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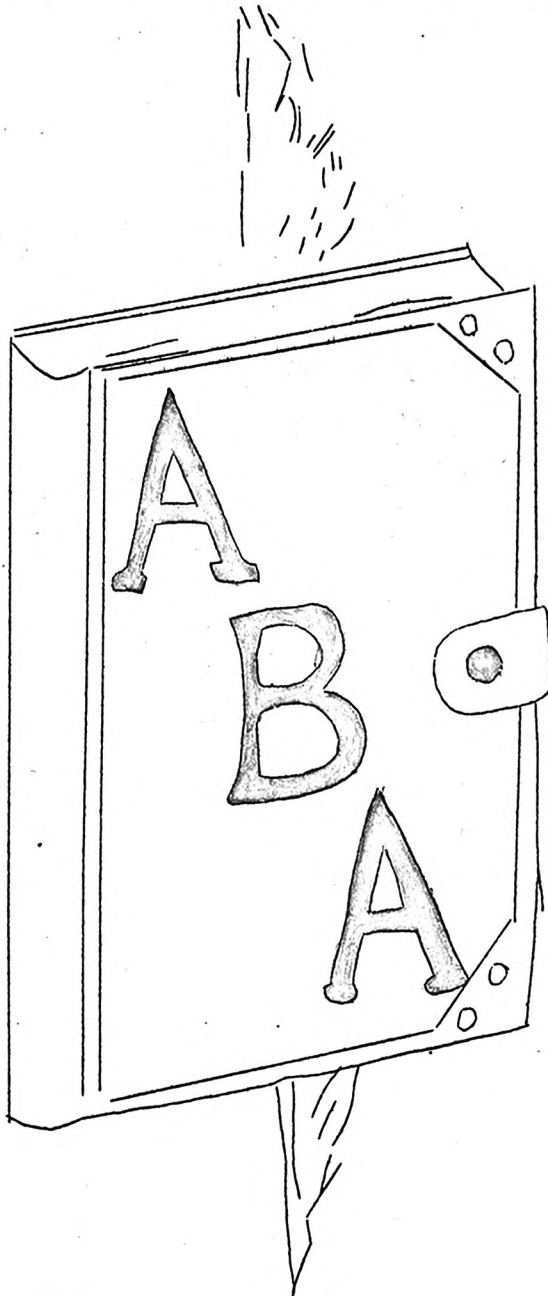
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A BIRTHDAY DREAM AHEAD

In 2000 A.D. Alpha Beta Alpha will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. What will the library world be like fifty years from now? Streamlined libraries with automatic circulating processes, air and noise conditioning, microfilm, and outside reading rooms have come into existence in the last few years. Will the library of the future have airplane landings, machines which will carry on the operations of the library at the turn of a dial, or will there possibly be an inter-planetary system of exchange? Our membership will have an exciting part in determining the trend of the future.

On its first birthday May 3, 1951, a year of auspicious beginnings forecasts a glorious history to come which the charter members have begun to record already. The establishment of this fraternity will be looked upon in years to come as a professional landmark in the history of librarianship. Lucky are those who will be able to point with pride in the year 2000 at their pioneering part in fostering a noble and inspiring movement whose influence will be notable in the field of world education.

On May 3, 1951, charter members of Alpha Beta Alpha look forward to the turn of the century with pride, anticipation; idealism, and unlimited ambition. May all our dreams be realized, is our prayer.

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NATIONAL OFFICERS

Sallie Harper, a senior at Northwestern State College, became national president when Helen Belisle graduated from Northwestern State College in January. Nancy Rodgers, a senior at Mississippi State College for Women, was appointed vice-president. Alpha Chapter elected Tommie Jean Tullos, chapter representative to national to replace Bobbie Elkins who graduated in January. Other officers remain the same: Mr. Eugene P. Watson, executive secretary; Katherine Hopkins, treasurer; Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan; Alpha representative; Mrs. Kenneth Gatchel and Carolyn Kenedy Stringer, Beta representatives.

