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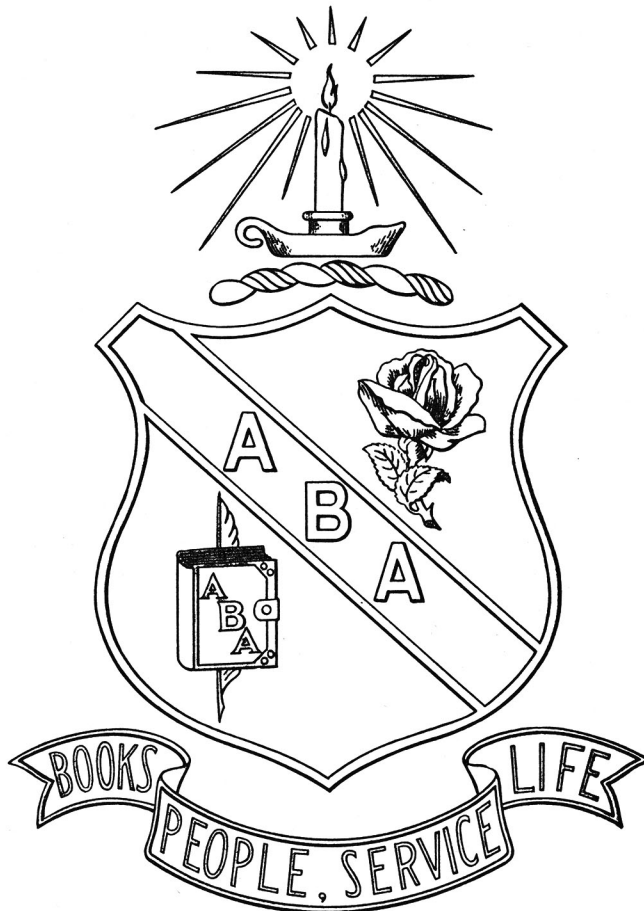
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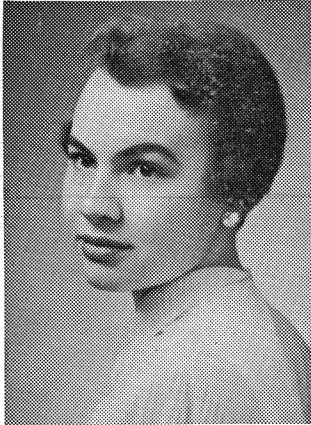
DEDICATION

This issue of "The Alphabet" is dedicated to Mr. Wyllis E. Wright, one of our honorary members, who received the Melville Medal for Creative professional achievement of high order.

OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings, Members of Alpha Beta Alpha:

We are beginning what we hope is the best year Alpha Beta Alpha has yet seen. Rho Chapter at Kutztown (Pa.) State Teachers College has just become the newest member of our rapidly expanding Fraternity. As one of



my predecessors stated, "Our light is shining brighter across the nation."

The best possible way of claiming a good year is for each Chapter to promote its programs so successfully that many other people become interested in joining A B A. I hope each Chapter will adopt this goal for the year.

I want to thank each delegate to our National Convention last spring, and I am sure each Chapter joins me in thanking Gamma who proved such an able host. We also send our heartiest Congratulations to the members of Rho Chapter and wish them success in their future efforts.

This year, let us truly live by our official motto "Books, People, Service, Life." Thus, we cannot help but achieve success.

Marilyn Mellott
National President

NATIONAL OFFICERS

President - Marilyn Mellott (Kappa)
Vice-President - Mrs. Lillie King Shaw (Theta)

Treasurer - Yvonne Coffey (Alpha)
Executive Secretary - Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha)

Councilmen: District No. 1, Not yet elected (Eta); No. 2, Not yet elected (Beta); No. 3, Not yet elected (Xi); No. 4, Not yet elected (Nu); No. 5, Mrs. Ethel J. Newell (Theta).

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S

COLUMN

We are now in another year -- the Fraternity's eighth; and, judging from the reports coming in, it promises to be a successful year, filled with numerous activities -- including "Book Fairs" and a strong recruiting program.

Rho Chapter was installed by Kappa, on November 20, at Kutztown State Teachers College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Sigma will soon be installed at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. And groups at several other colleges have expressed an interest in petitioning for chapters.

All of the constitutional amendments (see *The Alphabet*, Vol. VII, No. 2, p. 8) which were recommended at the recent convention have been approved; and another amendment, which involves the re-writing of the last half of Article IV, is now before the membership.

