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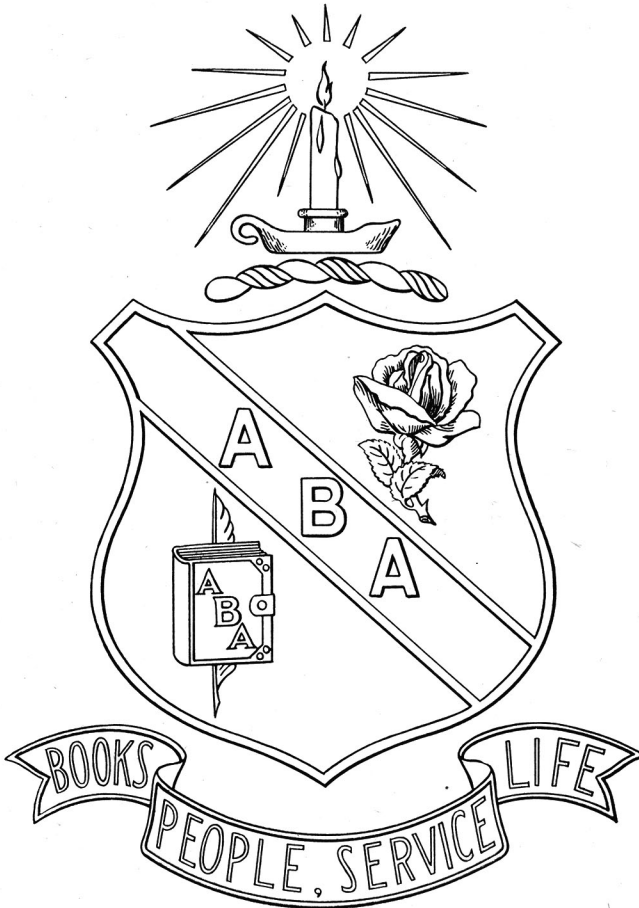
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THE ALPHABET

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DEDICATION

This issue of "The Alphabet" is dedicated to the L. G. Balfour Co., official jewelers to the Fraternity, in grateful appreciation of their many courtesies and invaluable assistance.

From the Executive Secretary's Office

Our Fraternity is growing! Delta Chapter will be installed at the University of Alabama on January 10. Petitions from Murray State College (Kentucky) and Concord College (West Virginia) have been approved; so the Epsilon and Zeta Chapters will soon be installed also. Clubs at San Jose College (California) and Texas State College for Women are seriously considering the submission of petitions for membership. Groups at Ball State Teachers College (Indiana), Arizona State College, and Mary Allen College (Texas) have expressed interest in affiliation. Before the close of the spring semester, ABA expects to have seven or eight Chapters.

The Executive Council of ABA is trying to decide upon some long-term, nation-wide activity which the Fraternity might adopt as its major project. Your suggestions regarding a project will be much appreciated.

On page four is an announcement of the twenty-five dollar prize offered to the member who can design the best folder or leaflet advertising the Fraternity; this type of publication is badly needed, so everybody please send in at least one entry!

The Frat is entering the national competition for one of the Field Citations for Library Recruiting, the recipient of a citation receives a \$100 award.

We are pleased that the Library of Congress has asked to be supplied with all issues of "The Alphabet."

President Anne Baird will gradu-

ate this semester and Veep Mary Rose Clipp, our Editor, will be elevated to the office of National President.

Chapter News Notes

HONORARY

Dr. Lawrence S. Thompson has recently returned from Turkey, where he conducted a nation-wide library survey under the auspices of the U.S. Department of State.

Mr. Robert St. John was Chairman of the Committee that planned and directed the ALA Convention in New York last summer.

ALPHA

Alpha's activities began this fall with a hayride and weiner roast honoring the prospective pledges. Three weeks later seven students and two faculty members were pledged. They are **Doris Gahagan, Bobbye Hale, Pat Hankins, R. A. Hoffpauir** (faculty member), **Nancy Janes, Robert Joynes, J. Mitchell Reams** (faculty member), **Johnny Smith, and Mrs. Joan Thrasher.**

Alpha Chapter sponsored a meeting of the state and divisional officers of the Louisiana Teen Age Librarians, Saturday, December 6, on the campus of Northwestern State College. The chapter also helped in entertaining the high school seniors attending the "Librarian for a Day" program at N. S. C.

Some of our group hold important offices and membership in other organizations. **Annette Dailey**, Vice President, recently became a member of Kappa Delta Pi. **Patsy Le Roy Longlois**, Corresponding Secretary, has become a member of Kappa Delta Pi and of Pi Omega Pi, National Business Fraternity. She is reporter of Pi Omega Mi. **Claire Lucius**, President, became a member of Kappa Delta Pi and of the Purple Jackets. She was elected historian of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority. At the recent state fair in Shreveport, Claire was one of the maids at the Northwestern-

Tech football game. **Millie Thompson**, Parliamentarian, was elected "Keeper of the Grades" for Sigma Sigma Sigma. Millie, too, is a member of Kappa Delta Pi.