ALPHA BETA ALPHA PIN

The Balfour Company has informed Alpha Beta Alpha that the following keys can be supplied to us:

"In 10K gold, plain no jewellery, the price will be \$7.00 each, plus the necessary tax.

"In 10K gold, jewelled, the price will be \$9.50 each, plus tax.

"We cannot furnish the key in the rolled gold plate material on account of the recent order received from the government prohibiting the use of base metals."

This pin is in the form of a book, made of gold and onyx, studded with precious stones, and crossed with a golden quill. They may be ordered from:

Mr. Don Porter
L. G. Balfour Company
Black Warrior Farms
Gallion, Alabama

The 1950, Fall edition of "The Alphabet" was edited by Sallie Harper and published at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Sallie left her own name out by mistake.

ALPHA CHAPTER

Alpha Chapter was very fortunate this spring in getting seven new members. These pledges were the first to wear the Alpha Beta Alpha pledge pins which the chapter now owns. The purple and white pins, proudly worn by this group, attracted favorable attention on the campus. The new pledges are Barbara Bremer, Gladys Britt; Annette Dailey, Maxine Stroud, Millicent Thompson; Sue Tucker, and Bill Williams. We are happy to get Bill Williams, a freshman; we must keep this fraternity co-educational. These students along with those pledged in the fall will be formally initiated the latter part of April.

Every year, the Louisiana Library Association invites two Undergraduate library science students from each of the state colleges to be guests of the association at its Book Dinner which is part of the annual state convention. This year, Sallie Harper and Patsy Eason represented our Library Science Department at the Louisiana Library Association Book Dinner in Alexandria, Louisiana, April 13. Mary Alice Driscoll and Randall Detro also attended. The lucky students attending these dinners each year get a chance to see or meet many prominent state and out-of-state librarians, authors, and professional people in the book world.

Mr. Eugene P. Watson, librarian at Northwestern State College, is on leave during the spring semester to attend the University of Texas where he is working toward his doctorate in English. Mr. Warren F. Tracy is acting librarian during Mr. Watson's absence. Mr. Tracy was elected chairman of the Library Section of the Louisiana College Conference held March 1951, in Ruston, Louisiana.

It is always pleasing when members of our group receive honors on the campus. This term, Gamma Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honor society in education, has recognized the ability of Mary Alice Driscoll by electing her vice-president. Patsy Eason served this year as historian. Patsy and Mary Alice attended the regional convocation of Kappa Delta Pi in Denton, Texas. They were two of five delegates representing Gamma Phi Chapter. Katherine Hopkins was recently invited to join Kappa Delta Pi. Other members already on the roll are Sallie Harper, Sue Tucker, Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, and Mr. Eugene Watson.

We are proud of the Alpha Beta Alphas who are office holders in other organizations at Northwestern. The Y.W.C.A. will have as its president for 1951-'52, Sue Tucker; its secretary, Katherine Hopkins; its social chairman, Tommie Jean Tullos. Sallie Harper was inter-faith representative on the state Baptist Student Union Council during the 1950-'51 period, and on the local B.S.U. Council, she was the Women's Enlistment Vice-President.

Alpha Chapter members are also interested in the social life of our campus as proved by membership in the sororities. Barbara Bremer is a pledge of Pi Kappa Sigma and Claire Lucius is a pledge of Alpha Sigma Alpha. Ruth Ann Ellender belongs to Sigma Sigma

Sigma and Maurine Gray to Theta Sigma Upsilon. Ruth Ann will serve Alpha Zeta Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma as Keeper of the Grades in 1951-'52. Ruth was Public Information Chairman for the Sigmas in 1950-'51. Maurine Gray will be Rush Chairman for the Theta Sigs this year. Mary Alice Driscoll served as Vice-President of Theta Sigma Upsilon for 1950-'51.

