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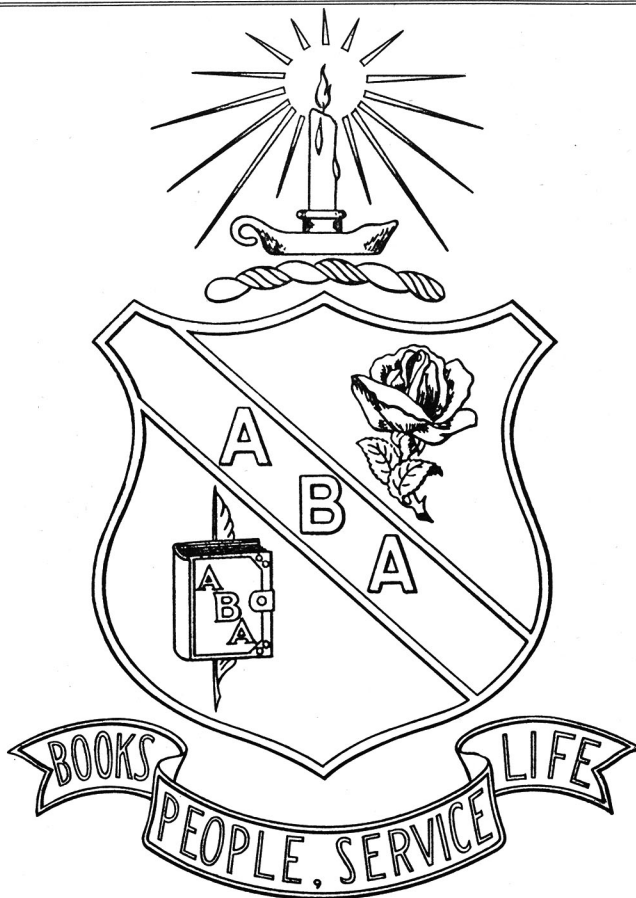
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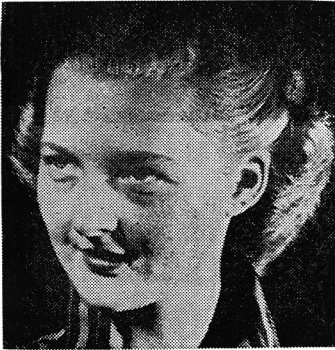
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DEDICATION

To Delta, a Chapter that did its best, this issue of the Alphabet is affectionately dedicated.

OUR PRESIDENT



Alpha Beta Alpha can be proud of its brief history. Its thirteen Chapters testify to a deep and urgent need for the recognition of a profession. But what of a "forward look"? What is to be our future, our destiny? What can we do to shape it? What responsibilities do we have for the year ahead? What have we learned from our failures and our successes in the past which will contribute to this "forward look"?

Ours is a profession where leadership is essential. Only through leadership will librarianship stand in equal rank with other professions. We must become a dynamic and vital part of everyday life if we are to fulfill the obligations and vows of our organization and the responsibilities of our profession. We must make use of every particle of intellect, personality, talent, even charm, which we have at our command to develop ourselves into community leaders. We must attract to our profession better people than ourselves.

All across the country, groups of interested, alert young people are being organized into library organizations. These groups represent a tremendous potential for service in and out of libraries if they are given direction. It is a delight to hear of such organizations, and to know that they are established with the purpose of recruiting young people into our ranks. April 14 saw on the campus of San Jose State College, six hundred students assistants from the elementary and secondary schools of northern California, for their second annual meeting. Their enthusiasm and interest in librarianship are recognized as a source for the future leadership

of our profession. Our own organization can furnish tremendous stimulus and encouragement to all such groups.

We are proud of the fact that many new chapters are being added to our Fraternity, for as we grow in numbers our leadership will grow in like proportion.

Along with leadership, we should consider the question of whether our philosophy has kept pace with this fast-moving age—this atomic age in which we find ourselves. Changes in all our ways of thinking, in our attitudes toward life have taken place in the last decade—changes which have been reflected in the numbers and kinds of books. Censorship of materials and attempts to question our freedom to read what has been written are not unknown. Should we not be vitally concerned about such practices and should we not actively participate against them? "Democracy is a dangerous way of life, but it is ours." What are we doing to preserve it?

