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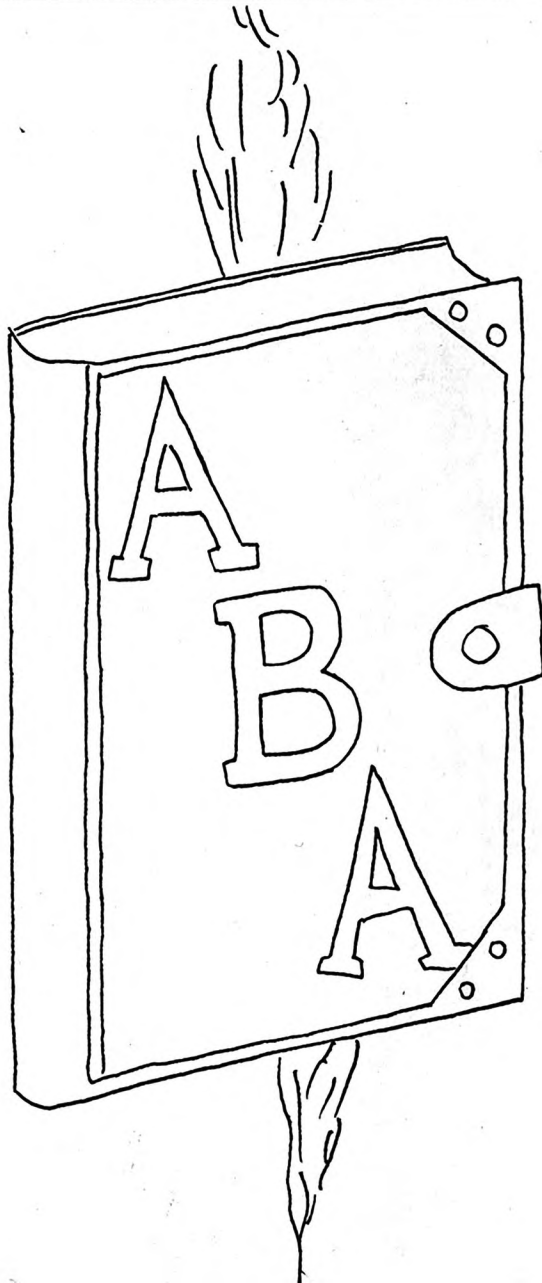
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THE ALPHABET

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ALPHABETA ALPHA

Welcome Gamma!

Alpha Chapter sends you greetings and best wishes as Alpha Beta Alpha's youngest and most northern chapter! To us your installation, a fulfillment of our dreams, creates a stronger feeling of nationalism in the fraternity.

Ruth Ann Ellender
President, Alpha Chapter
Alpha Beta Alpha

Gamma, our contratulations and good wishes are especially sincere because we remember so vividly our recent installation. May you too find in your chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha the realization of a dream come true!

Sue Hamilton
President, Beta Chapter
Alpha Beta Alpha

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

A year ago the first issue of The Alphabet was published with greetings from the first President of Alpha Beta Alpha. At that time Alpha Beta Alpha had only two chapters. This Fall, we have two chapters - but, lest we be accused of being lax in responsibility, we would proclaim that the third chapter awaits only installation. Our family tree is growing!

If Alpha Beta Alpha can maintain the record of enthusiastic work set by its members since the very beginning; if each year can report at least one new chapter; if each year members will make improvements in the organization, set new standards, make new efforts in a professional way, then our hopes and dreams for a fraternity whose influence will be felt throughout the United States cannot be too far out of the dim future.

Our first national convention will be held at Northwestern State College this spring. Make your plans now to attend, to join your Alpha Beta Alpha brothers and sisters in a new venture into the professional and fraternal.

Sally Harper
President

FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

It is heartening to know that the Gamma Chapter of our Fraternity will be established on the campus of Indiana State Teachers College next month. Whereas the first two chapters were both in the South, this new Chapter in the Middle-West marks the beginning of the spread of ABA into other sections of the country and makes our Fraternity truly national in scope. Although our growth is fairly rapid--three chapters in two years--we are proceeding with caution in order to make sure that our Fraternity will be built upon a solid foundation. Both Alpha and Beta Chapters are strong and well-organized, and we are very proud of them. The Gamma Chapter will replace ISTC's Bibliophile Club, which for a number of years has been one of the outstanding Library Science Clubs in the country; so we can be sure that our new Terre Haute Chapter will be a fine asset to the Fraternity.

We will be well pleased indeed to add Gamma to our official roster on February 8.

