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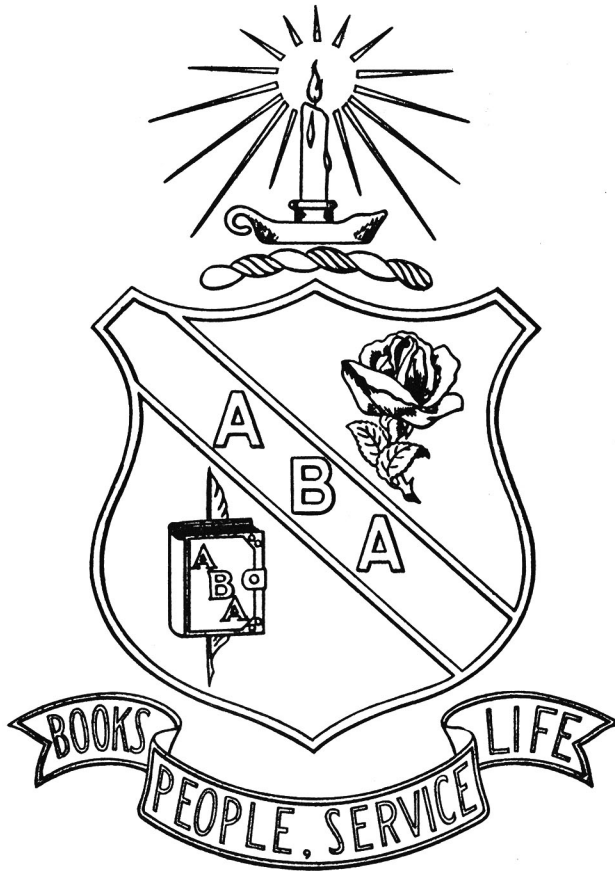
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DEDICATION

To our National Officers, past, present, and future—to whom we owe so much—
this issue of "The Alphabet" is gratefully dedicated.

EDITORIAL

How wonderful it was to have so many of you here for the National Convention! We certainly enjoyed our meeting you and exchanging ideas with you.

I am sure that you, like the rest of us, have a new-found interest in our Fraternity because of this Convention. I would also like to flatter myself into thinking that you will be reading *The Alphabet* more avidly now that you know some of the others from our many Chapters. Do you realize that the Chapter news reports are excellent for suggestions of projects and program?

But along with all this, we discovered another fact during the Convention—we found out just how much Alpha Beta Alpha has grown. With this discovery and with a forward look, we realized the importance of promptly answering all official correspondence, whether it is from the Executive Secretary, from the Editor, or from the President, for it is harder and harder to receive the necessary majority for voting and advising.

Therefore, let's turn over a new leaf and begin anew by sending to the National Office as quickly as possible the results of the elections for national officers and for local officers. And let's get in those reports which summarize the year's activities for each of our Chapters.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S COLUMN

The 1957 Convention is now history—and very wonderful history, too; much was accomplished, and many long-range plans were made.

Petitions have been received for the installation of two more Chapters—at State Teachers College, Kutztown, Penn.; and at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. The Kutztown petition has been approved, and Western Michigan is now being voted on by the Chapters.

We note with pleasure that Theta gives a Library Science Award at the annual Honors Day Assembly at ASC; we wonder how many of the other Chapters give similar awards?

Be sure to look at the write-up of ABA on page 173 of the 1957 edition of the *American Library Annual*; Mr. Wright, the editor, is one of our fourteen honorary members.

NEW MEMBERS

ALPHA Chapter

Alumni Member: May Hammett, 130 Second Street, Natchitoches, La.
Gold Seal Alumni Member: Jean R o y s t o n, Sulphur Junior High School, Sulphur, La.

Five-year Alumni Member: Frank Petty, P.O. Box 64, Mansfield, La.

GAMMA Chapter

Student Members: Mrs. Joann C. Lewin, Terre Haute, Ind.; Sue Smith, Ambia, Ind.; Jane Stubbsman, Franklin, Ind.; and Mrs. Charlotte E. Walker, Terre Haute, Ind.

Professional Member: Rebecca Jones, Terre Haute, Ind.

DELTA Chapter

Student Member: Kathleen Machree Agee, Fort Payne, Ala.; Joyce Bailey, Leeds, Ala.; Marguerite Golden Birmingham, Ala.; Brownie Hughes, Northport, Ala.; Mary Lou King, Dothan, Ala.; Sherrill Pruitt, Demopolis, Ala.; and Jamie Sue White, Townley, Ala.

EPSILON Chapter

Student Members: Louis Wayne Brown, Providence, Ky.; Louise Nelms, Danville, Ill.; Sue Nicholls, Owensboro, Ky.; and Johanna Sykes, Murray, Ky.

Five-year Alumni Member: Walter T. McCauley, 450 Jerome Lane, E. St. Louis, Ill.

ZETA Chapter

Alumni Member: Kathryn Ann Bryson, War, West Va.

