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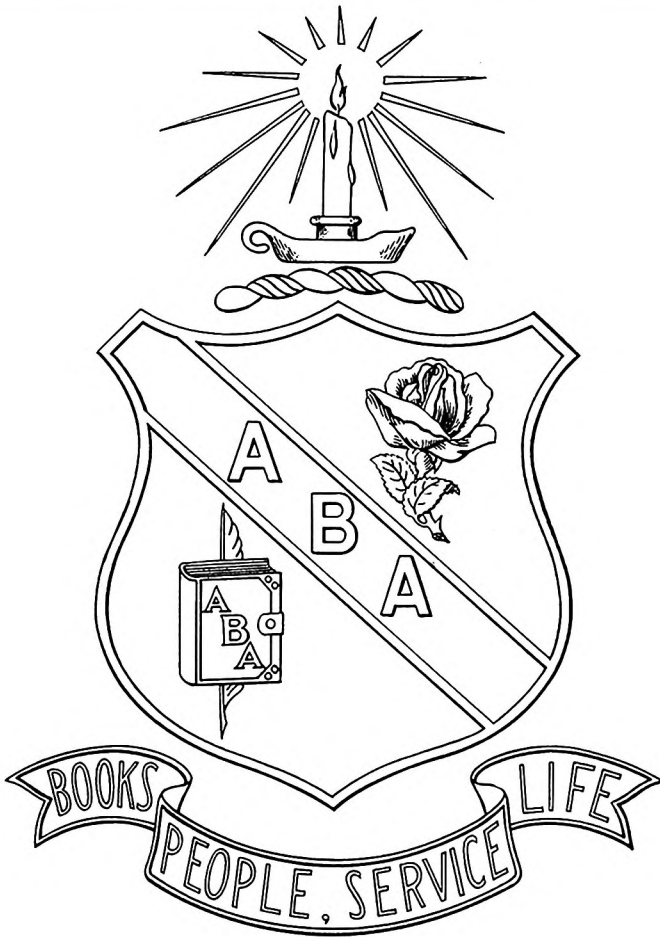
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DEDICATION

This issue of "The Alphabet" is proudly dedicated to our eleven Honorary Members: Mr. Charles Adams, Dr. Tommie Dora Barker, Miss Esther V. Burrin, Miss Margaret Girdner, Mr. Arthur Hamlin, Miss Annita M. Hostetter, Mrs. Florinell F. Morton, Mr. Robert St. John, Dr. Lewis Steig, Dr. Lawrence Thompson, and Mr. Wyllis Wright.

From the Executive Secretary's Office

This has been indeed a wonderful year for Alpha Beta Alpha—twelve months ago, we had only three Chapters, with 234 members; we now have nine Chapters, with approximately 630 members.

It was my privilege to install our first university chapter, the mammoth Delta at the University of Alabama (January 10); Dr. Thompson officiated at Murray State College's Epsilon Chapter (January 17); Mr. Hamlin established Zeta Chapter at Concord College (April 11); I presided at the birth of Eta, Texas State College for Women, Denton (May 6); Mr. Harold Batchelor officiated at the establishment of Theta, at Arizona State College, Tempe (May 23); and Miss Girdner installed Iota, at San Jose College, San Jose, California (June 6).

In addition to its phenomenal growth, the Fraternity can also be justly proud of having received the coveted national Field Award for recruiting.

We are highly pleased to note that Mr. Robert St. John lists his honorary membership in ABA as one of his "qualifications" for the Presidency of ALA.

Because the number of Councilmen on the Executive Council has now exceeded the constitutional limitation of six, the Council has set up five geographic "districts"; one Councilman will be elected from each, thus providing equal representation for all. The districts include: 1. Louisiana and Texas; 2. Alabama and Mississippi; 3. Indiana and Kentucky; 4. West Virginia; 5. Arizona and California.

It is good to hear that a number of Epsilonites have purchased frat pins; we wish that every member could wear a pin.

We very much need a publicity leaflet; won't all of you with artistic talents enter the contest (see back page) and design attractive leaflets—there's money in it for the winners!

On June 23 I will make a talk to the Teachers College Section of

ACLR during the ALA meeting at Los Angeles; my subject will be "The Library Science Fraternity Movement."

(If any of you Alumni or Contributing Members change your address, please let us know, as we really and truly do want to keep sending "The Alphabet" to you.)