Our motto—**BOOKS, PEOPLE, SERVICE, LIFE**—can be the foundation on which to build our program. Let us search our hearts and minds to find the answer to these problems.

Marilynn Markert
National President

From the Executive Secretary's Office

It is with deep regret that we record the fact that the 1956 National Convention was cancelled; but factors beyond the control of your Executive Council and Delta Chapter made the cancellation unavoidable.

Gamma Chapter has officially invited the Fraternity to hold a National Convention on the Indiana State Teachers College campus next spring; and the various Chapters are now being polled—as we go to press less than half of the votes are in, but all ballots received so far are affirmative.

On February 25, Mu Chapter was installed at Illinois State Normal University. By the time this issue is printed, Nu Chapter will have been installed (scheduled for April 14) at Marshall College (W. Va.); and Xi Chapter, at Iowa State Teachers College, will probably be installed early in May. Southern Illinois University, Kent State University (Ohio), and Our Lady of the Lake (Texas) have all expressed a real interest in petitioning for Chapters. The Frat is

NATIONAL OFFICERS

1955-56

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EDITORIAL

Have you ever really noticed the only advertisement there is in any issue of *The Alphabet*? It is found on the back page of each issue and is headed "Official ABA Fraternity Insignia." Well, what about it?

Like all other organizations, we have our own official pin, but unlike the members of many of these other organizations, very few of us own the pins and keys. Official figures released from the National Office show that in the six years that we have been a national fraternity, only 160 pins have been sold, less than thirty a year! Don't we have enough pride in our Fraternity that we will wear its pin gladly?

Here is our chance to fulfill one of the purposes of our organization, that of publicizing the profession of library science. What better way could we do it than by wearing an Alpha Beta Alpha pin?

So, now, turn quickly to the advertisement, select the pin or key that you want, and order it through your sponsor today. Let's all have our pins by the time our next National Convention rolls around.

growing; the membership will probably number more than 1,000 by the end of May!

Be sure to read the fine write-up of ABA in the 1956 *American Library Annual* (the material was prepared last June). The editor of the *Annual*, Mr. Wyllis Wright, is one of our twelve Honorary Members.

We need a "Fraternity Song"; and one of the Chapters has pointed to the need of a national ritual for opening and closing Chapter meetings—anybody have any suggestions? One of the Chapters is now hard at work preparing a ritual for use in installing its Chapter officers; when completed, this ritual can be considered for national adoption.

NEW MEMBERS

Alpha Chapter

Student Members: J. D. Courtney, Ida, La.; Bettye Etheredge, Pleasant Hill, La.; Kay R. McFarland, Shreveport, La.; Polly Rains, Robeline, La.; and Ruth Wooldrige, Extension, La.

Professional Members: Robert Cain, Natchitoches, La.; Donald McKenzie, Natchitoches, La.; and Mrs. Elva Torgrimson, Natchitoches, La.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Mary Sue Bailey, Many High School, Many La.; and Mrs. Frances Rue Henry, Hq. Central Command, Special Services Section, APO 500, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

Beta Chapter

Student Members: Dorothy Alene Anderson, Crandall, Miss.; Mrs. Roberta Jean Alexander Butler, Pontotoc, Miss.; Mavis Olivia Chamblee, Columbus, Miss.; Margery Lois Crampton, Meridian, Miss.; Beverly Ann Edwards, Water Valley, Miss.; Judith Ann Enrican Bropkhaven, Miss.; Irma Clarice Goodson, Calhoun City, Miss.; Betty Laurette Henson, Leiland, Miss.; Frances Pauline Livaudais, Pascagoula, Miss.; Lillian Patricia Mann, Aberdeen, Miss.; Dorothy Rose Primm, Indianola, Miss.; Rebecca Jean Rhoen, Columbia, Miss.; Betty Sue Schwerdt, Fulton, Ky.; Mrs. Esther Gibbons Vaughn, Amory, Miss.; Sarah Ann West, Columbus, Miss.; and Lois Jane White, Starkville, Miss.

