Many college workshops were scheduled during the year, and all Council members participated in one or more. The opportunities to work at close contrast with each other were mutually helpful to both chapters and officers. The usefulness of the Standards Program and of similar programs which were discovered to be used by several groups, was repeatedly commended by Deans of Women and other college administrators. Alumnæ chapters, which had begun the transition recommended, of swinging from the single project for mountain service, into diversified local programs of importance, found much to do and began reporting excellent programs of doing it.

The details of these reports afforded solid satisfaction to Council when in April 1941, it met in Indianapolis. From coast to coast interesting news flashes were received. Seattle alumnæ had joined the State Day observances in true western style, bigger, better and busier. One of its alumnæ, Mary Benton, had been awarded the \$1,500.00 literary prize offered by Houghton, Mifflin Company for her novel, "Old Bullion." Minneapolis alumnæ and Gamma chapter had highlighted their year by the initiation of Mrs. Harold Stassen, Minnesota's First Lady, Michigan's State Day plans centered around the longanticipated installation of a chapter at Michigan State College (Beta Rho, May 1941). Council provided new tools for all these ardent workers in the shape of an enlarged issue of The Blue Book for Pledges, a new "Let's Look Into This," new officers' work-kits. All eyes were turned toward Convention of 1942, filled with the hope that war, which seemed so tragically imminent would not

intervene. . . .

## Δ Zs Welcome Beta Phi Alpha

The summer of 1941 found Delta Zeta making new Panhellenic history. Not only our own LAMP, but national Greek-letter journals carried the story of the union, in July 1941, of Beta Phi Alpha and Delta Zeta. The notably simple and effective manner in which plans for this merger had been carried out, permitted the enlarged national organization to move forward with enthusiasm and smoothness, and the major details of the union were completed in time for the second observance of the ECS Foundation to be shared by the eight new college chapters and many hundreds of new alumnæ members. All through the summer and early fall, officers and members of Delta Zeta, officers and members of Beta Phi Alpha, college and alumnæ chapters of both groups, were proceeding with installation of former Beta Phi Alpha chapters into Delta Zeta, or initiating alumnæ members into association with Delta Zeta's alumnæ chapters.

One of the largest and most distinguished of these occasions was that on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. Here Beta Phi Alpha had been founded and had made a fine and honored place for itself; here its Alpha Chapter and the many resident alumnæ, including Founder Ida Rinn and former national presidents, were welcomed by Mu of Delta Zeta and the Bay Cities Alumnæ.... Other initiations almost as large equally as brilliantly executed were those in Seattle, Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles and Kansas City. Everywhere the ceremonies were marked by graciousness, mutual acquaintanceship and Panhellenic welcome.

The eight interesting new chapters added to Delta Zeta from this union were: Colorado State College (Beta Sigma), Nebraska Wesleyan University (Beta Tau), Sophie Newcomb College (Beta Upsilon), Wittenberg College (Beta Chi), Oglethorpe University (Beta Phi), College of Charleston (Beta Psi), College of the City of New York (Beta Omega); and the re-activating of Alpha Kappa at Syracuse University. In addition, former Beta Phi "city clubs" had added a number of newly chartered alumnæ groups to Delta Zeta's own chapter roll. A new ranch house at Alpha Epsilon Chapter and a charming lodge for Beta Pi, were house-warmed in time to provide settings for initiation to welcome Beta Phi groups to Delta Zeta. The 1941 Panhellenic Conference in New York City found these Delta



Under the fitting inscription "Wisdom standeth where the paths meet," the National Council of Delta Zeta welcomed this group, the members and officers of Beta Phi Alpha, as new wearers of the lamp.

Zetas, new and old, in attendance, and the recipient of many good wishes from Panhellenic friends: Julia Wells Bower and Alice Hanson Jones, both former NPC delegates for B  $\Phi$  A, and Margaret Pease, Irene Boughton and Grace Lundy. Hope for averting war was less strong by this time, and both the NIC and NPC members proved their value as national service groups by making sound plans for their united memberships, whether on campus or in general society, should war become an actuality.

Delta Zeta, proceeding with business as usual, had just welcomed into membership Gamma Alpha Chapter at Baldwin-Wallace College, on December 7, 1941, when the news of Pearl Harbor rang out with the church bells which were to summon the new chapter and the national officers to observe the Delta Zeta custom of attending

church together.

Quickly the value of NPC and sorority plans for effective guidance of college chapters became evident. Chapter visiting and supervision was carried on without diminishing by rearranging province officer schedules to decrease time and distance required. Simplified social and rushing activities centered about war service programs; coeds carried on activities formerly reserved for "eds" and did it well; no hysteria broke out in



Delta Winters Thede, Alpha Beta, former Council Member of Beta Phi Alpha, presented Memorial Gavel to Convention.



RUTH BELL DOUB, Psi, welcomes daughter Margaret, Psi, 1942 Convention initiate

the chapters although all colleges were swept into the speed-up necessity. The organization of alumnæ chapters for local service permitted many groups to fall in line at once with programs for Red Cross service, Gray Ladies, USO, and all the various war relief agencies. Names of members who were enlisting in the women's services came in, at first a trickle, later in a steady and lengthening record. Leila Hostetter of Alpha Iota was the first to report for duty, from her post in far-off Australia. Names of all members in service were placed on the LAMP mailing list and the testimonies as to the welcome with which members hailed this touch from home were indeed heart-warming. The LAMP carried pages of STARS IN OUR SERVICE FLAG. A few members surprisingly found themselves brought together in unexpected ways in remote spots. National and chapter funds were used to purchase bonds in the Bond Drives.

Delta Zeta was grateful that plans for 1942 Convention need not be annulled by the war, and it was with real thankfulness and a spirit of preparing for enlarged national usefulness, that the 18th National Convention assembled at French

# ANNOUNCE UNION OF N. P. C. GROUPS

Delta Zeta Accepts Beta Phi Alpha Into Membership; Affiliation Reduces Number of N. P. C. Groups to Twenty-One

> By Irene C. Boughton Executive Secretary of Delta Zeta

THE second merger of National Panhellenic Congress groups was effected when at the national convention of B  $\Phi$  A Fraternity at Lakeside, Ohio, June 27-July 3, the affiliation of B  $\Phi$  A with  $\Delta$  Z Sorority was announced to the convention by Julia Wells Bower, Grand President.

This affiliation, which will stand among the most extensive of unions of women's organizations will reduce the number of member organizations in National Panhellenic Congress to twenty-one.

B Φ A, first national collegiate group to be formed on the Pacific Coast, was founded at the University of California in 1909, under

the sponsorship of the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ because of the immediate need for more groups in which women students might enjoy sorority membership. In 1923 the fraternity was admitted to membership in National Panhellenic Congress and held the chairmanship in 1935-37 under the capable leadership of Harriet Tuft, a former grand president. At the time of the merger there were fourteen college chapters and thirty alumnæ chapters and



LEADER

Grace Mason Lundy, President of
Delta Zeta

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Card announcing the affiliation. This is the second union of N. P. C. Sororities, the first being that between Phi Mu and Alpha Delta Theta in 1939.

a total membership of over 3,200. \$\Delta Z\$ was founded at Miami University in 1902, and qualified for membership in National Panhellenic Congress in 1910, Represented in the merger are forty-four college chapters and seventy-two chartered alumna chapters. Total membership at the close of the college year numbered

nearly 11,000.

The combined organization, which will be known as A Z Sorority will have a chapter roll of fifty-two collegiate chapters and seventy-two alumnæ chapters due to duplications. New chapters for A Z will be: Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio; College of Charleston, Charleston, South Carolina; Oglethorpe University, Atlanta, Georgia: Nebraska Weslevan University, Lincoln, Nebraska; Colorado College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; Fort Collins, Colorado; New York University, New York City: H. Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans, Louisiana; Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

The national headquarters of Δ Z located at 1325 Circle Tower, Indianapolis, Indiana, will continue to serve as the business office of the sorority, Miss Irene C. Boughton, Executive Secretary of Δ Z will be in charge, assisted by Mrs. Della Winters Thede, formerly Grand Secretary-Traveling Secretary of B Φ Λ.

Mary Gordon Holway, a member of H B P acted as adviser to the six founders of B P A who were: Elsa Ludeke, Anna Nelson, Edith Harriman Scott, Hattie Paul, Ida Rinn, and Lydia Maude Taylor. The founders have maintained an active interest in the affairs of the fraternity, having held numerous offices. Record for convention attendance was held by Elsa Ludeke whose death in 1940 was a personal loss to many members of B Φ A. The 1941 convention approved the combining of all scholarship funds of B P A for a graduate loan fund to be named in her memory. The gavel which Elsa Ludeke designed and had made from

gold and ivory which she collected on a trip to Alaska and which has been used at all B \$\Phi\$ A conventions was officially presented by Julia Wells Bower to Grace Mason Lundy, the National President of \$\Delta\$ Z, at the closing session of the \$B\$ \$\Phi\$ A convention. In turning over, the gavel, Miss Bower expressed the conviction that Elsa Ludeke would have considered \$B\$ \$\Phi\$ \$\Delta\$ A's decision as one more proof of its vision and progressive spirit. Miss Bower said, "The merger



LEADER

Miss Julia Wells Bower, president
of Beta Phi Alpha



LEADER
Irene C. Boughton, Executive Secretary-editor of Delta Zeta, a former president of the Sorority.

of B Φ A with Δ Z is undeniably a conclusive argument for the continued program of modern progressive Panhellenism. By the bringing together of two groups, sound in finance, sound in policy and program, ultimate good will result to both."

In accepting the gavel, Mrs. Lundy expressed her pleasure in the affiliation and said that while B & A is gaining the added numerical strength and members, A Z is gaining through the opening of new chapter fields. "For the past several years expansion has been at a comparative standstill. There have been new chapters established-yes-but at tremendous cost. Since in these days of large chapters and crowded campuses, practically the only means left for a method of expansion is colonization. This may take years and usually does if the resulting chapter is to be strong. With this merger, A Z gains eight new chapters on campuses new to our sorority and on definitely advantageous campuses geographically. This is the practical thing we have gained. The other gains are those which, while they are difficult to enumerate, are those very definite gains to be had through widening the circle of friend-

In taking a step of this nature, similarity of outlook is one of the first considerations, and these two organizations, both founded in the twentieth century, would by the very nature of that fact display a similar purpose and intent. The founders of  $\Delta Z$  were pioneers on the Miami campus, since that university was opened to women in 1902, the year

of the founding of the sorority. Each of these founders later served her sorority in national office; Mary Collins Galbraith, Anna Keen Davis, Mabelle Minton Hagemann and the three others, Alfa Lloyd Hayes, Julia Bishop Coleman and Anne Simmons Friedline as national presidents, The first national convention, held in 1907, was presided over entirely by officers of Alpha chapter, then the governing body of the sorority.

Since 1917 the sorority has maintained an active national program of social service work for college and alumnæ chapters. In this same year, a national loan fund, open to upperclass members of A Z or to other properly qualified college women in need of aid to complete their education, was also established. This fund has up to the present time been the means of assisting 267 members to complete their college work. In, 1941 an additional scholarship fund was set up, to be known as the Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson Memorial Fund and named in honor of the first pledge of \( \Delta \) Z, who until her death in 1940 had continuously served the sorority in some outstanding manner.

Classification of members according to professions, in the second issue of the sorority directory, led indirectly to the establishment of a Vocational Guidance Committee, which has expanded its function until today it is one of the leading service committees of the sorority. Articles dealing with vocations, and with prominent representatives of the vocations within the sorority membership, are regularly featured in the sorority magazine, The Lamp of Delta Zeta. Growing currently with the vocational guidance interest has been a national Standards program, the purpose of which has been to augment the cultural training and interest of the college members.

Installations of the new chapters for the sorority are now being arranged and it is expected that these will be completed within the coming year.

#### Chi Psi Observes Centennial

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'91, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York: Joseph C. Harsch, Williams '26, Washington, D.C., correspondent of the Christian Science Monitor; Jerome D. Barnum, Cornell '12, publisher of the Syracuse, New York, Post Standard, and Morse A. Cart-



LEADER
Harriet Williamson Tuft, long a leader in Beta Phi Alpha and former chairman of N. P. C.

wright, California '12. Director of the American Association for Adult Education, New York City, The Blue Network program has been distributed by NBC on electrically transcribed RCA Vitrolac Records.

At long last the banquet! In the College Gymnasium Saturday night were laid covers for 624. Through the generosity of John Wendell Anderson, Michigan '90, past President of X V, who to the regret of all was himself unable to attend, those present were his guests at the banquet, as a token of his affection for his fraternity. What a feast, what singing, what high spirits! Throughout the banquet communication was had with upwards of fifty X 4 "100th Birthday Parties" held simultaneously from Maine to California, Constant was the stream of telegrams of greeting, from these gatherings, from individual X Vs and from many other fraternities. X 4s dining at San Antonio, Texas, for a half-hour maintained a two-way telephone connection with the Centennial banquet, with loud speakers at each end of the line. And what a thrill when plainly and clearly through the loud speaker came greetings by trans-oceanic telephone from X Vs in far-off Manila, Philippine Islands! Other features were the presentation to Judge Cooper of the X V Distinguished Service Award, and the reading of the Centennial Song, "Men of Chi Psi," by Dr. Carl E. McCombs, Union '04.

In concluding its report of the Centennial, said Union Alumni Monthly:

X \Psi has set several national

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National Council elected in 1942 speeds the departing delegates. Left to right, Grace Lundy, Evelyn Costello, Ileen Taylor, Mildred Keezel, Frances Westcott, Julia Bower.

Lick Springs Hotel, in Indiana, in June, 1922, to apply its energies to realizing the Convention theme, "Blueprints for Peace."

#### 1942 Convention Studies "Blueprints for Peace"

"War is transient, Education is permanent" was the keynote for this convention, which, though purposely limited in numbers, to comply with the National rationing and restrictions, was one of fine unity and planning. Facing the possibility of a long interval before another convention might be held, this one was planned to be in every way a school in which Delta Zetas should be taught Delta Zeta from the first fact to an unlimited conclusion. Keynote speaker, chosen because he had inaugurated an Officers' Training School of such a nature for his own fraternity, was Dr. John O. Moseley, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The presentation of delegates from the ten new chapters installed since 1940 emphasized the growth of the national influence. Presence among the alumnæ of Julia Wells Bower, Delle Thede, Mabel Crinkley, former officers of Beta Phi Alpha, helped create a familiar feeling for the girls new in Delta Zeta.

Chapter records exhibits were so popular that someone was always coming back for one more look; while the exhibits of the alumnæ chapters proved so enticing that a number of collegiate members sat in on the alumnæ sessions, to find out "what we'll do when" although a play period had been planned for them at this time; and the exhibits from National Headquarters, especially the yards and yards of mailing lists, were of endless fascination.

The ceremonials of this Convention were notable for the exceptionally beautiful settings available for each; the green-and-white garden appointments in which Gertrude Kromer Daugherty, O, and Pittsburgh Alumnæ, conducted Memorial Service in a tranquil dawn; the sharply dramatic quality of the black velvet background and classic staging for the initiation service in which Margaret Doub, of Psi Chapter, was welcomed by her own mother, Ruth Bell Doub, Psi, first of all; the simple but breath-taking loveliness of the appointments for the installation banquet, contribution of Margaret Pease and Harriet Hazinski, T, both artists in this line.

Purchase of \$10,000.00 worth of War Bonds from the national treasury, led the way for additional purchases by chapters and for sales campaigns conducted by them. Widening of the service of the sorority's Endowment Funds for possible emergency need arising in chapters affected by wartime conditions, and strengthening the powers of the House Management Committee,



GAMMA ALPHA CHAPTER AT UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT WAS INSTALLED ON FOUNDERS' DAY, 1943

assured the sorority of adequate financial guidance.

In the final session of the meeting, Della Winters Thede, former national secretary of Beta Phi Alpha, told the girls the appealing story of the unusual gavel which was for the first time being used at a Delta Zeta Convention. Many girls came solemnly to handle the beautiful gift which a devoted Beta Phi Alpha Founder, Elsa Ludeke, had bequeathed to her own fraternity, not dreaming that after she was gone it would form a memorial to her name in an enlarged sisterhood. . . . In gratitude for this heritage of effection and inspiration Convention voted to set up a new Scholarship Fund, this one for graduate members qualifying for its use in special fields of study. It was named The Elsa Ludeke Memorial Fund, and its basis was the former scholarship fund of Beta Phi Alpha.

Cementing of the two groups which had been working alone since July 1941 was beautifully expressed in the song which Beta Phi Alpha had given to Delta Zeta from one of its own favorites: "Convention Lights" . . .



Convention lights anew The flame of friendship true; The joy we've had in knowing you Will last the long years through.

Echoes of this song were in each heart as members departed for their own homes and chapters, ready for what might lie between 1942 and Peace. Election of Council had been with the proviso that no Convention might be possible in 1944 and those who assumed office with the realization that it was "for the duration" were:

President, Grace Mason Lundy; Alumnæ Vice-President, Mildred Bullock Keezel; Extension Vice President, Julia Wells Bower, AK; Membership Vice President, Ileen Wilson Taylor; Secre-



tary, Evelyn Adams Costello, N; Treasurer, Frances Elizabeth Westcott.

Gertrude Fariss became NPC delegate upon the resignation of Margaret Pease. Myrtle Malott and Georgia Hornung were named as special Council Deputies.

"Go on with what you are doing, only do it better than ever before" was the sound slogan which formed a steadying theme for college and alumnæ members during the year 1942-43. How well all had been done despite the unquestioned effect of the war status on all colleges and all fraternal groups, formed the material for much sincere satisfaction and admiration when Council met in Indianapolis in 1943 to take stock of the year.

#### **Delta Zeta Honors Founders**

Leading the list in interest from the standpoint of pleasing sentiment, was the account of Delta Zeta's Memorial to her Founders, which had become a reality in Miami University's Commencement week in May. Decision of the Memorial Committee, after long consideration, had been to express the sorority's appreciation in terms the Founders might have used; terms which the sorority would feel represent the Founders worthily to all future generations of Miamians. The final choice was a portrait of Dean Elizabeth Hamilton, to be hung in the dormitory which was sorority headquarters, and for which she had given so much encouragement.

This proved a most happy choice. Dean Hamilton had assumed the position of counselor to women on the Miami campus during the days when Delta Zeta was forming there, and for the forty succeeding years had remained, the wise and beloved friend. Though she was about to retire from active service, her continuing residence in Oxford would keep her among her familiar surroundings. Rarely has it been the privilege of an educator to see so richly manifested the harvest of her long and loving period of service. The sorority at large, and the Founders especially, took great pleasure in the plans for this presentation, and had chosen with spe-





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Grace Lundy, Frances Westcott, Gertrude Fariss, Mildred Keezel, Florence Hood, Bernice Gale

cial care the distinguished and intuitive painter of portraits, Marie Goth of Indiana's Brown County Colony, as their portraitist.

Alumni Day of Commencement Week, 1943, was just as it should be; brisk, sunny and clear after a tiny skiff of morning rain. The simple but effective ceremonies which in the afternoon composed Delta Zeta's share in the day, were attended not only by college and visiting members of Delta Zeta, but by many Miami alumni of all generations. Founders Julia Bishop Coleman and Mary Collins Galbraith were de-

lightedly greeted by friends of their own era, and the sorority was gratified by the approval which was voiced on all sides, at its choice of gift—a gift in which Delta Zeta had been able to express the feelings of many thousands not wearers of the lamp. Grace Mason Lundy made the simple presentation speech, and Dr. A. H. Upham accepted it graciously for Miami.

The story of this pleasant occasion, as well as a listing of the more than 80 members by now enrolled in active service as WACS, WAVES, SPARS, Army and Red Cross Nurses and dieti-

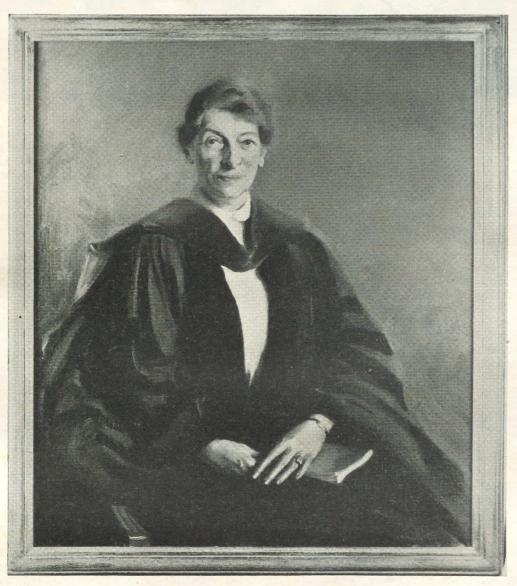
tians, as well as pictures of the new chapter houses claimed by Gamma and Alpha Tau chapters, went out in the summer mailing of Sidelights, "Let's Look," and "How to Rush and Like It," to the increased membership of 13,500.

Founders' Day was observed with enthusiasm undiminished by wartime restrictions, with high interest in the ECS manifested; and the installation of Gamma Beta Chapter, a fine vigorous group developed under the inspiring leadership of Mildred French, was a gala occasion, well attended by Beta Alpha Chapter and alumnæ within reach. The occasion was a pleasant re-

union for some who had also participated in Beta Alpha's installation, and who had not seen each other or Grace Mason Lundy, installing officer on both occasions, since that time.

#### Province Officers' Training School, 1944

As had been forecast, Convention was an impossibility in 1944, but a meeting in St. Louis, in June, proved of special interest, for it provided the First Province Officers' Training School held by Delta Zeta. Since so great a responsibility was to be theirs in this period, the



Delta Zeta Memorial to Founders

Portrait of Dean Elizabeth Hamilton, presented by the sorority to Miami University in May, 1943



BETA PI CHAPTER HAD DATES WITH DADS FOR FORMAL DANCE IN THE WINTER OF 1944

Province Officers both new and old attacked their material enthusiastically, and pronounced the new experiment a great success. Present for several joint sessions was Florence Meyer, B K, who was concluding a year's service as National Visiting Deputy. Her reports stressed the value of increased chapter participation on the part of alumnæ boards, and of greater interchange between college and alumnæ chapters, showing how splendidly the college chapters had held their record during the year. Alpha Kappa Chapter had acquired a handsome and spacious new home. Honors and activities were at an exceptionally high point. Council officers spoke of the additional purchase of \$7,500 in War Bonds by the treasury; of the many chapters and members cited for meritorious service on the home front; of the list of members in the women's services, now numbering 198. To all these as well as sisters at home, the LAMP for the preceding year had carried an impressive array. Discussion of the sorority's programs with the hospitable St. Louis Alumnæ was an inspiring session for this cosmopolitan group. Usefulness of the sorority's service funds was pointed up by the grants to members; and the desire to express our interest to others beyond the country's limits laid the basis for international service to come.