ETA Chapter

Student Members: Charlotte Marilyn Cannon, Fort Worth, Tex.; Diane Katherine Davies, Dallas, Tex.; Carolyn Jane Jackson, Pecan Gap, Tex.; Mrs. Katherine M. Jameson, Gatesville, Tex.; Arlene Doong Chow Leong, Honolulu, Hawaii; Aleta McFaddin, Big Sandy, Tex.; Mrs. Cameron Helen McMillen, Denton, Tex.; Virginia Pope, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Alma L. Tevis, Fort Worth, Tex.; Betty Tomlin, Center, Tex.; Minnie Darlene Wilson, Quitman, Tex.; Jeanette Yackey, Pierce, Tex.

Professional Members: Loretta B. Kreuz, Denton, Tex.; and Anne V. Marinelli, Denton, Tex.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Annequinn L. Allison, 933 North Locust, Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Merle D. Bonney, Box 5323, North Texas State College Station, Denton, Tex.; Regina Favale, P.O. Box 356, Texas State Col-

NATIONAL OFFICERS

(Executive Council)

President—Kathryn Ann Bryson (Zeta)

Vice-President—John Boggess (Epsilon)

Treasurer—Mary Hyde (Alpha)

Executive Secretary—Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha)

Councilmen: District No. 1, Not yet elected (Lambda); No. 2, Sherrill Pruitt (Delta); No. 3, Robert Abbott (Mu); No. 4, Gunta Puzulis (Kappa); No. 5, Mrs. Marjorie Limbocker, (Iota).

lege Station, Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Frances W. Hardy, 1002 Austin Avenue, Denton, Tex.; Mrs. Lois B. Knox, 1607 West Hickory, Denton, Tex.; and Mrs. Eleanor S. Linthacum, 1025 North Grand Avenue, Gainesville, Tex.

THETA Chapter

Alumni Members: Mrs. Nell Cooke Chandler, Phoenix Public Library, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Mary C. Cressler, 3633 West Berkeley, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. Irene S. Morton, Phoenix Public Library, Phoenix, Ariz.; and Mary Virginia Thompson, Phoenix Public Library, Phoenix, Ariz.

KAPPA Chapter

Student Members: Patricia Bach-Guernsey, Pa., Mrs. Frances Lillian Eyer, South Mountain, Pa.; Ruth Marie Gilbert, Benton, Pa.; Phyllis Mary Hahn, Minersville, Pa.; Patricia Ann Hoffman, Slatington, Pa.; Patsy Mae Hoover, Hanover, Pa.; Grace Kushmore, Philadelphia, Pa.; Elizabeth Leighton, Christiana, Pa.; Mary Ann Nixon, Clairton, Pa.; Frances Quinn, Minersville, Pa.; Doris Reitenbaugh, Pottstown, Pa.; Roberta Scott Clarks, Green, Pa.; Sydney M. Stage-meyer, York, Pa.; and Joyce Elaine Stoner, Biglerville, Pa.

NU Chapter

Student Members: Sarita Bradley, Princeton, W. Va.; Mrs. Lee Bursch, Huntington, W. Va.; Ann Canterbury, Wayne, W. Va.; Mrs. Thressa Hay, Huntington, W. Va.; Linda Little, Richwood, W. Va.; Violet Lycans, Crum, W. Va.; Mrs. Nila Meadows, Beckley, W. Va.; Mary Lee Nixon, Huntington, W. Va.; Sandra Roush, New Haven, W. Va.; Mrs. Kitty Stevenson, Huntington, W. Va.; Verna Sue Taylor, Huntington, W. Va.; and Jo Waller, Fort Gay, W. Va.

The National Convention

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

(Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana, April 26-27, 1957)

On Thursday afternoon, April 25, delegates began to arrive at Indiana State Teachers College, by car, bus, train, and plane—from the Midwest, the Deep South, the West Coast, and the East—student members, professional members, contributing members, alumni members. All afternoon, far into the night, and the following morning, they continued to converge on Terre Haute until there was assembled the largest gathering of the membership in ABA's seven-year history; seventy-eight members registered, and a number of other people attended one or two of the sessions, without formally registering.

At 9:30 A.M., on April 27, President Kathryn Ann Bryson (Zeta) rapped her gavel and called to order the first session of the Third Biennial Convention of the Fraternity. President Bryson extended a welcome to the group and introduced the other members of the Executive Council. The Official Delegate from each Chapter was then recognized and officially seated; each Delegate then introduced all members of his or her Chapter present. Since two of the Chapters had failed to provide their Delegates with credentials, these Delegates could not be seated at this time. The Executive Secretary reported on the present status of the Fraternity, including a financial statement and a membership analysis.

After the session, the ISTC Library Staff Association served delicious coffee to the group on the library balcony.

The remainder of the morning was taken up with the Circles of Information. Three simultaneous discussions were conducted in adjoining rooms, and the members moved freely from one room to another, listening and making their own contributions. The discussions were spontaneous and quite lively, and many excellent points were brought out. The three topics, with the leader and the resources person for each were—"Planning Our Program," Nancy E. Bell (Delta) and Dr. Frederic J. O'Hara (Western Michigan University); "Financing the Fraternity," Mary Anne Simas (Iota), Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha); "Recruiting New Members," Robert Abbott

(Mu), Miss Jean Royston (Alpha).

All of the morning sessions were conducted in the newly-enlarged and renovated ISTC Library building; and Mr. Sam Marino (Gamma), the Librarian, and his staff were most gracious in devoting time to conducting groups and individuals through the building.