Gamma Chapter

Student Members: Barbara Borst, Terre Haute, Ind.; Lloyd Bury, Milford, Ill.; Mrs. Adela Deming, Terre Haute, Ind.; Marian Herrmann, Crawfordsville, Ind.; Mae Inaba, Kealakekua, Hawaii; Mrs. Ethel Kobayashi, Terre Haute, Ind.; Shirley Resener, Indianapolis, Ind.; and Betty Westfall, Wingate, Ind.

Professional Member: Mrs. Thelma C. Bird.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Marie Orton Allen, R.R. 5, Robinwood Dr., Terre Haute, Ind.; Catherine Dice, P.O. Box 2, Covington, Ind.; Elizabeth Reilly, 1316 S. 18th St., Terre Haute Ind.; Mrs. Genevieve Reinsner, Rosedale, Ind.; Edna Whitecotton, Terre Haute, Ind.

Contributing Member: Martha Rey-

nolds, 526 N. 6½ St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

Delta Chapter

Student Members: Jane Campbell, Grant, Ala.; Peggy Davis, Braggs, Ala.; Ethel Garth, Gainesville, Ala.; Mary Greer, Sylacauga, Ala.; Sandra Jeffcoat, Opp, Ala.; Patricia Lancaster, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Ernestine McLoed, Andalusia, Ala.; Betty Miller, Birmingham, Ala.; Anna Rhea, Attalla, Ala.; Marilyn Shaw, Pine Hill, Ala.; Linda Frances Sparks, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Roberta Sugarman, Miami Beach, Fla.; Lanelle Vickery, Mobile, Ala.; and Germaine Whitten, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Epsilon Chapter

Student Members: Myrna Beard, Crofton, Ky.; John Boggess, Murray, Ky.; Linda Dillard, Springfield, Tenn.; Amelia Guley, Milburn, Ky.; Bill Kassing, St. Louis, Mo.; Anne Linton, Fulton, Ky.; Walter McCauley, East St. Louis, Ill.; Nancy Melvin, Mayfield, Ky.; Lacy E. Mitchell, Arlington, Ky.; Julia Reeves, Benton, Ky.; Dot Slettvet, New Castle, Ind.; and Patsy Teague, Kuttawa, Ky.

Zeta Chapter

Student Members: Elizabeth Bailey, Princeton, W. Va.; Janet Bailey, Princeton, W. Va.; Shirley Evans, Ameerle, W. Va.; Rodellen Fields, Cloverlick, W. Va.; Nancy Lou Hunt, Richwood, W. Va.; Catherine Janez, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.; Lois McClung, Lookout, W. Va.; Mary June Mandeville, Bozoo, W. Va.; Martha Surface, Waiteville, W. Va.; Norene Wallace, Greenville, W. Va.; and Naoma Workman, Jesse, W. Va.

Eta Chapter

Student members: Elizabeth Ann Benbrook, Mt. Pleasant, Tex.; Jacqueline Clyde Clark, College Station, Tex.; Carolyn Eaves, Marlin, Tex.; Mary Eversole, Dallas, Tex.; Viola Fullerton, Kansas City, Mo.; Janice Gohmert, Fort Worth, Tex.; Helen Gould, Jacksonville, Tex.; Anne Hooser, Frost, Tex.; Velma Marshall, Odessa, Tex.; Janice Rich, Shreveport, La.; Donna Rae Staley, Santa Maria, Calif.; Barbara Anne Stobaugh, Gainesville Tex.; Patricia Thomas, La Marque, Tex.; Pearl Mae Wade, Temple, Tex.; Jacqueline Anne Wainwright, Sherman, Tex.; Patricia Ruth Waterfield, Houston, Tex.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Carrie Mae Baxter, 1602 Haddock St., McKinney, Tex.; Rose Ann Brasher, Jericho Springs, Mo.; Mrs. Agnes Dozier, 4014 Ingraham St., San Diego 9, Calif.; Dora Floyd, 1217 Chestnut St., Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Faye Linnstaedt, Fort Worth, Tex.; Mrs. Lois Anne Pool, 1124 Austin Dr., Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Ivy Pearl Reber, 1001 Oakland St., Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Marian Trinker, Denton Tex.; Mrs. Hayden Whitley, 814 Gordon St., Bryan, Tex.; Ellie Whitmore, 418 Texas St., Denton, Tex.; and Verna Young, 1609 24th St., Richmond, Calif.