There was a feeling that the end of the war could not be far away. The spirit of service showed no slackening; rather, an increased number of openings for service in hospitals, as blood donors, for personal services of many kinds, found the application of all the sorority's efforts to preparing its members for Victory.

In the winter of 1944, Beta Pi Chapter turned a determined face toward having a chapter formal "with men" and who should the honored and delighted men be but the "Dads."

Aside from the fact that both the girls and Dads had a marvelous time, the clever idea brought public notice on radio, news pages and even had a LIFE photographer ready to make the event of permanent record. This and other items, some social, many of practical business importance, featured the Province workshops which filled the gap of Convention. Not the least of the matters discussed was that of the larger sorority world, of NPC as it functioned on the campus, and as it could operate helpfully on a city basis for the many alumnæ groups. Seniors graduated this year whose entire college life had been spent under the limitations of war, but surely the value of sorority membership had never been more clearly shown to have significant value than in these four years.

Council, meeting at Troutdale-in-the-Pines, Colorado, in June, could rejoice in the realization that V-E Day, and V-J Day to come, would lighten the burdens of the nation and would permit of the planning for a Convention in 1946. Plans for the chartering of Gamma Gamma Chapter at Missouri Valley College, Marshall, Missouri, in the fall, were approved. Congratulations were due Alpha Theta Chapter, Beta Kappa Chapter and Beta Sigma Chapter, on the acquiring of new chapter houses. The outstanding success of Detroit Alumnæ Chapter's service project, that of providing hearing aids for school children handicapped, was matched by a wish on

the part of others to adopt the same work—and a new social service project was adopted!

The thoughtful appraisal of all that would be necessary to "win the peace" was in every NPC Council's mind. Ways and means of implementing our powers were the theme of the 1945 NPC Meeting. Pledging itself to carry back to members and chapters the message of our increased responsibility as defenders of democracy, the Congress added to its membership in an associate capacity, eleven sororities of the Association of Educational Sororities and other groups with interests kindred to its own.

#### New Projects, New Awards Feature Peacetime Program

Minnesota's beautiful lakeland was the scene of Delta Zeta's 1946 Convention, which after the wartime lapse, was actually an innovation for the collegiate delegates, who had not attended a convention before. Naturally, a vast amount of ground was to be covered after a four year recess; the sessions buzzed and hummed with activity. Newest chapter to be represented was Gamma Epsilon, which had been installed at Drake University in May; its induction forming the central event of Iowa's State Day. Welcome was also extended to the colonized group Lampades, at Pennsylvania State College, which was to be formally installed as Gamma Delta Chapter in the fall. The chartering of Gamma Chapter at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, with installation set for August, rejoiced the hearts in the Lone Star State.

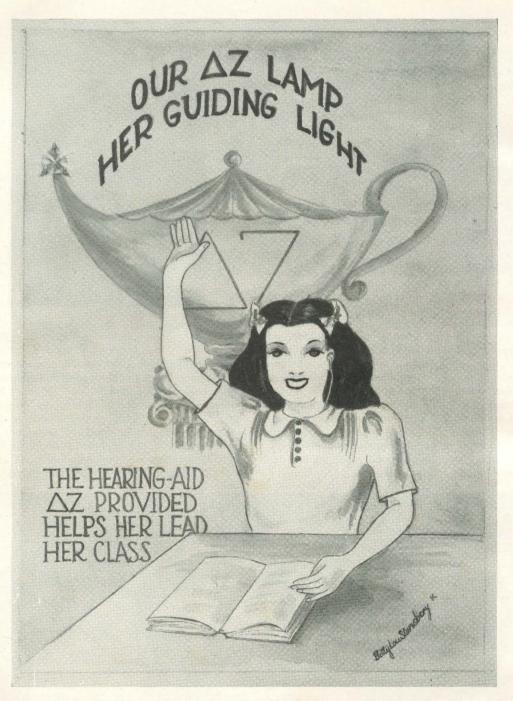


MRS. GEORGE CUNNINGHAM, MU, former national president, & STI,

In sessions packed to the last moment with importance, Delta Zeta viewed itself as an administrator views sororities (Dean Woody Thompson, University of Iowa), as its colonizing coordinates with college administration (Dean George Beery, Drake University), as a publisher sees it (Mr. John Wilterding, Banta Publishing Company), as a Vocational Guidance specialist would like to see it (Dr. Dorothy



GAMMA EPSILON CHAPTER, DRAKE UNIVERSITY, WAS INSTALLED IN MAY, 1946



Pollock, A M, and head of Vocational Guidance Department, Stephens College), as its national and province officers saw it, and as it stood mirrored in the clear reflection of its own reports and displays.

What was seen was good! New houses were announced for Alpha Omicron, Omega and Gamma Epsilon. Alpha Delta Chapter was the first non-housed chapter to receive the Achievement Award, but its fabulous array of honors was crowning testimony to a near-quarter-century of endeavor. Council Awards went in duplicate to Beta Alpha Chapter and Beta Kappa Chapter, while for each award a long list of

near-winners was announced with citation for excellence. Initiation was held for Joey Wise, winsome pledge president of Gamma Epsilon, who had been prevented from initiation at installation.

## "Foreign Friendships" Begun

Alumnæ chapter records for the wartime period showed the 78 groups to have amassed a monumental total of kinds and extent of service rendered; serving as Red Cross chapters, aiding in cancer control, providing scholarships for high school girls, adoption of foreign Certificates for service from the sorority to the members who had served in women's services during the war, were approved; and presented to those members in attendance. One of these, Alice Dickie of Kappa Chapter, was immediately pressed back into Delta Zeta service as visiting delegate for the coming year, a position which she was eminently fitted for doing to perfection.

Arrangements for revising all programs and publications to include the expanded activities of peacetime; revision of constitutional requirements to increase the participation possible for



Council Met at Troutdale-in-the-Pines in 1945

From left to right: Boughton, Lundy, Costello, Gale, Fariss, Westcott, Havens, Snow. For Alumnæ Vice-President Marjorie Snow, Theta, it was a first look-in on what a council does.

orphans, support of physiotherapy activities, collection of clothing for overseas relief, conducting Bond Drives, supporting Seeing Eye projects, USO scrapbook preparation, hospital service and many others. The favor which had greeted the hearing aid project in action prompted its continuance and enlargement as a national project. Two additional altruistic projects were adopted in connection with the sorority's announced intent to become a definite factor in forwarding world peace: these were designated as Foreign Friendships, and the first of them were adoption for support of a small childhome in the Netherlands, with which Mary Coleman had had experience as a Red Cross Clubmobile Worker; and the supplying of lavettes and infants' wardrobes to other needy children, beginning with a gift of 1,000 to be undertaken in the fall of 1946 for distribution in Norway, under the sponsorship of HRH Crown Princess Martha.

alumnæ groups, and to extend to them the services of the national visitors and province officers; providing new chairmanship for the useful Mothers' Clubs; stepping-up of the participation of the sorority in the new programs of NPC citizenship and national service—these were some of the mechanical means approved for enabling Delta Zeta to play the most worthy possible part in America's progress into peace.

Julia Bishop Coleman, Founder representa-

Julia Bishop Coleman, Founder representative present, was happy to share Convention experience with an interesting "pup," none other than Lilian Minton Krebs, sister of Mabelle Minton, second initiate of Alpha chapter, now attending her first national convention. The delightful personality of Mrs. Krebs, known to some LAMP readers as a poet of sensitive discernment, made her one of the most popular of all the "Convention Royalty."

Recognition of the yeoman service contributed by officers not specifically on Council led to the



ALICE DICKIE, Kappa, Visiting Delegate 1946-48, Author of new series of Chapter Officer Manuals.

designation as Ex Officio Council Members of four indispensable workers: Panhellenic Delegate, Editor, Executive Secretary, and Immediate Past President.

## **Awards for Collegiate Leaders**

In the accumulated reports and discussions two parallel lines of interest seemed to be definitely indicated: using all the resources of the organization, personnel and financial, to keep the sorority's own course steady, vigorous and coordinated; but matching this with a generous extension of service to others, wherever the

opportunity and our power combined. The records of the war years had shown how much power lay waiting to be utilized under the summons of a stirring call. Alumnæ were especially complimentary of the way in which college chapters had assumed enlarged responsibility without neglecting their own essential college responsibilities. It remained for a former National Vice President, Florence Hood, to make concrete expression of her personal appreciation and encouragement to the college girl. Florence was called from Convention before its close, and the "little message of good wishes" which she left to be read for her to the Convention proved instead to be a generous gift. She offered an annual award, consisting of one hundred dollars, to an undergraduate member who should achieve outstanding recognition for herself not only for chapter service, but for what the sorority embodies. Herself a journalist, and convinced of the great importance of public relations as it might affect the entire future of sorority groups, Florence suggested that candidates for the award should be undergraduate women engaged in journalistic or allied work. Accepting the generous and challenging offer, the sorority took great pleasure in naming it for the donor, and so came into being the Florence Hood Award. . . . Convention also accepted the proposal brought by Fern Riley Wilson and Ruth Simering, both of Epsilon, that there be created an annual award given a senior girl whose personal and sorority record should merit the sorority's gift of recognition. In accepting the proposal, Convention adopted their suggestion that the award be named for Grace Mason Lundy, who had been in national service for the past twenty-four years, and that the award be a piece of jewelry, espe-



At 1944 Officers Training School, Province Directors

Georgia English (XII), Helen Lautrup (I), Alice McConnell ( ), Mildred Stiff ( ), Betsy Leach (XI), Helen
Woodruff (VIII), Kate Oubre ( ), and Charlotte Verplank ( ) learned "What Delta Zeta Does."

cially designed for this use. These two new awards were enthusiastically approved for first presentation to winners, at 1948 Convention.

Council taking office at this Convention brought to the presidency Frances Westcott, A A, who had served with such distinction in the office of National Treasurer. With her were named:

Alumnæ Vice President—Marjorie Van Bolt Snow, ©

Extension Vice President—Margeurite Havens Membership Vice President—Bernice Hutchison Gale

Secretary—Evelyn Costello

Treasurer-Helen Woodruff, Gamma

The ex officio officers named were Gertrude Houk Fariss and Charlotte Verplank, returned respectively to their positions of Panhellenic Delegate and Editor of the LAMP.

# New Membership Union: $\Delta$ Z and $\Phi$ $\Omega$ $\Pi$

Again in this summer came an opportunity for carrying out a policy of NPC service by expanding the membership of Delta Zeta through the reception of another national group. In August, announcement was made to the Panhellenic world of the receiving into membership in Delta Zeta of Phi Omega Pi, which had been founded at the University of Nebraska in 1909, as Achoth Sorority, later assumed its Greek name and had been a member of NPC since 1923. Installation of Gamma Theta Chapter at Hunter College, the initiation of collegiate and alumnæ members on the campi where dual memberships were present, and of many alumnæ groups in cities throughout the country, formed a major activity for Delta Zeta officers and chapters through the summer and early fall.

The addition of the hundreds of members coming into Delta Zeta from Beta Phi Alpha and Phi Omega Pi had one most interesting and immediately visible result, in the great increase of experienced, devoted and versatile alumnæmembers. With their ranks so greatly increased and a number of new chapters ready-made for chartering, the possible field of service for the alumnæ chapters of Delta Zeta widened in the most challenging way, and the entire alumnæ



1947 COUNCIL MEETING WAS HELD AT NEW OCEAN HOUSE
Left to right, front: Gertrude, Charlotte, Helen. Rear: Margeurite, Irene, Frances, Evelyn, Bunny

## First Winners of New National Awards



MARILYN NORTH, Alpha Alpha Winner of the Florence Hood Award; Mortar Board; Secretary, WSGA; Editorial positions on Syllabus, Purple Parrot, Pegasus; Publicity Chairman for Shi-Ai and other campus organizations; Junior Council Representative.

organization embarked with zest on this undertaking. Among the results were many which provided constantly increased material for the LAMP editor; increased number of State Days, of attendance at these gatherings, of other statewide projects. The duties and the importance of State Chairmen increased like magic. The availability of more alumnæ for all kinds of national service. led to greater support of the Magazine Project. the Publicity Committee, National Membership and Pledge Training Committees, college advisory boards, Standards Committee, financial advice and aid, to say nothing of the flood of energetic support which was poured into all the national altruistic project work. New ways of releasing this added energy and membership power were reported; the awarding by former Phi Omega Pi members at the University of Southern California, of twenty-five scholarships from their alumnæ funds, to be given in the name of Delta Zeta; the establishing of an Aldebaran Award, by Oregon alumnæ, commemorating a tradition beloved in Beta Phi Alpha Chapters; the enlarging of Mothers' Clubs, both in numbers and activities; and in the many pleasant anniversaries occurring in these months, centering often around Silver Anniversaries, or the pleasant smoke of mortgages going up in flames of rejoicing, or some other outstanding form of local service commemorating the name of Delta Zeta.



Joyce Edgar, Beta Kappa Winner of the GML Award; President of Beta Kappa; Publisher of Iowa Homemaker; member of Home Economics Council; Mortar Board, Theta Sigma Phi; Phi Epsilon Omicron; President of Panhellenic Council, and other activities.

#### Alumnæ Chapters Record Great Increase, 1947

These were among the pleasant matters considered by Council when in 1947 it convened at the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Massachusetts, to plan for the 1948 Convention, scheduled to be held at that historic resort. At this time Vice President Marjorie Snow resigned, to be replaced by Betsy Bradley Leach, A I, whose able province directorship in California had given her an exceptional experience with vigorous alumnæ chapters. The lengthening list of alumnæ chapters was her delight. Membership total reported at this time was 17,672; this total being swelled by the installation, in the spring of 1947, of two new collegiate groups—a fine Alpha Upsilon, re-activated at the University of Maine, and Gamma Theta Chapter at Carroll College in Wisconsin, a young chapter in a traditional college making fine progressive history. To be added to this list before the year of Convention, were Gamma Iota, a new southern group at Memphis State College; Gamma Lambda at San Jose State College in California: Gamma Kappa, at Kent State College in Ohio: Gamma Mu at Illinois Institute of Technology, an interesting departure in type of colleges traditionally housing sororities and the re-activation of Alpha Eta at University of Michigan, in a new house. Gamma Iota, Gamma Kappa and Gamma

Lambda were the first of Delta Zeta's chapters to be installed in the newly available state colleges, opened when many former teacher-training institutions were given full status as Colleges of Liberal Arts. In Florida, another departure from tradition was marked by the opening to women students of the University of Florida, heretofore limited to men students, and the accompanying opening to men of the Florida State University, which had hitherto been Florida State College for Women.

From the numbers and enthusiasm of the 1947 State Days, some of which, as in Nebraska, had lengthened into a Province Convention and combined alumnæ reunions and initiations, from the impressive lists of services credited to alumnæ chapters in the field of Hearing Aids and Foreign Friendships alone, it was easy to foresee a Convention of distinguished spirit and record for 1948.

#### 1948 Convention Meets at New Ocean House

President Westcott sounded the theme of the Convention in her opening address: "To Act That Each Tomorrow Find Us Farther Than Today." Convention had brought together for the first time in a national way, the new Delta Zeta, the remarkably harmonious and vigorous unit which had so rapidly and happily developed from the triplicate membership that had begun in 1941.

Already Delta Zeta felt herself on the threshold of the Golden Milestone of 1952, toward which steps were being consciously turned. Workshops, which had gradually replaced and improved upon the earlier "Roundtables," were the scene of fascinating activities. College members met to pool problems and experiences dealing with their eternals-pledging, membership training. Panhellenic programs, Standards. Alumnæ found worlds of common interest in their own local activities as well as the two national philanthropic projects. Two matters of alumnæ service which assumed vital importance were those of alumnæ advisory boards, and of the ever-widening importance of the role which alumnæ groups of the NPC sororities could play in every community. The beautiful Memorial Book in which the California alumnæ honored the memory of Geraldine King Thompson and aided their Hearing Aid Treasury, was the center of much admiration; the generous gift of Phi Omega Pi as she closed her own financial accounts, in giving five hundred dollars to the Crippled Children's Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, long a national project of their own, and a like sum to the DZ Hearing Aid Fund, was

lovingly applauded.

The entire Convention group, increased in representation by the ten new college groups and seven new alumnæ chapters of the past biennium, found a wealth of inspiration and approval in the stimulating speakers who numbered Mr. L. G. Balfour, prominent NIC leader; Nina Mason Pulliam whose experience on a round-the-world trip in war-ravaged countries was featured at the Service Dinner: Mrs. Raymond L. Suppes, national Treasurer of Alpha Chi Omega and mother of an Alpha Delta member, who appropriately discussed "Together"; and Dr. Harold Browning, Vice President of Rhode Island State College and also a DZ parent in fact as well as in having been a patron of B A since its establishment. Convention initiate was Rhode Island's Dean of Women, witty and delightful Dr. Evelyn B. Morris, whom the B A girls had claimed as their own in their hearts long before they had the joy of making her a bona fide Delta Zeta.

Chapter reports for so large a membership had to be done in tabloid, necessarily, if verbally; and in endless pictorial presentation, visually. Prepared in advance for this wealth of achievement, Council had provided itself with two new classes of awards for college chapters. Awards for excellence in scholarship went to Sigma, Beta Gamma, Beta Lambda, Gamma Beta, Upsilon, Gamma Theta, Alpha Chi, Xi and Omicron Chapters. These were handwrought candle-snuffers, designed and specially made by Evelyn Adams Costello and her gifted husband, Dr. Russell Costello. Mu Chapter also crowned her chapter attainments by winning the Council Award, richly deserved. Bunny Gale, whose oldest daughter, Pat, was a member of Mu this year, felt her cup filled to the brim. Gamma Beta, young chapter at the University of Connecticut, received the Founders' Award, for an outstandingly fine record of chapter achievement in its short history. Finally, the service of many tireless and unassuming alumnæ members was recognized in the presentation of the Achoth Awards, named in perpetuation of a custom begun and cherished among Phi Omega Pi members. The first presentation of the Florence Hood Award and the Grace Mason Lundy Award honored respectively, Marilyn North of A A Chapter, and Joyce Edgar of B K Chapter. Both these were presented in person by the member for whom they were named, and an Honor Court of members almost equally distinguished, was introduced to the admiring Convention, receiving corsages from the hands of Florence and

Florence had graciously added to the value of her gift by including a piece of Delta Zeta jewelry for the winning member, and the bracelet created by Petri, noted jewelers, for the Grace Mason Lundy Award, was passed from hand to hand with admiration. Distinguished by chaste simplicity, it was exceptionally beautiful. The bracelet was formed by four golden circles, typifying the four years of college life, held together by a golden lozenge on which the simple Roman lamp appeared in high relief. A matching tablet carried the engraving of the winner's name, award and date.

On the strictly practical side, report was made of the preparation of the new editions of the various important publications, and especially a modernized and streamlined set of manuals for chapter officers, the product of energetic and alert Alice Dickie, whose reports and recommendations at the close of her year as Visiting Delegate proved a veritable Cook's Tour of Delta Zeta for all present. Viewing all these deeds, Convention promptly authorized the enlarging of National Headquarters, with needed new equipment and an enlarged staff to assist Secretary Irene Boughton.

#### Gertrude Fariss Becomes National President

Election of officers was headed by the acclaiming selection of Gertrude Houk Fariss as President, to everyone's rejoicing. Her able associates were:

Alumnæ Vice President—Betsy Bradley Leach Membership Vice President—Hilda Alagood Johnson, Alpha Sigma

Extension Vice President—Marguerite
Wherry Havens

Secretary—Evelyn Adams Costello Treasurer—Helen Woodruff

Bunny Gale succeeded to the position of Panhellenic Delegate, while Editor Charlotte Verplank, Secretary Boughton and Frances Westcott as Immediate Past President, formed the other ex officio members.

Colorful events on the social side of this Convention included the famous Shore Dinner, the Boat Ride and Tour of Historic New England scenes including the House of Seven Gables and other memorable spots; and the traditional list of featured luncheons and dinners—to which must be added even breakfasts, this time, so great was the demand for use of every possible moment.

\*\*\*\*\*Let a few starry asterisks denote the fleeting past of a year of starry months! Guileful Gertrude Fariss at last realized a longtime ambition when she summoned her entire Council to the Pacific Northwest for Council Meeting in 1949, and there put them through such an intensive and exciting period of DZ service as had seldom been equalled, probably never eclipsed. Whisked through a day which (tabbed Oregon State Meeting) took the Council on a gallop through the homes of Chi Chapter at OAS and Omega at the University of Oregon, although time was allotted for group meetings, conferences, and more relaxed moments for food and fellowship! The following day found them appreciating the scenes and sights of Portland, as well as meeting with the large and enthusiastic alumnæ chapter for another acquaintancepacked session. Adieus and departures swept



MEMBERS AND INSTALLING OFFICERS OF GAMMA DELTA CHAPTER, PENNSYLVANIA STATE COLLEGE



GAMMA THETA CHAPTER, AT CARROLL COLLEGE, WAS SECOND WISCONSIN CHAPTER

them off to their real destination, Seattle, where the Council Meeting was to run concurrently with a State Convention. To quote from the complete and exuberant account given later in the LAMP, this was "a miniature National Convention, devoted to workshops on every needful topic, and participated in to the fullest extent by the many members of Province XII who were making good use of having the sorority notables brought to their very door." Social highlight was the Panhellenic Tea at which good Panhellenic neighbors President Maxine Blake of Alpha Delta Pi and Mrs. W. H. Hutchinson of Alpha Phi, graciously assisted with hospitality enjoyed by a large group of Seattle's Panhellenic women.

During their purely Council sessions, the Council heard reports from National Committees, Province Directors and chapters. Reapportioning Provinces, assembling national committees for continuing the Membership and Pledge Training Programs, appointment for the coming year of Cleora Crosby, Phi and Kappa,

as Visiting Delegate, promoting the services rendered by all the national projects and emphasizing the possibilities of support of the Magazines and the new Anniversary Stamp projects, commending and assisting the Mothers' Clubsthese formed a full stint of activity. Selection of winners for the Florence Hood and Grace Mason Lundy Awards brought the Council to a dilemma! Unable to decide between two candidates for each award, the pleased officers named two winners for each prize. So it happened that when Texas Delta Zetas met at Houston in the fall, Bunny Gale filled Alpha Tau's cup to overflowing by presenting to Jeanine Eminian and Peggy Crookes, of that chapter, identical bracelets. The Florence Hood Award, though not going to a single chapter, was won by members of Oregon chapters, Zelta Wieman of Chi (daughter of charter member Zelta Feike Wieman) and Mary Lou Weston of Omega Chapter.