Eugene P. Watson
Executive Secretary

Alpha Chapter

The fall semester began with a "bang" when Alpha Beta Alpha gave its annual party, a "County Fair" honoring new students on our campus who are interested in Library Science. The high school gymnasium was gaily decorated to represent the midway at a county fair. All the booths regularly found at any county fair were there including the kissing booth, bingo, roulette, ring toss, and weight guessing. The Virginia Reel ended this evening of fun.

Dr. Edmon Low, Librarian at Oklahoma Agriculture and Mechanical College at Stillwater, Oklahoma, was honored at a tea given by the Alpha Betas. This tea followed a college library committee meeting during which Dr. Low discussed library problems.

Mr. Eugene P. Watson received his Ph.D. Degree from the University of Texas at the close of the 1951 spring semester. An interesting article by Dr. Watson, "Special Functions of the Teacher's College Libraries" was published in the April issue of College and Research Libraries. Another article by Dr. Watson, "The Reference Librarian Looks at the Catalog", appeared in the November 1951 Wilson Library Bulletin.

The "Librarian for a Day" program, sponsored by the Louisiana Library Association, was held on the campus of Northwestern in November. The high school students participating received a welcome to the campus from Dr. Eugene Watson, Librarian of Northwestern State College, and were then taken on a tour of the libraries in Natchitoches. They returned from this tour to be the luncheon guests of the Alpha Beta Alphas.

Seven members were pledged to Alpha Beta Alpha this fall. The new pledges are Barbara Gray, Dorothy Carnahan, Royce Doshier, Gerry Perry, Tommy Blackburn, John Nugent, and Fleming Thomas. Following the simple pledge service, non-sensical book reviews were given by the pledges to prove that they were qualified to become future librarians.

We are proud of the Alpha Beta Alphas who hold offices in other organizations at Northwestern. Sallie Harper is Kappa Delta Pi's outgoing president and Katherine Hopkins is the incoming president. Patsy Eason is the present vice-president of Kappa Delta Pi. Sue Tucker is president of the Math Club and Secretary of the Student Council. The lighter side of campus life, also, attracts our members as shown by the pledging of Alpha Beta Alphas to different sororities and fraternities. Dorothy Carnahan was recently pledged to Theta Sigma Upsilon and Fleming Thomas to Sigma Tau Gamma.

Two other honors have made us especially proud this fall semester. The Alpha Beta Alpha car won first place in the annual Homecoming parade for the best decorated car. Tommie

Jean Tullos, our representative to national, was chosen one of the sixteen beauties of Northwestern.

Our Alpha Beta Alpha officers for 1951-52 are: President, Ruth Ann Ellender, DeQuincy, Louisiana; Vice-President, Claire Lucius, Florien, Louisiana; Corresponding Secretary, Sue Tucker, Bossier City, Louisiana; Recording Secretary, Katherine Hopkins, Tallulah, Louisiana; Treasurer, Mrs. Patsy Longlois, Flora, Louisiana; Representative to National, Tommie Jean Tullos, Winnboro, Louisiana; Parliamentarian, Bill Williams, Alexandria, Louisiana; Sponsor, Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

BETA CHAPTER

Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha was swung into a whirl of activities as it came into its second year of being on the M.S.C.W. campus. At our October meeting we were impressed once again by the beauty of the initiation ritual of Alpha Beta Alpha when we took 12 new members into our "mystic realms". These new members are: Jean Wilson, Mary Robbins, Gayle Martin, Judy Garretson, Marjorie Rateliff, Lucille Wilbourn, Joyce Kilmer, Betty Sampson, Betty Lou Johnson, Ann Baird, Fay Lott, and Jo Ann Goodson. Martin Hall Reception room was beautifully decorated with white roses and purple asters. Carey Moore and Jane Riddell were responsible for the tea honoring the new members immediately following the initiation.

At our November meeting, one of our charter members, Mrs. B. L. Parkinson, reviewed three timely books, one of which was the beautiful book length poem by Ralph Bradford.

December is always a special month on anyone's calendar. That was especially true for Beta members this year. At two o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, December 14, the members of our "order" boarded a special bus and were taken on a tour of the city of Columbus. Mr. Wilkins of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce guided this tour which included many of the industries of Columbus and the beautiful ante-bellum homes which are featured in the annual Pilgrimage.

When we returned to the Library Science Department, Carey Moore and Jane Riddel had transformed the reading lounge by giving it a festive Yuletide atmosphere. To make it an appropriate party for book-lovers, the tea table was decorated with Dickens book character figurines which our department collects.