WE WON ! ! ! !

Alpha Beta Alpha received the first-place citation with a prize of \$100, in the "student organization division" of the National Field Awards for Recruiting. The citation reads as follows:

The Field citation for effective recruiting activities reported to the board of education for librarianship of the American Library Association in 1952 is awarded to Alpha Beta Alpha by the following judges appointed by the board of

education for librarianship of the American Library Association—Loleta Dawson Fyan, Florrincell Francis Morton, and Raymond C. Lindquist, Chairman. Awarded February 6, 1953, at a Council Meeting of the American Library Association, Chicago, Illinois.

FRATERNITY OFFICERS

(1952-53)

Executive Council

President, Mary Rose Rosenbaum, Orleans, Indiana

Vice-President, Donna Bailey, Greencastle, Indiana

Treasurer, Millicent Thompson Good Pine, Louisiana

Executive Secretary, Dr. Eugene P. Watson, Natchitoches, Louisiana

Representatives on Executive Council: One representative from each of the five districts to be elected.

News from Our Chapters

ALPHA

Each year the Louisiana Library Association invites two library students from each of the state colleges to be guests of the association at the Book Dinner. This year Dorothy Carnahan, Annette Dailey, Salley Thibodeaux, Fleming Thomas, and Robert Joynes represented Alpha chapter at the convention in New Orleans. While there they had an opportunity to meet one of ABA's honorary members, Mr. Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary, Association of College and Reference Libraries, American Library Association.

Alpha has been invited to assume the responsibility for sorting and indexing old college records, yearbooks, pictures, roll books, and various types of materials that date back to the early years when Northwestern State College was the State Normal College on the old hill. Plans are under way to begin the interesting work soon.

One of the Chapter's alumni, Yvonne Ewing, is an army library assistant at the Camp Polk Library,

Camp Polk, Louisiana. Another alumni member, Claire Lucius was married Friday, May 15, to Gary Thompson.

BETA

With the coming of the second semester, the members of Beta chapter made plans for a major field trip. This year a large group visited the Public Library in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and the Birmingham, Alabama Public Library. In the Birmingham Library such places of interest as the Children's Department, the Reference Room, the Recard Room, and the Rare Book Room were visited. The Birmingham Hemeword Library and the museum were also included in the trip.

Another high point for the members of Beta was Visitors Day on Mississippi State campus. The library science students served as hostesses to a large group of high school seniors who were interested in the library department.

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

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Peggy Bennett, who is a Beta alumni member, is now in the Children's Department of the Birmingham, Alabama, Public Library.

GAMMA

Gamma chapter's main project of the year has been to work in the library at the Boy's Club of Terre Haute. Help has been given in the selection of books, checking out books, and providing some entertainment in the way of reading or telling stories to the boys.

In the January meeting the members visited Swope Art Gallery, where they heard a lecture about some of the specific paintings.

The chapter celebrated its first birthday on February 21 at a banquet, at which Miss Esther Burrin, Director of School Libraries and Materials, was the guest speaker.

The last two meetings were held in the libraries at Commercial Solvents and Rose Polytechnic Institute where firsthand information was learned about special libraries.

Recently elected are the following officers for next year:

- President ----- Donna Bailey
- Vice-President ----- Carol Molter
- Cor. Secretary --- Virginia Shillings
- Rec. Secretary ---- Nellie Brattain
- Treasurer ----- Betty Wicker
- Reporter ----- Jean Best
- Sponsor ----- Miss Nelle McCalla

Joyce Collens, Hilda Aishe, Jane Horner, Delores Scales, Joyce Skinner, and Rose Williams were initiated as pledges of Gamma chapter on April 22.

President Lois Rinsch was interviewed on a college radio program about Alpha Beta Alpha—as to its purposes and activities.

The National President and one of Gamma's student members, Mary Rose Clipp, was recently married to Charles Rosenbaum. Mrs. Rosenbaum intends to go to Hawaii in August where she will join her husband who is serving in the Air Corps.

DELTA

On January 10, 1953, the Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha was

installed at the University of Alabama. Over 100 graduates in library service became charter life members and there were twenty students at the University who became active charter members. The officers for the year are:

- President ----- Joyce Barrow
- Vice-President ----- Sue Cannon
- Secretary ----- Ann Vann
- Treasurer ----- Sarah Benton
- Reporter ----- Ruth Corr
- Faculty Advisor ---- Pauline Foster

After the ceremony there was a tea honoring Mr. Eugene Watson. The new members were honored with a dinner at the University Club that evening. Mrs. A. B. Thomas of the University's English Department rendered an inspiring address on "Lending Oneself Out."