Pictures of these winners and their Honor Courts, together with a wonderful array of re-





Delta Zeta Convention of 1950 Returned to the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island. Convention Initiates Nancy Gale and Cynthia Lundy Are Fifth and Sixth in Front Row.

ports from 1949 State Days, filled the pages of the LAMP in the fall of 1949. In pictures and words the mounting records of Foreign Friendships chronicled the practical application Delta Zeta was making to help spread the values of democratic idealism in combatting Communistic spread both at home and abroad. Alpha Kappa Chapter celebrated its Silver Anniversary in the fall, with a successful "Alumnæ Kum-back"; the new Director of Publicity, Lorraine Soucek of tions expert as Kay Butterfield Larson, A A and Portland Alumna.

A \$500.00 ECS scholarship presented to Connie Hug, A I graduate who had been selected by her Alma Mater as most outstanding woman student and was to have a year of study as a Panhellenic Exchange student opened for Delta Zetas a new outlet of friendship; for the Norwegian student who came in exchange for Connie also became a Delta Zeta at Alpha Iota Chapter,



Washington, D.C., Alumnæ Presented First Complete Layettes for Norway

Nu Chapter, began her pleasant duties; Cleora Crosby began flitting here and there, trying to keep up with the mail which was bearing the green-and-gold Anniversary Stamp reminders all over Delta Zeta-dom.

Gamma Nu, installed at Eastern Illinois State College in the spring of 1949, was baby chapter only a few months, for Gamma Omicron installation at San Diego State College, again was the rallying place for hundreds of California DZ's, while soon after the turn of 1950, Gamma Xi at New Mexico State College and Gamma Rho at Northern Illinois State College brought to seventy the list of collegiate chapters which would answer roll call at 1950 Convention. Before it convened, Council was called upon to replace Editor Charlotte Verplank, and rejoiced to have available so competent a professional editor, devoted DZ, and experienced public rela-

and Connie's own awakened interest in the education of Norwegian girls led to her proposal, and the sorority's adopting, of twenty-five scholarships to aid these fine girls in their own endeavors to spread the light of love and learning more effectively.

#### Second "Grand" Convention Gives Patterns for Performance

After ten tumultuous years, the World's Longest Porch at Mackinac's Grand Hotel proved itself the scene of many joyful reunions as Delta Zeta began gathering for Convention in 1950.

"Patterns for Performance," the Convention theme, provided so wide and so intriguing a variety of patterns that no member could find herself without one to suit her desires. These patterns were presented verbally, as in the masterly keynote address, "Patterns for Per-



THIS WAS THE SERVICE THEME OF MANY ALUMNÆ GROUPS, 1949-50

formance" given by Delta Zeta's own Mildred Freburg Berry, Iota, prominent educator and humanist; or President Fariss's opening challenge, "Patterns for Today and Tomorrow"; right on through the assorted Patterns for Public Relations, for Membership, for Standards, for Philanthropies and Projects, for Panhellenic Friendships, the latter ably given by Margaret Killen Banta of Kappa Alpha Theta. The Honors and Activities Dinner proved a revelation in the extent of campus participation which seventy busy chapters can accumulate, and fourteen of these chapters received special recognition awards because of the effective memberparticipation recorded by their chapters in allcampus service. Topping the visual display of campus activities was the presentation, at the close of dinner, of Marguerite Havens' own newest achievement, the colonization at Western Michigan State College of the group which was to become Gamma Pi Chapter. Fourteen of her thirty attractive charter members were guests at this dinner, and in an early morning service on Sunday, were initiated into Delta Zeta by National Council, a pattern new but voted most effective! . . . A second, honor initiation was held following this one at which the honor initiates were Cynthia Lundy, daughter of Grace, who became a member of Epsilon Chapter, and Nancy Gale, daughter of Bunny Gale and pledge of Omega Chapter: (and it must be said here to dispel any questions that Jane had already become a member of Gamma Zeta; as is plainly seen, these Gales choose their own courses!) On hand to welcome Cynthia were twenty alumnæ of Epsilon Chapter, staging their first all-Epsilon-gettogether since college days. Beaming instigator of this successful gathering was Ruth Simering, E '20, who had just completed a year of intensive service delving into records that had brought the Epsilon membership mailing list to within one member of 100% known and accounted for!

Social events of this Convention, handled by alumnæ groups, were distinguished for the way in which they depicted or inspired, the many varying activities of the members and chapters.

Under the tireless chairmanship of quietly efficient Lois Westerman, the Convention Program moved on through its mingling of business with Sightseeing Rides, Play Hours; Memorial Service, unusual this year in that it was the original creation of Evelyn Adams Costello and Lilian Adams Ammerman, and honored all Delta Zetas who were on the Memorial List since the date of founding; the Convention sing; Skit Night, until finally it was time for the installation banquet. Elections had returned with spontaneous acclaim, the entire Council, and "Stars

To Guide Us" was the theme for the final banquet.

Presiding in her inimitable way, Charlotte Wheeler Verplank, former LAMP Editor, introduced the speakers who toasted the Stars of Responsibility, Friendship, Citizenship and Vision. Stars of the sorority who received recognition were: Gamma Alpha Chapter, which received the Founders' Award, and Pi Chapter whose award of a beautiful silver tray for a lifetime of fine cooperation and high standards was the Council Award, Chapters winning Scholarship awards of silver snuffers were B A, A O, B X, T M, T N, Γ Λ, A I, and B Λ. Second-time winners for scholarship,  $\Gamma$  B, O, T,  $\Gamma$  Z, and  $\Gamma$   $\Theta$ , received silver bowls. Miniature golden cups for membership quotas were awarded to Γ A, B M, B K, and B II Chapters. Gavels for outstanding programs and philanthropies were won by Cleveland, Houston, Jacksonville, Florida; Dayton, Ohio and Galesburg, Illinois, Commendation scrolls for activities and honors records were presented to B A, O, A A, B K, B T, M, X, Γ A, A Θ, A Σ,  $\Gamma$  A, B  $\Pi$ , B  $\Xi$ ,  $\Gamma$  Z. Achoth awards to individual alumnæ were announced for Roma Story O'Brien, A O, for her work with B N: Bo Prather Arner, A O, for advisory work with B N: Mary Louise Hood, A X, for many years financial advising at A X: Marian Bailey Richardson, B E, financial adviser; to Eleanor Strickler



Fariss,  $\Gamma$ , financial adviser to K: and Rhea Freidell Schulta, Z, for Panhellenic and sorority leadership in Houston, Texas. Press book awards were announced later, for A I, B X, A  $\Theta$ , B P and  $\Xi$  collegiate chapters; and San Francisco-Bay Cities, Valley, Birmingham, Seattle, and Indianapolis.

Top news stories of the year were judged to have been prepared by Gamma Lambda, Beta Rho and Alpha Beta; but one top news story was the excellent and successful convention Lampkin, tirelessly managed by Lorraine Soucek. This enterprising worker brought the first issue of the Convention Daily with her, ready to

distribute to all as they stepped off the boat at Mackinac.

Pattern for the future was unmistakably shown in the final Golden Jubilee Luncheon, which prophesied the Golden Jubilee to be commemorated by the 1952 Convention. Led by talented Diane Griffith of Gamma Epsilon Chapter, the entire sorority body in one huge friendship circle, bade each other farewell with the singing of "Convention Lights." If the consciousness of war in Korea could not be dispelled entirely, balancing it was the awareness of strength and capability to serve and win through this as in those wars which had preceded it in Delta Zeta's fifty years.

#### A Z Chooses "Woman of the Year"

Busy through the summer were all the Delta Zeta Alumnæ Chapters, who were about to put into use a new pattern given them by Betsy Bradley Leach at 1950 Convention. "Delta Zeta Woman of the Year" was the project which would present to Delta Zeta and to all her world, that alumna member who from all the candidates proposed by alumnæ chapters, was judged most outstanding in her personality, her service and her influence. From a gratifying list of distinguished members in a great variety of activities, first place was awarded to Dr. Mary Fulstone Hill, an alumna of Mu chapter. Recognition of



MILDRED FREBURG BERRY, Iota, Prominent educator, Winner of 1952 "Woman of the Year" Award

these honored Delta Zetas formed the theme of Founders' Day observances throughout the country, and preluded a year of signal achievement for the entire organization.

Council, meeting in 1951 in New Orleans, at the selected headquarters for 1952's Golden Jubilee Convention, could tabulate the year's

gains in many ways.

Alumnæ chapters had now turned the onehundred mark and unchartered groups were still to increase that number. State Days had proven without a doubt that alumnæ were ready and calling for more attention, more workers, than any one Vice President could contribute. Accordingly a new plan was inaugurated, of arranging alumnæ chapters into regions over each of which would be placed an assistant to the alumnæ vice-president.

Additions to the college chapter roll included Beta Tau Chapter, installed at Bowling Green State University, in Ohio, and re-activated Iota, whose installation had been the scene of many joyful reunions of loyal alumnæ whose hopes were so gladly realized. Growth of chapter numbers made advisable the division of Province V into North and South divisions as VIII had previously been, so that the provinces again

numbered fifteen.

Stressing the importance of the new National Endowment which was being established by the use of the Golden Jubilee Stamps, Council inaugurated a contest for a new design, to be submitted by Delta Zetas, to carry on this work so successfully begun under the chairmanship of Catherine Hayes McDaniel.

Two new committees of national scope were established: an important one on College Activities, to be headed by capable Nancy Johnson, B K; and one on Recommendations, to be under the direction of Rhea Freidell Schultz, with a vigorous committee to be composed of State Chairmen, henceforth to be known as State

Membership Chairmen.

The insidious influence of Communism had been realized by NIC and NPC to create a real and possibly growing menace among the youth of American colleges, and both organizations and their component member-groups had pledged themselves to wage an active campaign against this subversive propaganda. The better to carry out her part of this campaign, NPC had at its most recent meeting admited into full membership the eleven groups who had been on an associate basis for some time. Now Delta Zeta in planning her own attack against any undermining influences had laid a two-fold plan. First, through the Standards Programs to make a definite study of Communism and its manifestations

and techniques, with the opposing strategy possible through such a group as ours. Second, through the most effective use of the Recommendations Committee's aid, to increase the screening of new members and to bring their numbers to such a point that every chapter would constitute a unit of impressive strength working constructively as Delta Zeta, to support the finest of democratic ideals. While the nation was sending its young men to fight on the Korean battle line, other young citizens at home, backed by thousands of alert, constructive alumnæ members, could not fail to meet their own responsibility for maintaining our way of life.

#### Δ Z 'Round the World

And so Delta Zeta came to Founders' Day, 1951!

With the year of Golden Jubilee only a season away, Delta Zeta on this Founders' Day could indeed rejoice in her forty-nine golden years of growth and achievement, and plan in confidence for the Convention that would round out the Golden Anniversary. Announced as Woman of the Year, no one was more surprised than the lady herself-Mildred Freburg Berry, dynamic speaker for the 1948 Convention. Court of Honor included Zelta Feike Rodenwald, charter member of Chi Chapter; Dr. Mary Elizabeth Morris Nansen, Theta and St. Louis alumna, prominent medical leader; Amanda Thomas, also of Theta, and Columbus alumnæ, nationally known for her work in many public volunteer services, a former national officer of Theta Sigma Phi as well as of DZ; Breta Luther Griem, outstanding home economist, leader in radio and television work as well as an amazing list of other community activities.

Looming up well on their way to meriting future recognition as Women of Some Year, were a group of younger leaders. Connie Hug, home from her year in Norway only long enough to become the bride of a leading young Norwegian



Dr. Mary Fulstone Hill, Nu, receives first "Delta Zeta Woman of the Year" Award

industrialist: Constance Parvey, Eloise Lorch and others of the college groups chosen to go under the various media of exchange for students, through which American and foreign students learn to know each other better (here foreign frienships and Standards were shown to be paying off handsomely): a dozen new members accepting their responsibilities on the Membership Committee, and another group picking up the increasingly meaningful duties of Province Director: the winners of the Florence Hood and Grace Mason Lundy Awards, and their brilliant Honor Courts . . . all these, as well as the Golden Jubilee Chapter, Gamma Upsilon, which was installed at Oklahoma City College in time for Founders' Day, show that the promise of the future is equal to even the highest hopes of any ardent Delta Zeta.

In seventy-two college chapters, following faithfully their Pattern of Performance in order that they may contribute to the record of the Golden Jubilee; in a hundred-odd alumnæ groups, happily united to promote what they recognize as a national and community service



1951 HONOR COURT FOR "DELTA ZETA WOMAN OF THE YEAR" Listed Zeta Feike Rodenwald, Chi; Dr. Mary Nansen, Theta; Amanda Thomas, Theta and Breta Griem, Tau.

second to none; in the Mothers' Clubs, which bid fair to realize Fern Wilson's dream of "fifty by '52," and in the thousands of individual homes representing Delta Zeta membership, Delta Zeta could see a record that shows her clearly how the flame which was lighted on Miami's campus in 1902, was now burning, as the Founders and Grand Patron and the First Initiate had dreamed of its doing, with a strong and steady glow, one which has not failed to meet the promise and the challenge of the changing—how amazingly changing!—world.

Delta Zetas in Honolulu, gathered within the shadow of the new University of the Philippines, could reflect upon the service which that University had received from Dr. Benton; service which sent him home an invalid and helpless, to appreciate in his last years the friendship and generosity of Delta Zeta. As the little group of five Delta Zetas met in Tokyo to help carry on the Foreign Friendships program, they could recall that a charter member of Delta Chapter, Bernice Bassett inspired by the teachings of her sorority had given many years of service in a mission school in Japan. As the Delta Zetas in Panama met to laugh again over their experiences in getting together to manage an initiation for a Beta Phi Alpha, in 1941, minus everything in the way of DZ equipment except memory, love and the will to do, they could reflect on the chance which had lighted a few DZ lamps even farther south, in the country of Chile. As Else Hess visited the scores of families in Germany who have named over in their prayers her name and that of Delta Zeta, she could know that a blow is being struck for freedom and dignity of man through this generosity; and as Ilse Schmid distributed the gifts, which come to her because of one happy year she spent in a Delta Zeta house in a fortunate long ago, to other neighbors in her German city, she realized that love can transcend time and treachery; and in Norway, in Greece, in Holland, in France, the link of love continues to channel human service. The whole process calls to mind a bit of wisdom from Dr. Moseley's speech at 1942 Convention. "Influence" he told the Delta Zetas, "is the effluence of affluence." Ours is the affluence: of material means, perhaps; of generosity, of the will to share and preserve freedom; certainly, of the genuine love and gratitude for all that Delta Zeta has brought us—ah yes; there is our true affluence. There we are rich indeed.

"Those having lights shall pass them on to others..." And so may that light of Delta Zeta, shining brightly as she enters the Golden Gateway of Convention to mark her Golden Milestone, shine on so that it may, as the Founders dreamed, endure ... Forever!



## **National Conventions**

Milestones in the Progress of the Sorority

N THE early days of American history, the fortunate sons of prosperous and cultured families were accustomed to round out their formal college training by a period of travel in Europe, after the pattern made familiar to proper English families. The purpose of such travel was to replace any possible provincialism by the polish and poise of a cosmopolite. Educated thus, in men and manners as well as in mere booklore, the young citizen was presumed to have become oriented in his thinking, so that he would be the better able to assume whatever position of importance in political, social or economic leadership awaited him back in America. The influence on early American leadership of this tradition and custom is of great significance. It provided many a wholesome surprise, too, for certain Europeans who in their dealings with Americans expected to find only a provincial and

restricted citizenry here.

An interesting analogy along this line might be drawn in the case of fraternal organizations and their national conventions. True, in the beginning the fraternities and sororities adopted the custom of holding national assemblies for purposes strictly purporting to their own interests. Yet the very nature of the membership and the leadership of the organizations imparted at least a quasi-educational background to the national conventions. And surely no student of sociology or history can fail to see the potentialities of such a meeting, for educating "the whole man." There was the unity, the common membership, holding together the diverse-the membership which comprised Ohio, Indiana, Seattle, Chicago, New York, San Francisco, North Dakota, Louisiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Texas: from the state universities, the municipal colleges, the small, conservative denominational ones; the large, the small; the coeducational or the strictly feminine. Whatever there may have been of limited experience or vision, whatever touch of provincialism each delegate brought with her, she brought an even greater spirit of wishing to fit with grace and aptness, into some large and fine unity called "national." Every convention account bears the unmistakable stamp of the strong affection, and the standards of high and worthy endeavour, which brought members into cooperation of surprising vigor and effectiveness. That these endeavours would advance the cause of the sorority all took for granted. That by the same token the individual members were learning to know themselves and

each other better; to raise their own capacity of understanding, of evaluating, of seeing beyond the surface, of losing awkwardness, conceit, insularity, and prejudice, was just as true but not always recognised as having ultimately, an even greater value than the promotion of the immediate or official legislation which concerned the convention. Expressed largely in social terms, nevertheless the sorority convention has proven increasingly, as sororities and their members have matured, as national conditions and needs have changed, that it plays its part in education well, and deserves recognition for that part. In the ever-enlarging sphere which women citizens are being called upon to enter, surely there is importance in whatever brings together in a strong friendship and for a common cause women of north, east, south and west; women of mature years and young women still in college; women of a variety of talents, occupations, inter-

ests, political or religious affiliations.

In recounting the story of Delta Zeta, it has seemed very natural to use the national conventions as milestones. It is obviously impossible to present with much detail, the many scattered activities of the chapters and members which between conventions form the progressing history of the sorority. Rather, the convention offers an opportunity to take stock, and to chart the next lap of the journey. The details fall into proper perspective and one senses, though does not examine, the background of separate events. It must be enough for us to know that every member, every chapter, had a part to play in the events which make the unified and impressive total that is reported, shared and commemorated at each national convention. It cannot be said that each convention shows only prosperity, only wise and fortunate acts and decisions. This is history, not fancy, and history is experience, not always with a fairy-tale ending. The sorority as a part of the college world in America, has of necessity been affected by what has affected the colleges; and has been affected very much by the colleges themselves, sometimes in ways which have been to the advantage of neither. Fortunately, we seem now to have reached a stage of development in which institution and organization understand and mutually serve and respect one another. Perhaps the greatest service which the Greek letter organizations can do for the colleges is to maintain a vigorous part in guaranteeing that the education of youth shall be based as much upon the needs of a future as upon



THE TWENTIETH NATIONAL CONVENTION OF DELTA ZETA ASSEMBLED AT NEW OCEAN HOUSE, JUNE, 1948 Honor initiate, Dean Evelyn Morris is seated between President-elect Fariss and Alfa Lloyd Hayes

the revered tradition of the part. Realizing that their existence and their welfare must be mutually shared, the fraternities seem to have inherited a special responsibility for insuring that the youth of our nation shall be educated and trained not only academically, important as that must always be, but in effective and idealistic ways of applying and sharing the benefits of a college education and its ideal environment, a democratic society. To keep constantly before its

The national programs for community service, for civic participation, for close cooperation between alumnæ and college members; for joining with other NPC groups to serve actively in time of war, or to organize to combat subversive influences working against our democracy, all the blueprints remain only blueprints until translated into actuality by the willing, enthusiastic, persistent member at large. She may never hold an office of any kind; she may never have the



JOAN LINDEMEYER, Delta, receives the 1951 award from G M L herself

eyes the record of the past and to plan intelligently for its future contributions, the national convention has become an important factor in the social structure of the citizens it represents.

In such a story as this, the names which most often appear in the records are perforce, those to whom a considerable share of responsibility has fallen, either by election or circumstance. This is as life must be. And yet, no history of Delta Zeta can be written which does not pay deepest respect to those whom the Convention also symbolizes, the member at large. The standards of scholarship and of chapter service and development remain only pleasing patterns until the collegiate members live them into reality.

pleasure of actually attending a national convention; but through the effective medium of the sorority organization, she feels herself an integral part of a large, fine, devoted and steadfast sisterhood. Forty and more years ago, in the first truly national convention, Delta Zeta stated its purpose as that of serving and benefiting the individual chapter, the individual member. It can truly be claimed today that the entire program of the sorority, generous in its service, wide in its scope, community-conscious in its field of operation, has resulted primarily and successfully in doing what it originally set out to do, benefiting the individual member.

## **Presidents of Delta Zeta**

#### MARTHA LOUISE RAILSBACK President, 1916-1919

Martha Louise Railsback, who was Delta Zeta's third Grand President, is a native of the Hoosier state. Born in Indianapolis in 1888, she was the second of four children. Her parents were Charles Railsback and Katherine Minnick Railsback, both of German descent. Though denied extensive formal schooling by the necessity for beginning early to work, Charles Railsback educated himself while going steadily about becoming a prosperous and highly-regarded leader in Indianapolis business and civic activities. Mrs. Ralsback was an exceptional woman, with great personal charm, the qualities of an ideal homemaker and mother; but also found time for a host of social and civic interests as well.

After graduating from Shortridge High School with a splendid record both scholastically and in friendships, Martha selected DePauw as her Alma Mater, with characteristic independence



Martha Louise Railsback, Delta, President of Delta Zeta 1916-1919

rejecting both her mother's Alma Mater (Indiana University) and her brother's (Purdue). The choice of DePauw was a fortunate one for

Delta Zeta, as events proved.

When Alfa Lloyd Hays visited the DePauw campus in the interests of establishing there a chapter of Delta Zeta, she received from the president of the university the name of Martha Railsback, together with his personal recommendation both for her fine scholastic record and her outstanding capacity to attract others by her leadership. Mrs. Hays found in Martha both these qualities along with a fine sympathy, a lively sense of humor, resourcefulness and a keen regard for justice. She was active in a number of student organizations, and already showing that fine business capacity which later made her so valuable not only in her own chapter but in the national organization work.

Though she was already a senior at the time of the establishing of Delta Chapter, the impress of Martha's influence was gratefully acknowledged by the other charter members, already her friends. She continued in close touch with the growing chapter for the first important years and has always maintained for it the most de-

voted and affectionate attachment.

Graduating in 1909, as the youngest member of that year's class, she entered the teaching profession, with German and history as her major subjects. After three years in Roachdale, Indiana and part of the next year in Shelbyville, she resigned her work during the year and before returning to teaching, spent a year abroad, visiting Italy, France and Germany, where she perfected her knowledge of German. Her return to teaching was marked with great personal enthusiasm, but her interests were very evenly divided between teaching and her sorority.