On the balcony an ABA exhibit was displayed, consisting of the "National Scrapbook," a wall-plaque of the Fraternity seal, and copies of *The Alphabet*. Posters were displayed in the exhibit case in the main corridor of the building.

The luncheon-session was held at the Allendale Lodge, in a lovely natural setting on the outskirts of Terre Haute; Susan Bush, President of Gamma Chapter and Editor of *The Alphabet*, presided. After the meal, which was served buffet style, the members were privileged to hear Miss Sara Fenwick, of the faculty of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School, talk on "The Vistas Ahead in Work with Children"; and Mr. Harold Brigham, State Librarian of Indiana and Second Vice-President of the American Library Association, speak on "What's for Dessert?"

The afternoon was devoted to an enjoyable tour of the ISTC campus and television studio; the tour was under the guidance of the ISTC Public Relations Department.

The night session, the formal banquet, provided the high point of the Convention. The ballroom setting, the beautiful decorations, the printed souvenir-programs, the candle-light—all combined to produce an atmosphere that will be long remembered by all present. After the invocation by the Rev. Dennis Shoemaker, Pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church of Terre Haute, a delicious full-course meal was served.

Dr. R. W. Holmstedt, President of ISTC, personally welcomed the guests to the campus and made everyone feel quite welcome, indeed. A witty response was made by Polly Rains (Alpha). Executive Secretary Watson introduced the guests present; and President Bryson read telegrams and letters received from various outstanding librarians throughout the nation.

The assemblage was then treated to several vocal solos beautifully rendered by Lillie King Shaw (Theta). Mrs. Shaw was ably ac-

companied at the piano by Vernal Pierce, who also played soft music during the meal.

The main address of the evening "To Be a Librarian" was delivered by Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, the Deputy Executive Secretary of the American Library Association. Mrs. Stevenson held the rapt attention of the entire group as she told of her personal experiences, and as she discussed both the tribulations and the rich rewards of librarianship; her talk centered around the ABA motto—"Books, People, Service, Life."

The evening concluded with an initiation ceremony directed by President Bryson. Mrs. Stevenson and Mr. Richard Harwell, Executive Secretary of the Association of College and Reference Libraries, were inducted as National Honorary Members of the Fraternity; and Sue Smith and Jane Stubbeman became members of Gamma Chapter.

The final day of the Convention began with an informal breakfast in the cafeteria of the Student Union Building, with Ann Wells (Gamma, Vice-President) serving as hostess.

The fourth general session, which occupied most of the morning, was held in the Formal Lounge in the same building. This session, presided over by Vice-President John Boggess (Epsilon), opened with a panel discussion on "The Fraternity and Its Future," the discussants being the Circle leaders and resources persons. After the panel members had summarized and appended the various ideas and suggestions which had been presented at the Circle meetings on the previous morning, the meeting was thrown open for questions and comments; and a lively discussion ensued, resulting in a number of suggestions and recommendations with regard to the future development of the Fraternity.

The fifth, and last general session was a luncheon meeting in the cafeteria; President Bryson presided. Miss Alice Lohrer, faculty member of the University of Illinois Library School and Past-President of Beta Phi Mu, presented a most interesting lecture on "My Year in Thailand," illustrated with slides made from pictures taken while she was in the Orient. Mr. Richard Harwell, the last of the galaxy of outstanding librarians to address the group, gave the closing address of the Convention. Mr. Harwell's talk, titled "Glamor," dealt with the significance of librarianship; he said in part:

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OFFICIAL CHAPTER DELEGATES

Alpha	Kay McFarland
Beta	Barbara McMillen
Gamma	Shirley Resener
Delta	Nancy E. Bell
Epsilon	Linda Dillard
Zeta	Shirley Evans
Eta	Janice Rich
Theta	Lillie King Shaw
Iota	Mary Anne Simas
Kappa	Ella Worrell
Lambda	Blanche Compton
Mu	Eleanor Eastwood
Nu	Mary Lee Nixon
Xi	Frances Green
Omicron	Betty Shannon

CONVENTION FINANCES

INCOME:

Registration Fees	\$ 81.00
Sale of Meal Tickets	316.00
ISTC Subsidy for Speakers	125.00
ISTC Subsidy for Printing	25.00
Total Income	\$547.00

EXPENSES:

Travel of Delegates	\$1,152.22
Travel of Speakers	125.00
Meals	394.60
Printing	93.81
Badges	8.00
Photographs	38.10
Total Expenses	\$1,811.73

NET COST OF CONVENTION	\$1,264.13
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GREETINGS RECEIVED FROM--

Miss Katharine Kinder, President, Special Libraries Association.

Mr. Alphonse Trezza, Executive Secretary, Special Libraries Association.

Mr. Robert W. Orr, President, Association of College and Reference Libraries.

Mr. Benjamin B. Richards, Chairman, College Section, ACRL.

Miss Katherine Walker, Chairman, Libraries of Teacher Training Institutions Section, ACRL.

Dr. John F. Harvey, Chairman, Joint Committee on Library Work as a Career.

Miss Nelle McCalla, Professor of Library Science, Beirut College for Women, Beirut, Lebanon.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT:

MEMBERS: *Honorary*: Mr. Richard Harwell, Executive Secretary, Association of College and Reference Libraries; Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, Deputy Executive Secretary, American Library Association.