Contributing Members: Trean Maddox, 8645 E. 5th Place, Tulsa, Okla.; Charles L. Trinker, Denton, Tex.; and Emma Louise Wills, 1617 Meander St., Abilene, Tex.

Theta Chapter

Student Members: Mary Gail Gerwitz, Holbrook, Ariz.; Geraldine Gilliland, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Clair Hanson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Jo Ann Harvey, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Doloras Haug, Phoenix, Ariz.; Rita G. Kelley, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Delitha Kimball, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Mabel A. McDonald, Mesa, Ariz.; Mrs. Alma Hayes Munsell, Tempe, Ariz.; Mrs. Verlene S. Stevens, Phoenix, Ariz.

Alumni Members: Jean Bryant, Libn., Sunnyslope High School, Sunnyslope, Ariz.; Mrs. Ruby Hood Jordan, 2525 N. 13 St., Phoenix, Ariz.; Helen Moffat, 523 W. 2nd St., Mesa, Ariz.; Helen Rickard, Tempe, Ariz.; and Frank Schneider, Libn., South Mountain High School, Phoenix, Ariz.

Iota Chapter

Student Members: Beverly Allen, San Jose, Cal.; Clara Fuller, Palo Alto, Cal.; India A. Newton, Sunnyvale, Cal.; Carol Olien, Santa Paula, Cal.; Mavis O'Reilly, Martinez, Cal.; Joanne Rice, Dinuba, Cal.; Mee-lie Robinson, Bakersfield, Cal.; and Gladys Rydberg, Los Gatos, Cal.

Alumni Members: June Chikasuye, Libn., Edendale Junior High School, San Lorenzo, Cal.; Mary Crawford, Libn., Pine Grove School, Orinda, Cal.; Mrs. Maria M. Doi, Cataloger, Hoover Library, Stanford University, Stanford, Cal.; Mrs. Frances Erickson, Library Coordinator, Elementary Schools, Sharp Park, Cal.;

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER Northwestern State College Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha Chapter combined its annual Christmas party and fall pledging ceremony the week preceding the Christmas holidays. Following the formal pledging there was an informal party complete with Christmas carols sung by the entire group. Appropriate Christmas music was played during the evening by Erma Lee Freeland. The members were disappointed that illness in the family prevented Mrs. Mary Alice Driscoll Briggs from attending the meeting. Mary Alice, an alumni member, had just recently returned from Japan where she was serving as an overseas librarian, and where she met and married her husband, Captain Briggs.

New members pledged in the fall are Kathleen Bagley, J. D. Courtney, Gayle Cryer, Bettye Etheredge, Kay McFarland, Polly Rains, Sue Frances White, Ruth Wooldridge; professional members are Mr. Robert Cain, Mr. Donald MacKenzie, and Mrs. Elva Torgrimson.

The chapter attended *Teahouse of the August Moon* starring Larry Parks and the Louisiana Library Association Convention in Alexandria.

In preparation for "Teahouse," Kathleen Bagley and Gayle Cryer gave a most delightful account of the story of the play and a few reviews from national critics on the Broadway production.

As has been our custom each year, our pledges provide the programs for several chapter meetings preceding the Louisiana Library Association Convention by reviewing the books about Louisiana that were published during the previous year. This created interest in the annual award presented by LLA to the author whose book is considered the year's outstanding contribution to Louisiana literature. It was presented at the Book Dinner, March 22, in Alexandria. The club's official delegates, Kay McFarland and Mary Hyde, were guests at the dinner.