From the day of her initiation, Martha had taken an active part in Delta Zeta. She had accompanied Mrs. Hays to Indiana University to assist with the installation ceremonies of Epsilon chapter, and she took a responsible part in making arrangements for the 1919 National Convention, held in Indianapolis. She had definite plans to offer for the effective self-government of the college chapters; she served excellently on some of the convention committees. All that she did was well done, and her ability was recognized by the Convention in electing her as Corresponding Secretary, which office she was to fill until 1914. In addition, she was also named to the important work of serving with Mrs. Hays as one of Delta Zeta's delegates to Panhellenic.

In this vitally important office she rendered outstanding service until 1919. Mrs. Stephenson always spoke with the greatest of appreciation for Martha's constant and able cooperation during the years of their mutual service on Council.

Martha was the first Council member to become known for the many installations with which she assisted. First official appearance in this role was at the installation of Theta chapter, in 1911. From this time on she was called upon more and more often to assume responsibility for installations, adding Mu, Nu, Omicron, Pi and Rho to the list of chapters whose members received their initiations under her inspiring presence. In fact her share in building the chartering groups for Nu, Pi and Rho was so great that these three chapters were often called her contribution to Delta Zeta.

In 1916, Convention unanimously turned to Martha as choice for President to succeed Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson. Her two terms as Secretary had been followed with the office of Vice President (1914-16), and since she had also filled the position of NPC delegate, given service as a chapter inspector, and in the office of Extension Chairman, there was no doubt that her training as well as her natural ability, made her the fortunate choice for the office and the hour. She assumed the presidency at a time filled with significance for her sorority, and looming, as Mrs. Stephenson phrased it, "with portents for the nation." As President, she devoted almost her entire time to the work of the sorority, this being, of course, entirely a labor of love, with no financial remuneration considered or even possible. She continued to hold the office of NPC delegate, directed and personally assumed much of the chapter inspection, and maintained a close and constant interest in all the Extension activities.

With a clear vision, Martha had early realized the importance of alumnæ members and alumnæ organization. The initial meeting to form the Indianapolis Alumnæ Chapter was held in her home, and she later was active in the formation of alumnæ chapters at Lafayette, Indiana, and Omaha, Nebraska.

During her presidency, Delta Zeta added a total of seven college chapters: Nu, Pi, Rho, Sigma, Tau, Upsilon and Phi, and six alumnæ chapters. To assist with some of these installations and to do an extended series of chapter visits, Martha undertook in her second year of office, what was the longest and most extensive inspection trip undertaken by any Delta Zeta officer to that time. This was a trip through the western states made partly by train and partly "by motor" (wording of 1918), in which she visited

all except one of the western-most chapters.

Interested and active as she was in Delta Zeta national work, Martha Louise carried her strong Panhellenic interest into her activities in Indianapolis. She was an active worker in the Indianapolis Panhellenic, serving it both as treasurer and president; was one of the dependables in the Indianapolis alumnæ chapter, and gave time and service to the city Y.W.C.A.

This strong sense of civic responsibility led her, from the time that the United States entered the first World War, to stress citizenship activities for both alumnæ and college members of the sorority, while she herself presently took up duty in the National Council of Defense, her headquarters being in San Diego, California. Here she worked with that selfless energy characteristic of her, doing much in the way of activities not required of her office but which she simply saw needed to be done, "and I was there." At the same time she carried the tremendous load of sorority leadership without slackening in devotion or effectiveness. This double load eventually proved to be too much for any one person, so, weighing the circumstances as calmly as she could, Martha concluded that her wisest course was to resign from Delta Zeta. Her Council associates and her chapters felt that this was so great a loss to the sorority, they unanimously petitioned her to reconsider, to make some easing arrangement whereby she might not withdraw officially. This, however, she could not see her way to doing, and in 1919 she relinquished her place at the helm of Delta Zeta. Youthful in actual years, she had served Delta Zeta as long as any officer, and surely as faithfully and as wisely. Her reputation for wisdom in administration and devoted guardianship of all that pertained to Delta Zeta became one of the living legends of the sorority; and the affectionate term "our Martha" which had been hers during her officership is yet heard from members whose initial experience in Delta Zeta is connected with Miss Railsback.

After the end of the war brought release from her heavy duties, Martha entered into a new and fascinating life in the Black Hills of South Dakota. Here with a friend whose kindred spirit of adventuring and pioneering matched her own, she became owner and operater of a resort hotel, a flock of cottages, acted as postmistress and was practically owner of the town, finding life full of constant and vivid interest. Her pictures and stories of this new experience, when she returned home to Indiana in 1923, fascinated her friends; but her presence at the special request of Rene Sebring Smith, for the installation of Alpha Iota chapter in the same fall, found her much



Rene Sebring Smith, Alpha, Acting Executive 1919-20; President, 1920-24

as ever the Delta Zeta leader.

Continuing to maintain her resort where hospitality and recreation have been enjoyed by an increasing list of Delta Zetas, Martha, now Mrs. Lawrence Tinsley, also maintains her alert and affectionate interest in her sorority.

### ADMINISTRATION OF RENE SEBRING SMITH: 1919-1924

Rene Sebring Smith was Grand Secretary of Delta Zeta when a swift and unexpected chain of events required her to become its acting executive. The competent fashion in which she met this call, once the decision was accepted, was a characteristic of this calm-eyed, efficient Hoosier; the second Hoosier president of Delta Zeta.

In the beautiful little hill town of Brookville, Indiana, "Rennie" Sebring Smith made her childhood home. This section of the country, not far from Cincinnati, is idyllically lovely to look upon. For years I had known, of course, that Brookville was home to Rene, and I knew how determinedly she at times set her face toward home; but that seemed very natural to me, the

Smith family being noted for its unusually strong tie of family devotion. It was not until a chance of travel sent me on a bus to Cincinnati, that I realized my route lay through the hills and the very town so loved by Rene. The unexpected joy which the beauty of the scenery brought to me grew into a conviction that some of the yearning in Rene's homeward-turning eyes was indeed for these hills; and that some of the deep, still calm of her eyes was also the influence of the hills.

Here in southern Indiana she lived a busy, responsible life, as would naturally fall to the oldest of a family of seven girls and boys. Lively girls and boys, too, so that no doubt the variety of experiences they provided laid the foundation for the humorous quirk which was so notable and so winning a part of her own personality in later years. The love of fun and pranks which her family created, lasted on into college days, much in evidence, judged by the testimony of those who were chaptermates of RSS. Many were the wild tales her cohorts of college days loved to tell about her at some especially dignified occasion, such as the installation of a new chapter, or any other affair when Rene would be adorned with the regal air which became her so well as executive. More than once have newlymade sisters laid aside the awe of one instant for the wide-eyed glee of the tales let loose in the

Rene's entrance in Miami University had been preceded by a stint at normal school and teaching in a rural community. Probably few people have enjoyed their college life, every single minute of it, the exciting and the humdrum (to most) as well, more than did Rennie (as she was known to her college friends). She was one of Alpha Chapter's most active members, serving in a number of capacities, including presidency in her senior year. Setting herself an arduous schedule in order to complete her college training and go back to teaching by the time the next Smith was ready for college, she carried two years of Latin in one year, successfully, too; in addition to her other studies and sorority duties. The variety and range of her campus interests included being tennis champion; president of the college Y.W.C.A. (a prophetic omen!), charter member of Pleiad, an honorary organization of senior girls which became the later chapter of Mortar Board. Her name is found in the "Big Chief" section of the Recensio, the Miami yearbook in 1917, the year in which she graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

Service with and for people had a strong attraction for Rene. It was very natural for her to enter Y.W.C.A. work, and she soon became the general secretary of the Hamilton, Ohio Y.W.C.A.

Here she was not only very happy in her work, but happy to be within easy reach of Miami University and Alpha Chapter; while the proximity to Cincinnati also made it easy to become a part of the alumnæ chapter there.

The very year that Fate catapulted Rene into the leadership of Delta Zeta, she left Hamilton to assume a similar office in the Y.W.C.A. at Muncie, Indiana, in which place she remained for four full, successful years. The direction of a campaign for funds to build a new Y.W.C.A. was one of her major accomplishments here, although she herself did not remain to enjoy the new building. In the fall of 1923 she had resigned her secretaryship to take advantage of an opportunity to spend a year in New York City receiving additional training and study at the National Training School of the Y.W.C.A. and at Columbia University. From the many choices which she considered at the end of this year, she again made a fortunate one. Selecting Long Beach, California as her new residence and place of work, she assumed the direction of the expanding Y.W.C.A. activities for that city, and here she continued to serve through the years until she felt she could retire to less strenuous work. In the meantime, with a Delta Zeta friend and house-mate, she has built a home and become a loyal Californian by adoption, although Brook-

ville, Indiana is not forgotten.

Rene's national service for Delta Zeta began in 1916, when she was elected as Grand Secretary, although at that time she was still in college. She filled this office with energy and devotion remarkably like that of Elizabeth Coulter, the first of Delta Zeta's Grand Secretaries. Rene became as well acquainted with her sorority as though it were a college course yielding credit, or a job paying money; she always believed in knowing just what it was all about! When Martha Railsback's resignation in 1919, and the inability of Vice President Erma Land to succeed to the office, followed so breathlessly one after the other. Rene was forced into the gap, to become the acting head of Delta Zeta. This unexpected and difficult task she performed so well in spite of all the complex and varied demands of a growing and vigorous organization just coming through a great crisis of war and its aftermath, that she stood out as the logical leader for the reorganization period. The 1920 Convention wisely realized this and elected her as president in her own right. The 1922 Convention repeated; so for five years Delta Zeta had the benefit of the wealth of experience which Rene had garnered as Secretary, plus the natural growth of ability and judgment her years in other organizations had brought. It is safe to say that Rene had a wider knowledge of her sorority, when she became president, than any of her predecessors had had. Under her guidance the setting-up of the first Central Office, in 1922-23, was effected far more efficiently than could have been the case under any other arrangement. The establishing of record forms, routines, assembling of files of sorority documents, all received the experienced counsel that was of such lasting value.

Delta Zeta had continued the custom of having the Grand President be the official Panhellenic delegate, from Martha Railsback's regime through Rene's, and when, in 1924, it released Rene from the presidency, she granted its request to continue serving on Panhellenic. Her work in the Panhellenic Congress was a source of much enjoyment to Rene, bringing her, as it did, in contact with a group of women exceptional in their versatility and personality. She herself contributed to this work a keen mind, a discriminating interest and a never-failing fund of quiet, clever wit. It was the privilege of Delta Zeta to be able to retain Rene Sebring Smith as delegate through the successive offices of Treasurer. Secretary and Chairman of the Panhellenic Congress, and we shall always be justifiably proud of the distinction with which she served us in each of those offices. Always on the alert for measures making for greater social clarity, and convinced that the Congress must be understood by the girl on the campus if it was to fill the role it assigned itself, she inaugurated, in her term as Chairman, the experiment of having college representatives present for the NPC sessions, in addition to the usual personnel of the national sororities. It was an interesting innovation; undoubtedly some good accrued. The proof that a closer connection between the college Panhellenic and NPC itself must be provided, was clear. The plan which later was to provide that connection had not yet taken form, but it was characteristic of Rene to make some attack on the problem and trust to natural developments to complete the process.

At the 1933 Convention Rene asked to be relieved of her position in Panhellenic, and though it was with regret that Delta Zeta granted her request, it was also with gratitude for the seventeen years in which we had so generously benefited by the inspiration, the loyalty, and the vision of Rene Sebring Smith, veteran. It proved, of course, to be impossible for Rene to "resign" in anything except the purely official sense. Endeared as she was to literally hundreds of members by her personal friendships, her unflagging, self-sacrificing devotion to the sorority and to the advancement of those underlying principles for which sororities strive, her perennially youth-

The LAMP of Delta Zeta

ful enthusiasm for all the activities and interests of women, have continued to bring her new friends added to the old; entitling her to a permanent place among those who have served us most wisely, most lovingly, most inspiringly.

Presidents Julia Bishop Coleman and Anne Simmons Friedline have been included among the Founders and the accounts of their administrations placed there in order to complete the stories of these two Delta Zeta leaders.

# MYRTLE GRAETER MALOTT: 1930-33; 1938-40

Among the members of Delta Chapter's class of 1917 there was numbered a member who early had become famous in her chapter for her buoyancy of disposition, for her wholehearted absorption in the sorority. This was Myrtle Martina Graeter, whose home town was Ft. Wayne, Indiana. She had pledged Delta Zeta



Myrtle Graeter Malott, Delta, National President 1928-1934

enthusiastically; she discharged her pledge duties with the same enthusiasm; she pursued her studies in the same atmosphere; she entered into campus activities with ardor undimmed. Naturally a girl with such an amiable nature became well known, well liked. It was facetiously said that where she crossed the campus, two greetings sprang up where possibly none had been before. At any rate, DePauw and Delta Zeta were the recipients of her attendance, her attention and her lasting enthusiasm, for the regulation four years. This was a period when many changes were taking place on the campus and in the sorority. I have heard Myrtle laugh when she was reading the old chapter history which Delta Chapter long kept with meticulous detail. and wonder what sisters of another day or even another campus, would think if they knew that the rule "There shall be no dancing" meant that there could be no dancing even by girls with girls. . . ! Despite this strictness, DePauw was a happy place, and full of interest to Myrtle Graeter. She was from the very first keenly interested in Delta Zeta, a worshipper of Martha Railsback, a close friend of Martha's younger sister Ruth Mae. In her senior year she was elected chapter president, and received the honor with sincerity and humility, as a special trust. This attitude was one in which she was never to waver in all that had to do with Delta Zeta.

Soon after her graduation, she was married to Carl Grant Malott, an Acacian from Purdue. It was not long until he was mustered into training camp, and while he was stationed at Louisville Myrtle was there too, trying and succeeding pretty well, to live on a second lieutenant's pay. When the war had ended and Carl was free to continue his chosen profession, they took up residence in Texas. Myrtle fell in love with Texas in the same singlehearted fashion she did most things; and she would say that her only regret, in those early days, was that she was so far from her parents and her sorority.

Confirmed convention-goer that she was, however, Myrtle continued her sorority contacts even though under changed conditions from DePauw and Delta Chapter days. Her first experience at Convention was in 1916, when she was one of the jubilant Deltas present to see their beloved Martha installed as President. Soon Martha had a job for Myrtle, serving on the Finance Committee. Chapter visits convinced Martha Railsback that the chapters were needing a uniform, improved system to follow with their chapter bookkeeping. Knowing Myrtle's interest in management, and remembering too that Carl Malott was trained in financial systems and accounting, she asked these two for suggestions upon which

her plans to improve the  $\Delta$  Z bookkeeping system could be based. Their reply to this request was a complete set of financial forms and books which were presented before the 1918 Council meeting and with its approval tried out by chapters for the following year. The resignation of Hazel Putnam from the Treasurership, in 1918, led to Myrtle's appointment to finish the term, and thus she was in position to assist the chapters as they began their new management system. Other improvements which she effected during her term as treasurer were clearing up many of the alumnæ membership accounts, and developing a simpler and more direct method for collecting these. Elected to the treasurership in 1920 she had brought order and prosperity to the affairs of the sorority by 1922, although the greatest gain from her incredibly difficult service had been to realize the need of, and plan the means for, simplifying the sorority's financial arrangements for alumnæ dues payments. The biennium 1922-24 found Myrtle in the office of Registrar. while Edythe Wilson Thoesen as Treasurer carried on the work of increasing the lists of Life LAMP subscribers and Life memberships paid. Again from 1924 to 1926 Myrtle was Treasurer, and these years she devoted to perfecting our present system of Life LAMP subscriptions, leading to the LAMP Endowment Fund, and Life Memberships, payable at the time of initiation of the member, and forever abolishing the necessity for following up with dues payable notices. The enactment of these two plans at 1926 Convention placed Delta Zeta well in the pioneer group for such effective and sensible financing plans, and this alone would be a contribution entitling Myrtle to Delta Zeta's permanent gratitude.

After retiring from Council in 1926, "Mrs. Dollars" as she had long since been dubbed, enjoyed two years of private life. But appearance at the 1928 Convention brought a new development; Myrtle was elected president. Through the difficult years in which America experienced her most extensive and lasting depression, Myrtle remained the capable and optimistic leader, having been re-elected by the 1930 Convention. Postponement of the 1932 Convention gave her an additional year, willy-nilly, and the decision made at that time, to continue the incumbent Council until 1934, rounded out for Myrtle Malott a sixth year in the presidency, the longest continuous term for any president to her day.

When at the 1933 Convention Myrtle Malott passed the gavel of office to her successor, she could look back over a very long period in which she had served Delta Zeta in many capacities, outstandingly those having to do with the evolving of a sound, workable, stable financial and accounting system both for the national organization and for the chapters. The security and satisfaction which this soundness naturally brought, found its reflection in every line of development within the sorority. No longer in 1933 need Myrtle feel that she was far from her chapter: for Texas had by this time two college chapters and several thriving alumnæ groups. She had guided the sorority through years which were marked by surprises and upsets of every variety within our national life and economy, and despite a long period of personal illness and other heavy personal responsibilities, there had been no slackening in the care, no diminishing of the giving of herself to Delta Zeta and its needs. It seemed no exaggeration to say of her as she retired for a well-earned rest, "Greater love hath none. . . ."

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This love for Delta Zeta was again in evidence when the 1938 Convention offered Myrtle the office of President. In the time since her retirement in 1933 there had been many changes within the sorority; many changes in Myrtle's own life. She was recently returned from an extended tour of the world; she felt somewhat out of touch with all the sorority programs and events. But the ingrained habit of years won out; when Delta Zeta requested, Myrtle must comply. She became President in the years which marked, though it was only a foreboding sign at the time, the world's faster and faster whirl toward World War II. In the years 1938-40, the presidency of Delta Zeta was literally a fulltime activity for Myrtle Malott. Since she was fortunately free to do so, she moved her residence to Cincinnati. where the National Headquarters was located, and scheduled her entire life around the presidency of Delta Zeta. With a Council remarkably unanimous in its desire and capacity for following her enthusiastic leadership, Myrtle launched a program directed toward strengthening in the chapters and general membership an increased personal consciousness of the sorority's national meaning. The rapid increase in membership made the value of more effective personal contacts stand out clearly. Not only in the innumerable visits she herself made to chapters, but in the increased attention chapters and members received in all their sorority activities, there grew from the contacts between Council members and the chapters, an increased national consciousness which was exactly what Myrtle had been desiring. It was her guiding principle as she led the planning for the 1940 Convention, that everything about the Convention would enhance this consciousness, that every member would become imbued with it, that every reader of the Convention LAMP, too would catch this same spark and would be inspired to turn not only to view, but to advance toward, the widening horizon.

After retiring from the presidency, Myrtle again returned to her beloved Texas to make her home on a large citrus ranch. She remained on the Board of Trustees of the sorority and took part in the Texas State gatherings and rushing parties. In 1947 she was married to Mr. Roy Van Dusen, a fellow alumnus of DePauw. Though unable to attend the 1942 Convention—the first one missed since she began attending in 1916she was with us again in 1946 and 1948. No one was more keenly missed at the 1950 "Second Grand" Convention than Myrtle, but she was unable to leave because of the critical health of her husband. Whether or not she is present in person for the Golden Jubilee Convention, Myrtle will truly be present in the influence of her long and loyal service, in the loving memories of those whose membership in Delta Zeta and enjoyment of Conventions past, owe much of their permanency to the companionship of Myrtle, one of Delta Zeta's best!

## MARGARET HUENEFELD PEASE President, 1933-36

Xi Chapter at the University of Cincinnati has a large number of talented and distinguished members on its roll, but none whose name graces it more becomingly than that of Margaret Pease.

Margaret Elizabeth Huenefeld entered the University of Cincinnati in the fall of 1917, pledged to Delta Zeta and was undoubtedly busy from then on, although the chapter records do not specifically mention what she did. However, she was presently writing the chapters' LAMP letters, planning its parties, entering into the thick of all the fun and activity which Xi so famously enjoyed.

Graduating in 1921 with a Bachelor of Science degree, she returned to the University in the fall to enter the College of Law, and graduated in 1924, with a distinguished record, and the Bachelor of Laws degree. Admission to the bar followed that same June, and six months later she was admitted to Federal practice. The general practice of law occupied her until 1926 when she became Law Librarian of the University's College of Law, holding this position until her marriage.

An enthusiastic member of the Cincinnati Alumnæ Chapter, Margaret's first official service to the larger sorority was in the editing and printing of the *Lampkin*, special daily news-



Margaret Huenefeld Pease, Xi, National President 1934-36

bulletin on the Convention Special of the 1926 Convention. Mrs. Coleman was quick to realize her value as a member of the National Constitution Committee, and she served in this capacity from 1927, assisting in the first comprehensive revision of constitution to be undertaken in several years. Here her training and patience were invaluable in clarifying, phrasing, and arranging the expanded constitution.

In 1928 she was married to Mr. John Wemple Pease, Lambda Chi Alpha, and like herself, a graduate of the University of Cincinnati. Election to the Editorship of the Lamp at 1928 Convention merely exchanged one responsible job for another, for Margaret made of her Lamp editing a vertible career and of the Lamp a leader among sorority periodicals.

This position she held until assuming the National Presidency in 1934, and the final year of her editorship was one of dual service for Margaret, as she was the sorority's official Visiting Delegate for that year.

In her capacity as Visiting Delegate she became certainly the most widely-known and equally one of the best-loved, of all the national officers. Her youth, her own varied sorority experiences, her quick, intuitively sympathetic nature, were beautifully balanced by the clear vision, objectivity, and thoughtful grasp of each chapter or individual situation brought to her attention. The good taste and impeccable personal standards which she reflected in her own personality were of infinite value in helping her advise on many of the chapter problems of the period, which had to do with outwitting the weight of the depression, sometimes uncomfortably burdensome for college groups. A more valuable liaison officer between Council and chapters it would have been hard to find than blond, loyal, fun-loving, hardworking Margaret.

By the time she stepped into the presidency, Margaret had eventually found time to establish for herself and Johnny the very kind of charming, individual, hospitable home which so became her, and their home has been a Mecca and a haven for Delta Zetas in, or passing through, Cincinnati on Delta Zeta business, for the ensu-

ing years.

The busy and difficult years of her presidency, years in which the entire national economy was pulling back from a great depression, found Margaret devoting herself to her duties with clear vision, persistence and undiminished devotion. Her work was facilitated by the establishing of National Headquarters in Cincinnati, and the pair, Margaret and Irene, became a synonym for teamwork of the highest type.

During these two years Margaret and her family were to know one great sorrow, the loss of their father, and one great happiness, the birth, in November 1925, of Gwyneth Powell Pease, blonde, like both her parents, and otherwise partaking too, of their combined qualities of

lovability and delightful personality.

After retiring from the presidency, Margaret continued to serve Delta Zeta with the highest distinction as National Panhellenic Delegate, doubling in the meantime, on call, as Constitutional Adviser, installing officer, guest speaker

at State Days, and many other roles.