Alpha Chapter: Student: Yvonne Coffey, Kay McFarland, Maurice Nickels, Polly Rains, and Helen Sorrell. Professional: Dr. Eugene P. Watson. Alumni: Jean Royston.

Beta Chapter: Student: Laurette Henson and Barbara McMillen.

Gamma Chapter: Student: Susan Bush, Jo Anne Lewin, Janet Eileen Miller, Sarann Owens, Shirley Resener, Sue Smith, Jane Stubbeman, Jeanette Vendramin, and Betty Westfall. Professional: Thelma C. Bird, Adela Deming, Rebecca Jones, Sam Marino, Dorothy Shinoske, Leila Thompson, Anna Mae Trueb, and Ruby Weinbrecht. Alumni: Carson W. Bennett, Elizabeth Bevington, Bessie Hendrickson, Georgia R. Oryall, Virginia Shillings, and E. Lucile Whitecotten. Contributing: Martha Reynolds and Stillman Taylor.

Delta Chapter: Student: Nancy E. Bell, Peggy Davis, Sandra Jeffcoat, and Sherrill Pruitt.

Epsilon Chapter: Student: John Boggess, Linda Dillard, Frances Fox, Walter T. McCauley, Julia Reeves, Bobby Rudd. Professional: Rezina Senter.

Zeta Chapter: Student: Kathryn Ann Bryson and Shirley Evans. Alumni: Joan Hurley.

Eta Chapter: Student: Elizabeth Benbrook and Janice Rich.

Theta Chapter: Student: Lillie King Shaw. Professional: Harold Batchelor.

Iota Chapter: Student: Mary Anne Simas.

Kappa Chapter: Student: Gunta Puzulis and Ella Worrell.

Lambda Chapter: Student: Blanche Compton and Mamel Shufeldt.

Mu Chapter: Student: Robert Abbott, Eleanor Westwood, Shirley Scribner, Lucy Ward, and Gladys Jane Warren. Professional: Eunice H. Speer.

Nu Chapter: Student: Mary Lee Nixon and Sandra Lou Roush.

Xi Chapter: Student: Cecelia Doran, Frances Green, and Mary Gugeler. Professional: Eileen Noonan.

Omicron Chapter: Student: Betty Shannon. Professional: Emily Cope-land.

NON-MEMBERS: Joanne Baldridge, student at ISTC; Dr. Harold

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NATIONAL CONVENTION

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"—You can look around you and be proud—proud that you are entering a profession with traditions, proud of the people who are leaders in that profession, proud of the opportunity that belongs to every librarian. Librarianship has a right to be a proud profession. It is also a glamorous profession. It collects and transmits the magic of the past, the magic of current knowledge, the magic of the promise for the future. And the greatest glamor of all is in the privilege of conveying something worthwhile to others who need and want it now."

The Nominating Committee, Linda Dillard, Chairman, placed in nomination the following officers for 1957-58: President, Marilyn Mellott (Kappa); Vice-President, Lillie King Shaw (Theta); Treasurer, Yvonne Coffey (Alpha); and Executive Secretary, Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha). The Councilmen will be elected from: Eta, District 1; Beta District 2; Xi, District 3; Nu, District 4; and Theta, District 5 (Theta has already elected Mrs. Ethel J. Newell).

The Executive Secretary expressed the appreciation of the group for the wonderful hospitality being accorded by Gamma and ISTC; and he indicated his own appreciation for the gifts of a fountain pen and a phonograph record album which he planned to purchase with the check for \$30.00 which had been presented to him at the close of the Banquet the previous night by Linda Dillard (Epsilon) on behalf of the membership. He expressed his gratification over the growth and development of the Fraternity, and congratulated the Chapters on the wonderful work they are doing.

A visit to the Swope Art Gallery, with its beautiful pictures and its charming Curator, occupied the afternoon hours. The Convention closed on Saturday night with a supper and business session at the Terre Haute House, attended by the Official Chapter Delegates, the Executive Council, and the Chapter Sponsors; President Bryson and Vice-President Boggess presided, and Ella Worrell (Kappa) acted as secretary.

It was decided to seat the Delegates who were without credentials;

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NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

ALPHA CHAPTER

Northwestern State College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha enjoyed an evening with one of its alumni members, Mrs. Frances R. Henry, who recently returned from overseas library work at Camp Zama in Japan. She showed her slides made while in Japan and India. During the informal social Mrs. Henry answered many questions pertaining to overseas library work and to life in a foreign country.

Mrs. Leo Carnahan, Alpha's sponsor, honored the seniors with a party at her apartment. The highlight of the evening was an original travel game taking the guests to cities all over the world. As each guest arrived at a foreign port, he received a gift imported from that country.

In spite of all-day rain, the Founder's Day picnic will be a long remembered one. The program consisted of informal talks by the members who went to Terre Haute. The enthusiastic reports from Kay McFarland, Polly Rains, Yvonne Coffey, Helen Sorrell, Maurice Nickels, and Dr. Watson made everyone feel that an ABA convention must be a wonderful experience. Alpha appreciated having Jean Royston, one of its alumni members, as part of its group to Terre Haute.