As proof that librarianship attracts outstanding students, Jean Wilson was elected Most Intellectual in the annual Elite Contest. Jean is a member of Mortar Board, senior scholastic honor society, Alpha Psi Omega, national forensic fraternity, and President of Theatre Guild. Jean is a member of the President's Council, a group of 12 student leaders whose purpose is to promote understanding between the administration

and the student body. Jeannine Todd is also a member of the President's Council. Jeannine is President of the Student Christian Association, a member of Phi Alpha Theta, national history fraternity, and a member of Mortar Board. We all congratulated Jo Ann Scott when she became National vice-president of Alpha Beta Alpha.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of our department was the recruiting project which our students participated in under the guidance of our Sponsor, Mrs. Kenneth Gatchel. Art and Library Science students, cooperating, made posters which Mrs. Gatchel, as chairman of the Recruiting Committee of the Mississippi Library Association, displayed at the Fall meeting of the M. L. A. These posters were received so enthusiastically by teachers and librarians throughout the state that plans have been made to continue the project. Thus, we feel that we have made some contribution toward the promotion of our profession.

Our Alpha Beta Alpha officers for 1951-52 are: President, Sue Hamilton; Vice-president, Bertha Wachsman; Corresponding Secretary, Kathleen Graham; Recording Secretary, Jo Boykin; Treasurer, Betty Montgomery; Representative to National, Jane Riddell, Parliamentarian, Jeannine Todd; Sponsor, Mrs. Kenneth Gatchel.

GAMMA CHAPTER

The Gamma Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha will be installed on the campus of Indiana State Teachers College, on February 8, 1952. Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Librarians, and an Honorary Member of ABA, will conduct the installation ceremonies.

Gamma Chapter will be the successor to the Bibliophile Club, organized in 1942, sponsored by Misses Mabel Harris and Lucille Viehe. The purpose of the Club was to bring about closer relationships between students and librarians, to create an interest in Library Science, and to help the students gain a knowledge of newer books and library materials. On Honors Day, members of the Bibliophile Club are always prominent among those receiving high scholastic awards.

This year the Bibliophile Club celebrates the tenth anniversary of its founding. The present officers are: President, Mary Ann Peters; Vice-president, Bonnie Wordruff; Secretary, Mary Edwards; Sponsor, Miss Nele McCalla.

Indiana State Teachers College was established in 1870, and has pioneered in the field of teacher education. Likewise, ISTC has pioneered in the giving of courses in Library Science, having begun in 1905-06. The courses were first taught by Mr. Arthur Cunningham, the College Librarian. Since 1921-22, the courses have been given regularly each quarter for the professional preparation of school librarians.

ALPHA

Lyvonne German (Mrs. Herman Gray) is happy in her work as a visiting teacher, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Geraldine Taylor (Mrs. J. D. Garner) is teacher-librarian at Oil City, Louisiana, High School. She and her husband and young Bryon live in Bossier City. Gerry teaches Social Science and Civics and keeps one of the home rooms. "Never a dull moment!" says she.

Evelyn Horn (Mrs. A. B. McMillon) has presented her two little daughters with a brand new brother—Drew! Congratulations, Evelyn! The McMillons are now living in Mobile, Alabama.

Susie Chaffin has a namesake now— a two-month-old niece, Susie, 2.

Helen Davis (Mrs. Karl Limbacher) and her two boys are living in their recently purchased house in Lawrence, Kansas. Karl was invited to resume service with his former employer, Uncle Samuel, and is now in Japan.

Clyde Miller has resigned from the Brooklyn Public Library and is now on the staff of the University of Florida Library.

In addition to his library work, Clyde is getting his master's degree in anthropology. An article by Clyde, "The Teen-Age Book talk: Some Profane Advice", was published in the November 1951 Wilson Library Bulletin.

Announcements from several of our alumni tells us that they have brand new house guests who have come to stay. Sue Gilmore (Mrs. Tyrus Sibley) now living in San Diego as a navy wife has a young son, Dixie Tarver (Mrs. W.C. Osborn), who lives in Midland, Texas has a lovely little daughter. Marjorie Tubre (Mrs. Sidney Lister) who lives in Wharton, Texas, also has a fine little daughter.

Avis Windham and Bobbie Elkins are both very happy as library assistants in parish libraries. Avis is at the Franklin Parish Library and Bobbie at the Clairborne Parish Library.

Maxine Stroud is a clerk-typist at Camp Polk in Leesville, Louisiana.

Helen Belisle, who was Alpha Beta Alpha's first national president, was married in September to Laverna Ray Evans of Jamestown, Louisiana. Both are teaching at the Ragley High School in Beauregard Parish.