Many of our members have been in the campus news recently. Charles Thipgen and Sue Hughes were graduated in January. Charles is now in the graduate school and Sue is librar-

ian at Northwestern Elementary Training School Library.

Betty Jo Thornhill was formally initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, National Scholastic Fraternity, and into Kappa Delta Pi, National Educational Fraternity.

Bettye Beasley was chosen this year as Captain of the Demonettes, Northwestern's marching squad of girls. She was recently initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, along with Sue Hughes. Erma Lee Freeland, corresponding secretary of ABA, was elected this year to the office of secretary in three other organizations: Kappa Delta Pi, Sigma Sigma Sigma, and the Council of East Varnado.

Connie Kennedy and Dan Waters, an NSC '54 graduate, were married during the Christmas holidays. Connie is continuing her studies here and Dan is teaching at Calvin.

We appreciated greetings from Frances Henry '55 who is in Tokyo and thoroughly enjoying her library work; from Vernon Jordan '49 who is at Brooklyn Public Library; from Sallie Harper Helm '52 who is head of the Oak Lawn Branch of the Dallas Public Library; from Mary Sue Bailey '54 who is at the Many High School, Many, Louisiana; from Bill Williams '54 who is seeing England while with the Army; from Dorothy Moses McFatter who is still combining a career and the responsibility of keeping a home for her husband and two children. Dorothy is librarian at the LaGrange High School in Lake Charles. We enjoyed hearing from Robert Joynes who is at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas; Barbara Johnson, at Atkins Elementary School in Shreveport; and Tommie Blackbourne, at the North Caddo High School in Vivian, Louisiana.

BETA CHAPTER Mississippi State College for Women Columbus, Mississippi

On February 8, the members of the Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha enjoyed a review of *Pygmalion*, which was of great interest because it was presented by the Dublin Players as a lyceum program. Miss Virginia Robertson, an assistant librarian at our college library and a self-made artist, gave an interesting talk on her paintings at our March meeting.

Members of the Beta Chapter made a field trip on February 25 by chartered bus. The first stop was at Tuscaloosa for a tour of the University of Alabama's library. The next stop was at the Homewood Public Library in a suburb of Birmingham. After lunch a conducted tour was made of the Birmingham Public Library. A special lecture was given the Betas at the Birmingham Museum of Fine Arts, and special music was presented at the near-by All Saint's Church, famous for its stained glass windows. Another feature of the tour was a banquet at Vestavia, a replica of the Temple of Vesta, atop Shades' Mountain. Upon leaving Birmingham, we stopped at the tower of Vulcan where the entire group climbed to the top for a view of the city's night lights and the furnace runs which are said to resemble the Aurora Borealis.

On February 8, Miss Annabelle Koonce, School Library Supervisor of the Mississippi State Department of Education, was the visiting lecturer to our library science department. Miss Koonce is a Beta alumna and has been most helpful in our recruiting program. Mrs. Lura Currier, director of the Mississippi Library Commission, was the visiting lecturer on February 27. She brought the State Library Commission's new Gerstenlager Bookmobile to our campus for our benefit and enjoyment.

GAMMA CHAPTER Indiana State Teachers College Terre Haute, Indiana

Since the Fall Issue of *The Alphabet*, Gamma Chapter has been kept busy on several projects.

The Christmas meeting was held in the home of one of our loyal alums, Mrs. Lucille Viehe Failing. As is our custom, we made tree ornaments which contained the money we would have spent on a gift exchange. This money was then used to buy books for Torner House, a girls club in Terre Haute. The new pledges were in charge of the program which included games and entertainment.

Our January meeting was held in the library where Miss Mary R. MacBeth, a member of the faculty, spoke on "Broadway This Year" in which she reviewed the plays she had seen there last summer.

The annual Anniversary Banquet was February 17. The chairmen of the committees were: Frances East-

ridge, invitations; Susan Bush, program; Mae Inaba and Mrs. Ethel Kobayashi, decorations. These decorations were orchids which the committee had had flown in from Hawaii. At this time we initiated nine active members, seven alumnae, one professional member, and one contributing member. Mr. Stillman K. Taylor, director of the Fairbanks Public Library in Terre Haute, was the speaker.