For the record it might be well to list our 1950-'51 officers for Alpha Beta Alpha. They are:

President, Patsy Eason, Many, Louisiana
Vice-President, Yvonne Ewing, Monroe, Louisiana
Corresponding Secretary, Ruth Ann Ellender, De Quincy, Louisiana
Recording Secretary, Maurine Gray, Bastrop, Louisiana
Treasurer, Mrs. Marguerite Bozeman Durham, Natchitoches, Louisiana
Reporter, Randall Detto, Harmon, Louisiana
Representative to national, Tommie Jean Tullos, Winnaboro, Louisiana
Sponsor, Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, Natchitoches, Louisiana

BETA CHAPTER

In February newsletters were sent by Beta Chapter to the alumnae of the entire Library Science Department for the years 1940-1950, including a full description of its installation ceremony held in the Student Activity Room on December 2, 1950. Also in the letter was the banquet program which included a welcome to the visitors by Mrs. B. L. Parkinson, a history of the Library Science Department by Dr. B. L. Parkinson, news of the absent alumnae members by Miss Alice Hamer, an informal talk about ABA by Mr. Eugene P. Watson, and lists of all the members of the Beta Chapter. In closing, information was given the alumnae as to how they might become members of Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha.

Next year we plan to sponsor "Career Day" in the Library Science Department inviting all high school librarians to bring their prospective librarians for information about the profession. These high school students would be given the opportunity of securing thorough information about the requirements for doing undergraduate and graduate study. They would also have a chance to consult members of the faculty and students to get an insight into library work and campus life in general.

Guest Speakers:

Mrs. Lura G. Currier, field representative for the Mississippi Library Commission, spoke to the members of Alpha Beta Alpha at 8:45 Wednesday, March 14, in the Library Science Department. Mrs. Currier described the work being done in the counties served by the First Regional Library, with headquarters in Hernando, Mississippi. Accompanying Mrs. Currier was Mrs. Arthur Conduitte, regional librarian, who will become director of the service June 1.

On April 11, Miss Annabelle Koonce, Library Consultant for the State Department at Jackson, Mississippi, gave a very interesting,

informal talk on the school librarian and school library work. She gave an unbiased picture of the professional life of the librarian in the school and many of her observations of school libraries visited in the state. This talk by Miss Koonce was both enjoyable and informative as many of the Library Science majors will hold positions in school libraries.

The Library Science students of M.S.C.W. were disappointed that Miss Eleanor Zeis, State Supervisor, Occupational Information and Guidance for the Mississippi Department of Education, was not able to meet with them on March 21. Miss Zeis had planned to visit some of the classes and discuss "the development of the occupational information services which libraries may render." Because of illness, she was unable to speak at the arranged date, but she is planning to come later in the year.

At our regular monthly meeting on Wednesday evening, April 11, the following officers for Beta Chapter were elected for 1951-'52:

President, Sue Hamilton, Slate Spring, Mississippi
Vice-President, Marianne McNair, Tylertown, Mississippi
Corresponding-Secretary, Bertha Wachsman, Pachuta, Mississippi
Recording-Secretary, Jo Boykin, Morton, Mississippi
Treasurer, Betty Montgomery, Tunica, Mississippi
Parliamentarian, Jeannine Todd, Itta Bena, Mississippi
Reporter, Nancy Patty, Yazoo City, Mississippi

We plan to don sport clothes and hike to Lee Park in Columbus for our annual spring picnic on May 10. After a period of games and fellowship the group will enjoy a picnic supper in the park consisting of hamburgers, potato chips, slaw, cokes, and ice cream sandwiches. All of us look forward eagerly to this occasion.

It is interesting to note that one of our newest members, Miss Guilene Towery, is in charge of an army post and general hospital library in Fukuoka, Japan. A 1945 graduate of M.S.C.W., Miss Towery will be listed as a charter member of Alpha Beta Alpha.

The library in Fukuoka "is not limited to Westerns and mysteries as most think of Army libraries" Miss Towery writes. "It is supplied with a good collection, including a large selection of children's volumes." Miss Towery works with the Dependent school libraries of the city, furnishing the school libraries and aiding teachers with their selections.