The themes of the programs for the year were varied and contained such topics as a talk on "Good Grooming for the Librarian", an inspirational Easter message and a talk by Mr. John McClurkin on "Library Work in Japan."

Four new pledges to the fraternity are Jean Buford, Alma Shaw, Micheline de la Menardiere and Marilyn Walding.

The highlight meeting of the year was on April 20th, when Mrs. Frances Clarke Sayers, a specialist in children's literature, told stories to the group. She enchanted us with the story of the "Swinherd" and an Uncle Remus story.

EPSILON

Since this is Epsilon's first article for "The Alphabet" the members would like to express their joy in becoming the fifth chapter of ABA. The official charter arrived in May and it is the pride and joy of the chapter.

Epsilon had a charter presentation in February and received a facsimile of the official charter. That ceremony was held on Saturday afternoon and after it all members were invited to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Mowery's home for tea.

The librarian at Murray State, Mr. Bob Mowery left April 1 to become the librarian at Lake Charles, Louisiana. All the members were sorry to

see him and his fine family leave Murray. The chapter entertained with a supper in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Mowery just before they left.

This spring Epsilon was busy working on a lounge for all library students. The lounge which joins the classrooms can be used for reading and study.

Epsilon chapter officers for the year are:

- President ----- Dolores Vinson
- Vice-President ----- Marjorie Kirn
- Rec. Secretary--Anna Mae Bowling
- Cor. Secretary ---- Wanda Calhoun
- Treasurer ----- Glenna Piersall
- Reporter ----- Betty Jett
- Sponsor ----- Miss Rezina Senter

ZETA

Zeta chapter of ABA was installed at Concord College, Athens, West Virginia, on April 11, 1953. Ceremonies were begun with a banquet, and concluded with the installation which was held in the Browsing Room of the library. Mr. Arthur T. Hamlin, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Research Libraries of the ALA, was in charge of the installation.

The chapter officers for the year are:

- President ----- Juanita Grant
- Vice-President ----- Paris Hume
- Rec. Secretary ----- Patsy Fields
- Cor. Secretary ----- Patsy Fields
- Treasurer ----- Rita Dial
- Reporter ----- Don Sykes
- Parliamentarian ----- Joan Hurley

Members of ABA

ALPHA CHAPTER

New Professional Members are: Mr. Rhuel A. Hoffpauir, Natchitoches, Louisiana; Mr. J. Mitchell Reames, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

New Active Student Members: Miss Doris Gahagan, Hall Summit, Louisiana; Miss Patricia Hankins, Coushatta, Louisiana; Mr. Robert Joynes, Newllano, Louisiana.

New Alumni Members: Miss Annette Dailey, Extension, Louisiana; Mr. Randall Detro, Box 6284, Uni-

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MEMBERS OF ABA

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versity Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Miss Ruth Ann Ellender, 717 Pujó Street, Lake Charles, Louisiana; Miss Maureen Gray, 403 Cary Street, Jennings, Louisiana; Miss Katherine Hopkins, Claiborne Parish Library, Homer, Louisiana; Mrs. Tillie Jones Thomley, Librarian, Mooringsport High School, Mooringsport, Louisiana; Mrs. Claire Lucius Thompson, Box 587, Florien, Louisiana; Miss Sue Tucker, Vinton, Louisiana; Miss Tommie Jean Tullos, Winn Parish Library, Winnfield, Louisiana.

BETA CHAPTER

New Active Student Members: Miss Norma Faye Beeman, Newton, Mississippi; Miss Ruth Blackwell, Columbus, Mississippi; Miss Georgia Alice Britton, Macon, Mississippi; Miss Eleanor Anna Drake, Jackson, Mississippi; Miss Corrinne Dyess, Winona, Mississippi; Miss Cecilia Ann Harris, Columbus, Mississippi.