Our last meeting this year was for installing the 1957-1958 officers. Officers installed were: President, Kay McFarland; Vice-President, Helen Sorrell; Recording Secretary, Beverly McMichael; Corresponding Secretary, Gayle Cryer; Treasurer, Becky Pilkinton; Parliamentarian, Carolyn Chamberlain; and Reporter, Ruth Wooldridge. Mary Hyde, the retiring national treasurer, reminded the group that at the Terre Haute Convention Yvonne Coffey was nominated for national treasurer and Dr. Watson re-nominated as national executive secretary. The newly elected president, Kay McFarland, presented Frank Petty, the retiring president, a five-year ABA alumni membership.

Mary Hyde received the Alpha Beta Ahlpa award that is presented annually by Alpha Chapter to the most outstanding graduating senior. Mary also received the award given by Delta Kappa Gamma. Julia King Avant received the Kappa Delta Pi award.

In carrying out this year's plans to assist in recruiting, some of the Alpha members participated in sev-

eral projects to interest high school students in librarianship. Mary Hyde talked to a two-parish career day group in connection with NSC's library science program; she also pointed out opportunities provided through membership in Alpha Beta Alpha. Rozel Hightower was a member of a panel on Library Work as a Career, presented at an assembly program at the Natchitoches High School. Also on the program were one of the professional members, Mr. Mitchell Reames of the NSC Library staff, and one of the alumni members, Mrs. Frances R. Henry. Ruth Wooldridge, Frank Petty, Bettye Etheredge, Polly Rains, and Julia King Avant served as guides on two occasions for high school groups visiting NSC's campus.

BETA CHAPTER

Mississippi State College for Women
Columbus, Mississippi

Barbara McMillin and Laurette Henson represented Beta Chapter at the National Convention. Both girls enjoyed the trip and brought back some excellent ideas for furthering the fraternity on our campus.

The annual Alpha Beta Alpha Spring picnic and election of officers was May 8. Following the picnic was the installation of incoming officers. At this time the retiring officers turned over the symbols of office to the incoming officers.

Billie Bozone, a senior member of Alpha Beta Alpha, won the Sweepstakes prize at the Southern Library Festival for the one-act play, "The Migration of Jason Loper." Miss Bozone plans to do graduate work at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Julia Pugh, Recording Secretary for Beta Chapter this year, has received a fellowship to Emory University.

The graduating members of Beta Chapter have accepted the following positions:

Irma Goodson, High School Librarian, Drew, Mississippi; Barbara McMillin, Junior High Librarian, Natchez, Mississippi; Dorothy Rose Primm, Junior High Librarian, Pensacola, Florida; Mrs. Esther Vaughn, Assistant Librarian, Tombigbee Regional Library, West Point, Mississippi; and Sara Carter, Children's Librarian, Corvallis Public Library, Corvallis, Oregon.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Murray State College
Murray, Kentucky

Ten members from Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha attended the National Convention at Terre Haute. They were John Boggess, Linda Dillard, Walter McCauley, Julia Reeves, Jack Grisham, Nancy Wedel, Frances Fox, Bobby Rudd, Amelia Hogancamp, and the sponsor, Miss Rezina Senter.

Epsilon Chapter wishes to express its gratitude for entertainments and service rendered by the Gamma Chapter at the National Convention in Terre Haute.

On May 6, in a candlelight ceremony four new pledges terminated the spring pledging and were initiated into the chapter.

New officers of Epsilon Chapter were elected as follows: President, Nancy Melvin; Vice President, Louise Nelms; Corresponding Secretary, Julia Reeves; Recording Secretary, Sue Nicholls; Treasurer, Patsy Teague; Reporter, Joyce Teague; Hostesses, Mary Taylor and Joanna Sykes; Councilman, Jo Luther. These replaced President, Linda Dillard; Vice President, Norma Jean Warren; Corresponding Secretary, Amelia Hogancamp; Recording Secretary, Nancy Melvin; Treasurer, Bobby Rudd; Reporter, Julia Reeves; Hostess, Myrna Beard; and Councilman, Walter McCauley.

Immediately following installation of officers on May 8, a program was given by the members of Epsilon who attended the convention.

Nine members of Epsilon Chapter are graduating this term. They are: Linda Dillard, Frances Fox, Myrna Beard, Amelia Hogancamp, Walter McCauley, Dorothy Norwood, Bobby Rudd, Norma Warren, and Jack Grisham. Epsilon wishes to congratulate these people.

On May 26, a tea was given by Epsilon in honor of the chapter's graduating seniors, their relatives and friends.

ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College
Athens, West Virginia

Zeta was happy to have two active members and one alumna member attending the national convention at Terre Haute, Indiana. Kathryn Ann Bryson attended as National President and presided over the meetings. Shirley Evans, Zeta president, was a delegate, while Joan Hurley, librarian at Big Creek High School, War, West Virginia attended as an alumna. They had a

wonderful time and brought glowing reports back to the group.

Four of Zeta's members graduated this year. Dee Pettrey graduated at mid-term in January. Kathryn Ann Bryson and Mary Blankenship graduated in May while Nancy Hunt will complete her degree in August.

The following new officers were elected for the year 1957-58:

President, Linda Soto; Vice-president, Norene Wallace; Secretary, Lois Ann McClung; Treasurer, Dora Scarafino; Parliamentarian, Jackie Pignato; Historian and Reporter, Carolyn Shrout.