Notable among accomplishments of Beta Chapter members was the publication of a radio script entitled "What Every Little Bookworm Knows" by Martha Kee and Kent Flowers in the April 1951 issue of the Mississippi Educational Advance. Kent is a member of our senior class and Martha graduated from M.S.C.W. last year. This "radio script of particular interest to librarians" was submitted by Mrs. Kenneth Porter Gatchel.

Our Chapter has also received publicity in the January 1951 A.L.A. Bulletin which gave notice of the establishment of Beta Chapter in "Pickups-Brief News of General Interest." Pictures of the displays in our Library Science Department have appeared in the Wilson Library Bulletin and the Mississippi Educational Advance several times this year.

Membership Roster, 1950-51

HONORARY MEMBERS:

- Adams, Charles M. (Librarian, Womens College of the University of N.C., Greensboro, North Carolina).
 Hamlin, Arthur T. (Exec. Sec., Assoc. of College and Reference Libraries, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois)
 Hostetter, Anita M. (Exec. Sec., Board of Education for Librarianship, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois)
 Morton, Mrs. Florrinell F. (Director, Library School, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana)
 St. John, Mr. Robert (Librarian, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, New York)
 Thompson, Dr. Lawrence S. (Director of Libraries, University of Kentucky, Louisville, Kentucky)
 Wright, Wyllis (Librarian, Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts)

ALPHA CHAPTER:

Student Members:

- Bremer, Barbara (Fr.) (Glenmora, Louisiana)
 Britt, Gladys (Jr.) (Castor, La.)
 Dailey, Annette (Fr.) (Extension, La.)
 Detro, Randall (Jr.) (Harmon, La.)
 Driscoll, Mary Alice (Sr.) (Natchitoches, La.)
 Durham, Marguerite B. (Sr.) (Oil City, La.)
 Eason, Patsy (Jr.) (Many, La.)
 Ellender, Ruth (Jr.) (De Quincy, La.)
 Ewing, Yvonne (Sr.) (West Monroe, La.)
 Gilmore, Sue (Jr.) (Homer, La.)
 Gray, Maureen (Jr.) (Bastrop, La.)
 Harper, Sallie (Jr.) (Growville, La.)
 Hopkins, Katherine (Jr.) (Tallulah, La.)
 Leroy, Patsy (Fr.) (Flora, La.)
 Lucius, Clair (Fr.) (Florien, La.)
 Parker, Jimmie (Sr.) (Vivian, La.)
 Stroud, Maxine (Fr.) (Florien, La.)
 Thibodeaux, Sallie (Fr.) (Flora, La.)
 Thompson, Millicent (Fr.) (Good Pine, La.)
 Tucker, Sue (Jr.) (Haynesville, La.)
 Tullos, Tommie Jean (Jr.) (Winnsboro, La.)
 Williams, William Ray, (Fr.) (Alexandria, La.)

Professional Members:

- Carnahan, Lucille Tinker (Natchitoches, La.)
 Clark, Agnes (Natchitoches, La.)
 Duke, Julia (Natchitoches, La.)
 Hammett, Mae (Natchitoches, La.)
 Keyser, Dorothy (Natchitoches, La.)
 Mallory, Johnnie Wise (Natchitoches, La.)
 Pope, Irene (Natchitoches, La.)
 Roberts, Olive (Natchitoches, La.)
 Tracy, Warren (Natchitoches, La.)
 Watson, Eugene (Natchitoches, La.)
 Williams, Ora Garland (Natchitoches, La.)

ALPHA CHAPTER:
Alumni Members:

- Allison, Mrs. Eloise Thomas (1938) (Teacher-Librarian, Ringgold High School, Ringgold, Louisiana).
- Belisle, Helen (1951) (Teacher-Librarian, Ragley High School) (601 Center Street, DeQuincy, Louisiana).
- Brunk, Lulie Taylor Nabors (Mrs. Perry E. Brunk) (1939) (22436 Cobb Avenue, Dearborne, Michigan).
- Builteman, Elizabeth (1944) (Librarian, Madison Parish Library, Tallulah, Louisiana).
- Byars, Mrs. Eva Loyce Stubblefield (1949) (Librarian-Catahoula Parish Library, Harrisonburg, Louisiana).
- Edwards, Mrs. Sibyl T. (1937) (Teacher-Librarian, Converse High School, Converse, Louisiana).
- Elkins, Bobbie (1951) (Assistant-Librarian, Claiborne Parish Library) (Route 2, Shongaloo, Louisiana).
- Jordan, Vernon (1949) (Circulation Assistant, Louisiana State University) (229 E. State St., Baton Rouge, Louisiana).
- McFatter, Dorothy Moses (Mrs. W. W.) (1946) (Librarian, LaGrange High School) (2709 Evans St., Lake Charles, Louisiana).
- Paul, Jewel (1942) (Teacher-Librarian, Gorum High School) (Gorum, Louisiana).
- Phillips, Mrs. Middleton (Teacher-Librarian) (Many, Louisiana).
- Royston, Jeannette (1947) (Librarian, St. Martinville High School) (106 Theater St., St. Martinville, Louisiana).
- Spurlock, Lucille (1943) (Librarian, Tioga High School) (Moreauville, Louisiana).
- Windham, Avis Jean (1951) (Assistant Librarian, Franklin Parish Library, Winnsboro, Louisiana).

BETA CHAPTER:

Student Members:

Alexander, Mary K. (Fr.) (Itta Bena, Mississippi)
Barwick, Mary (Fr.) (Greenville, Mississippi)
Barwick, Martha (Fr.) (Greenville, Mississippi)
Basham, Stacia (Sr.) (Hamilton, Mississippi)
Benton, Irene (Sr.) (Columbus, Mississippi)
Bilbo, Anne (Jr.) (Pachuta, Mississippi)
Bishop, Myra (Fr.) (Booneville, Mississippi)
Bull, Susie (Sr.) (Vaughan, Mississippi)
Caye, Priscilla (Sr.) (Anchorage, Kentucky)
Dance, Betty Lee (Sr.) (Gibbsland, Louisiana)
Etheridge, Jean (Jr.) (Charleston, Mississippi)
Flowers, Kent (Sr.) (Winona, Mississippi)
Graham, Kathleen (Jr.) (Florence, Alabama)
Graves, Dorothy (Soph.) (Ackerman, Mississippi)
Hamilton, Sue (Jr.) (Slate Spring, Mississippi)
Helms, Charlotte (Sr.) (Columbus, Mississippi)
Kennedy, Carolyn (Sr.) (Winona, Mississippi)
Lee, Edna (Sr.) (Prentiss, Mississippi)
MacDonald, Ann (Soph.) (Tylertown, Mississippi)
McNair, Marianne (Soph.) (Tylertown, Mississippi)
Malone, Joan (Soph.) (Corinth, Mississippi)
Merritt, Bettye (Sr.) (Ripley, Mississippi)
Miller, Sarah Love (Sr.) (West Point, Mississippi)
Montgomery, Betty (Jr.) (Tunica, Mississippi)
Murphree, June (Jr.) (Calhoun City, Mississippi)
Patty, Nancy Stone (Soph.) (Yazoo City, Mississippi)
Riddell, Jane (Jr.) (Canton, Mississippi)
Rodgers, Nancy (Sr.) (Vicksburg, Mississippi)
Scott, Jo Ann (Jr.) (Amory, Mississippi)
Smallwood, Elva (Sr.) (Tylertown, Mississippi)
Smith, Irene (Sr.) (New Hebron, Mississippi)
Stowers, Marilyn (Jr.) (Itta Bena, Mississippi)
Thompson, Sara (Sr.) (Moselle, Mississippi)
Todd, Jeannine (Jr.) (Itta Bena, Mississippi)
Wachsman, Bertha (Soph.) (Pachuta, Mississippi)
Williams, Mrs. Emma Bush (Special) (Columbus, Mississippi)

Professional Members:

Barton, Kate Turner (Columbus, Miss.)
Carter, Ruth Rowe (Columbus, Miss.)
Culbertson, Beulah (Columbus, Miss.)
Gatchel, Alice James (Columbus, Miss.)
Hamer, Alice (Columbus, Miss.)
Jones-Williams, Marion (Columbus, Miss.)
Parkinson, Mrs. B. L. (Columbus, Miss.)
Robinson, Virginia (Columbus, Miss.)
Sykes, Augusta (Columbus, Miss.)

