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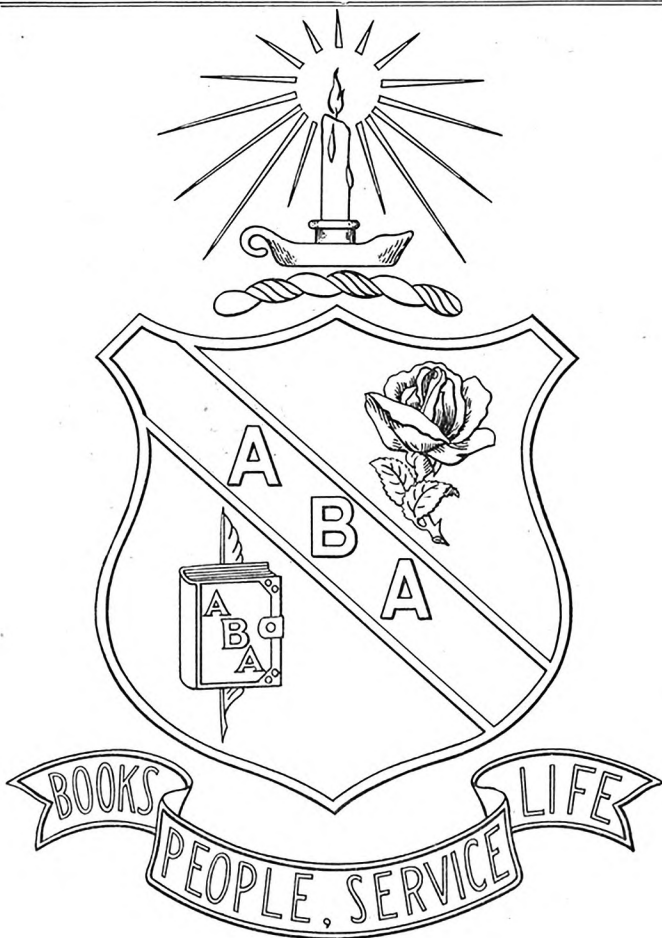
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# THE ALPHABET

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## DEDICATION

This, the first printed issue of "The Alphabet," is respectfully dedicated to our three Chapter-Sponsors—Mrs. Lucille Carnahan (Alpha), Mrs. Alice Gatchel (Beta), and Miss Nelle McCalla (Gamma)—whose unselfish and tireless devotion to the cause of librarianship has made possible the existence of Alpha Beta Alpha.

## From the President

by Anne Baird

Three years ago, Alpha Beta Alpha's dream became a reality. In the past years, this reality has been vividly recognized by people all over the Library Science world. It has been shown that it is not impossible to create something fine and concrete from a deep desire.

If, in the years to come, we can keep reaching beyond our grasp, and each month do a little more, mentally, spiritually, and physically, we will complete the healthy growth which is rapidly attaining maturity. We can compare our progress with that of our country. So far we have three states, and a fourth awaiting installation; though the number forty-eight may loom impossibly large before us, it is not beyond us.

The national convention was a tremendous success to all who attended, and set another milestone in the achievement of Alpha Beta Alpha.

With the world as it is today, our place is urgent. It calls upon us to do our best for every person of every age, race, and creed, to instill in the youth of America the beliefs which have given us all we hold dear. If we can keep our light flaming, others will feel its warmth and draw near to it. It is a challenge we cannot, and must not ignore.

## From the Secretary's Office

*Eugene P. Watson; Executive Secy.*

On May 3, Alpha Beta Alpha's second birthday, came a request for the establishment of a chapter of the Fraternity on the campus of Murray State College, Kentucky. Three very active Chapters are already in existence in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Indiana, and plans are nearly complete for the installation of the Delta Chapter at San Jose College, California; and now, with a bid for the Epsilon Chapter, the Fraternity is well on its way to becoming truly national in scope. The Convention in March, with its galaxy of outstanding speakers and its excellent program, would have done credit to a much older and larger organization. ABA has come far in two years, thanks to the efforts of our splendid Chapter-Sponsors and to all of you officers and members who have worked so energetically with them. The ground work has been laid, and now we can begin to turn our attention from elementary organizational details to matters of policy and to the formulation of plans for our contribution toward the betterment of libraries and librarianship throughout the nation.

## Beta Chapter News Notes

Second semester brought a number of outstanding events to Beta Chapter. We have been especially fortunate in the excellent speakers that we have had at our regular meetings. In February Miss Margaret Miller, Children's Librarian at the Birmingham Alabama Public Library, spoke to us on her specialty, children's work.