Vernon Jordan, who received his library degree from the Louisiana State University last spring, is in the army now and is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Mrs. Dorothy Moses McFatter is back as librarian at LaGrange High School after a year's leave of absence. Mrs. Frances Smith Eason who substituted for Dorothy is now librarian at the Springhill Elementary School.

Elizabeth Bulteman, former librarian of the Madison Parish Library at Tallulah, is librarian of the Delhi High School.

Mary Alice Driscoll is working on her master's degree in library science at Louisiana State University. Mary Alice was top honor graduate at Northwestern State College last spring. Among other honors she received the library science award given annually by Alpha Chapter to the most outstanding graduate in library science.

BETA

Stacia Basham is librarian at E. E. Bass Junior - Senior High School in Greenville, Mississippi.

Sarah Thompson, a CS-5 Civil Service Librarian, is working at the Veteran's Hospital in Alexandria, Louisiana.

Serving as children's librarian for the Fisk Public Library in Natchez is Irene Smith.

Priscilla Cave of Anchorage, Kentucky, writes that she is librarian at Fairdale and Auburndale Elementary Schools, Kentucky.

Betty Lee Dance is employed as librarian for Livingston Parish Library Denham Springs, Louisiana.

Kent Flowers holds the position as librarian for Leland high school.

Charlotte Helms (Mrs. Jack Glasgow) is living in Joshua, Texas,

Edna Louise Lee is assistant librarian at Plaquemine Parish Library, Plaquemine, Louisiana.

Susie Bull is librarian at Steven D. Lee High School in Columbus.

Mary Irene Benton has accepted the position of assistant periodicals librarian at Mississippi State College.

Bettye Merritt formerly connected with the Birmingham Public Library is now driving the book mobile for the Corinth Regional Library.

Nancy Rodgers (Mrs. Robert Selby) is serving as assistant cataloguer at the Waterworks experiment station library at Vicksburg.

Elva Smallwood (Mrs. Homer Wilson, Jr.) is assistant librarian at the Lafayette, Louisiana Public Library.

Carolyn Kennedy (Mrs. James Stringer) lives in Lubbock, Texas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF ALPHA BETA ALPHA
(Fiscal period May 3, 1950, to September 30, 1951)

The following sums have been received from the Treasurers of the Chapters and have been deposited in the Exchange Bank of Natchitoches (see deposit slips and bank statements); written receipts have been issued for all moneys received:

Deposit slip #1:	May 25, 1950 (from Alpha).....	\$ 11.00
Deposit slip #2:	May 25, 1950 (from Alpha).....	7.00
Deposit slip # 3:	June 5, 1950 (from Alpha).....	10.00
Deposit slip #4:	December 1, 1950 (from Alpha)..	13.00
Deposit slip #5:	December 9, 1950 (from Alpha)..	6.00
Deposit slip #6:	December 15, 1950 (from Beta)..	182.00
Deposit slip #7:	January 16, 1951 (from Alpha)..	
Deposit slip #8:	January 29, 1951 (from Alpha)..	1.00
Deposit slip # 9:	July 2, 1951 (from Alpha).....	79.00
Deposit slip #10:	July 2, 1951 (from Beta).....	42.00
Deposit slip #11:	July 30, 1951 (from Alpha).....	1.00
		\$364.00

The income was derived from the following sources:

Initiation fees—Alpha: Professional, \$11.00; Student, \$30.00, Alumni, \$63.00.
Beta: Professional, \$9.00; Student, \$37.00; Alumni, \$132.00.

Dues—Alpha: Professional; \$11.00; Student, \$25.00*
Beta: Professional, \$ 9.00; Student, \$37.00.

(*Four members who were initiated in May, 1950, graduated in June; and a fifth dropped out in September.)

The following checks were drawn against the Fraternity account:

Check #1.	December 9, 1950. L. G. Balfour Company. (Die for Fraternity Key.)	\$45.00
Check #2.	January 6, 1951. Eugene P. Watson. (Travel expenses for installation of Beta.)	25.00
Check #3.	January 6, 1951. Mrs. Lucille Carnahan. (Meals for 4 people on Beta installation trip.)	8.00
Check #4.	June 29, 1951. L. G. Balfour Company (Die for fraternity crest.)	35.00
Check #5.	July 2, 1951. Beta Chapter, ABA (Pub- lication expense for fall, 1950 issue of "Alphabet.")	11.15
Check #6.	July 15, 1951. Mrs. Lucille Carnahan. (Publication expense for fall, 1950, issue of "Alphabet.")	7.55
	Total amount of checks drawn....	\$131.70
	Cash balance on hand at the close of the fiscal period..	\$232.30

Eugene P. Watson
Executive Secretary