It is impossible to think of Margaret Pease in one and one only role; her versatility is such that she can and does, fill a dozen positions not only capably but beautifully. To her loving and inspired attention Delta Zeta owes an exceptional magazine, many artistic touches in such items as Convention Programs and other publications; to her advice and counsel much of the smoothness of the union with Beta Phi Alpha was due; to many another situation she has brought the right word or the right deed at the right moment.

Above and including all is the sheer pleasure of knowing Margaret; the good company she is; the fun it is to share adventures, even tasks, with her; the unwavering loyalty which characterizes her affection, once given; the generosity with which she praises the efforts, or enjoys the good fortunes, of her friends. Delta Zeta owes much to Margaret Pease; and it should be added we owe to OAH John, a vigorous Thank-you!

## IRENE CAROLINE BOUGHTON National President, 1936-38

Irene Boughton is a member of Iota Chapter, graduating in the class of 1925, during which year she served as chapter president, and, on the authority of Julia Bishop Coleman, who was inspector of that year, did an admirable piece of work.

Entering clerical work in the Sioux City Schools at the close of her college course, Irene was soon put to work in the Province Presidency and served in this position with such success as to call her to the attention of Vice President Lois Higgins. When a successor was needed for Sabina Murray, who had been Executive Secretary from



IRENE BOUGHTON, PRESIDENT 1936-38

1926-28, Lois suggested Irene, and voila! Irene, plus Central Office equal National Headquarters!

Since the National Headquarters has had rather a shifting career, following its president Malott from Indianapolis to San Antonio; President Pease from San Antonio to Cincinnati, and finally President Lundy from Cincinnati back to Indiana (polis) Irene is in a good position to state her opinion on the old saw that "three moves are as bad as a fire." She manages, however, to survive and surmount the moves and keep smiling.

The amount of actual work and responsibility which is connected with National Headquarters has many times increased since Irene's assuming office there, but experience has aided her in managing affairs efficiently despite the added

routine.

Irene had been Executive Secretary for eight years when the Convention of 1936 placed before) the somewhat unusual request to assume in addition to her professional duty for the sorority, the presidency as well. Irene accepted the dual position with characteristic loyalty, and carried her burden capably. The work of the sorority was so well known to her, the needs, conditions, and personnel of the chapters so familiar already through correspondence and reports, that she had little difficulty to picking up the duties of her new office. The one handicap lay in the fact that as Secretary, she was unable to leave the office to do as much visiting as President, as she would have liked to do. However, there were certain compensations for the handicaps, and the two years of Irene's presidency proved interesting for her and valuable to the sorority.

Visiting on a more extended scale has marked the later years of Irene's service at times when the office staff has been increased to permit her to leave; and she has made a number of extended visitation trips since her first long, memorable one in the spring of 1939. This trip was especially directed toward alumnæ chapters, many of which lie sufficiently off the beaten track to be left off the schedule of the college chapter visitors. Irene's "mission" to these chapters was one of great pleasure and benefit to them, and to Irene herself, but she declared, as she set down the Convention film at the close of the trip, that she could live the rest of her life without seeing it

again!

In other services Irene has served her stint at editing the LAMP, attending the Editors' Conferences of NPC; then after turning over the LAMP, attending the Executive Secretaries' Conference, and serving both as Vice President and President of that group. Since 1946 she has officially been a member, ex officio, of National

Council.

For hobbies and interests Irene collects unusual jewelry; serves on the Board of Indianapolis Campfire Girls' Council, receiving recently an award for distinguished service to that group; served for some years on the Board of the Indiana Woman's Prison; belongs to Altrusa Club, holding both local and state offices therein from time to time, and—yes, you've guessed it—attends Conventions of organizations other than Delta Zeta!

Presiding over the central place of business of the sorority, welcoming in and keeping records of, so many thousands of members, following the chapters in their development, keeping the Council and Conventions informed as to the statistics of the organization, and even more, of the meaning behind the statistics, have gradually given to Irene somewhat of the quality of the dispenser of destiny herself. The fact that after all her years of close association with the workings of the sorority, Irene retains her enthusiasm, her patience, her composure, gives a measure of her character. She is a "grand friend" and a tower of strength.

## **GRACE MASON LUNDY** President, 1940-46

Grace Mason Lundy, tenth Delta Zeta to serve as National President, is a member of Epsilon chapter. She served her chapter as Editor and president, and graduated in 1919 with a degree in Sociology and Economics. Pursuing some advanced study in this field in the summer of 1922, she paused en route to attend the 1922 Convention and from then on life has never been the same. It was at this Convention that Delta Zeta planned for the opening of a Central Office, and Rene Sebring Smith, who had known GEM in her undergraduate days, had the committee on selection to interview this young alumna, with the result that instead of returning to social work in the fall of 1922, Grace Mason was becoming acquainted with Delta Zeta files and planning for installations.

Two terms were spent in this position, doubling as Historian on the Council side of it, and issuing the first little History in December, 1923. In May, 1926, Grace became Mrs. Hubert Mirl Lundy, just in time to go to the San Francisco Convention and be elected Editor of the LAMP.

In 1930, at the Twelfth National Convention, Mrs. Friedline recommended the hiring of a fulltime visiting delegate for the coming year, and it turned out to be Grace Mason Lundy who was asked to pioneer in this work for Delta Zeta. The one year extended almost to two, but the work was fascinating, and the visiting delegate as an



GRACE MASON LUNDY, NATIONAL PRESIDENT 1940-46

accepted service was established. During this year she also prepared the Δ Z Manual, and assisted with the Blue Book for Pledges.

From 1930 to 1933, that difficult and timemarking time for so many projects, the official duties of GML were those of alumnæ vice president, but duties a bit nearer home were connected with the advent, in 1931, of Cynthia Anne Lundy, and before 1933 Convention of "Lord Jim" Lundy. The years 1934-36, due to heavy domestic responsibilities, found the greatest single contribution of Grace Mason Lundy to be the writing of the History, a volume of some 396 pages. Taking it easy from 1936-38 as Chairman of History, and face-lifting the Blue Book, she was surprised to find herself becoming Extension Vice President at the 1938 Convention. but looking back on it, thinks that was probably the one job of them all that she liked best.

The years 1938-40 were strenuous ones indeed, but good preparation for those which came after 1940. Becoming president to succeed Myrtle Malott, Grace served through the years of World War II, presided over the plans for and ceremonies connected with the union with Beta Phi Alpha in 1941, made the presentation speech for the Founders' Memorial at Miami in 1943, and worked faithfully to keep the course of the sorority true and sound during the years of the war.

It was with relief that she could retire from office in 1946, knowing there was competent leadership in reserve to carry on the plans which had been made. The pleasure which was felt at the naming of an award in her honor was probably the greatest single thrill afforded by the sorority until at 1950 Convention, Cynthia, too, became a member.

Now confining her  $\Delta$  Z service aside from preparing this History, to occasional bits of travel, or chapter visiting, Grace is wondering how it was ever possible to be a sorority officer and find time for the family, community and social duties which seem to lap up every moment of spare time at present. Returning after a long absence, to teaching, she is enjoying the experience, and continuing advanced study at the university in a pleasantly leisurely gait. The real achievements of the family are now being carried on by others than Grace, but the rest of the Mason sisters are all engaged in work which reflects creditably on the LAMP and on their older sister.

## FRANCES ELIZABETH WESTCOTT President, 1946-48

Election to the presidency of Delta Zeta at Breezy Point in 1946, brought to the sorority's leadership a member who had served with signal effectiveness in a number of other official positions.

A graduate of Alpha Alpha Chapter in the class of 1927, Frances had taken an active part in dramatics and class activities in college, and shown a talent for organizing effectively in the positions where she served the college or the chapter. Returning to Indianapolis she has become one of the better-known young business women of the city, her position with the Crown Paper Box Company being one of responsibility.

Quickly becoming one of the vigorous younger group of alumnæ chapter members, Frances has been connected with nearly every committee and activity represented on its extensive list of services and activities, including the position of, president. Her leadership and enthusiasm eventually brought her to the position of Province Director, in which capacity she attended the 1938 Convention. Called to Council service at this time. she proved an indefatigable worker in her office as Treasurer, and an apt disciple of President Myrtle Malott, than whom there could be none better to coach a new treasurer. Frances held this highly important position during a period when business acumen was a necessity, and her experience and talent for managing finances were of the utmost value to Delta Zeta. Not only



Frances Westcott, National President 1946-48

the number of houses coming under ownership, but the sound financing of them, and the creating of informed house management boards for the chapters, found Frances' guiding hand ready for the lift when and where needed.

Through the entire period of World War II, the chapter treasurers, frequently girls with but slight previous experience in matters of important finance, were able to acquit themselves creditably in their chapter management, due to the simplified plans prepared by Frances, her patience in advising, her meticulous annual instructions.

During the term of her presidency, Frances met with the usual post-war situations, situations which call for a combination of steadiness and headiness sometimes difficult to secure. The zest which marked the sorority's approach to its enlarged activities, she was able to guide in a way allowing for release of this high spirit of accomplishment. The test of keeping the even keel

beneath all the humming activity, was equally well met.

All the activities of her presidency were stemmed toward the consummation which she chose as her convention theme: "To Act That Each Tomorrow Find Us Farther Than Today." It may truly be said that the Convention demonstrated this.

In the four years since retiring from the presidency, Frances as Immediate Past President, has been an ex officio member of Council. Her particular service continues to be as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and advisor on all House

Ownership problems.

Meantime, the Indianapolis alumnæ rejoice to have Frances back with them on the level of a member, although it must be confessed they did not allow their awe of her as a Council member to cause any special inconvenience. It is one of her happy hobbies to prepare annually a Farce of the Farciest, which the alumnæ chapter present with gusto. She is also an active member of the Indianapolis Civic Theatre, of many years' standing, does public relations work for the Girl Scouts organization; enjoys music, especially the Indianapolis Symphony, with a devotion second to none; and makes, with her mother, a charming and happy home, well known and much loved by hosts of friends, including many Delta Zeta officers past and present.

The facets of Frances' personality are many and interesting. She is an ardent believer in many worthy causes and an equally ardent worker for what she believes. Peace and politics, good politics, are two of her major enthusiasms. The richness of life and the acquiring of that richness are two things about which Frances has always been busy, I think, and always will be. Thus proving, as said before, that she is a wise

and a capable young woman.

## GERTRUDE HOUK FARISS President, 1948-

Gertrude Houk Fariss, the pride and joy of Omega Chapter, assumed the presidency of Delta Zeta as the last of a long and outstanding services for her sorority. Sometimes it is not as far from Alpha to Omega as might seem. From Alpha of Delta Zeta to Omega is only a step or two, really. Alpha initiated Bess Stephenson: Bess picked out Gertrude McElfresh and Gertrude fostered and developed Omega chapter for us! So it is not too far from Bess Stephenson to Gertrude Fariss, and they have other points in common, too. Bess, the first Alpha girl to leave her chapter for another college, went to Cornell. Gertrude, an Omega graduate of 1925, was Delta Zeta's first official affiliate—and went to Cornell!

From her college record we learn that Gertrude was very well known on campus, that she was a member of Theta Sigma Phi, president of her chapter the year it climbed from a chapter scholarship rating she didn't like, to the top of the list (the plan, described as the Omega Proctor System, was commended in the LAMP of that year), that she was Omega delegate to the 1924 Convention, and that she built up a following among her chapter mates which they have been delighted to maintain to this day.

Following graduate study and some early professional experiments, Gertrude became, at an gratifyingly early age, Dean of St. Helen's Hall, a prominent Junior College in Portland. She generously divided her energies between her profession and her sorority, serving Delta Zeta as Province Secretary, later as Province Director, and advancing from this position to the Editorship of the LAMP. From 1936-40 she gave us one of the best series of LAMPS we have known.

Delta Zeta's Standards Program, which actually had been launched by Gertrude at the 1936 Convention, came back into her management when she became National Secretary in 1940, and Standards was delegated to that office. Her "Pattern for Living" immediately set a new level of

excellence for this national project.

The resignation of Margaret Pease as NPC Delegate, in 1942, moved Gertrude from the position of Editor to NPC delegate, and brought her into a widened sphere of influence for Delta Zeta. Increasingly effective was her work in the field of Panhellenics until in 1948, Convention made her president. This was a wish of long standing on the part of the sorority, and not only collegiate members but others who had watched Gertrude develop, mature and contribute, were happy at this culmination.

We are too close to her administration to be able properly to evaluate Gertrude's leadership

and service as time will do.

No extended time is required, however, to realize the dynamic quality of leadership which Delta Zeta is experiencing under the direction of Gertrude Fariss. Her long period of observation of the educational world and the sorority influence in it; her knowledge of Panhellenic conditions and procedures; her vigorous and farsighted ideals for the sorority and her courage in applying the techniques needed to set these toward realization, have all been experienced by the sorority in tangible ways during these four years.

Generously Gertrude has given of her time and strength in long, important chapter visiting trips. Release from former professional duties has made this possible and gives some basis to



GERTRUDE HOUK FARRIS, NATIONAL PRESIDENT 1948-

her earlier pleas that to accept the presidency while tied to a desk would handicap her own program for the work. The acquaintance which members gain from her visits are more than merely the pleasing visit from a loved and helpful national president, valuable as those always are. There is a rare quality of passing the fire of her faith and her conviction of the importance of acting the faith, which makes a contact with Gertrude one of excited galvanizing into action.

The quality of her belief in and ambition for Delta Zeta transmits itself with fluid effectiveness to her associate officers and to the membership. The achievements of the past four years are due to many, many factors; to an enlarged membership; to the release from war (for a while); to the sheer impetus that a going success creates; but also, to no small extent, to the drive, the known direction, and the example, of Gertrude Fariss.

Recognition of our good fortune in having Gertrude as president is, to our pleasure, not confined to ourselves alone. Honors and responsibilities pertaining to honors have been generously heaped upon her by Altrusa Clubs, by A.A.U.W., by Theta Sigma Phi, by other community, civic

and social groups.

Whatever may be the course of Gertrude's  $\Delta$  Z service from this time on, it is safe to prophesy that time will only shed a bright luster on the period of our history when she was president. President, if you will, in a fortunate time; but a president who was able to make of the resources of Delta Zeta something special, potent, magical and thrilling to everyone who had a part in the programs which she inspired and directed.

At home, in Portland, Gertrude is very happily Mrs. Crecene Fariss. "Cris" a member of Delta Tau Delta from the University of Oregon, shows wonderful patience in sharing Gertrude with the Delta Zetas. Their home, reflecting their many, communal, vigorous interests, is beloved to both of them, and its hospitality shared with hosts of friends. Gertrude won't like it, but the membership at large would never forgive a historian who failed to include among her virtues that she is beautiful to look at as well as easy to admire, and that her appearance at Conventions is at once the admiration and the despair of those who aren't tall and willowy, or can't wear purple, or some of the other glamourous things which distinguish what the Lampadary boldly but accurately called "Fariss of women."



# Ritual and Insignia

"Oft have we bowed before thy shrine and pledged anew our love to thee . . ."

HE Delta Zeta pledge of today might wonder why the inspiring service which is her introduction to Delta Zeta was not the first ritualistic work prepared for new members. However, a little reflection will help her understand why the actual initiation service would logically be the first need of a new sorority, at least back in 1902! This ceremony as we know it today differs in many ways from the first service used, but a close examination shows that most of the differences are not fundamental changes, but are additions, refinements of presentation or simplifications of performance.

The six Founders of Delta Zeta were thorough in their preparations. Before the announcement of their organization was released to the Miami Student they not only had their first neophyte selected, but had prepared an initiation service for her. In fact, Elizabeth Coulter always insisted that there were certain details to her own initiation which were not included in later ceremonies; chiefly because the coffin, one of the important properties, had been stolen away and its disappearance made this part impossible. . . . The Founders, while admitting that for one time and one time only, they followed the campus fraternity custom of having some "mock" "rough" elements to their service, defended themselves by showing that they quickly abandoned all buffoonery, and set up permanent standards of beauty and dignity for initiation.

At the time of the joining of Delta Zeta and Phi Tau, the Alpha girls burned their ritual and destroyed most of the secret properties of the sorority. With the re-activation of Alpha chapter in 1907-08, the ritual was re-written by some of the alumnæ. Bearing certain resemblances to the original service, which was retained in loving memory, the second ritual was consciously made different from the first. Enough so, at any rate, that when, in later years, a Delta Zeta member was horrified to be told by a former Phi Tau member that she "knew the Delta Zeta ritual and all its secrets," Miss A Z could receive the comforting assurance from those who had lived through the early years that the lady in question was mistaken, whatever might have been her honest belief. . . .

As Delta Zeta proceeded with the chartering of new chapters, the necessity for providing them with their own copies of ritual and constitution became one of Alpha chapter's responsibilities as sole governing body. Copies for new chapters were made by the simple but tedious process of copying the entire documents by hand and in toto, in the archives books of the new chapters. The logic of this plan lay in the fact that initiates of early days were required to "affix their signatures," literally, to the constitution. Page after page of old chapter record books bear these signatures and initiation dates from year to year. In those early days, when "the constitution" meant the constitution as used by Alpha chapter and adopted by each new one until 1914, the reading of the entire constitution must be listened to by each new initiate before she received her pin—and this proved to be the longest part of the entire membership induction ceremony.

Meantime, despite the fact that each new chapter did receive a copy of the exact ritual used by Alpha chapter, there grew up certain minor differences in wording or presentation, among the chapters; and sometimes members of one chapter, witnessing the ceremony at some sister group, noted that some things were not just "the way we do them in our chapter." A new set of copies was made and distributed to insure a return of uniform usage. But where old custom has made a thing endeared, changes are difficult to secure, and out of these differences came requests that certain alterations which had found favor here and there, should be made official. Council then appointed a Ritual Committee, which received, considered and reported on all suggested changes of ritual. A number of changes, presented before Conventions, and found acceptable, were adopted from time to time. Writing these into the accepted ritual, and preparing new copies, continued through the year 1925. During the province conventions held in this year, many questions and suggestions came up for consideration, as the recent installations had caused discussion on most effective presentation of the initiation service. The 1925 Council meeting authorized preparation of a revision which should include all changes of wording and full instructions for setting and presentation. This proved very helpful in setting a standard uniform and acceptable to all chapters. In this edition also was included for the first time, the now official Pledge Service, which had been adopted by the 1924 Convention.

To Delta Chapter goes the credit for bringing before the sorority, in Convention, a simple but workable outline for pledge service. This service allowed for considerable freedom in use by the local chapters, and while chapters were pleased with the use of a pledge service, it presently appeared that in actual use more differences than similarities were being noted in chapter pledge services, Julia Bishop Coleman, chief installing officer for Alpha Theta's chapter ceremonies in 1923, brought to the installation a service she had especially prepared for use at this occasion. It proved so effective, that Delta Zetas present wished copies for use in their own chapters, and an adaptation was made by Mrs. Coleman and Grace Mason, to be distributed to college chapters wishing to try it out until Convention could be asked to consider making it the officially adopted pledge ritual. The 1924 Convention carried out this recommendation, and the pledge service, with slight minor adaptations, remains in

How important a uniform standard for initiation service could be in the cementing of sorority bonds was evidenced in the Conventions of later years. In 1926 and 1928 initiations at Convention were conducted by selected chapters, who had the honor of inducting into membership a candidate for their own chapter. So, in 1926 Mu Chapter initiated Violet Hess, and in 1928, the chapters of the southern province initiated Dr. Blanche Colton Williams.

Since 1928, the initiations at Convention have been in charge of the National Council, and candidates have been selected for special reasons varying from one Convention to another. The Convention initiation of 1930 had Pauline Smeed, A A, as neophyte, and presented an innovation in using the loving cup ceremony as part of the initiation banquet. By 1933, when Mary Permelia Coleman, daughter of Founder Julia Bishop Coleman was first of Delta Zeta daughters to be honored with Convention initiation, the Ritual had been given a new and very suitable feature. This was the preliminary and concluding apostrophes, to be given candidates by the chapter Alumnæ Adviser, as a preparatory indication of what the formal initiation will exemplify. Chapters have found this a very successful and helpful addition. It is especially valuable in the initiations given to installing groups. Its careful, authentic preparation was the work of Ruth Robertson, Delta, and Fannie Putcamp Smith, Z, the final editing being done by Margaret Huenefeld Pease.

During a period of years, the wish for new music to be used with the initiation ritual had been recurrently expressed. The perfect realization of this wish came with the 1936 Convention, when Dorothy Mumford Williams, A Z, and Virginia Ballaseyus, M, collaborated on words and music for the songs and music which have since their adoption proven so beautiful and



VIRGINIA BALLASEYUS. Nu, distinguished composer and former Songbook Chairman.

symbolic a part of the sorority's initiation ceremonies. Additional appreciation is due Helen Slagle, Δ, Louise Sheppa Lovett and Carolyn Tilley, M, for musical contributions of lasting and cherished meaning.

While the performances of initiation ceremonies which Council conducts at Conventions are probably the most beautifully presented services it is possible to imagine, installations have also become noted for the high standard of ritualistic perfection which they attain. Taking part in an installation initiation has given many chapter members a special kind of training which they carry back profitably to their own chapters.

# Installation Service for College Officers

In the course of her efforts to give to college chapters the best possible training for filling their chapter offices well, Delta Zeta naturally came to the place where installing ceremonies for chapter officers proved timely. The first such service was prepared by Grace Alexander Dundan at the request of the 1917 Council Meeting. It was quickly adopted, and remains in use, with only such

modifications as changes in chapter officers have indicated.

#### **Initiation Service for Alumnæ**

Alumnæ chapter delegates, sharing their successes, programs, and needs at 1922 Convention, were interested in the report that some chapters were using a form of initiation service to receive into their groups, recent graduates, members moving into the city from other localities, or just whenever a new member was received. Most interesting service reported was being used by Pittsburgh, which had received it from the hand of Helen Pool Rush, charter member of Omicron. Presented to alumnæ groups for their consideration during the next year, the service was reported on in later conventions with varying findings. As time has gone on, experience has shown that variations in nature and activities of the various chapters suggest there be freedom to initiate or not initiate, to use services suggested or create one of local origin.