In March one of our own faculty members, Dr. Edward Bevins of the English department spoke to us on the Importance of Good Reading Background for a Librarian.

Then in April we were honored to have Dr. Susan Gray Akers, Dean of the School of Library Science at the University of North Carolina speak to us on the opportunities in the field of Library Science. Dr. Akers is also the author of the textbook *Simple Library Cataloging*.

The Southern Literary Festival was held on the MSCW campus April 16 and 17. The principal speaker was

## Alpha Chapter News Notes

We are justly proud of the honor given **Sallie Harper** by Gamma Phi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, National Honorary Educational Fraternity, at its Spring banquet. Each year Gamma Chapter honors a student who ranks high in scholarship. This year's award went to Sallie who had the highest average in the library science department. Though did not have the highest average in the fall graduating class, she was exceeded by only three persons in the last ten classes. Sallie is now teacher-librarian at the Collinston High School.

Seven members were initiated into Alpha Beta Alpha Wednesday evening, April 16, in the drawing room of Varnado Hall. Those initiated were Barbara Jean Gray, Royce Doshier, Tommie Blackbourne, Gerry Perry, John Nugent, Dorothy Carnahan and Fleming Thomas. After a beautiful and impressive candlelight ceremony, delicious refreshments were served.

Alpha Beta Alpha elected the following officers for 1952-53:

President ----- Claire Lucius  
 Vice President ---- Annette Dailey  
 Recording Sec. ---- Barbara Bremer  
 Corresponding Sec. -- Patsy Longlois  
 Treasurer ----- Sally Thibodeaux  
 Reporter ----- Bill Williams

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one of MSCW's own alumna and an outstanding Mississippi author, Eudora Welty. Clinics in drama led by Samuel Selden, poetry by Randal Jarrell, and short story writing by Miss Welty were conducted. The Library Science students made attractive exhibits featuring the works of Southern writers for the festival.

April 29, was Visitors day on our campus. Over 200 high school and Junior college students were guests for the week-end. The library science students served as hostesses for the tours through the library. Conferences were arranged for any student interested in the field of library science.

New Student Members of Beta Chapter are: Anne Bair, Indianola; Judy Garretson, Greenville; Jo Ann Goodson, Baldwin; Betty Lou Johnson, Hickman, Kentucky; Joyce Kilmer, Columbus; Fay Lott, Philadelphia; Gayle Martin, Onward; Marjorie Ratcliff, Laurel; Mary Robbins, New Albany; Betty Sampson, Greenwood; Lucille Wilbourne, Columbus; Jean Wilson, West Point.

## Gamma Chapter News Notes

At a most impressive initiation and installation service which preceded a dinner at the Terre Haute House, we became the Gamma Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha on February 8. In charge of the installation ceremonies was Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries. After the dinner he spoke on the timely subject, "Librarianship." Other distinguished guests at the dinner were Dr. Ralph N. Tiley, the college president, and Mrs. Tiley; Dean J. E. Grinnell and Mrs. Grinnell; and Carson Bennett, Librarian at Rose Polytechnic, and Mrs. Bennett.

We have had some interesting speakers at our regular meetings. They have included Zora Brandao, a graduate student at Indiana State from Panama, who spoke particularly about the educational system in her native country; Harmon Boyd, Librarian of the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute and an ABA member, spoke to us recently concerning his library.

New officers of Gamma Chapter who were recently elected are: Lois Rinsch, president; Bonnie Woodruff, vice-president; Donna Bailey, Corresponding Secretary; Virginia Shillings, recording secretary; Betty Wicker, treasurer; Raymond McFarland, reporter; and Bonnie Qualkerbush, national committeeman.

## GAMMA CHAPTER

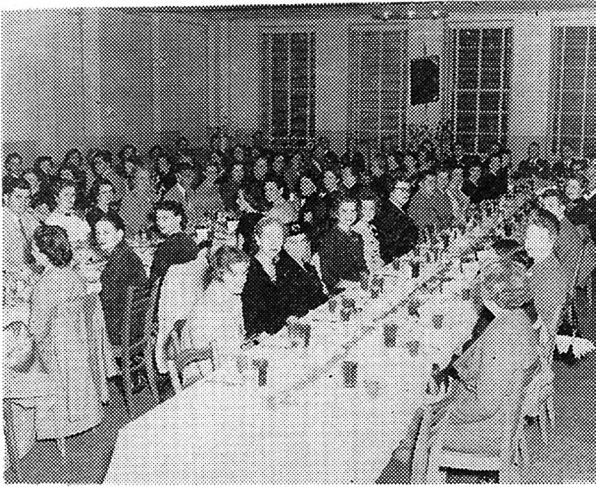
Professional Members of Gamma Chapter are:

Hazel Armstrong, Amanda E. Browning, Betty Hancock, Mary E. King, Nelle McCalla, Marie Orion, Dorothy H. Shinoske, Anna Mae Trueb and Elizabeth Weller, all of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Student Members are:  
 Dorothy Anderson, West Terre Haute; Dorothy Bailey, Greencastle; Harmon Boyd, Terre Haute; Nellie Brattain, Lebanon; Louise Love Campbell, Terre Haute; Mary Rose Clipp, Orleans; Mary Edwards, Plainfield; Anna Huckriede, Poland;

Mildred Humphrey, Terre Haute; Morris Jordan, Terre Haute; Beth Koho, Plainfield; Raymond McFarland, Terre Haute; Beth Medsker, Martinsville, Illinois; Rosemary Munson, Terre Haute; Maryann Peters, Terre Haute; Davey Puckett, Kingman; Bonnie Qualkinbush, French

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**HIGHLIGHT OF THE FIRST BIENNIAL CONVENTION** of Alpha Beta Alpha, only national under-graduate library science fraternity, was the banquet held Saturday evening in the private dining room of the Student Center.

## A B A National Meeting March 15-16

The first biennial convention of Alpha Beta Alpha, national under-graduate library science fraternity, held March 15-16 at Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana, was highlighted by a banquet held in the private dining room of the student center Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. Miss Jo Ann Scott, national president, presided. The invocation was given by Mrs. Bernice Evans. This was followed by a welcome from Dean Fulton and a response by Dr. Eugene Watson. A panel discussion, "Librarianship, A Future," was then presented. Following the panel discussion was an address by James Aswell, "Authors, Too, Are People."

At the dinner meeting Sunday, the following new national officers were elected: Ann Baird, president, Beta Chapter; Mary Rose Clipp, vice-president, Gamma Chapter; Millicent Thompson, treasurer, Alpha Chapter; Dr. Eugene Watson, executive Secretary, Alpha Chapter. Mrs. Lucille Carnahan and Barbara Bremer of Alpha Chapter, Mary Alexander and Ann MacDonald of Beta Chapter and Miss Elizabeth Weller and Bonnie Qualkinbush of Gamma Chapter were elected as chapter representatives on the executive committee.

At the Sunday meeting in Hotel

Nakatosh, Mrs. Doris Gates Hall, author and editor, gave an address entitled "For Readers Only" and told one of Carl Sandberg's children stories. Mr. Grieg Aspnes, research librarian and publicity director of the Brown and Bigelow Firm, spoke on "Opportunities in Special Libraries."

Concluding the convention was a tour of Natchitoches and a business meeting in Varnado Hall.

### Active Members of Alpha Chapter

#### Professional

Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, Miss Agnes Clark, Miss Julia Duke, Miss Mae Hammett, Miss Dorothy Keyser, Miss Irene Pope, Dr. Eugene P. Watson and Mrs. Ora G. Williams.

#### Student

Tommie Blackburne, Dorothy Carnahan, Anette Dailey, Randall Detro, Royce Dozier, Ruth Ann Ellender, Barbara Gray, Kathryn Hopkins, Patsy Longlois, Claire Lucius, John Nugent, Gerry Perry, Sallie Thibodeaux, Fleming Thomas, Millie Thompson, Sue Tucker and Bill Williams.

### Active Members of Beta Chapter

#### Student

Carey Moore, June Murphree, Jane Riddell and Jo Ann Scott.

### Active Member of Gamma Chapter

#### Student

Maryann Peters.\*  
Speakers at the Convention were as follows: Mr. Grieg Aspnes, Re-

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## Alpha Chapter *(new members)*

### Contributing Member:

DeGrummond, Mrs. Will (La. State Supervisor of School Libraries, Baton Rouge, Louisiana).

### Alumni Members:

Ovelia A. Carlisle, Librarian, Pioneer High School, Louisiana.

Susie B. Chaffin, DeSota Parish School Board Office, Mansfield, Louisiana.

Clara O'Quinn Cheves, Librarian, Flora High School, Louisiana.

Mrs. Maude O. Clay, Director, SCAP CIE Information Center, Isikawa Area CIC, APO 9, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

Hope Grissom Cryar, Monroe, Louisiana.

Cynthia Smith DeBlieux, Teacher-Librarian, Winnsboro High School, Louisiana.

Mary Alice Driscoll, Graduate Library School, Louisiana State University.