Everyone should take careful note of the change which the Convention Delegates made with regard to alumni dues. Prior to the Convention an alumni life membership cost only \$5.00; now such a membership costs \$15.00. A person paying \$5.00 receives only a five-year alumni membership; however, by paying an additional \$10.00 at the close of the fifth year he can obtain a life membership. (This change in no way affects anyone who had life membership status prior to this change in the regulations.)

The Convention delegates also decided that each new member shall receive a membership certificate after his initiation and that certificates will be issued to all persons who are already members. These certificates are now being designed, and it is hoped that they will be ready for use during the spring semester.

NEW MEMBERS

Delta Chapter:

Student Member: Betty Hulsey, Holt, Alabama.

Five-year Alumni Members: Eulalia Allen, Teacher-Librarian, Carrollton High School, Carrollton, Ala.; Mrs. Clemmie Bradley, Librarian, Thompson High School, Siluria, Ala.; Ollie Brindley, Librarian, High School, Collinsville, Ala.; Peggy Duckworth, Circulation Dept., University of Alabama Library, University, Ala.; Betty Ethridge, Teacher, Jefferson County Schools, Adger, Ala.; Jean Feagin, L S U Library School, Baton Rouge, La.; Mrs. Annie Laurie Hayes, Librarian, Warrior High School, Warrior, Ala.; Mrs. Mary Lois Hurst, Librarian, West Blocton High School, West Blocton, Ala.; Mrs. Thelma Johnson, Box 68, West, Miss.; Mary Helen Jones, Librarian, Fyffe High School, Fyffe, Ala.; Mrs. Lois Maxwell, State College Library, Jacksonville, Ala.; Sybil Nelson, Reference Librarian, Birmingham-Southern Col., Birmingham, Ala.; Bobby Pemberton, Librarian, Tallahassee High School, Tallahassee, Ala.; Mrs. Gladys Shivers, Librarian, Grove Hill High School, Grove Hill, Ala.; Mary Ann Stanback, Librarian, Jackson Jr. High School, Jackson, Miss.

CORRECTIONS

Because the following members were incorrectly listed in our Spring, 1957, issue, we apologize, and herewith give the correct listing.

Kappa Chapter: Student members: Patricia Bacher, Flourtown, Pa.; and Judith Crist, Guernsey, Pa.

Omicron Chapter: Charter Professional Member: Mrs. Dora M. Davis, Tallahassee, Fla.

NEWS FROM OUR MEMBERS

ALPHA CHAPTER
Northwestern State College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha chapter started off the new year by thinking of new prospects for Alpha Beta Alpha. A social was given at Varnado Hall on October 24 to honor the new prospective members. The program was highlighted by talks from various librarians in the college, high school, elementary school and the parish library. During

refreshments old acquaintances were renewed, and the prospective members were invited to attend the next meeting. Plans are being made to visit several libraries in Shreveport, Louisiana, and also to attend a showing of the movie, "Around the World in Eighty Days."

Alpha welcomes as its temporary sponsor Miss Agnes Clark, Library Science instructor and Natchitoches High School librarian. She is replacing

Mrs. Leo Carnahan who is taking a year's leave of absence at her home in Cloutierville, Louisiana. Miss Clark is well known to all Library Science students as she has been active in the chapter for several years.

Several projects have been undertaken by Alpha chapter for this year. One of these projects is the compiling of a scrapbook of past Alpha events, and also making a cover for this book.

On Friday, October 1, the new addition to the Scharlie E. Russell Library was re-dedicated in an impressive ceremony presided over by our National Executive Secretary, Dr. Eugene P. Watson who is the head librarian of Northwestern State College. Librarians from many colleges in Louisiana and neighboring states were present to participate in the ceremonies and to look over the new library. Dr. John Kyser, president of Northwestern, welcomed the guests and expressed his thanks on behalf of the college for the splendid job that has been done by Dr. Watson. Members of the Alpha chapter were very much in evidence at this re-dedication service. They extended many courtesies such as welcoming guests and conducting them on a tour of the new addition and serving refreshments.

A change in officers of Alpha chapter as in the last edition of *The Alphabet* is as follows: Recording Secretary, Yvonne Coffey, who is replacing Beverly McMichael, who is no longer in school. Just married in the chapter is Ruth Woodriddle who is now Mrs. J. E. Penton.