Our professional members have been in the news, too. Mrs. Lucille T. Carnahan, professor of Library Science at N.S.C., and Sponsor of Alpha Chapter, attended the University of Texas in Austin this summer where she did graduate work in Library Science. In the past Mrs. Carnahan has studied at Louisiana State University and Columbia University. Dr. Eugene P. Watson was presiding officer of the college and University section on the Southwestern Library Association Convention in Mexico City this fall. Miss Olive Roberts did graduate work at Columbia University last summer.

WITH THE ALUMNI

Mary Alice Driscoll, member of L. S. U. library staff; Patsy Jean Eason Hardy, associated with book department of Sears Roebuck, Macon, Georgia; Bobbie Rhae Elkins Murphy, housewife in Shongaloo; Katherine Hopkins, member of Claiborne Parish Library staff; Ruth Ann Ellender, elementary teacher in Lake Charles, Louisiana; Sallie Harper Helm, teacher-librarian at Sarepta.

Gladys Rai Barr (Mrs. Alton Holmes) teacher-librarian at Epps, Louisiana; Marguerite Bozeman Durham, employed with Standard Oil Company, San Francisco; Vernon Jordon, European theatre of operations; Clyde Miller, member of University of Florida library staff; Mrs. T. M. Phillips, working on Master's Degree in library science at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Sue Tucker, mathematics teacher at Vinton, Louisiana; Tommie Jean Tullos, library assistant at Winn Parish Library; Jean Rayston, librarian at Natchitoches High School last summer.

BETA

On October 8 seventeen new members were initiated into Alpha Beta Alpha in the Recreation Hall at Mississippi State College for Women. After the impressive candlelight service a reception was held for the new members who are; Betty Jane Mc-

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CHAPTER NEWS NOTES

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Intosh, Ruth Blackwell, Ann Harris, Jackie Walker, Marriane Morgan, Ann Harwell, Eleanor Drake, Jane Manning, Joan Neal, Georgia Britton, Jane Rodgers, Olivia Ann Weaver, Norma Fay Buman, Mary Jane Weaver, Fleta Johnson, and Maulun Presley.

Beta Chapter is now conducting a series of radio programs over the campus radio station. These informative programs are built around the aims and projects of the Library Science Department at M. S. C. W.

At the recent homecoming celebrations we were happy to welcome home a number of Alpha Beta Alpha Alumni; including a group of last year's graduates. Many of the graduates gave short informal talks in the Library Science classes, in which they described the positions they now hold and the many opportunities for advancement in the field.

GAMMA

Our vice-president and social chairman, Bonnie Woodruff, has completed program plans for ABA for the entire year. Highlighting the social calendar thus far has been the Christmas party held in the home of Miss Hazel Armstrong, head of the library science department at Indiana State. Other worthwhile activities during the Fall were the visit to the local Swope Art Gallery during the Swedish book binding display and the tour through the interesting and attractive library at the St. Mary's of the Woods College near Terre Haute.

Miss Nelle McCalla, chapter sponsor, was at Columbia University last summer working on her Master's Degree in library science. Miss Elizabeth Weller, librarian at Laboratory School, taught the summer session library science classes in her place.

The following girls recently became pledges to ABA; Jean Best, Virginia Foster, Jeanette Inaba, Carol Molter, Helen Mosteller, Marilyn Nale, Aiko Ota, Valeria Yamada, Sara Yoreman, and Lillian Zimmerman. Since Betty Wicker had served her term of pledgeship, she was initiated as an active member immediately following the pledge service.

As a special philanthropic project

for the year members of Gamma Chapter have been devoting their services to the library at the local Boys' Club two nights a week. The Chapter has been appropriated \$200 for the selection of new books for the Club.

During Book Week in November three of the members of ABA, Donna Bailey, Virginia Shillings, and Mary Rose Clipp, with the aid of Miss McCalla, sponsor, gave a fifteen-minute radio program for the purpose of promoting more and better reading. The program was broadcast over a local Terre Haute station.

HISTORY OF A B A

On October 30, 1945, the twenty-two Library Science students and the eight librarians of Northwestern State College held a banquet in the Private Dining Room of the Student Center at Northwestern State College. The guest speaker for the occasion was Miss Nora Beust, Specialist in School Libraries, U. S. Office of Education; accompanying her was Miss Sue Hefley, Louisiana State Supervisor of School Libraries, and Miss Mary W. Harris, Assistant Librarian of the Louisiana State Library. Miss Beust spoke on "The Rewards of Librarianship." At the conclusion of the formal program, the group discussed the possibility of organizing a Library Science Club on the campus, with a view toward the eventual development of a national Fraternity.