We are planning a get-together with our alumnae this fall. We hope they will all be able to attend a luncheon early in October.

Kathryn Ann Bryson received the Zeta chapter award for the most outstanding senior in Library Science this year. She was presented with a life-membership to Alpha Beta Alpha at the Awards Assembly on May first.

Also at the awards assembly, Elizabeth Bailey was presented the award from the Cardinal Key organization. She was the junior with the highest scholastic average in that club.

Kathryn Bryson received the F.T.A. award for exemplifying the qualities necessary for successful teaching; and she also received the Delta Zeta scholarship award.

Since Naoma Workman has shown great academic achievement, she was presented a scholarship award from the American Association of University Women organization.

Two of the eighteen members in the school elected to "Who's Who among Students in American Universities," are of our own library group. They are Mary Eleanor Blankenship and Kathryn Ann Bryson.

These girls, as well as Naoma Workman, made the Dean's list at our college for the fall term of 1956-57.

Martha Surface was one of the chosen few to be a May Pole Dancer at the college May Festival during the weekend of May 18th.

ETA CHAPTER

Texas State College for Women
Denton, Texas

Eta Chapter had the honor of installing the new Pi Chapter, Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, on April 13. Making the trip to San Antonio for the installation were Dr. D. Genevieve Dixon, head of the School of Library Science;

Bettye Shaw, Arlene Leong, Janice Gohmert, and Barbara Stobaugh. They all reported that they were "royally" entertained while there.

At the annual TSCW Festival of Nations, April 5, the Chapter sponsored the American booth—a corral complete with a saddle and other equipment hanging on the fence. Eta Chapter cleared about \$85 on this project by selling chili dogs, candy, and yarn octopi.

Eta Chapter sent Janice Rich, president, and Elizabeth Benbrook, secretary, to the National Convention. They came back enthusiastic about ideas for the future.

New officers were elected April 30. They are Elizabeth Benbrook of Mount Pleasant, Texas, president; Janice Gohmert of Fort Worth, Texas, vice-president; Helen Gould of Beaumont, Texas, secretary; Darlene Wilson of Quitman, Texas, treasurer; Mrs. Aleta McFadden of Denton, Texas, parliamentarian and Historian; and Barbara Stobaugh of Gainesville, Texas, reporter. At this meeting it was voted that the Chapter make a \$5 contribution on Gift Day May 23. This money is used for scholarships at TSCW.

Founder's Day was remembered on May 3 with Eta Chapter's third birthday at the home of Mrs. Frances de Cordova, sponsor. The games played were Guessing Famous Sayings, Unscrambling Authors' Last Names, and Naming Droodles. The graduating seniors presented a hilarious skit on their accomplishments as they reminisced in the year 1957 after an annual convention of the World's Library Association.

The last function of the semester was a picnic May 8, sponsored by Mrs. Ann Hooser, Mrs. Alma Tevis, Mrs. Katherine Jameson, and Mrs. Helen McMillen at the home of the latter.

THETA CHAPTER

Arizona State College
Tempe, Arizona

Theta's January meeting was held at the Public Library of Phoenix. After an introductory talk, the members inspected the library facilities and the new photographic charging system.

At the February initiation, four alumni members were added to the rolls.

The officers for 1957-58 were elected at the March meeting as follows: President: Lillie King Shaw; Vice-president: Mary Gail Gurwitz; Secre-

tary: Mrs. Naomi Crawford; Treasurer: Mrs. Ethel Kirchner; Program Chairman: Mrs. Ethel Newell and Mrs. Fern Alsdorf.

The treasurer for this year, Dolores Haug, will receive the annual Honor's Day Award and recognition as the outstanding student from the Library Science Department. Along with the award on May 24 went a book of her choice.

The May 10th meeting featured a report from the delegates to the National Convention. The annual Spring Banquet was held May 18 in the new Memorial Union Building. The graduating seniors honored at that time were Carole Anderson, Ivy Garlick, Shirley Harris, Dolores Haug, and Alma Munsell. Carole has accepted a position in the Pomona, California, system; and Ivy is returning to Illinois. Alma will have charge of the new Junior High Library in Mesa, Arizona.

Speakers at the banquet were Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, State Extension Librarian. Mrs. Alice Good, Director of the State Library and Archives, was a special guest.

Plans for next year include a career day and hopes for an organization of student library assistants.

MU CHAPTER

Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

To celebrate our first birthday as a part of the national organization, we had a very special program for our March meeting. Entitled "Behind Closed Doors in Milner," the program consisted of talks by three people who work with departments of the library which are rather unknown to the regular student body. Miss Beryl Galaway, who catalogs the books for the laboratory schools on campus, explained the procedures of cataloging. Mrs. Hazel Van Huss told us about the excellent record collection of the university which is housed in the Carnegie Room. Mr. Will Johnson exhibited his collection of children's books from the Johnson Room of the library.

Featuring the student members on the program of the April meeting, the chapter enjoyed an illustrated talk about Hans Christian Andersen given by Lucy Ward, who had visited the birthplace of Andersen and exhibited dolls which she had purchased there. A talk on the origin and history of the Newbery and Caldecott awards by Gladys Waren was followed by a book report on the re-

cent Newbery award winner given by Sheila Anderson.