During the period when formation and encouragement of chapter alumnæ associations was being given special attention, it was discovered that many college chapters which entertained alumnæ reunions at Commencement time, be-



HELEN POOL RUSH, Omicron, Author of 1922 alumnæ chapter initiation service. Founder of Eivens, Dean of Women, University of Pittsburgh.

lieved that a service to induct Delta Zeta graduates into alumnæ-hood, much as colleges have now made standard procedure at Commencement, would strengthen interest in the association programs, Ruth Robertson, A, then chairman of the Ritual Committee, obligingly turned her talents to the preparation of a service to be tried out for this purpose. By 1928 her service was ready for Convention consideration, and was referred to the chapters for a two-year period of trial in use. In later Conventions, the conclusion was that it was valuable for optional use. and such has remained its status; a resource service for those times and groups wishing something with the sanction of the sorority, in keeping with the alumnæ program.

#### Memorial Services for Deceased Members

By 1917 there had been some requests for some Delta Zeta service to use at the funeral services of members, and a suggested service was then prepared by Nettie Wills Shugart, Z, and Crystal Hall, E. This was short, sincere and not oppressively sad. It seems never to have been brought before any convention for the vote which would have been needed for official adoption. Most chapters needing some tribute of this nature have preferred to prepare their own, and

this seems the better way.

The appropriateness of having a period set aside out of Convention time, to remember deceased sisters, dates from 1924, a Convention which proved to be very ritual-conscious. Lois Higgins, A, prepared the beautiful and significant service which was used at 1924 Convention and again at the 1926 meeting. This second time its meaning was given a difficult sharpness by the fact that Treva McCarty, \Psi, had died in San Francisco the day after arriving there with the Convention Special train. Julia Bishop Coleman arranged a different service as Chairman of Memorial for the 1928 Convention, to honor the memory of Dr. Benton, who had died the previous year. In the 1930 and 1933 Memorial Services, as given by Alfa Lloyd Hayes and Rene Sebring Smith, respectively, shorter and less formal presentations were given. No official action was taken to adopt a uniform ritual for these ceremonies but each has yielded much beauty and meaning to the Convention group. The presentation in 1940, in a little gem of a chapel at Mackinac; and the beautiful sunrise service given in the garden at French Lick Springs, seemed to support the custom of making nothing too formal. At the 1950 Convention Lilian Adams Amerman and Evelyn Adams Costello conducted an outstanding Memorial Service of their own creation, honoring all those in Delta Zeta, from



Lois Higgins, Alpha, National Vice-President 1926-30

founding to 1950, who had been placed on the Memorial list. Booklets containing this list were prepared for the possession of chapters and members.

## Founders' Day

Founders' Day, first set aside by the Convention of 1912, was observed in varying manner by the chapters, for an extended period. The most popular observance was that of a gala banquet, bringing college and alumnæ members together. In 1923 Nettie Wills Shugart suggested that all such groups make their festivities uniform to the extent of incorporating a candle-lighting service, with some form of tribute-message honoring the Founders. The suggested outline which she presented with her suggestion proved appealing and was widely used that fall. In 1927, a revised service, stressing the tributes to Founders, and candle lighting in their honor, was presented by

the chapters. With some modifications, and later revisions prepared by Dorothy Mumford Williams, this service was used until the inauguration in 1940, of the Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson Foundation. A new service prepared by Carolyn Bowers, Ω, was used for this occasion, and as time has gone on chapters have used the basic idea, with such changes as their special program makes desirable. Ritualistic in spirit, the Founders' Day ceremonies are not officially prescribed in any one form, a plan which seems most generally useful and acceptable.

#### **Mothers' Club Initiations**

The use of ceremonial services in the widelypopular Mothers' Clubs is one in which local preference governs. First reports of any initiation services used for mothers of Delta Zetas seems to have come, about the same time, from Psi Chapter and Alpha Omega. These chapters developed the custom of holding Mothers' Day parties for their own mothers, and each girl took pleasure in presenting to her own mother, on her first appearance, a Mother's pin. Several Mothers' Clubs expressed an enjoyment of having for their own use a service which with its element of secrecy and ceremony, appealed to their instinct for ritual. Fern Riley Wilson, appointed chairman of Mothers' Clubs in 1946 had already assisted in preparing such a service for the use of the Mothers' Club of Pittsburgh, and passed it on for the clubs desiring to use such a ceremony.

#### Other Ceremonies

Services which have developed with the enlarging programs of the sorority include the ceremony used to install national officers, and to in-

stall college and alumnæ chapters.

The first demonstration of a service for the installing of a National Council was at the 1924 Convention. A tentative service had been submitted by Julia Bishop Coleman, who proved to be the first National President installed with her own service! With such changes as its use and the change of Council membership have indicated, the service for installing Council officers has become established as the last ceremony of a National Convention. It is conducted by the retiring President, or, in the event of her being re-elected, by a former president in attendance at the Convention. Mrs. Coleman fittingly enough, was the installing officer for Gertrude Houk Fariss, re-elected at 1950 Convention.

With the rapid increase in number of alumnæ chapters which marked the ten-year period 1940-50, a service for installing alumnæ chapters has been put in use. When possible, the conferring of the alumnæ chapter charter is made by a

Council member who conducts the simple service of installing the chapter.

#### Installations

To each member, her personal initiation is an unforgettable experience of beauty and idealistic inspiration, a bit of living which remains in memory fresh with enthusiasm and tenderness forever. So, for a chapter, is the entire experience of installation. Centering, as it does, about the initiation services, it also contains so many other experiences, compressed into the short compass of the few days on a calendar that all who share an installation experience find it the epitome of something distinct, memorable, like no other.

The present procedure for installation, with its orderly but complex arrangements of the various steps by which the local group advances from its local status to full membership in the national organization, has come about through the years of experience and with many and varied installa-

tion experiences.

Details of just what Betty Coulter did when she initiated and installed the members of Beta chapter are somewhat sketchy. There seems to have been nothing lacking for complete satisfaction to the five charter members, and since we still insist that the spirit of the installation is what makes it memorable, there could be no doubt that Bess Coulter fully qualified in her ability to express and to kindle, true Delta Zeta spirit. We have it on their report that these five did receive an actual initiation service and that when their pins were placed over their hearts on their own Founders' birthday, their cup of happiness was full to overflowing. No formal reception could ever replace, in their affections, the "spread" in the room in Sage Hall, which composed the whole of the social side of their chapter installation.

Delta and Epsilon, next in order, received installations somewhat more elaborate and formal. Chapter ceremonies for Delta Chapter were held in the home of Professor and Mrs. Dobell and here the reception to their college friends was held, with Alfa Lloyd Hayes, Ruth Gaddis and Hazel Bryant in the receiving line with the new members. The fraternal spirit was strong at DePauw, if somewhat inclined to the conservative, and the new group was made cordially welcome. Scarcely recovered from the excitement of their own initiation, Delta girls sped Martha Railsback on to Bloomington next day, where Mrs. Hayes and her assistants were to install Epsilon chapter. Martha Railsback probably set some kind of record for the speed with which she advanced from neophyte to installing member, but the special value of her presence at Bloomington

was to carry to this group the friendly hand of greeting from Delta. The six earnest young women who so proudly showed their guests around over Indiana University's campus, noted for its beauty in springtime, took quiet satisfaction in knowing that just "up the Monon" there was a sister chapter with whom sorority experiences would be shared. Each of these chartering groups numbered but six members, and all preparations and social events were correspondingly much simpler than today.

When she made her western trip to usher in Zeta chapter, Mrs. Hayes had no companions. Still her presentation of the ritual and her welcome to the new group won and held them; and the instruction she gave was so effective that three months later Zeta members were able to conduct initiation and induction ceremonies for the girls of Eta Chapter. The two days spent in completing the installation of this chapter were more given to social events than any earlier ones had been, and it was reported to have been a gala

occasion indeed.

With time and growth, the preparations for installation became more arduous on all concerned. In the 20's and 30's, sorority examinations loomed up as a real problem, not only to the girls preparing for initiation, but to the installing officers. Many an installing officer can remember the feverish concentration with which the team worked, in units, to grade a pile of those examination books between pledging and initiation time, along with the multiplicity of other duties, sorority and social, that installations imposed. As petitioning groups became larger numerically, the papers seemed endless, for invariably, in their enthusiasm and excitement, charter members wrote long, long papers!

Mu chapter's installation in 1915 was quite the largest, most elaborate and best-organized up to that time. All Californians will accept this as a mere matter-of-course statement; didn't they have a hand in this event? The excitement of the Panama-Pacific Exposition, as well as the meeting of the National Panhellenic Congress, made this installation one of distinguishing details. History does not show, but it is reasonable to suppose that among the college guests who would attend the reception presenting the new sorority to its campus, there would be representatives from another house long after to hold a special meaning to Mu chapter and Delta Zeta; these would be girls from Beta Phi Alpha, which claimed California as its own founding campus. . . . The very beautiful and elaborate petition book which the Enewah Club sent to Delta Zeta became the model, in form and makeup, for later petitions; although after a number of years the sorority returned the book to Mu because of its

value as a chapter history, with many irreplacable items it contained.

With the installation of Nu Chapter at Lombard College, there came into being the custom of a sponsor for a new chapter, which lasted for a number of years and was of much value to each new chapter. Nu Chapter was called the "gift" to Delta Zeta of Delta chapter; and members of Delta formed the larger number of the installing team, each one adopting a "sister" in the new chapter. As the chapter roll lengthened, this custom gradually disappeared in favor of having the entire province which was to receive the new chapter, serve as its guiding group and assist with installation events. Installations proved to be so strongly attractive that entire chapters would arrange to go when one was close by; as in the case of Chi Chapter attending Omega's installation; and Alpha Alpha to Alpha Beta; Beta Alpha to Gamma Beta; Beta Kappa to Gamma Epsilon, and other similar instances.

Panhellenic friendliness has become traditional for the installations of new groups, but it was not so usual a score of years ago. Alpha Theta's formal reception was held in the Kappa Kappa Gamma house at Kentucky; Alpha Pi was compelled by the generosity of the men's fraternities at Howard College to hold her ceremonies progressively in the lodges of Sigma Nu and Pi Kappa Phi (no sorority lodges at Howard then); Alpha Sigma was tendered a reception by Alpha Delta Pi; Beta Alpha could never have had so beautiful an initiation anywhere else in Kingston as in the new home of Sigma Kappa; Beta Pi initiation was held in the historic lodge of Alpha Chi Omega; and many other rememberances of hospitalities and courtesies come to

mind when recalling installations.

Eventually plans were developed which smoothed out the complications, spread the routine and preparatory details over a longer period of time, allowed for a longer span of time altogether, but increased the opportunities for social enjoyment. The increase in number and distribution of Delta Zeta membership provides that in almost any group there can be found sufficient alumnæ near by, who will assume the responsibility for the guidance and training of the local group, follow the instructions from the National Council in making advance arrangements, and in general treat the group much as a pledge supervisor in a regular chapter does. National Secretary Irene Boughton provides the explicit blueprint for initiation arrangements; the Extension Vice President or Chief Installing Officer outlines the events and advises on details of the banquet, tea and other social events. There is time for each separate part to be given with all the dignity and propriety that should accompany it, and in addition to the ritualistic and social events, the chapter receives guidance in the conduct of chapter business, carrying on all the varied and important business of a sorority, so that when the period of installation is over, the new group may have experienced every stage from pledging on through the formation of an alumnæ chapter and initiation of its own pledged members.

Each of these services, dignified and exactly suited to the place it was designed to fill, marks a logical step in the Delta Zeta experience of individual members and of the chapter unit. The improvements in the presentation of these services, the completeness of the equipment, the ease with which experienced installing groups can manage the many details involved, combine to make installations not only a labor, though labor they always will be, even of love; but a beautiful pageant of affection, of idealism, and a delight not only in the living, but in the precious moments when they "flash upon that inward eye which is the bliss of solitude." It seems a long way from the simple settling-down-to-business with which early college chapters began their college career, to the formal and dignified procedure now composing the routine of college chapter installation. Delta Zetas find this progression of services endlessly fascinating, and it has received approving comment from many col-

lege officers who participate in it.

Following the initiation for chapter members, the installing officers take charge of a formal installation banquet, at which the college President and Dean of Women or their official representatives, are honored guests. The formal ritual of installing the chapter is conducted at the close of the banquet. Its arrangement is effectively planned to make every member present a participant. Formally the Extension Vice President presents to the Chief Installing Officer, the newly elected officers of the chapter, which are then duly installed and given the insignia of their office. The general membership of the sorority, in attendance, then pledges to the new chapter its support and loyalty. Concluding the ceremony, the Chief Installing Officer presents the new chapter to the college, and receives from the designated officer, their official acceptance of this group as a recognized and functioning unit within the student body. The emphasis placed in this service, on the sorority's working policy for cooperation between sorority and college, has added luster to the new chapter's value both to itself and its Alma Mater, and has been an effective aid in setting new chapters in a path of achievement from their very beginnings.

Records for number of installations experienced have been held by an increasing number of Council members. First would be named Rene Sebring Smith. Following her, Julia Bishop Coleman, Grace Mason Lundy, Margaret Huenefeld Pease, Irene Boughton, Georgia Chandler Hornung, Myrtle Graeter Malott, Margeurite Wherry Havens, Bunny Gale, Gertrude Fariss, Evelyn Adams Costello, Mildred Keezel and others have been privileged to assist in these epoch-making sorority functions.

#### The Password

One touch of ritual remains to be mentioned, that of the secret password of the sorority. The use of this password to insure members entrance to all formal business meetings in their own or any visited chapter; the requirement of password before a member may enter the Convention meetings, has been helpful in inducing dignity and consideration to these chapter or national meetings. Many alumnæ who return to their chapters after a long absence, or who come to Convention without having been previously briefed on this evidence of good standing, have liked both the password and its use. Not all older members know (although in an effort to educate, explanation has been given regularly at conventions and installations for twenty-five years) the history and origin of this password. It was first used at the 1926 Convention, at the suggestion of Mrs. Coleman, presiding over the Convention. Marion Dittman Kasang, A A, had helpfully worked out the desired meaning and words, and they are, as all Delta Zetas now should know, passed from member to member only by word of mouth, never in writing. It might also be recorded that the initial letters were inscribed on the back of the Delta Zeta pin which the sorority presented to Mrs. Coleman as she retired, the most fitting symbol of its love and esteem for her. These characters have also been used on the gifts made to presidents since the adoption of the password.

## Insignia

"Tis an emblem that we honor As the fairest of the fair . . ."

As with the ritualistic services, so with our insignia—first to be provided was naturally that for the formal initiation of members.

In a multiplicity of sorority and fraternity pins with significance obvious to any interested observer, the Delta Zeta pin has received many favorable comments from persons other than members, expressing their judgment that it is exceptionally artistic, effective and suitable for use by women. The general ideas to be incorporated in the pin were the suggestion of our Founders, but the practical assembling of their suggestions into a suitable pin design was the work of a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, who was associated with the Newman Jewelry Company. Through the service he rendered to the original group of Delta Zetas, they selected Newman as the official jeweler to the young sorority.

The general design of the pin has changed very little. The first or Founders' badges, bore no pearls, being jeweled only with the diamond flame. Soon the change was made to add the pearls. Only a few of the unpearled badges were made, and the usual losses and catastrophes befell so many of these, that we may be thankful the sorority archives do contain one of the



original badges. This one belonged to Alfa Lloyd. Rene Sebring Smith had the foresight to suggest placing this valuable pin in the archives, and in return, Delta Zeta presented Mrs. Hayes with a modern badge, containing an extra-size diamond. Mrs. Hayes made her gift a few years too late to receive one of the few "alumna badges" which had been authorized in an earlier day, but were soon voted out as being unsuitable and departing from the true sentiment of the badge. . . . These "alumnæ badges" were set with diamonds in place of the pearls which appear in the standard pin. The change was optional, so not every alumna member would wish to make it; but not the expense as much as the attachment to the significant pearls, caused the diamond pins to be only a passing fad. Today there is no badge to indicate the alumna status. At least one interesting anecdote hangs about the alumna badge, however. When Theta Chapter was installed, the pins of the charter members had not arrived, and the members of the installing team very generously loaned their own badges to the new members whose unhappiness if required to appear on campus without badges is easily understood. Martha Louise Railsback. who was one of the installing officers, had one of these alumna badges, and Madeline Baird used to delight the Theta girls telling how the Theta charter members took turns wearing this glittering bit of splendor. She added, however, honestly, that "the greatest day of that whole year was the day when our own badges, with one diamond apiece, arrived."

Aside from the early addition of the pearls as jewelling, the only other changes in the present pins from the original ones are such small refinements as would naturally take place when jewelers are changed. Burr, Patterson and Company succeeded Newman as official jeweler, and suggested the moving of the pearls to the top of the column. The description of the pin as included in the old local constitution is still applicable: "The pin is a Roman lamp, placed at the top of an lonic column in which are set four pearls. Three wings extend from either side of the lamp which bears a diamond in its flame. The Greek letters  $\Delta$  Z appear in black enamel on the bowl of the lamp."

No accurate information seems to have been handed down to us as to the origin of the pladge pin, nor the time of its adopting. We know that the early pins were long stick-pins, while the use of the regular brooch-clasp came later. (We should remind ourselves that it was in quite good form, in earlier days, to wear one's sorority pin some place other than over the heart: on a collar ruffle, in one's hair, high up like the pin of a chatelaine watch-etc.) The standard pledge pin of Delta Zeta is a diamond of black enamel, gilt edged and bearing the Roman lamp in gold as a design. It does not become the property of the pledge, but reverts to the chapter. This not only avoids the confusion of owning two pins, but symbolizes the temporary duration of the pledgeship and is a custom followed by all NPC groups. Pledge pins are used on some campi from the earliest moment of official pledging, but in most chapters there is a period of wearing pledge ribbons in the colors of the sorority, for a time.

Guard pins, which serve both to identify the wearer's chapter and to prevent the loss of the badge, are now found everywhere. They are attached to the badge with a small chain and are worn below and slightly to one side of the official pin. It has long been standard custom that the guard pin is the only pin other than that of a husband's or fiancé's fraternity, which is to be linked with the Delta Zeta pin, and no pin is to be placed above it. [The accepted spot for wearing the pin, "over the heart," was once practically demonstrated by an officer as being the place where the little finger of the outspread right hand will be found with the thumb resting at the base of one's throat! . . . Good ideatry it . . . ]

Delta Zeta recognizes as official badges of membership only these two, the pledge pin, and the official badge received at initiation. None except duly elected and qualified members may possess or wear either of these. Custom of the earlier days was different, so that it now causes a smile or a question to read, from the old constitution, "no man except a brother, husband or fiancé may wear a Delta Zeta pin, with the exception of Dr. Guy Potter Benton, Grand

Patron."!! Also, "all Delta Zeta pins now worn by men must be immediately recalled . . ."

Recognition pins were a natural later development in the line of fraternity and sorority insignia. As travel became a more common experience, Greek-letter organizations wished some convenient means of identifying themselves to each other besides swinging wide one's coat or trying out an acquaintance with the grip. Small coat-of-arms pins, sometimes miniature replicas of the official pin, were variously used, but Delta Zeta decided upon the monogram of the Greek letters, staggered and in plain yellow gold. These are uniform, easily recognized, and very satisfactory.

There is no other official Delta Zeta jewelry for members at large, though the use of the coat of arms as a decoration for personal jewelry is universally popular, and busy jewelers have used this, as well as the Greek letters, and a simplified Roman lamp, to create attractive jewelry such as rings and bracelets and pendants. These are sometimes used to carry out chapter customs, as a scholarship ring, some symbol for the highest ranking pledge, and so on. These are merely local adaptations of the official symbol and carry no national significance.

However, the sorority has adopted an additional kind of official pin or emblem, which is used by national officers to indicate the office they hold. These are small charms, worn on the guard chain or as guards themselves. They vary with the office, though each pin is some part of the coat of arms. They are as follows:

President—The entire coat of arms Alumnæ vice president—Shield without the

crest

Extension vice president—Crest without the shield

Membership vice president—Book\*

Secretary—Scroll Treasurer—Distaff

#### Mothers' Pin

In 1926 Delta Zeta gave official approval to a national Mothers' Pin, design for which, originally suggested by Lambda Chapter, had been under consideration for some time. The pin as adopted consists of the Ionic column, with the Greek letters in the base, and optional pearls in the crown. The pin is much appreciated by Mothers, and widely admired for its simplicity and appropriateness. It is worn by members of Mothers' Clubs and by many mothers who are not so situated as to be official members of such

\* When these guards were first adopted, the Editor was still a Council member and wore this guard, which was transferred to the membership vice president upon the placing of that office in council. clubs. It has also been permitted for the use of housemothers who, after all are beautifully fulfilling the mother's function of loving guidance.

## Other Insignia

Chief among the other insignia of the sorority is its coat of arms. The first one used by Delta Zeta belonged to the "made" group of fraternal insignia; that is, it was not set up in accordance with the established rules of heraldric device. Usage and sentiment endeared it to the membership, nevertheless, and the first proposals to correct it met with opposition. The national officers felt it was important to have this insignia corrected for the sake of dignity and consistency; and finally circumstances came to their aid. Members and chapters wishing to use the coat-of-arms in ordering dies for the making of stationery or other chapter use, were told by die-makers that it was difficult to reproduce. and some commented upon its lack of accuracy. Occasionally some error amusing or annoving. would be found in the articles adorned with the supposed crest. Theta chapter was nonplussed to order a die and find that in use it showed an unmistakable owl where every informed Delta



Zeta knew no owl was meant to be. The official jeweler came to Rene Sebring Smith's rescue. Among their consultants they numbered an authority on heraldry who was also a sorority officer; and Emily Butterfield, A  $\Gamma$   $\Delta$ , was eventually able to work out, in consultation with Iva Stock Smith, A, a design that pleased the convention and is now loved by all of us. Carrying something of the familiar shape of the first design, and most of the composing symbols, it conforms with the principles of heraldric device.

Suggestions for an official flag or banner crop up periodically, but none has as yet been officially adopted. Iva Stock Smith, whose knowledge has given us our design for ritualistic robes, and who assisted in creating the coat of arms, brought to 1940 Convention, a handsome banner of satin in the proper colors, which she had created at the request of Myrtle Malott. It has been used at Conventions, but not for general chapter use. Time, perhaps, has had its own method of settling that once-commoner question.



PRESENT MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE

Another passing phenomenon was the creation of an amazing variety of sorority stationery. A collection of the varieties which came to her hand at Central Office in the years 1922-24, was offered by Grace Mason as evidence that better standards for chapter use were needed. Correspondence of early officers had showed a simple hand-embossed "Delta Zeta" white on white; but some later members used the Greek motto, Greek characters, black on white! About 1912, the pin, embossed in gold, had been used, a design which to later members did not appear at all attractive. The pledge pin appearing on informal notepaper



MEMBERSHIP PLAQUE, Earlier form

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was prettier, but most satisfactory of all has been simply the coat of arms, in gold or colors.