February 25 was an important day for Gamma Chapter because they were given the honor of installing the new Mu Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha on that day. There were four student members who attended the installation from this chapter.

The March meeting featured a panel of experienced librarians who told of their experiences, both amusing and otherwise. The chairman was Mrs. Louise Campbell and the other panel members were Mr. Carson Bennett, Miss Elizabeth Weller, and Mrs. Anna Ryland.

April 4 found the Chapter meeting at the home of its sponsor, Miss Nelle McCalla. Refreshments were served to twenty members. Mrs. Mary Ann Harris of the Public Library Staff in Terre Haute presented a program on Displays and Bulletin Boards.

Meeting in the Rose Polytechnic Institute Library on May 2, the chapter had its Founders' Day program. Following a history of the Gamma Chapter's activities, a tape-recorded message from Mr. Eugene Watson, Executive Secretary of Alpha Beta Alpha, was played.

Plans are being made for the final meeting of the year, the annual picnic in June, as well as for a field trip to Chicago to visit McClurg's, Popular Mechanics Printing Press, and Encyclopedia Britannica.

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNAE:

Miss Lucille Viehe was married to Mr. Kreig Failing in November, 1955. Miss Jessie Wolford is spending several months in Tuscon, Arizona, while Mrs. Olivia Cascadden, who won an award for an ABA publicity device, is in New York for a while.

Mrs. Hazel Hayes, from Holland, Michigan, writes to tell us that she has been working on several state committees since going there. Right now she is in the midst of a fund drive for a new library building.

Miss Beth Koho, a former president of Gamma Chapter, is serving quite capably on the Indiana School Librarians Association Executive Council where she is chairman of a research committee making a suggested reading list for school-aged children. She will receive her Master's degree in Library Science in August of this year from Peabody College.

Miss Sally Youman will receive her Master's in Library Science this spring from Indiana University.

Jane Horner, former National President of Alpha Beta Alpha, was visiting on the campus recently. She is now teaching business in Adams High School, South Bend, Indiana. Virginia Foster was also on campus, making plans to go to California to teach next year.

DELTA CHAPTER University of Alabama University, Alabama

Since the last publication of *The Alphabet*, we have had two very interesting speakers. Mrs. J. H. Hadley, librarian of Northport Elementary School, talked to us and showed us some interesting slides of Book Week. Dr. William Anderson, another speaker, talked on "The Librarian and the Gifted Child." This was most enjoyable.

Fourteen students were initiated into Alpha Beta Alpha on February 20.

EPSILON CHAPTER Murray State College Murray, Kentucky

Epsilon started a new semester with the largest number of active members on campus it has had since its establishment in 1953.

On January 6, it was host to the Western Kentucky High School Student Assistant Club, which held its meeting in the Library Science Department. After book talks and a book mending demonstration by a representative of Gaylord, refreshments were served by ABA. Seven schools of Western Kentucky were represented with sixty-three present.

ABA members are assisting in the planning and organization of a new County Library in Murray. The library will contain books from the County Bookmobile, the Regional Library Service, and donations.

We have also been asked to help in

the planning of a new high school library in Carlisle County, Kentucky.

On February 23, Open House was held for prospective pledges for spring semester. Our president, Frances Fox, explained the aims and purposes of ABA and a short business meeting was held to show something of our organization. The lounge was decorated in the fraternity colors of purple and white; refreshments were served to active members and nine guests.

Plans are being made for the annual Library Science Tea to be held in May, honoring graduating seniors and their families.

ZETA CHAPTER Concord College Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter initiated six new members on February 14th.

We of Zeta are very proud of the fact that two of our girls have been named in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities" for 1956. They are Kathryn Ann Bryson, a junior, and June Mandeville Miller, a senior.

One of our senior members, Ruth Louise Martin, gave her senior art exhibit in February. The show included her work for the past four years in oil painting, pastels, ceramics, textiles and weaving, and paper craft.

Jane Bird, whose school work would not allow her to continue as president, has been succeeded by the vice-president, Billie Rae Hill. Shirley Evans has been elected as the new vice-president.