Alumni Members:

- Austin, Ruthlyn (1949) (Assistant Librarian, Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg, Miss.)
- Bennett, Peggy (1950) (Assistant Librarian, Circulation Department, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa)
- Berthea, Frances (1950) (Assistant Librarian, Hinds County Library, Raymond, Miss.)
- Bobo, Jacqueline (1948) (Assistant Reference Librarian, University Library, University, Miss.)
- Bowles, Julia (1946) (Librarian, Greensbora High School, Greensbora, Florida)
- Brooks, Lillian Egger (1943) (Box 967, Chalron, Nebraska)
- Brooks, Margaret (1950) (Assistant Librarian, Circulation Department, State College Library, State College, Mississippi)
- Buckley, Mrs. G. T. (MSCW, Columbus, Miss.)
- Collins, Alice (Catalog Librarian, University Librarian, University, Miss.)
- Devender, Joy Stennis (1942) (4815 Maplewood, Jackson, Mississippi)
- Gaines, Chebie Ann (1949) (Box 267 - Columbia University - 411 West 116th St., New York 27, N. Y.)
- Harkins, Eleanor (Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland, Miss.)
- Harrell, Martha (1947) (Librarian, High School, Oxford, Miss.)
- Howell, Sara Peebles (1949) (515 Bay Street, Philadelphia, Miss.)
- Hudson, Ena Kay (1950) (Assistant Librarian, Circulation Department, State College, Miss.)
- Jenkins, Nellie May Hitch (1947) (115 West 19th Street, Owensboro, Ky.)
- Koonce, Annabelle (1944) (State Department of Education, School Library Supervisor, Jackson, Miss.)
- La Garde, Julia (1946) (Librarian, West Fulton High School, Atlanta, Ga.)
- McNeal, June Thompson (1949) (Librarian, Ackerman High School, Ackerman, Miss.)
- Muse, Jane (1950) (Junior Cataloger, University Library, University, Miss.)
- Orr, Carolyn Oliver (1949) (904 Franklin, Corinth, Miss.)
- Putman, Dorothy Zelle Davis (1948) (Junior Cataloger, University of Mississippi Library, University, Miss.)
- Ray, Jane Anderson (1947) (Assistant Librarian, Children's Department, New Orleans Public Library, New Orleans, Louisiana)
- Reedy, Sarah (1950) (Assistant Cataloger, Mississippi State College Library, State College, Mississippi)
- Roach, Claire Wohner (1948) (509 N. Institute, Colorado Springs, Colorado)
- Searcy, Katherine (1949) (Librarian, High School, West Point, Miss.)
- Turner, Martha Sayles (1944) (305 Pine Street, Jacksonville, Florida)
- Ward, Louisa (1947) (School of Library Science, Emory University, Ga.)
- White, Margaret Ashford (1944) (1234 Robin Hood Lane, Memphis, Tenn.)
- Wiggins, Frances (1950) (Librarian, Elementary School, 73 N.W. 39th Street, Miami, Florida)
- Ballew, Marie (1949) (Assistant Cataloger, University Library, University, Ala.)
- Chandler, Joanne A. (1949) (Circulation Department, Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge, La.)
- Cooper, Ruth (Mrs. Ruth Hale Cooper) (1948) (Crenshaw, Miss.)
- Love, Beth (1950) (Librarian Leland High School, Leland, Miss.)
- Price, Mrs. Robert R. (Jean Davis Allen) (1950) (3267 Highland Rd., Baton Rouge, La.)
- Towery, Margaret (1945) (Librarian Army Post and General Hospital Library, Fukuoka, Japan)
- Welsh, Mary Ann (1950) (Assistant Librarian, Millsaps College, Jackson, Miss.)