Several bits of alumni news has come our way. Miss Polly Raines, a delegate to the '57 convention in Terre Haute, has launched her career at the Dallas Public Library in Dallas, Texas. Our best wishes go to Polly in this new endeavor. Miss Mary Hyde and Mr. Frank Petty, former president of our chapter, are now furthering their Library Science Education at graduate school at Louisiana State University. Mrs. Frank Henry, who attended Louisiana State University, has accepted a position with the State Library in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Mrs. Clara Cheeves has left her position as librarian at Natchitoches Elementary School to become the librarian at Thibodaux Junior High where her husband has been appointed Dean of the School of Education at Francis T. Nicholls College. Mary Sue Bellew Bailey, former graduate of our school, is the mother of a baby girl who has been named Debra Elaine. Her new

address is Mrs. Alton Bailey, General Delivery, Destrahan, Louisiana. Mr. Bill Williams, who has spent the past three years with the armed forces in England, has recently completed a tour of Europe. While on this tour he visited Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, Austria, France, and Italy. Bill will soon be home to tell in person of his travels. Mr. Robert Joines has recently returned from serving several years in the armed forces. Robert spent quite some time overseas in Japan.

DELTA CHAPTER University of Alabama University, Alabama

The officers of Delta Chapter for the school year 1957-58 are; Sandra Jeffcoat, President; Jamie Sue White, Vice-President; Marguerite Golden, secretary; Betty Hulsey, treasurer; Joyce Bailey, reporter. The sponsor is Mrs. Pauline M. Foster, chairman of the Department of School Librarianship.

In carrying out the program theme of *Looking at Librarianship*, several outstanding librarians are scheduled as speakers to the local chapter. At the meeting on October 30, 1957, Miss Eugenia Yeuell, who has recently returned from a tour of duty as librarian in Germany, told of her experiences. At the December meeting Mrs. Elinor Arsic, field representative of the Public Library Service Division who has her headquarters in Tuscaloosa, spoke on the opportunities in public librarianship since the enactment of the Library Services Act. At the February meeting Miss Alice Kingery, librarian of the Business Library at the University, will speak on the many opportunities in special librarianship. In March, Miss Carrie Boals, librarian at Veterans Hospital in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, will speak on hospital librarianship. Other meetings during the year will be of a social nature, including the pledging and initiation ceremonies and a Founder's Day Celebration.

The chapter was active during the summer session, initiating seventeen members during the first term and holding a watermelon cutting during the second term.

EPSILON CHAPTER Murray State Teachers College Murray, Kentucky

Sunday afternoon, May 26, 1957, Epsilon Chapter held its annual tea for its graduating members. The tea

table was decorated with Magnolia blossoms. Murray librarians, Mrs. Vernon Anderson and Miss Dorothy Denman, acted as hostesses.

Those graduating members were: Miss Linda Dillard, now Mrs. Richard Dean, former president, teaching at Hardin, Kentucky; Bobby Rudd, principal of elementary school, Benton, Kentucky; Walter McCauley, working on Master's, Peabody, Nashville, Tennessee; Frances Fox, librarian at Kessem, Florida; Barbara Grubbs Marquess, librarian in Illinois; Myrna Beard, teaching in Owensboro, Kentucky; Norma Warren, also teaching in Owensboro.

Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha held a chili supper on October 8, in East Hall for their annual Open House. Guests attending were: Janet Davis, Frances Smith, Rose Mary Hunt, Bill McClure, Martha Schmidt, Bobby Kaye Heath, Rose Ramsey, Joyce Kay Roach, Neva Elizabeth Pippin, Ben Helen Joyce, and Willie Darnell. Twelve members were also present.

Nancy Melvin, president of Epsilon Chapter, has won a \$500 scholarship from the Friends of Kentucky Libraries in connection with the Kentucky Regional Library Division.

ZETA CHAPTER Concord College Athens, West Virginia

Zeta Chapter has started the year with the return of twelve active members and three professional members. New members were invited to join this Chapter in November.

The four 1957 graduates of Zeta Chapter have accepted the following teaching positions in their home state: Kathryn Ann Bryson, War; Mary Blankenship, Bluefield; Nancy Hunt, Richwood; and Dee Pettry Clark, Montcalm.

Billie Rae Hill resigned her position as Assistant Librarian at West Virginia Institute of Technology, and is now employed as librarian at Montcalm Junior High School. Rita Moye Ulshafer has returned to West Virginia and is now living in Bluefield.