Jane Mandeville, our parliamentarian, was married in February to Steve Miller of Ohio. She will graduate in June.

In April Zeta Chapter honored the library staff with a dinner in the library staff room.

ETA CHAPTER Texas State College for Women Denton, Texas

The Eta Chapter had their annual Christmas party at the home of their sponsor, Mrs. Frances deCordova, on December 9. Refreshments were served to the twenty-nine members present. Each one brought a gift to put under the Christmas tree. These were later presented to the children

of the Presbyterian Orphans' Home of Denton.

Another project which the club has been working on during the last few months has been the recruiting of high school students interested in Library Science as a major. During Christmas the members were given some pamphlets and bulletins to be taken to their counselor or librarian in their hometown. The following months we sent a letter to each president of the Teen-Age Library Association in Texas telling them about librarianship and encouraging them to write us for additional information.

T.S.C.W's new Library Science building was completed in March. Members of Alpha Beta Alpha are to be hostesses for the official opening in May. The most important project of the chapter for this year is to present a gift to the library school for the new building. To raise money for this project the club sponsored a booth at the Festival of Nations in April, an annual celebration directed by the Language Department. Any of the clubs on campus may have a booth representing some nation of the world. Eta Chapter chose to represent the USA this year.

Many graduates were on campus for the annual presentation of "Stunts," February 25. Among the librarians returning were Anna Hinsman Cagburn, Bookmobile, Fort Worth, Texas; Dolores Hodde, Odessa Elementary School, Odessa, Texas; Rebecca Adams Hogan, University of Texas Library; Joyce Phillips, High School Library, Corpus Christi, Texas. All seemed happy in their chosen profession.

A banquet on March 13 honored the new members of the club. At this time we initiated sixteen pledges. Mr. Arless Barnett Nixon, head of the Fort Worth Public Library, was the guest speaker.

THETA CHAPTER

Arizona State College
Tempe, Arizona

Theta Chapter started the fall semester with much enthusiasm and many plans. We initiated nine new members.

Our president, Yonova Mency Churchill, graduated in January; our vice-president, Lillian Moore, left campus to take employment out of

state. We have elected Alma Munsell, president, and Delitha Kimball vice-president, to fill these vacancies. Our new president is to receive the Grolier Award for outstanding scholastic achievement in Library Science at the annual Honor Day program here on campus.

We are justly proud of our expanding Library Science program and feel that more should be known about it. With this in mind, plans are being made to print a brochure publicizing the opportunities and facilities offered by our department. In this way we hope to bring information about our program to the more remote sections of Arizona and to other states as well.

Along this same line, but with more specific ideas of recruiting prospective students in mind, we had a Library Career Day on campus, inviting the Library Clubs in this area to spend a day with us. This enabled us to show them our facilities, program, and library first hand.

This year we are planning to hold our annual May banquet for graduating seniors in our newly completed million-dollar Memorial Union Building.

KAPPA CHAPTER

State Teachers College
Millersville, Pennsylvania

Our December meeting was in the form of a Christmas program with our pledges as hosts. The pledges showed that they had many and varied talents. The program was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The club decided to undertake a money-making project, the selling of stuffed animals in the school colors, and letter holders and memo pad holders. So far the project has been very successful.

At our February meeting, Miss Margaret Swift, one of our college art instructors, presented an interesting talk on library displays. She suggested that classic art reprints, interesting textiles, maps, collages, picture frames, and objects such as sea shells be used with books. The Coit pen was recommended as a speedy means of lettering.

Kappa Chapter is pleased to say that we have initiated twelve new actives.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Iota Chapter's latest project was a shower for Mrs. Ernestine Sinnott who was caught in the January floods that swept northern California. The flood waters rushed in the Sinnott house so quickly that a bookcase containing irreplaceable books and her work on her Master's thesis in Library Science were ruined. Salvaging only a few pieces of furniture, the Sinnotts were almost completely without any of the things to start again. But then came the Alpha Beta Alpha surprise "Flood Shower" and things began to look better.