Mrs. Marguerite Bozeman Durham, Secretary, Standard Oil Company, San Francisco, California.

Frances Smith Eason, Librarian, Spring Hill Elementary School, Louisiana.

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search Librarian and Publicity Director of the Brown and Bigelow Firm, St. Paul, Minnesota, and President of the Special Libraries Association; Mr. James Aswell, novelist and short story writer of the New York and Natchitoches; Miss Essae M. Culver, Louisiana State Librarian; Miss Margaret V. Girdner, Library Supervisor of the San Francisco Unified School District; Mrs. Doris Gates (Hall), author of juvenile books; Miss Sue Hefley, School Library Supervisor of Webster Parish Louisiana; Mr. Edmon Low, Director of Libraries at Oklahoma A. & M. Collège, and President of Southwestern Library Association; Mr. Guy R. Lyle, Director of Libraries at Louisiana State University; Mrs. Florinell F. Morton, Director of the Louisiana State University Library School; Mr. W. Dositte Postell, Librarian of the L. S. U. School of Medicine and President of the national Medical Library Association; Major Robert W. Severance, Director of Publications, HRRC, U. S. Air Force; and Dr. Garland F. Taylor, Director of Libraries at Tulane University.

## Convention Delegates

Chapter	Official Delegates	Alternate Delegates
Alpha	Claire Lucius	Sue Tucker
Beta	June Murphree	Carey Moore
Gamma	Maryann Peters	Bonnie Woodruff

## Membership Tabulation

	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	Total
Active Student Members	21	29	23	73
Active Professional Members	10	2	9	21
Total Active Membership	31	31	32	94
Alumni Members	40	43	46	129
Contributing Members	1	0	0	1
Institutional Members				0
Honorary Members				10
Total Membership	72	74	78	234

## Convention Financial Statement

Total Expenditures		\$465.75
Total Receipts:		
Ticket Sales	\$192.53	
N. S. C. L. Contributions*	123.00	
From ABA Treasury	150.22	
Total Receipts		\$465.75
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\* The College also supplies free housing for all speakers and delegates.

## New Honorary Members

Barker, Dr. Tommie Dora (Director, Library School; Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia).  
 Burrin, Esther V. (Director of School Libraries, Indiana State Department of Public Instruction, Indianapolis, Indiana).  
 Steig, Dr. Lewis (Director of Libraries, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California).  
 Girdner, Miss Margaret V. (Library Supervisor, Unified School District, San Francisco, California).

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Cornelia Eastland, Assistant Librarian, Millikin University, Decatur, Illinois.

Bernice Jackson Evans, Alexandria, Louisiana.

Yvonne Ewing, West Monroe, Louisiana.

Sallie Harper, Librarian, Collinston High School, Louisiana.

Zoma Harper Henry, Williams Air Force Base, Arizona.

Leola Hunter Loftin, Librarian, Martin High School, Louisiana.

Clyde J. Miller, Library, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

Pearl Peace, Librarian, Leesville High School, Louisiana.

Doris Tullos Sims, Assistant Librarian, Beauregard Parish Library, DeRidder, Louisiana.

Inez McGhee Townsend, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Parliamentarian - Millicent Thompson  
 Ruth Ann Ellender, Tommie Jean Tullos, Sue Tucker, and Randall Detro attended the Louisiana Library Association State Convention as Alpha Chapter's official delegates. Ruth Ann and Tommie Jean were guests of the convention at the Author Banquet.

Mrs. Clara Cheves, Libn., Flora High School; Mrs. Frances Smith Eason, Libn., Spring Hill High School; Miss Bobbie Elkins, Asst. Libn., Clairborne Parish Library; Mrs. Helen Belisle Evans, Libn., Ragley High School;

Miss Yvonne Ewing, Asst. Libn., Ouachita Parish Library; Miss Sallie Harper, Libn., Collinston High School; Mrs. Leola H. Loftin, Coushatta; Mrs. Dorothy Moses McFatter, Libn., LaGrange High School, Lake Charles; Mrs. Pauline Parker, Boyce; Miss Jewel Paul, Libn., Gorum High School; Mrs. Middleton Phillips, Libn., Florien High School; Miss Jeanette Royston, Libn., St. Martinville High School; Mrs. Doris Tullos Sims, Asst. Libn., Vernon Parish Library.

Through a typographical error, the name Carey Moore of Tunica, Mississippi, a Senior at MSCW, and an Active Member of Beta Chapter, was omitted from the membership roster published last spring. Please excuse us, Carey!

Our sincere thanks go to the L. G. Balfour Company for giving us the cut used in printing the front cover of the paper.