Norene Wallace was married in July to James Weldon Young and is living at Greenville, West Virginia. Dee Pettry married Bill Clark this past summer. They are making their home in Princeton. Jane Bird was married this summer to Bud Claytor. She is employed at the State Library in Nashville, Tennessee, where her husband is stationed.

Virginia Lee Bowling Smith is now the mother of twins who were born

last spring. Elizabeth Brock Bailey had a new daughter on September 16th. She has two other children, a son and a daughter. Elizabeth plans to return to school the second semester.

ETA CHAPTER

Texas Woman's University
Denton, Texas

Eta Chapter started the new year with a get-acquainted picnic on October 2 at a near-by lake. The entire School of Library Science was invited.

One student member and seven alumni members were initiated October 23. Following this ceremony nine girls were accepted as pledges.

The pledges are Mary Beard, Galveston, Texas; Resse Ann Evans, Port Arthur, Texas; Elisa Garcia, Laredo, Texas; Vanita Lee, Minden, Louisiana; Floria Mansour, Tehran, Iran; Blanca Martinez, Rio Grande City, Texas; Mona Munson, Alvin, Texas; Arlene Rice, Tyler, Texas; and Jean Wurgler, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Eta Chapter had its annual sandwich sale in the dormitories November 2 to raise money for the chapter.

On November 16, Eta Chapter was hostess to the Seventh District Teen-Age Library Association Convention. Approximately 500 junior-and-senior-high students attended. The delegates were shown the Library Science Building and then taken on a tour of the campus in small groups. The theme of the convention, "Exploring Librarianship," was carried out through illustrated talks depicting different phases and interests of the profession. Also a talent show was presented by the Alpha Beta Alpha members. The convention concluded with a luncheon.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Iota Chapter has begun a new year of activities with a new corps of offi-

cers and a new advisor. The new officers elected are Carol Olein of Santa Paula, California, President; Gail Brown of Lake Tahoe, California, Vice-President; Kyocko Inoue of Japan, Secretary; Judy Weymouth of Campbell, California, Treasurer; Joyce Hansen of Campbell, California, Historian. The new advisor is Mr. Leslie H. Janke.

On October 22 a pledging ceremony was held. The new pledges are Virginia Barrett, Peter Hartmus, Marnell Hillman, Bernard Leong, and Edith Molumud. After the ceremony a social hour was held and coffee and cookies were served.

Many activities are being planned for the year including a rummage sale held the first of December. The Iota Chapter is also planning to sell envelope address stickers, a project of the chapter four years ago which seemed to be quite successful. All members are saving Betty Crocker coupons for a set of silverware.

The pledge class is repairing old books to be sent to those schools in need of them as its pledge project. Iota Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha has established an annual gift to the San Jose State Library. It will give a valuable children's book to the library each year to add to its collection. The last meeting of 1957 was the annual Christmas party which was held in the home of one of the members.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lambda Chapter of Louisiana State University has started off the 1957-58 session by welcoming in a new sponsor. Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson, Assistant Professor of Library Science. Dr.

Stephenson is a graduate of Tulane University and Louisiana State University Library School. She recently received her Ph. D. degree from Louisiana State University.

The officers of Lambda for the fall semester are: Blanche Compton of New Orleans, President; Annice Jones of Denham Springs, Vice-President; Mamel Shufeldt of Thibodaux, Secretary; and Jess Beauxis of Porte Barre, Treasurer.

The officers and members of Lambda were the guests of Miss Norris McClellan, past sponsor, at her apartment on September 18 for a dinner meeting which was the first meeting of the year. Plans were made for the recruitment party, the year's program of recruitment from the high schools of the area and from the college campus, the award to be given to the outstanding member on Honor's Day, and the purchasing of a page in the *Gumbo*, the yearbook of Louisiana State University.

Lambda was host to a group of freshmen and sophomores on September 24 at their annual recruitment party. Those attending were Alice Doree, Ann Bigner, Joy Burleigh, Patricia Parr, Pearl Gondrella, Betty Gondrella, Linda Johnson, and Anita Smith. Representing the Library School were Miss Norris McClellan, Mrs. Stephenson and Florinell Morton, Director of the Library School. On Thursday, October 17, the organization was host to Ray Fry, Coordinator of Young People's Work, Dallas Public Library, at a luncheon at the Faculty Club. Mr. Fry addressed the club on the subject of library service to young people.

Lambda looks forward to doubling its membership through pledging in the near future and to hearing from the other chapters on ideas for programs and recruitment.

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