A brief constitution was drawn up by a committee; and then on January 10, 1946, the group of students and librarians met again, adopted the constitution, and formally organized the Northwestern State College Library Club. Azoline Stevens was elected its first President. Mrs. Lucille Carnahan was chosen as Sponsor and Dr. Eugene P. Watson as Adviser, positions which they both still hold.

Frances Smith served as President in 1947-48. During this year, the Club started publishing a "Library Science Newsletter" for the alumni, and the first annual award was given to the most outstanding senior graduating in Library Science.

Bernice Jackson Evans began her term as President during the follow-

ing school year. In October the members considered the advisability of founding a National Fraternity, but decided that the time had not yet arrived for such action. In the fall, the Club held a tea for Mrs. Florinnell F. Morton, Director of the Louisiana State University Library School. Mrs. Morton told of the varied types of library work done by the L. S. U. graduates. In the spring the Club was host to Dr. Lawrence S. Thompson, Director of Libraries at the University of Kentucky, who spoke on "Library Schools and Their Graduates." In April delegates went to the Louisiana Library Association Convention.

In March, 1949, delegates went to the Louisiana Library Association Convention; and the following month, Mr. Arthur T. Hamlin, the newly appointed Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, was guest speaker at a tea.

During the year the group had been thinking constantly about the establishment of the long-dreamed-of Fraternity; and in the spring it was decided to go forward with the plans. A constitution and a set of by-laws were prepared; and, on the evening of May 3, 1950, in the Drawing Room of Varnado Hall, The American Librarians' Fraternity, Amerikaniki, Bibliophylaken Athelfotes —ABA— was founded. A petition for the establishment of a Chapter of the Fraternity on the Northwestern State College campus was received immediately after the organization of the Fraternity was completed; and the Alpha Chapter was installed that same evening. Thus began the first coeducational, undergraduate Library Science Fraternity in the United States.

The Beta Chapter was established at Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, Mississippi, on December 2, 1950; and the Gamma Chapter was established at Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana, on February 8, 1952. The installation of Beta and Gamma make the Fraternity the largest Library Science Fraternity in the United States, with respect to the number of Chapters. The National Presidents have been Helen Belisle, 1950; Sallie Harper, 1951; Jo Ann Scott, Feb.-Mar., 1952; and Ann Baird, Mar., 1952-Jan., 1953.

SUMMARY OF ABA FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(Fiscal Year Ending September 1, 1952)

Cash on hand at beginning of Fiscal Year	---	\$232.30
Income:	ALPHA	BETA
Initiation Fees	-----\$ 7.00	\$ 13.00
Dues, Act. Members	-----33.00	33.00
Dues, Alumni Mem.	-----57.00	.00
Dues, Contrib. Mem.	-----3.00	.00
Sales of Stationary	-----3.10	.00
Chapter Totals	\$103.10	\$ 46.00
Grand Total from Chapters	-----	351.10
Cash derived from National Convention*	---	39.15
Grand Total cash on hand and Income	---	\$622.55

Expenses:

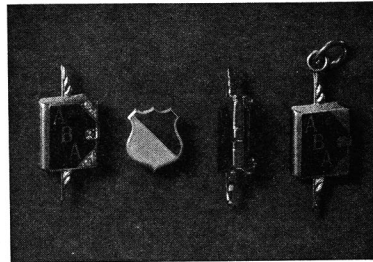
Stationery, Scrapbook	-----	\$149.48
Dies, Seal, Jewelry	-----	116.88
National Convention:		
Travel of Delegates	-----	\$140.00
Banquet	-----	38.15
Printing	-----	11.22
Total National Convention	-----	189.87
"The Alphabet"	-----	31.87
Charters and engraving	-----	58.48
Total Expenses	-----	546.08

Cash on hand at close of Fiscal Year --\$ 76.47

*Cash derived from ticket sales and donations (\$315.53) was used to pay the numerous Convention bills, and after these were paid, the cash remaining on hand was deposited in the Bank; the large bills were then paid by check.

(Copies of the detailed, itemized financial statements for the National Convention and for the Fiscal Year have been supplied to all Chapter Treasurers.)

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Cash Prizes! !

The Executive Council of ABA will give a cash prize of \$25.00 to the individual who designs the best single-sheet leaflet or folder for use in

publicizing the Fraternity—its nature, its purpose, its activities, etc. Only members of the Fraternity are eligible to participate in the contest; each member may submit as many entries as he cares to. Mr. Greig Aspnes, Librarian and Publicity Di-

rector of the Brown and Bigelow Calendar-Manufacturing Firm, St. Paul, Minn., will judge the entries. All entries must be submitted to the Executive Secretary before March 15, 1953. For additional information, write to the Executive Secretary.

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