The seal of the sorority has not been changed since the founding of the sorority. It is "our pin in a two inch circle, with the name, date and place of founding circumscribing the circle." It is purely official in usage, and is placed only under the authorization of council, on charters, on membership certificates, and on certain of the more official communications.

The minutes of Conventions and council meetings do not show when the use of membership certificates or shingles were first authorized, but they were in use by the time that Madeline Baird had become Registrar, and were issued from that office until 1922 when the Executive Secretary assumed the duties formerly conducted by the sorority registrar. The membership certificate of that time was of stiff white board, engraved with the coat of arms, signed by the National President and National Secretary, and by the chapter Secretary. Name, date and other information were to be individually filled in. The several signatures requiring the passing of the certificates from one officer to another, made the routine of their delivery cumbersome and slow, so that in time a change was recommended. When it came, in 1925, it was a drastic one. Delta Zeta adopted at that time a decorative placque with the coat of arms in color, on a dark green background. The membership certificate was a simple, business-like paper form issued from Central Office and ready to be pasted to the back of the placque. Later on a third form was adopted. This was a shield of walnut, with the coat of arms in bronze, and continuing to carry the membership statement on its reverse side. These placques are handsome and receive much admiration, especially when it is explained by the proud possessors that they are a part of the initiation supplies which are furnished to each and every member as part of her initiation equipment.

#### Flower and Colors

The Killarney rose was designated by the Founders as the official sorority flower. Beautiful, and dearly loved, this rose has been replaced in Delta Zeta use by one more readily obtained, since the real Killarneys are practically unobtainable. The colors of "old rose and vieux green" are of a perennial freshness and beauty, and in the minds of most of our members, an inseparable combination, each from the other or from the sorority. The custom of wearing the colors under pins upon the days when a new chapter is being installed, on Founders' day and the many yards of ribbon needed for pledge ribbons annually, led the National Council, in

1951, to provide for distribution among the chapters and members, one thousand yards of ribbon in the proper tones of rose and green, a service more appreciated than one might realize until a little thought is given the fact that some chapters are in small towns with limited shopping advantages, and that a variety of narrow satin ribbons in two very special shades is not always ready for the asking.

#### Whistle

The old constitution set forth the description of the whistle in somewhat obscure fashion, mystifying to any tone-conscious member: "The whistle is Del-ta Zeta, two short tones followed by two long ones; and the answer is, I'm coming." Time has established the following as the right tones for the whistle: and the answer is the same—



### **Loving Cup**

Each Delta Zeta chapter owns and cherishes its chapter loving cup. Most of these are silver, and all are distinguished by the fact of having three handles, which is their Delta Zeta characteristic. After the official adoption of this type of cup for chapter use, several chapters received cups as gifts from alumnæ or purchased them prosaically from chapter funds. Zeta, Nu, and a few other received from Nettie Wills Shugart her own version of loving cup, as cherished gifts. These cups were little, graceful three-handled cups of china, decorated with hand painted roses and the sorority letters by Mrs. Shugart who had a wide local recognition for her distinguished work in hand painted china. As she had introduced the loving cup and its ceremonies to the sorority. It was natural for her to carry out this development with a cup of her own designing. Only a few of these still remain; but their quaint and appealing beauty stands as a reminder of Mrs. Shugart, although the silver cups have proven sturdier and more appropriate as years pass by. Chapters installed in the years just after 1922 often received their loving cups as gifts from their sponsoring chapters, or their province group. A certain amount of difficulty in securing just the right type of cup led to the more practical arrangement of having the cups provided by the national sorority as part of the standard chapter paraphernalia. Many of the cups have been used to carry records of chapter importance, the names of members recognized for outstanding service, or other suitable memoryworthy inscription.

## **Publications**

N THE course of her growth Delta Zeta was come to find publications one of her major and regular responsibilities. Under the heading of publications come the quarterly magazine, "The LAMP of Delta Zeta": SIDELIGHTS, the esoteric news-bulletin issued twice or more annually: the sorority songbook: the membership directory; the history; the periodical revisions of the constitution; an annual issue of "Let's Look Into This," which is an informational brochure slanted toward prospective pledges and their parents; a very complete set of manuals for college chapter officers, and a recent manual for House-mothers, as well as one for Mothers' Clubs; the "Blue Book for pledges"; and while not, perhaps, a publication in the literal sense of the word, the "Work-kit" sent out to chapters at the opening of each college year is entitled to be called a publication, and an impressive one.

First not only in point of place, but chronologically, is the magazine. Authorized by the Convention of 1910, it has not missed an issue since its founding, although in two times of national emergency there has been a two-in-one number as a means of cooperating with the government's request to conserve paper and labor.

In the pride of her newly-achieved Panhellenic status, and realizing that her longer chapter roll required something other than personal letters to serve as communication channels between the various parts of the organization, Delta Zeta equipped herself, through the magazine, with the needed medium for intra- and inter-sorority contacts. The pioneering Editor, Ruth Gaddis, was an old hand at trail-blazing for Delta Zeta. She was one of those selected for the reviving of Alpha Chapter, in 1908; she had assisted at the installations of Delta and Epsilon Chapters, but best of all, she was an enthusiastic and tireless worker. She began her duties with ardor, and in December, 1910, presented the sorority with Volume I, Number I. Though it was a slight little thing of forty-six pages, with a brown cover completely lacking in eye appeal, this first number was perused with delight by the Delta Zetas. The early chapter letters expressed their enthusiasm over the increased acquaintance with each other which they felt was engendered by LAMP contacts. Subscription to the magazine had been made compulsory for college members, by action of the 1910 Convention, but that was the sole financial arrangement made by the national organization for financing this venture, and Miss Gaddis performed her work with the handicap of a treasury too much like Old Mother Hubbard's cupboard for her peace of mind or complete success. The printer of the first issue was her own uncle, and for his kindness in helping achieve its new aim, Delta Zeta surely owes him a niche in her hall of benefactors. The subscription list was so short that he could hardly have done this work without an actual loss to himself.

Before the two years were over, it was clear that a more effective financing plan must be made. The Editor, from her experience, insisted



RUTH GADDIS JEFFRIES, Alpha, First Editor of THE LAMP

that a policy of having no advertising in the magazine was not justified from the dollars and cents standpoint. Her urgent recommendation that advertising be depended upon for part of the LAMP support was accepted by the 1912 Convention, and Grace Alexander, E, who then became Editor, was given a Business Manager and a considerable staff to look after the affairs of the magazine. (See statistical section) By this time the real excellence and usefulness of the magazine was winning an increased number of alumnæ subscriptions in addition to the required college support. With some financial easement, the years 1912-14 showed a marked increase in the size of the magazine. Chapters vied with each other in soliciting local advertis-



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ing, or, if unable or a little unhappy at seeing local photographers, florists, clothiers, et al., represented in their exclusive periodical, a chapter might out of its own pocket pay for space and read therein, "Compliments of Sucha Chapter." Several did this.

Before the Convention of 1914, Miss Alexander married Mr. Frank Duncan, a classmate at Indiana University, and the romantichearted staff took over the work of getting out the number which was due at the time of her wedding. Mrs. Duncan's later protests that "there was too much wedding in it" caused only wicked



EDITH WRAY, Delta, Business Staff of THE LAMP 1914-15

glee among the mischievous associates, for they all adored her. . . . Returned to office by the 1914 Convention (against her own better judgment because her health was then a matter of concern) Mrs. Duncan was unable to complete the first year's work, and it fell to Council themselves to get out the May, 1915, issue. One such experience was entirely sufficient! It was their good fortune, on casting about for an Editor to complete the term, to discover Arema O'Brien (Kirven) of Theta Chapter. She took over like a veteran, and the year 1915-16 had its full quota of four good issues. Naturally enough, the convention of 1916 gladly elected her for return to office. In fact, this became almost habitual, for Arema was regularly returned every two years until 1922, when she declined further election. Her services during these seven years deserve lasting commendation. Covering, as they did, the difficult period of World War I

and later re-adjustments, still the numbers showed a steady improvement in size, form and content. The sorority took great pride in its magazine, and this satisfaction was enhanced by the election of Mrs. Kirven to the Chairmanship of NPC Editors' Conference in 1918. During this time the magazine concentrated on improving content rather than outward appearance. It was "neat, but not gaudy" with its serious brown cover, bearing the coat-of-arms and the title Delta Zeta Lamp. (See upper left hand corner of Lamp cover illustrations.)

When, in 1922, Arema laid down her editorial pencil to become chairman of the new Social Service project, her successor was Vera Brown Jones, A A. Mrs. Jones, a charter member of Alpha Alpha, was not a professional editor, but she had long been in contact with college and fraternity publications and she came into the office at a time when there was great energy, prosperity and activity in the very air. During the two terms of her editorship, the magazine reflected her intention for increased coverage. much greater use of pictures, and absolute promptness. With the March, 1921, issue, she offered an interesting innovation, an Alumnæ Issue. This was a large and really fascinating number, and set the pattern for having one issue each year to be devoted to alumnæ achievements and activities, a plan which proved very profitable in promoting alumnæ interest. In December, 1923, the LAMP appeared as the first HISTORY of the sorority; and then, in her second term of office, she abandoned the brown and gave us a new cover.

Somewhat too ornate and full of detail for perfect satisfaction, it was still a welcome relief. Its cheerful colors, green and black on a light tan background, were pleasing. It carried the coat-of-arms and other symbolic details and was continued in use through the editorship of Grace Mason Lundy who in 1926 succeeded Mrs. Jones as Editor.

Financial affairs of the LAMP had been improving during the editorship of Arema Kirven, due largely to the unremitting efforts of a number of her Theta Chapter sisters who had worked on the business staff, to increase subscriptions. Madeline Baird, Amanda Thomas and Dorothy Boyd Haskins had labored tirelessly to increase the number of alumnæ subscriptions for it was found that members were often negligent about continuing their subscriptions after graduation, although they did wish to continue receiving the magazine. The effort and expense required to keep alumnæ subscribers "in good standing" led these girls to begin promoting a compulsory Life Subscription ruling. Passed in 1924, it was a step

forward, but was nevertheless inadequate because its requirement, that each member pay the first five dollars of her life subscription in her initiation fees, left the responsibility for collecting the balance, in the hands of chapter treasurers, and also allowed the member to leave college with one installment still owed, and someone's responsibility to collect. However, at the time the rule was passed, it seemed a great improvement. Figuring that girls initiated as freshmen would have paid four full installments during their college life, and that these funds would be drawing interest while the number of subscriptions would increase annually, the stability of the LAMP funds seemed assured. The sorority was then initiating something over three hundred girls annually, so the Business Managers had an impressive case to state. A special offer of Life Subscriptions for fifteen dollars if paid in one sum, was made for a short time in 1926, aroused some response, and filled the Business Manager and Editor with a great longing for additional support of this kind.

Accordingly, Myrtle Malott, then National Treasurer, began working on tables pertaining to life statistics, interest rates, forms of retirements and endless technicalities of such sort. A huge sheaf of data was prepared, showing exactly how much each member had ever paid to the LAMP: how much it had cost the sorority to send out annual bills and interim reminders for subscriptions due; and the net result of all this was that at the 1926 Convention the treasurer's report, especially that part dealing with the LAMP, was voted by many delegates to be one of the most interesting, even exciting, sessions of all. The resulting Convention action was the most helpful which had ever been made for the magazine, to-wit: every future Delta Zeta would pay her life LAMP subscription in full at the time of her initiation. Placing of these funds in a LAMP Endowment Fund would insure every Delta Zeta her magazine for life, even a long life! By additional planning it was arranged that what had formerly been termed "initiation fee" could be abolished, and therefore cost of initiation would not actually be increased. The plan as adopted gives each member an actual return in sorority supplies, magazine subscription or use of pin, for the entire amount she pays as an initiate. Still further, a plan was offered by which payments already made on either Life Alumnæ dues or Life LAMP subscription (each of which was set at \$25.00) could be credited to the member and a total of \$30.00 made within the year would give full credit for both fees. This plan was received with much enthusiasm, and "Get on the Life Line" was popular, as the long lists appearing in the LAMP issues during the year, proved. Sabina T. Murray, B, who became Business Manager in 1926 upon being named as Executive Secretary, pushed the campaign vigorously, and a total of 2,600 Life-Liners joined in 1926-27. A decision to extend the offer for an additional year also proved successful, and as the plan took effect for all initiations beginning with the fall of 1926, the LAMP finances were at last well settled.

First Editor to feel the benefit from this improved financial status was Grace Mason Lundy, who in her term of office, 1926-28, was able to give the sorority a magazine of considerably increased size. No especial changes in policy or format was attempted by her, other than to increase the presentation of as many members and member-activities as possible. One feature was added which continued for a number of years, and was a source of considerable satisfaction to the Delta Zeta readers, as well as being



Gertrude Houk Fariss, Omega, Editor 1936-1940

appreciated by exchange editors. This was a humorous feature called "Wholly Smoke," and issued over the signature of "The Lampadary." Its nonsense was good-humoured and apt, its puns not too hopeless, and its inclusion gave a pleasant break from the purely sensible and factual. During the editorship of Margaret Pease, Gertrude Fariss and Irene Boughton, The Lampadary decided to be called "Wholly S. Wholly" (Mrs. Leland F. Leland understands why!) and titled her jibes "Don't Say I Said Anything!" After an intermittent contribution of some ten years she finally disappeared, possibly in a cloud of her own smoke!

In 1928 Editor Lundy was called upon to give up her armchair travels among the sisterhood for the real thing, and Margaret Huenefeld Pease of Xi Chapter took the Editorial Chair. Under her management the LAMP spent a quiet first year much in the familiar pattern, although her very first issue came out with a new green cover, simple and distinctive, and the product of Mrs. Pease's own planning. Herself a gifted artist, Margaret's clever touch added grace to the pages of the magazine as constantly as her nimble wit and individuality gave zest to her editing. Great approbation was expressed over Volume 18, but with Volume 19, the delight of the sorority really soared. In September of 1929 the LAMP readers found it a completely new creation. Cover, a soft, pleasing shade of green, entirely unadorned, bearing only the simple, sufficient name: The LAMP of Delta Zeta. Within, there was a distinctive new format on eggshell book paper. New type, for both titles and body of printed page; ornamental tailpieces and initials, effectively presented in red and black; these largely the product of the editor's own pen. Finally—the entire magazine copyrighted, of which all approved. Not only the Delta Zetas but many Panhellenic readers admired, and complimented. While many magazines were showing great improvement during this period, it would have been hard to find another so entirely pleasing as our own. Certainly no Editor before her, and probably few later, can be credited with having done so much to make for the LAMP a more gratifying history. Through the years 1928-34, even during one strenuous year spent as Visiting Delegate, Margaret continued to keep the LAMP on the same splendid plane of excellence. The Directory Issue of 1932 was made attractive by her map frontispiece and other decorative detail. It may be mentioned here in passing that the era of attractive Convention programs began with her production for the Lucky 13th, filled with delightful silhouettes of Founders and other "Shades of the Past." She also extended her services as Editor to the 1934 History Lamp, which owed its art work and altogether artistic arrangement to the effective and inspired contribution of Margaret Pease.

Praise which came to the sorority for the excellence of its magazine, its history and its Blue Book for Pledges must be shared with the George Banta Publishing Company. To their interest



Frances Banallack Benowicz, Alpha Alpha, former Editor, The Pentagon of Phi Omega Pi; Alumnæ Editor of The Lamp 1949-52.

and their ability to put into tangible form the ideas of the planners, the final success is largely due. The relationship between the Banta Publishing Company and the Delta Zeta LAMP dates back to the editorship of Ruth Gaddis Jeffries when young Mr. Banta was getting his first experience at securing customers for his father's firm. As Mr. Banta related it to the 1930 Convention and again in the LAMP, Volume 36, Number 1, the reflective listener might easily conclude that he received more honor than honorarium out of this contract, which covered in its beginning a list of approximately 200 subscribers!

From that list to the present one approaching a hundred times the first number, and from that modest printing bill to one with thousands for each of its hundreds, is a growth to cause satisfaction to both publisher and sorority. But the Banta Publishing Company does not work only for financial return. Mr. Banta and his staff followed Mrs. Pease's new ideas with the interest of true craftsmen. Though this meant a departure from nearly every familiar feature of the fraternity magazines of the day, yet Mr. Banta was as eager as though he himself were working

out these innovations. And no one was more delighted over the success of this "Cinderella" project than the workers of the Banta Publishing Company. Nor have later calls for changes or for advice or help ever brought anything except the most generous and satisfactory cooperation. To Banta the LAMP owes much of its success.

A new dress is welcomed on even the most loved friend, now and then, and so it was that in 1938 there was a change in the cover. Editor Fariss chose a shaded sea-green stock printed in white and bearing the symbolic lamp as its decoration. During Gertrude's term of office the hand and mind of a journalist and civic leader were in constant evidence. For two terms she proved so able in her work that her magazines remain noteworthy even now, for the quality of their articles and the vision and perception reflected in her lists of subject matter.

One year before World War II, decision of the sorority placed the editing of the magazine and all sorority publications in the hands of the Executive Secretary. With all the sorority material concentrated at hand, Irene Boughton was able to produce a magazine which kept closely abreast of current happenings within the sorority and the NPC world. An enlarged page size, and



CHARLOTTE VERPLANK

new typically modern lettering on vari-colored covers, was introduced in 1941, and presently the plan of distributing illustrations among the text was again adopted.

As the duties of the Executive Secretary increased immensely during the War, a new Editor seemed to Council to offer a logical way of lightening her burden. Charlotte Wheeler Verplank, appointed at this time, is both professionally and genealogically at home around printer's ink. The busy and successful editor of a thriving county newspaper in Crown Point, Indiana, she fitted smoothly into the job of issuing a fine magazine. Her natural gift for writing, a highly individual knack of phrasing, reflected through her editorial pages in a manner to provoke thought while at the same time engendering a close and sympathetic interest. Through the four years of her editorship the magazine well reflected the expanding program of the sorority's activities. Recognition of Charlotte's signal leadership in editorial work was her election by the NPC Editors, as Chairman. Again a change of cover relieved the appearance of the magazine, and the departmentalizing of collegiate and alumnæ news proved popular. For a few "guest appearances" the irrespressible "Wholly S. Wholly" returned under the dignified

and grown-up designation of Mrs. RFD, under

which signature she had become well known to readers of the Indianapolis STAR.

In 1949 home and business demanded that Charlotte curtail her responsibilities, and Council was fortunate to have available another trained journalist, Kay Butterfield Larson, A A and Portland Alumnæ Chapter. The LAMP under Kay has continued to reflect in its clear-cut; vigorous and comprehensive presentation, the vastly increased activities of the sorority. With the lengthening roll of both collegiate and alumnæ chapters, it has now become necessary to limit the space allotted to chapter letters in order that the magazine may not be unduly long, and to allow for the reports of the many and varied interests and achievements of members and chapters. A full department devoted to activities of alumnæ, individuals and chapters, has been given the composite title "Aluminations by Gradabouts," and is capably edited by Frances Benowecz, former editor of the Pentagon of Phi Omega Pi; while the Collegiate section too, rates its own editor, Joyce Edgar Bull, B K. It is certain that the reflection of Delta Zeta which today's LAMP gives, is of definite satisfaction to the first Editor; and it was with pleasure, too, that the LAMP of March 1952 welcomed a contribution from Ruth's pen. It is certain, also, that the first Social Service Chairman would be thrilled to read in the report of the "Adventures in Friendship" Chairman, the long list of generous and satisfying services being rendered by Delta Zeta to her neighbors and friends. It cannot be doubted that the LAMP will continue to be a mirror reflecting truly what the sorority, indeed, what the Greekletter world, is doing and thinking, as long as we have for Editors members of the same alert and capable quality as those who have served the LAMP so well in her forty-one years of lighting our way.

### The Songbooks

Possibly second, but a very close second, to the sorority magazine should be listed its songbook. Through the songs comes in a special way, the spirit of the organization, and the bond of unity resulting from singing of the same songs has long been recognized by groups of all sizes from a duet to a nation.

What was the first Delta Zeta song we cannot say; but certain it is that the girls must have begun soon to sing not only college and popular songs, but songs of Delta Zeta itself. A few of the earlier songs survived to the more creative and critical age. There is the "pledge song" once required of all Alpha Chapter pledges. It was lustily sung to the rollicking tune of "Clementine." There is "Dee Zees, happy Dee Zees, always so gay, never passé . . ." shuddered at now and the cause of much good-natured ridicule, but still declared by those who were there to have been the song of the 1914 Convention! Though these two ditties were not included in the first edition of the Delta Zeta Songbook by its discreet editor, Alma Miller, one song which does appear in that book has survived the years and remains a favorite today. This is "It's Just a Little Lamp, Girls" which was the contribution of Crystal Hall (Glover), E.

Appointed by the 1910 Convention to prepare a sorority songbook, Alma Miller of Delta chapter and Elmira Case of Epsilon presented their compilation to Council in 1911 for its approval. Thrift was an important consideration in those days, and although Council authorized a trial edition of 300 copies, the book was not actually a reality until 1913. From the press of the Keller-Coessent Company of Cincinnati, it proved to be an attractive little volume, bound in light brown cloth, and with the coat of arms and title, in darker brown, for cover design. It was tied with cord of the sorority colors. Each of the 300 volumes was numbered, and the selling price was one dollar. This supply did not last long, as eager girls bought it and tried out all the thirty-nine songs which it contained. Leading the songs was "Oh, Come Ye Loyal

Sisters" sung to the music of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, and designated as "our national song". . . . The book continued on through Songs of Love and Loyalty, Glees, Chapter Songs, Songs of Farewell, Twilight Songs and Songs of the Delta Zeta Colleges. For the young organization of seven college chapters it was a fine job.

Anne Younger, also of Delta, was the second chairman appointed to prepare a songbook. She and her committee worked diligently, and patiently, too, for they encountered many obstacles and delays in realizing their goal. Perseverance



CLARA HUFFMAN BARROW, Former National President of Phi Beta, Member Songbook Committee 1927.

was rewarded at last with the appearance, in 1921, of the new book. This was a large volume, bound in green cloth stamped in gold and presenting a handsome and dignified appearance. This edition of two thousand copies was dedicated "To Our Grand Presidents" and contained ninety-six songs, under ten general headings. Somewhat similar in plan to the first issue, and carrying over a number of the earlier songs (though many of them have since been laid aside) this book offered as fresh material three songs which immediately sang their way to popularity with the sorority: "Washed by the Dew," usually called The Rose Song, an original offering by Ruth Clearwaters of Delta Chapter; "Delta Zeta Lamps Are Burning," contributed by Carolyn Tilley of Mu Chapter; and "Neath Moon or Sun," the work of Dorothy Smith Hubert, of Xi Chapter.