In April five members—Robert Abbott, Eleanor Eastwood, Shirley Scribner, Lucy Ward, and Gladys Waren—and the sponsor, Miss Speer, attended the national convention at Terre Haute. The report of this trip was given at the May meeting of the chapter.

The chapter toured the Illinois State Library in Springfield on May 18. During this all-day trip, the members had an opportunity to visit other places of interest in the state capital. This trip concluded our activities for the year.

XI CHAPTER

Iowa State Teachers College
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Friday, April 26 was the day for the annual Library Students Day on the campus of Iowa State Teachers College. Interested high school students from around the immediate area were invited to attend. Throughout the day the visitors were kept busy by attending classes, going through a tour of the Iowa State Teachers College library, and the campus laboratory school library. A noon luncheon was held in the Commons. The culminating activity was at 2:30 in the afternoon when a tea was held in the Faculty Lounge.

The last business meeting of the year was held May 7 at which time the officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows: President, Nancy Moeller; Vice-president, Mary Gugler; Secretary, Frances Green; Treasurer, Tamson Crist.

The culminating activity of the year was a down-the-line dinner held at the Commons on May 21. This dinner honored the graduating students. Following the dinner, the new officers were installed and the three members who attended the national convention at Terre Haute—Misses Cecelia Doran, Frances Green, and Mary Gugler—gave the highlights and a brief summary of the convention.

PI CHAPTER

Our Lady of the Lake College
San Antonio, Texas

Pi Chapter became a member of the Alpha Beta Alpha fraternity on April 13, when the Eta chapter formally installed the new chapter. Dr. D. Genevieve Dixon of the library science department of TSCW headed the Eta delegation, accompanied by Janice Gohmert, Betty Shaw, Barbara Stobaugh, and Arlene Leong, student members.

The visiting ABA members were treated by OLL members to a movie on the evening of April 12. The following day, they were given a tour of San Antonio, which included the San Antonio Public Library, and ended with lunch at one of the city's Mexican restaurants. That evening, the installation and initiation took place in the library science department. A banquet followed, with the entertainment by Our Lady of the Lake High School Library Club. Prominent members of the San Antonio Public Library were present.

The newly installed officers of Pi chapter are President, Anna Rose Haile; Vice-president, Ann Eiband; Secretary, Pat Houlahan; Treasurer, Enriqueta Tovar; Reporter, Yvonne Chacers; and Parliamentarian, Dolores Mircovich.

The Bexar County Library Association heard Anna Rose Haile and Pat Houlahan speak on "Why I Choose Librarianship" at the annual workshop, May 4.

The initiation was repeated for two other members who were unable to attend the function of April 13. Held on May 16, the gathering also commemorated Founder's Day. A pot luck supper and social followed the ceremony.

To raise money for the young chapter, the members are selling pocket-size notebooks equipped with pen.

Plans for next year's program are being formulated by Ann Eiband, program chairman.

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but such delegates will not be seated at future conventions.

The most significant action taken was the decision to sponsor a "National Be-a-Librarian Week" next spring and every spring thereafter. It is hoped that the "Week" will play a significant role in drawing attention to librarianship as a profession, thereby bringing more recruits into the field—and the sponsorship of this project should bring much valuable and needed publicity to the Fraternity.

The second significant action taken was the decision to attempt to have all Chapters sponsor simultaneous "Book Fairs." These fairs should prove an excellent and very appropriate source of revenue for our various Chapters as well as for National.

Mu entered a tentative bid for the 1959 convention, subject to the approval of the Administration of Illinois State Normal University. The

bid was enthusiastically received.

Recommendations made by the group were that one or two Districts experiment with "District Conventions"; and that every Chapter purchase a wall plaque of the Crest, \$11.00 (Chapters that are financially able are urged to purchase a Key plaque also).

It was decided: that official opening and closing rituals should be prepared and adopted for use at all regular meetings; that the Fraternity should compose and adopt two official songs—one, a serious sentimental-type song; and the other, a "fight-song" type; and that henceforth a membership certificate will be issued to each person at the time he becomes a member.

A change was made with regard to alumni dues. Heretofore a person became a life-member upon the payment of \$5.00. The status of these persons who are already alumni life-members will not be affected in any way by the new regulation. But henceforth life-membership alumni dues will be \$15.00 (\$10.00 for National; \$5.00 for the Chapter), payable all at one time, or a \$5.00 initial payment and a \$10.00 payment five years later (upon payment of the \$15.00, the alumni member will receive a gold seal to affix to his membership certificate).

The Official Chapter Delegates officially adopted the proposed amendments to the BY-LAWS: Article III, Section 1, Sub-Section A; and Article III, Section 1, Sub-Section G (See *The Alphabet*, Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 8).

The Official Chapter Delegates decided to recommend that the Chapters approve the proposed amendments to the CONSTITUTION: Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section A, (1); Article III, Section 2, Sub-Section A, (2); Article IV, Section 2; Article IV, Section 3; and Article V (see *The Alphabet*, Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 8). The proposal to amend Article III, Section 1, was withdrawn.