Miss Martha Ann Harwell, Meridian, Mississippi; Miss Betty Lou Johnson, Hickman, Kentucky; Miss Betty Lane McIntosh, Jackson, Mississippi; Miss Jane Curry Manning, McComb, Mississippi; Mrs. Margaret Harris Nation, Columbus, Mississippi; Miss Joan Neal, Kosciusko, Mississippi;

Miss Mauleene Presley, Pickens, Mississippi; Miss Jane Charlene Rogers, Pontotoc, Mississippi; Miss Rebekah Anne Trantum, Ruleville, Mississippi; Miss Mary Jane Weaver, Columbus, Mississippi; Miss Olivia Ann Weaver, Madison, Wisconsin.

New Alumni Members: Miss Jean Etheridge, Librarian, Drew High School, Drew, Mississippi; Mrs. B. L. Parkinson, Box 1036 College Station, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

GAMMA CHAPTER

New Active Members are: Miss Helen Mosteller, Brazil, Indiana; Miss Betty Jeanne Wicker, Speedway, Indiana.

Alumni Members are: Miss Elizabeth Bevington, Terre Haute, Indiana; Mr. Carl Bingham, Clinton, Indiana; Mr. Lloyd Bingham, Wal-

lace, Indiana; Miss Martha Boling, Barrington, Illinois; Mrs. Marilyn Boyd, Clinton, Indiana; Miss Ruth Broadhurst, Chrisman, Illinois; Mrs. Dana Brown, Gary, Indiana; Miss Helen Bucher, Elkhart, Indiana;

Miss Hazel Bungard, Terre Haute, Indiana; Miss Helen Bungard, Terre Haute, Indiana; Mrs. Mildred Burk, Bridgetown, Indiana; Mrs. Louise Love Campbell, Terre Haute, Indiana; Miss Helen Carney, Terre Haute, Indiana; Mrs. Olevia Cascadden, Lapel, Indiana; Mrs. Betty Marie Cook, Kentland, Indiana; Miss Lorena Cullison, Worthington, Indiana; Mrs. Kathryn Drake, Farmersburg, Indiana; Miss Cecelia Dremain, Carlisle, Indiana; Mrs. Viola Walker Dyer, Clay City, Indiana;

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Active Professional Members are: Miss Erdeal Aultman, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Mr. Waverly Barbe, Tus-

caloosa, Alabama; Mrs. Pauline M. Foster, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Miss Elizabeth Hunter, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; Miss Ruth Randle, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

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and Agriculture High School, Fulton, Mississippi;

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Contributing Life-Members are: Mrs. Vernon Anderson, College Station, Murray, Kentucky; Mrs. Peggy Mowery, College Station, Murray, Kentucky.

Because of lack of space in this issue, publication of the complete membership rosters of Zeta, Eta, Theta, and Iota Chapters will appear in the fall issue of "The Alphabet."

Lending Our Minds Out

Mrs. A. B. Thomas

Greetings from one who like you, though not of your profession, is devoted to the life of service to men through books. I rejoice with you on the occasion of the formal establishing upon our University of Alabama campus of the Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha, national fraternity of librarians. Yours is an anciently honorable guild, though newly organized.

The first Alpha in your name is for "American." How American you will find it hard to realize, so long have we practiced the Jeffersonian idea that a democracy, faring ill or well according to the educated judgment of its electorate, is itself responsible for preparing its citizens honestly and safely to bear a great nation forward on its own decisions.

True, all nations have libraries and have measured civilization by their keeping and barbarians by their burning. But the free public library of little towns and little schools, where many of you will serve, is an American institution—American only, and a modern one. There was none in my home town in my childhood. I was privileged to browse in my father's shelves discovering life vicariously and perhaps beyond my years in Addison and Steele, Shakespeare, Dickens, Milton, Bunyan, Thackeray, and Scott, in that irra-

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tional order. Birthdays and holidays meant a visit to the bookseller where my astonishingly irregular taste rounded out experience with the Five Little Peppers, Elsie Dinsmore, the Little Colonel, and Horatio Alger! But there was no pleasant room in town presided over by one of your craft where books were loaned out and tastes directed for those less fortunate than I and my kind. When Carnegie thus made his name famous, when public spirited women's clubs opened such havens, when schools began to direct extra-curricular reading, we entered a new and especially American era of the public library.

America is what your first Alpha stands for! I have worked in great European archives; in Seville sifted from the pages sand that dried the ink of the sixteenth century scribes; in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris; in London's British Museum I have copied manuscripts; lifted volumes from shelves of medieval universities, and remembered that Benvenuto Cellini wept both for joy and sorrow when he found a bit of forgotten lore on a torn page in the Italian monastery of Monte Casino. The clerics of Europe guarded her books, even in the dark ages, but these books were not to enlighten her masses; they were the possession of a few, owned as personal or state property.