Plans for the future include a rummage sale, an annual project for Iota Chapter.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Since the Fall Issue of *The Alphabet*, we have initiated one member and pledged Dolores Dietz. On December 7, 1955, an election of officers was held to fill vacancies which were being made by graduating seniors. The Roster of Officers is as follows now: Gayle Bondy, president; Myrtle Smith, vice-president; Barbara Dean Smith, treasurer; Rita LeBlanc, corresponding secretary; Jeanele White, recording secretary; Marjorie Landry, reporter; Helen Holicer, parliamentarian.

At our meeting on February 20 our sponsor, Miss N. McClellan, talked to the club about the approaching state and national conventions and made plans for those who would attend.

The program committee also announced the dates of our meetings for the remainder of the year with an outline of coming events, including a visit from the Baton Rouge Library Club and other interesting ideas.

MU CHAPTER

Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

The Mu Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha was installed on the campus of Illinois State Normal University on February 25, 1956. Miss Susan Bush, National Vice-President, and Miss

Shirley Resener, both of Gamma Chapter, Terre Haute, Indiana, performed the installation ceremony. A total of 49 charter members—seventeen student members, thirteen professional, and nineteen alumnae—were initiated in the ceremony.

After the initiation a dinner party was held in the Cactus Room of the Hotel Rogers.

The officers of the Mu Chapter are: Shirley Scribner, president; LaRae Muselman, vice-president; Olivia Chung, secretary-treasurer; and Robert Abbott, historian. Miss Eunice Speer is the sponsor.

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Doris Gourley, Libn., McKinley School, Redwood City, Cal.; Mrs. Pearl Bragdon Harwood, Libn., Los Lomitos Junior High School, Palo Alto, Cal.; Gertrude J. Jansens, Asst. Libn., Renton Public Library, Renton, Wash.; Jeraldine Medo, Libn., Junior High School, Sacramento, Cal.; Irene Nakaji, Children's Libn., Napa Public Library, Napa, Cal.; Mary Dell Rickard, 96 South Sixth St., San Jose, Cal.; Lillian Virgin, Libn., Los Altos Elementary School, Los Altos, Cal.; Mrs. Margaret White, Libn., Lynwood College, Lynwood, Cal.; and Mrs. Harriet Macmillan Wiscavage, Libn., School Dept., Santa Clara County Library, San Jose, Cal.

Contributing Member (Honorary by Iota Chapter): Doris Gates, author and lecturer, Carmel, Cal.

Kappa Chapter

Student Members: Cynthia Clayton, Narbeth, Penn.; Nancy Cunningham, Quarryville, Penn.; Judy Driesen, Belle Vernon, Penn.; Justine Fatula, Emmaus, Penn.; Nancy Henry, Wyomissing, Penn.; Beulah Herr, Peach Bottom, Penn.; Janet Statler, Chambersburg, Penn.; Jean Stradtman, Wyomissing, Penn.; Helen Wardrop, Jacobs, Penn.; Marie Wetzel, Orrtanna, Penn.; Arlene White, Lititz, Penn.; and Margaret Zook, Bareville, Penn.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Dorothy H. Bolbach, Libn., Lancaster Township Junior High School, Lancaster, Penn.; Miss Carol Mountain, Libn., Everett Southern Joint High School,

Everett, Penn.; Elizabeth Moyer, Tchr. - Libn., Cumberland Valley Joint High School, Mechanicsburg, Penn.; Mrs. Louise Sayles, 748 S. Parkside Ave., Elmhurst, Ill.; Harriet Sexton, Libn., Bedord High School, Bedford, Penn.; and Evenne Wails, Pequea Valley Joint High School, Paradise, Penn.

Lambda Chapter

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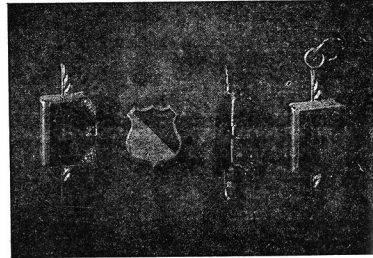
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