Late Saturday night and early Sunday morning witnessed the exodus, as the delegates dispersed—to California, Pennsylvania, Florida, Arizona, Iowa, Louisiana, and various other states.

This splendid Convention marked a definite milestone in the development of the Fraternity, and many important and far-reaching decisions were made.

One aspect of the meeting which
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AMONG THOSE PRESENT:

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Brigham, State Librarian of Indiana, Indianapolis, Indiana; Amanda Browning, Brazil Senior High School, Brazil, Indiana; Kay Cosgrove, student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Miss Sara Fenwick, Professor, University of Chicago Graduate Library School, Chicago, Illinois; Kay Gibson, student at ISTC; Jack Grisham, student at Murray State College, Murray Kentucky; Maryann Peters Harris, Terre Haute Public Library.

Amelia Hogancamp, student at Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky; Dr. R. W. Holmstedt, President, Indiana State Teachers College; Mrs. R. W. Holmstedt, Terre Haute, Indiana; Miss Alice Lohrer, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana, Illinois; Dr. Frederic J. O'Hara, Professor, Department of Library Science, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Roberta Poynter, student at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Rev. Dennis Shoemaker, Pastor, Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, Indiana; Nancy Wedel, student at Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky; and Mr. Standau Weinbrecht, Terre Haute, Indiana.

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will linger long in the memories of those present was the hospitality extended by Gamma and the officials of Indiana State Teachers College—the sincere welcome, the numerous courtesies, the ready assistance, the inexhaustible enthusiasm of Susan Bush, of Mrs. Ruby Weinbrecht, of Mr. Sam Marino, of all the Chairmen of the Convention Committees, and of all the other folks at Terre Haute—these will not be soon forgotten.

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NEW MEMBERS

XI Chapter

Student Member: Eloise Hoeg, Reinbeck, Iowa.

Alumni Members: Mrs. Lloyd V. Douglas, 1114 W. 19th St., Cedar Falls, Iowa.

OMICRON Chapter

Charter Student Members: Willie Ruth Anderson, Tallahassee, Fla.; Helen Baker, Yulee, Fla.; Marva M. Batson, Orlando, Fla.; Inesta Beasley, Tallahassee, Fla.; Hattie M. Bell, Miami, Fla.; Maxine V. Berry, Leesburg, Fla.; Mildred J. Bethea, Vernon, Fla.; Merna Brooks, Quincy, Fla.; Mrs. Marion H. Bryant, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mariam Denard, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Eileen Donaldson, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mamie Poster, Fernandina Beach, Fla.; Alfredia Gallon, Tallahassee, Fla.; Savannah Governor, Tallahassee, Fla.; Wendolyn J. Hayes, Jacksonville, Fla.;

Annie Ruth Howard, Tallahassee, Fla.; Johnnie Grace Jones, Quincy, Fla.; Florence G. Laws, Pompano Beach, Fla.; Judith M. Lewis, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Alzenia G. Matthews, Tallahassee, Fla.; Kellis J. Milner, Clearwater, Fla.; Viaria T. Mullen, East Palatka, Fla.; Dorothy M. Payne, Tallahassee, Fla.; Deloris Robinson, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Bernice D. Sanders, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mary Rose Scott, Tampa, Fla.; Betty Ann Shannon, Miami, Fla.; Mary E. Smith, Americus, Ga.; Mrs. Daisy T. Weston, Jacksonville, Fla.; and Mrs. Martha W. Williams, Madison, Fla.

Charter Professional Members: Mrs. Doris H. Clack, Tallahassee, Fla.; Emily A. Copeland, Tallahassee, Fla.; Thelma Cunningham, Tallahassee, Fla.; Ida Girvin, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Daisy Bell Jennings, Tallahassee, Fla.; Mrs. Mildred L. Kennedy, Tallahassee, Fla.; James S. Miller, Tallahassee, Fla.; and Annie B. Mills, Tallahassee, Fla.

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PI Chapter

Charter Student Members: Mrs. Marie B. Berry, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Avis Bunton, San Antonio Tex.; Mrs. Rose Marie Cassady, San Antonio, Tex.; Iva Yvonne Chavers, Sonora, Tex.; Ann Catherine Eiband, Galveston, Tex.; Genevieve L. Fox, San Antonio, Tex.; Patricia Louise Gegenheimer, McAllen, Tex.; Mrs. Ida Leanna Groves, San Antonio, Tex.; Anna Rose Haile, San Antonio, Tex.; Patricia Kate Houlahan, San Antonio, Tex.; Patricia Ann Militello, San Antonio, Tex.; Dolores Juanita Mirco-vich, Bishop, Tex.; Mary Ella Norman, San Antonio, Tex.; Sarah Jacqueline Odem, Kerrville, Tex.; Enriqueta Tovar, San Diego, Tex.

Charter Professional Members: Sister Jane Marie Barbour, C.D.P., San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Barbara G. Emigh, San Antonio, Tex.; Sister Martha Anne Hunter, C.D.P., San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Deloris W. Riley, San Antonio, Tex.

Corrections

Because the following members were incorrectly listed in our Winter issue, we herewith apologize, and include the correct listing.

Zeta Chapter: Student Member: Giacomina Pignato, Dunbar, W. Va.

Kappa Chapter: Professional Member: Mrs. Esther Whitely, Lancaster, Pa.

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