These books and their preservers, the Beta of your legend represents. Praise for books has ever been the scholars' theme. Sir Roger Ascham, tutor of Queen Elizabeth I, insisted that "Learning teacheth more in one year and more safely than twenty of experience." Bacon's recipe was that "Reading maketh the full man." Milton's traditional defense in the *Acreapagitic* was that "many a man lives a burden to the earth; but a good book is the precious life blood of a master spirit . . . We should be wary how we spill that seasoned life of man preserved and stored up in books. He who kills a man kills a reasonable creature . . . ; but he who destroys a good book, kills reason itself." Stringfellow Barr's flip-

pant comment that men differ from mice chiefly since men write books and are not therefore wholly dependent upon trial and error is bone true. You librarians make books available to us. Particularly are we laymen grateful, though rarely do we say so, for your organizing services: ordering, cataloging, shelving, repairing—making ready for convenient use, efficiently, untiringly that which we need in books.

So we come to the last Alpha—Brotherhood—not just the confraternity of fellow craftsmen, heartening as that is, but that oneness with the Universe that is called "life with" and "service for" people in your motto. It is the disinterested endeavor to learn and propagate the best that has been thought and known in the world. That Arnold terms culture; and that culture must be shared: "Perfecton, as culture conceives it, is not possible while the individual remains isolated. The individual is required under pain of being stunted and enfeebled in his own development if he disobeys. . . . He must carry others along with him in his march toward perfection, be continually doing all he can to enlarge and increase the volume of the human stream sweeping upward."

To do justice to life is the aim of the artist, according to Conrad—a not mean ambition, shared alike by those who make, keep, and teach the books. Thomas Mann reminds us of the Quest legend, the search for Truth, thus: "Perhaps you will find what the Grail is: the knowledge and the wisdom, the consecration, the highest reward It is the idea of the human being, the conception of a humanity that has passed through and survived the profoundest knowledge of disease and death. The Grail is a mystery, but humanity is a mystery too. For man himself is a mystery, and all humanity rests upon reverence before the mystery that is man."

The shapes of things, their colors, lights and shades, change, surprises—and God made it all!
For what? Do you feel thankful, ay or no . . .
. . . we're made so that we love
First when we see them painted,
things we have passed perhaps a

hundred times, nor cared to see . . .
Art was given for that;
God uses us to help each other so,
Lending our minds out.
(Browning, "Fra Lippa Lippi")

Indeed, librarians lend themselves, their minds and their books. Bookmobiles with some of you at the wheel bring today to the country doorway ideas, as gypsy vendors used to bring pots, pans, scissors to grind. You teach the care and use of the life that lies between the boards. On your bulletins a theme for tomorrow blossoms with the blurbs of best-sellers. Your displays mark the commemorative weeks. Your story hours keep children off the streets. The smallest library in the custodianship of one of you can build in the community center the commonwealth of peoples. Yours is the job of matching minds to ideas.

Your emblem tells the story of Alpha Beta Alpha—royal purple for kingly service, lending oneself out, with the white that means singleness or unselfish purpose; the light that shines in corners; the rose of heraldry; the jeweled book and quill.

The forebears of librarians in the western world were monastics withdrawn. Today I think you would join Wordsworth in his avowal that it is in the world, "this very world of all of us, we find our happiness." Lending your minds out!

"What an enduring heart the destinies prepared for the children of men," cried Homer even as Troy Town burned. In your hands lie the records.

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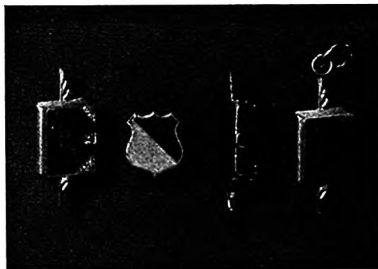
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Honorary	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11
Active:										
Professional	10	5	9	5	6	3	1	2	9	50
Student	15	36	16	20	14	11	15	37	30	194
Alumni:	49	46	47	114	14	13	0	15*	65*	363
Contributing:	1	0	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	11
Institutional:	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	76	87	72	147	36	27	16	54	104	630
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