Delta Zeta liked this book from the first. But the sorority was growing so vigorously by this time, that even as the book came to hand, it was realized that chapters had a number of new and favored ones not submitted, so the Convention of 1922 approved a Standing Committee on Songbook, with Virginia Ballaseyus, Mu as Chairman. For the next five years a succession of chairmen put hopes and hard work in their task, but it remained for Miriam Landrum, A T, to pick up the assignment at 1926 Convention, and present the new book in time for Province Conventions of 1927.

This new book contained the impressive total of ninety-one songs on its ninety-seven pages. The songs were classified under six topics this time:

To Delta Zeta
The Lamp
The Rose
Memories
Prayer
Toasts and Sport Songs

Miss Landrum, an accomplished professional musician, had shown care and discrimination in her work, and had enlisted the aid of musical authorities in her efforts. She gave the sorority a number of new songs which soon ranked high in favor. Among these were, "The Heart of a Delta Zeta Rose," "Delta Zeta, All For Thee," "Flowers I Give to Thee," "Delta Zeta Lamps Are Burning" and "Dream Girl of Delta Zeta" which probably by now has been sung to the place of Number One Song among Delta Zetas. This song, written by Juanita Kelly (Bednar) of Nu chapter for a freshman required stunt, had been an instant success in the chapter; took second place in the song contest at 1926 Convention, and has since then been published in sheet form, sung over the radio by and for the sorority, formed the basis for the chapter custom of naming "Dream Girls"-and in every other way proved the truth of the saying that it's all a matter of chance! This third edition of the songbook continued to be green cloth stamped in gold, with the coat of arms as revised and adopted in 1925 its decoration.

Repeated reprintings of this edition were required to fill the needs of the sorority for a songbook before there appeared, in the summer of 1951, a modernized, enlarged and gratifying volume prepared by a competent committee headed by Ruth Ann Oakes, A H. As stated in its introductory word, this book had been planned to meet the changed needs of a singing sorority; to provide songs suitable for the now familiar singing competitions found on college campi everywhere; to give the chapters "peppy" songs, and to provide them with harmonizations

keyed to the modern customs. In this latter feature the work of Ellen Winn Reed of Chi, was outstanding. In the more than one hundred songs included in this fourth edition, will be found many old favorites, many new ones which are working their way to popularity, a list especially suggested for campus sings, a section of songs which have been Convention Award winners; songs which have come to us by way of Beta Phi Alpha and Phi Omega Pi-in fact, songs that genuinely represent the singing sorority. Included for the first time are the Grace Song (page 14) written for Epsilon chapter by Miriam Mason and much used by Indiana chapters and State days, and the appealing "Convention Lights" (page 86), one of Beta Phi Alpha's first spiritual bequests to Delta Zeta.

Efficiently using modern spiral binding, the book is attractive in light green, with the now traditional title and coat of arms, and it returns to the dedication of the first edition, in loving

remembrance to our Founders.

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We can only speculate, now, on what matters of interest were forever lost to Delta Zeta when, in 1906, the girls of Alpha chapter destroyed in tears and with flames, the records and paraphernalia of Delta Zeta's earliest days. Only memories have been available to supply what the lost minutes books would have given. Only scattered personal keepsakes remain to chronicle the deeds and reports of Delta Zeta for the first several years of her re-activated career.

The Convention of 1912, realizing that time was slipping by and that some fine day the sorority of their dreams would need a history, appointed Alfa Lloyd Hayes to the task of collecting and preserving this valuable material while it was still available. Actual publication was not contemplated until there was sufficient development to warrant a suitably impressive

As successor to Mrs. Hayes Delta Zeta elected, in 1916, Elizabeth Coulter Stephenson. Both by experience and natural gifts she was admirably fitted for this work. In 1917 she was able to present to Council a considerable portion of manuscript material. Her work was marked with attention to the minutest details, and Council realized that she had done much in the preserving of invaluable records. Throughout the remainder of her term of office she continued to collect and compile material, but the hoped-for publication was prevented by the intervention of war and all that it curtailed.

Taking as her theme for the history the same one which had been used in the Convention banquet of 1916, she gave her outlined chapters the easily understood titles of:

The Rose Garden (foreword) The Soil (Miami University)

The Handmaidens (The Founders)

The Cutting
The Stem

Thorns . . . and so on to

The Pink Rose, the final development.

Mrs. Stephenson's work, beautiful in its conception, poetic and artistic in many of its passages, held an intimate quality that was essentially to and for Delta Zeta readers. It would have held great value for its inspirational and endearing character, the reflection of her own personality, could it have been published during her term of office or even soon after. But the very thing which she desired, the growth of Delta Zeta, caused her plan to be outgrown as one finally to be used.

Julia Bishop Coleman found herself, on her election as Historian in 1920, caught up in an increasingly intricate situation. In every phase of activity. Delta Zeta was responding to the opportunities which cessation of war had presented. Reorganization and advancement went on apace. Mrs. Coleman chose as her course of action the recording of the events of the period. leaving interpretation and fitting together for some later archivist. At 1922 Convention she proposed that the twenty-first anniversary of the sorority might be marked by the publication of its development up to that time. Convention adopted her suggestion but deprived the sorority of Mrs. Coleman's excellent services in preparing such a book, by electing her as Vice President. The Historian elected to succeed her was Grace Mason, Epsilon.

As it happened that the 1922 Convention both authorized and made, history, the compiling of a concise record was made easier to a certain extent by the fact that the Historian was also serving as Executive Secretary; so she might have been considered to have two pens for her story, or two stories for one pen—as you will! The Council Meeting of 1923 approved the use of the LAMP of December 1923, as a History issue, and Delta Zeta's coming of age was accordingly observed by the distribution of its first published history.

Relying on the work of Mrs. Stephenson for the story of the years preceding 1920, Miss Mason's work was chiefly that of editing the wealth of material down to a size appropriate for the occasion, and adding the account of the three years just past. These had indeed been significant ones, filled with evidences of growth and progress in the establishing of a National Headquarters, adopting a national altruistic policy, increased chapter chartering, province growth, and much besides.

In the familiar brown dress, the book was dedicated to the Founders and in its one hundred forty-seven pages covered:

The Founding of the Delta Zeta Fraternity

Early Years

Growth and Expansion Our College Chapters The Alumnæ Chapters The Founders

Our Grand Patron Presidents of Delta Zeta

Our Colleges Publications

Greetings from the Founders

Alpha Iota was the baby chapter; there were twenty alumnæ chapters; four provinces were designated, but they had not yet been placed under directors; there were ten members of "Grand" Council, and Delta Zetas were busy mak-

ing as well as reading, History!

This first book was recognized as being only the initial effort at a printed history, but extra supplies of it were provided to carry over until the second edition should appear. As time went on, the Historian's files bulged with records and her plans began to shape toward a new issue in time for the Silver Anniversary or as soon afterward as practicable. In 1926 the Historian was changed from being a Council officer, where she had little usefulness, to the chairman of a Standing Committee, and Georgia Chandler Hornung assumed this position. Forerunners of a period of national financial tightness began to be felt before 1927, and the completion of a manuscript for printing did not actually take place until 1934.

Issued again as a LAMP number, the October 1934 History number was a book of something nearly four hundred pages, covering closely the developments of the sorority and illustrated generously. Artistically conceived, it showed the skill and affection of Margaret Pease, acting Editor, in its touches of color, appropriate decorations, and relieving reprints of poems from Delta Zetas. To quote from the Historian's words: "This story which now comes to you, the account of Delta Zeta's first third of a century, attempts no fabulous account of miracles performed, nor of amazing prestige reached seemingly as a gift from the gods. It is simply the honest effort of some who wear the Lamp. notably her who first received it from the very hands of our Founders, to make permanent for the rest of us the memories and ideals, the attempts, and the achievements and sometimes the

mistakes, of an organization founded, as we believe, on enduring principles and working toward ends which make it in our opinion, of some worth in the American life of today."

This History was well received, and to the Historian, relaxing a little after her long and truly exacting stint, the words of commendation

were truly welcome.

Comes now again the call for History, and the occasion is one which could not be passed unnoted. Delta Zeta is to celebrate her Golden Anniversary! Of the years which have been added to our tally since 1934, so much could be said that the only sensible thing is to say but little since in this fast-moving age there is not time for the young to browse and linger too long among memories. To the younger generation, in a special way, this Golden Jubilee History is being addressed. For the greater usefulness of the work and for the greater ease of reading, it is being issued in two parts, each one a part of a LAMP issue.

The first part will cover the general and chronological story of Delta Zeta, of some of its leaders, and its activities as a part of American educational, cultural and national life. To condense this story enough—but not too much—it has been necessary to leave unnamed many members whose contribution entitles them to a place in Delta Zeta's grateful remembrance. The high spots in the lives of many chapters have been passed swiftly by; only those which seem to stand as symbolic of the sorority as a whole could be included. On the other hand, perhaps some readers will feel that there are places where detail is included which could well have been omitted; your Historian asks your indulgence for any such lagging sections, and suggests that you skip them! They will keep, and may prove more meaningful some later day! . . .

Stories and pictures of the college and alumnæ chapters have been saved for the second half of this History. These will come to you in the LAMP of the fall, 1952, along with the narrative and pictorial reports of the Golden Jubilee Convention itself. This will then be simply the point of departure for a new History which you will go about making, and having recorded, at some later date. Perhaps some gifted reader of this volume will have the privilege of writing the story which will observe the Diamond or the Centennial Anniversary. She will realize, as all do who attempt to write of personality in action. that "the value of a thing depends upon the amount of life that goes into it." (Thoreau) and to her goes the blessing and best wishes of one very proud and loving historian,

Grace Mason Lundy

## The Directory

Delta Zeta's first membership directory, or register, as it was then called, was a part of the first LAMP edited by Grace Duncan. Grand Council, quick to realize that there was a real need for such a list, took action at the 1915 Council Meeting to authorize the preparation of a membership register, a small, simple book, to contain the 1914 revision of Delta Zeta Constitution, and the complete list of alumnæ members and graduating seniors of that year. Council's hopes were not immediately realized, for the preparation of any directory is a difficult task, and the preparation of a directory of women is complicated immediately by their tendency to change status and completely wreck careful alphabetical lists by simply saying "I do!" Furthermore the Registrar of Delta Zeta was at this time an overburdened young business woman, sacrificing her own time and energy and funds to promote the sorority's assignments, so it was not until 1917 that her production "Delta Zeta Alumnæ and Seniors of 1917" appeared in the form proposed. Bound, like the LAMP, in sober brown, it bears the Greek letters  $\Delta$  Z on its cover, and is a compact little booklet of 3 x 5 inches. Nine pages are taken up with the "Grand Constitution" and by-laws; while the alumnæ and Seniors of 1917 require some twenty-two pages, unnumbered. The membership listed is approximately 500; class years are omitted and the whole thing is compressed to the briefest possible point of usefulness. . . . Two years later, Madeline Baird, Theta, then Registrar, issued a new directory. Uniform in size with the LAMP, it listed the membership alphabetically, but whenever information had been given, the occupation of the member was listed as well as her name, chapter, class and address. This might, perhaps, be considered as the first Vocational Issue, with "tchr, and hswf" leading! In 1920 and 1921 three additional supplements to this directory were printed in the LAMP itself.

Myrtle Graeter Malott, becoming registrar in 1922, began a far more ambitious directory. Three classifications were used; the now-familiar alphabetical, chapter and geographical. Printing of the new book was deferred to allow the inclusion of new chapters and members being added in the years 1924-26. Actual distribution of the book did not take place until 1927. The dropping of the registrar from Council membership, and transferring of directory work to Central Office, allowed for more complete and corrective checking. In January, 1927, appeared the new directory, compact in size, 186 pages in extent, the directory of "The Delta Zeta Fraternity." Sabina T. Murray, who had become

Executive Secretary in 1926, had worked fast in order to have this book out by January 1927, but even so, Cupid and the moving vans were far ahead of her, and to meet this need, the LAMP for a time carried additions and corrections.

Even with imperfections, a directory was found invaluable, so work was continuously carried on in National Headquarters to keep the thousands of records in as accurate shape as possible. The March, 1932 LAMP was issued as a Directory Number, 266 pages in extent, and



Sabina T. Murray, Beta Executive Secretary, 1926-28

revised to January, 1932. As stated in its foreword, it represented membership of fifty-seven college chapters, totalling well over seven thousand members. It also listed the names and locations of twenty-one chartered and twenty-one unchartered alumnæ groups than actively functioning. Again it lists the members alphabetically, by chapters and by geographical location. An additional helpful feature was the inclusion in the alphabetical list of both maiden and married names; so, whether you knew her as Mary Roe or Mrs. John Doe, you were sure to find her!

In makeup this book was particularly attractive for the features which Editor Margaret Pease had introduced as a pleasant relief from the too, too solid pages of fine type which indicate a directory. A double-page map of the United States carrying the locations of sorority chapters, done in black and red, formed the frontispiece. Reproductions of the silhouettes of Founders and Past Presidents, used in the 1930 Convention

programs, were added. Historical value was given the book by its listing the sorority's Councils, from date of founding; the Founders, the current Council, with addresses; Provinces, with the directors and included chapters; their dates of installations and addresses. This was indeed a master work, one for which the sorority owed Irene Boughton and Margaret Pease a lasting thanks.

In time for the 1940 Convention was issued the Sixth Edition of the Directory. Its 286 closely-filled pages listed the membership through the newest chapter, Beta Nu. The customary three-way listing was continued, but practicality and speed had been the motivation for this book, and it was unadorned, although highly effective in use.

At present the sorority has no complete, recent directory. Listings of college chapter members have appeared periodically in summer issues of SIDELIGHTS, useful for rushing activities; but a comprehensive directory of Delta Zeta as she is today is something which is either your dream or your nightmare—depending on whether you are the member who would enjoy it or the harassed workers whose monumental task it would be to prepare it! To paraphrase the familiar remark about women, making it fit a directory of women—"You can't live with it and you can't live without it!"

# Constitution and Other Official Publications

The very earliest copies of the "Grand Constitution" were actually, only the local constitution adopted for the use of Alpha Chapter, and as the constitution was an integral part of the initiation ceremony, every copy was painstakingly made by hand from the original hand written volume used by Alpha Chapter. Each new chapter through Zeta received one of these carefully prepared books, but with the adoption, in 1914, of a revised constitution, the secret material was separated from the constitution proper, and mimeographed copies were made possible. As stated in account of the directory, the first printed constitutions were issued in 1917, and this little pocket book size continued as constitution format for several years. Revised editions appeared as made necessary by Convention action, but not until 1926 was a complete revision authorized, and its appearance in 1927, was in a new form. It was an attractive, convenient book of sixtyeight pages, printed in Cincinnati, and represented a piece of genuine research and coordination on the part of the committee which prepared it, Julia Bishop Coleman, Margaret Huenefeld Pease and Grace Mason Lundy. Here was assembled not only the national constitution, but the local constitution for each college chapter. In addition it included the rules which had been established for the forming and directing of provinces; required by-laws for college chapters; an outline form for standing rules; traditions of Delta Zeta; description of insignia and other im-

portant information.

A changing era was upon us, however; and by 1933 a new edition carrying the sorority's changed procedures, was distributed. "Constitution and Code" was the more effective designation to show an improved arrangement. Successive printings of the Constitution and Code have been issued from time to time as Convention action makes necessary. The greatest changes of recent years have had to do with the province organization, the alumnæ chapters and the establishment and handling of the sorority's increased and special funds. Each new initiate receives a copy of the sorority constitution, along with her songbook and her life subscription to the LAMP. The work of keeping the constitution revised to conform with sorority action, and of checking chapter bylaws for conformity, is placed in the hands of a National Constitution Committee, a standing committee.

When the sorority was young and small, copies of Convention proceedings were prepared for all chapters and officers, in mimeographed form. Later on, it was found that they were of interest to the members at large, and the LAMP immediately following Convention carried this information, sometimes as a supplement, sometimes in the magazine, and distributed as a "secret issue." With the issuing of SIDELIGHTS, the esoteric publication all information of official nature has since been carried in this organ rather

than the LAMP.

SIDELIGHTS, which is the sorority's bulletin for purely sorority distribution, was begun in 1928, issued from two to four times annually, and contains both statistical and inspirational material of membership value. It is distributed free to all members, whether LAMP subscribers or not, and has proven of inestimable value among the sorority services rendered to members.

## **Chapter Educational Programs**

Delta Zeta was a pioneer in recognizing the need for something definite in the way of material for the education and training of pledges. Nettie Wills Shugart, as National Big Sister, provided much help to the chapter "Big Sisters" in her countless personal letters of inspiration and guidance, but it remained for Edythe Wilson (Thoesen) of Lambda Chapter to offer the first practical outline for the use of pledge training.



EDYTHE WILSON THOESEN, Lambda, National Treasurer 1922-24, National Secretary 1925-26, Compiler of Delta Zeta's first Pledge Manual.

After a year of experience with her outline, in her own chapter, she presented it to the 1920 Convention for its consideration, and the worth of this project was so immediately recognized that the Convention adopted it promptly, working so well to prepare a first edition of the Pledge Course of Study that it was distributed the next year. A neat little pamphlet, it was at once a study book and a personal record for each pledge. Chapters and pledges welcomed it with relief and confidence. Annual revisions kept the material fresh and did much to educate Delta Zetas of all generations. No very drastic change was made in the form of this book until the fall of 1928. At that time Delta Zeta authorized for her membership the preparation of three books intended for the guidance and education of chapter officers, chapter members, and pledges. The result of this authorization was the appearance, in 1930, of what was called The Primary Series, and the books were, appropriately, bound in covers of red, yellow and blue respectively. The yellow contained the members' Course of Study, with much material designed not only to prepare for the annual sorority examinations, but to be the basis for programs of educational and cultural worth in chapter meetings. In this way it is really a fore-runner of the later Standards Programs. Ruby Long, then National Secretary, did the



Ruby Long, Kappa, National Secretary 1928-34, Parliamentarian 1916-22

excellent work for this booklet. A comprehensive MANUAL for chapter officers, covering procedure, traditions, considerable history, suggestions for almost every phase of chapter activity, was issued at the same time. It was given a red cover, and copies for each officer in the chapter were provided. Completing the trio was the new and enlarged Pledge Manual. It was purposely bound in blue, and has since then been called "The Blue Book for Pledges." This set of books proved timely and helpful. Eventually, however, the Members' Course of Study was replaced by the national Standards Program, which is kept continually revised to meet the changing conditions of each year, and the MANUAL, admitted to be excellent in many ways, gave way to a more useful and contemporary set of separate Manuals, issued separately, one for each officer in the college chapter, one for Housemothers. one for Alumnæ Advisory Boards. This invaluable contribution we owe chiefly to Alice Dickie, of Kappa chapter. Beginning with a trial set pre-

pared for officers of her own chapter as president, she felt more and more, while serving as Visiting Delegate, that true usefulness of officer manuals depends on usable form, and gradually she prepared and Council adopted, the newer, readily handled, attractively presented, set of officer manuals. . . . The Blue Book for Pledges, meantime, underwent a major face-lifting in 1936, becoming a book of attractive form, both inspirational and educational in content, readily adaptable to revision to keep it contemporary. The usefulness of this book has been extended to serve as the means of quick and effective orientation for members of Beta Phi Alpha and Phi Omega Pi as they assumed Delta Zeta membership, and alumnæ, too, have found it useful in keeping themselves abreast of developments in their own

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sorority and the Panhellenic world. A natural outgrowth of the annual need for complete and current material to place before prospective pledges and often, their parents, too, is the annual brochure, "Let's Look Into This." The idea of an annual bulletin was not new: numerous chapters had developed the custom of preparing such as a part of their own rushing program. Some of these were like chapter newspapers, some like memory books, others took what form best pleased the chapter. In Epsilon chapter one year, Jane Hudson developed a clever little booklet entitled "Let's Look Into This" and filled with appropriate illustrations and pertinent facts about Delta Zeta. The idea was so good that it received national attention, and led to the preparation and distribution of a booklet which would be useful for every chapter. It is revised to the current season, illustrated with pictures of chapter houses, members of outstanding achievement, the sorority insignia, and contains in compact form, all that any prospective member or her parents might wish to know about the sorority. Each edition for the past few years has come out in a different color, and while the clever spectacles of the original have moved inside. "Let's Look . . ." continues to be a valuable and effective publication of the sorority.

Again showing the trend from the casual and transient to the more lasting and effective, is the sorority's booklet "How to Rush and Like It." Forerunner of this was the exchange of plans for rushing parties, a mimeographed collection issued for several years after each province and national convention had yielded a new crop of ideas. The establishment of the national Rushing Committee brought out helpful material from the committee, of which the party plans formed only part. It was an easy transition to the preparation of the printed booklet, which is more attractive, more durable, easier in handling and in mailing.

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"How to Rush and Like It" is as tempting as any of the professional publications which show how to win friends and influence people!

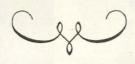
And while not literally a published work, Delta Zeta's own guide, the annual Standards Program Outline, is worthy of mention with our publications. An important part of the chapter officer Work-kits, the whole gives the chapter each year its guide for action, and is, in effect, Council's hands in theirs, all year long.

## The Convention Daily

Since 1924, each Convention has enjoyed a daily newspaper, produced on the scene by a staff of workers who usually give far more than union service to their task; but who also have probably more fun to remember than anyone else... The Daily of 1924 was an excellent piece of work, "THE CONVENTION DAILY LANTERN," and set a standard difficult to maintain, especially in conventions held away from metro-

politan conveniences. The 1926 Daily was entitled The CHRONICLE, and with the excellent staff material available, was well illustrated, a most creditable publication. In 1928, the more rustic nature of the Convention site made the "Conventioneer" a much more difficult paper to keep coming. It was successfully done, however, perhaps because two of its capable workers were Gertrude Houk and Florence Hood. Since this date the Convention newspaper has been continuously called "THE LAMPKIN," a name adopted from the 1926 Convention Special Daily. From time to time it comes out conventionally printed or mimeographed, according to facilities; but it is always greeted with applause, and serves a purpose all its own.

The final publication which Delta Zeta has sponsored is "Delta Zeta Can Dish It Up," a highly unique cookbook, the cream of the Δ Z Cooks, which was edited by Rachel Mason Peden, and issued in 1942, it proceeds applied to the ECS.



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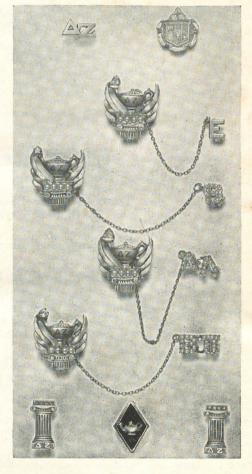
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