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DEDICATION

This issue of "The Alphabet" is gratefully dedicated to Mu Chapter,
Host of the 1959 National Convention.

Executive Secretary's Column

Our fraternity year is drawing to a close; do not forget that the Annual Chapter Reports are due before September 1. The nominees for National Officers are: President—Elsie Wilken (Mu); Vice-Pres.—David Spohr (Gamma); Treasurer—Lenora Woolley (Alpha); and Executive Secretary—Dr. Eugene P. Watson (Alpha). If these nominees are elected, the Executive Councilmen will be chosen from Lambda, Delta, Sigma, Rho, and Theta. Founders' Day was celebrated by more Chapters and more enthusiastically this year than ever before (Hooray!). Be sure to look at pages 179-80 of the 1959 **American Library Annual and Booktrade Almanac**. Our next issue will contain a summary and an analysis of the convention "circles of information" discussions on programs, financing, and recruiting. At the National Convention, the Executive Secretary announced that upon the conclusion of his tenth term in office, August, 1960, he will not be a candidate for reelection.

Our President

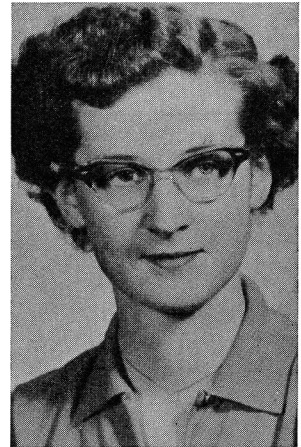
Our President, Elsie Wilken, lives on a farm in Ashkum, Iroquois County, Illinois, and is majoring in Geography and minoring in Library Science.

Her other activities, besides being National President, include: Gamma Theta Epsilon, Geography fraternity; Alpha Beta Alpha, Vice President of Mu Chapter, Program Chairman; Kappa Delta Pi, Education fraternity; Student Senate; Library Board; Science Club; Lutheran Club; and Honor Resident at the freshman dormitory.

She also spends a part of her time working at Milner Library on campus at Illinois State Normal University.

After she graduates in 1961, Elsie wants to either hold a social studies position with a library job in a junior high school or go ahead and do graduate study in Geography in preparation for teaching at the college level.

Elsie has just returned from making a chapter visitation to Xi Chapter at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and was quite impressed by the response and interest of the group there. She wishes she could visit every chapter but that is of course impossible.



ELSIE WILKEN

National Officers

President ----- Patsy Teague
(Epsilon)
Vice President Shelia Anderson
(Mu)
Treasurer ----- Helen Sorrell
(Alpha)
Exec. Sec. ---- Dr. Eugene P. Watson
(Alpha)

Councilmen

District No. 1 (Alpha, Eta, Pi, Lambda)—Lavada Bachmeyer (Pi).
District No. 2 (Beta, Delta, Epsilon, Omicron)—Marvia Bryant (Omicron).
District No. 3 (Gamma, Mu, Xi, Rho Tau)—Kay Gibson (Gamma).
District No. 4 (Zeta, Kappa, Nu, Sigma, Upsilon) — Mary Stewart (Zeta).
District No. 5 (Theta, Iota) —Gail Browne (Iota).

Literature and History Department of the Dallas Public Library. Last September she married a native Texan, and they have bought a home in Dallas.

Miss Catherine Basco is now Mrs. Kenneth J. Guarino.

Miss Gayle Cryer and Miss Syble McClellan have obtained library positions. Gayle is a librarian and English teacher at Bell City High School, Bell City, Louisiana, and Syble is a library assistant in the DeRidder Parish Library in DeRidder, Louisiana.

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER

Northwestern State College
of Louisiana
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Alpha Chapter welcomed fourteen pledges into the fraternity at the combined fall initiation service and chapter Christmas party held at Mrs. Leo Carnahan's country home on December 9, 1958.

The pledges are Miss Dixie Barker, Mr. Roger Christian, Miss Virginia Gremillion, Miss Marietta Hammock, Mrs. Billie Johnston, Miss Wanda Lawrence, Miss Kathryn Lowe, Mr. William L. Nichols, Miss Mary Ann Schafter, Miss Barbara Shaver, Miss Shirley Sue Tassin, Mrs. Dorothy Laborde White, Miss Lenora Woolley, and Miss Gloria Wright.

On February 10, 1959, two cars of Alpha members journeyed to the Municipal Auditorium to Shreveport, Louisiana, where they attended an evening performance of the touring

"Mary Martin Show," high-lighted by Miss Mar-in's re-enacting the famous flying scene from "Peter Pan."

Each year the Louisiana Library Association invites two members of Alpha Chapter to be guests at the Awards Luncheon and Book Dinner of the Association's annual convention. This year Miss Mary Ferguson and Miss Lenora Woolley were chosen by chapter members to attend the convention in Baton Rouge on March 20.

Chapter members are selling copies of the Acadian Bi-Centennial Cookbooks to help meet expenses of the convention trip.

From New York, Mr. Vernon Jordan writes that he is now Adult Service Librarian at the Borough Park Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library. Mrs. Sue Hughes Carter and husband, Ross, with their little son, Matt are also in Brooklyn, where Mr. Carter is a branch assistant with the Brooklyn Public Library.

Mrs. Polly Rains Windham is in the

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

"*Libraries and the World of Tomorrow*" was the theme of the fourth national convention of Alpha Beta Alpha, which was held on the week end of April 24-25, at Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois.

For those delegates who arrived on Thursday, registration and an informal reception were conducted in the foyer and lounge of the Student Union Building. Members of Mu Chapter were present to greet the early arrivals and acquaint them with the campus and city.

The following morning registration was continued, and an informal reception was held for those delegates just arriving. While these activities were going on, the Executive Council met to determine what matters should be considered as primary topics for discussion during the business sessions.

At 9:30 a.m. Patsy Teague (Epsilon), President, opened the first general session in the recreation lounge of the Student Union Building. President Teague extended a welcome to the group and introduced the National Officers. The Official Delegates and their Alternates from the various Chapters were then recognized. The Delegates were officially seated; then each Delegate introduced all the members of his Chapter who were present. Inasmuch as one of the Delegates had failed to bring her credentials with her, she could not be seated until the following day. The Executive Secretary, Dr. Eugene P. Watson, reported on the present status of the Fraternity, including a financial statement and a brief discussion of the various activities held by each Chapter during the past year.

After the session, cokes were served to the group by members of Mu Chapter. The national scrapbook and the scrapbooks of various chapters were on display in the recreation lounge. Also on display were plaques, a pledge pin, and the 1957-58 "Chapter Reports."

The remainder of the morning was taken up with the "circles of information". Three simultaneous discussions were conducted in adjoining rooms, and the members were free to contribute to these discussions, making them lively and interesting. Each

member was able to attend two circles. The three topics, with the leader and the resource person for each were — "Improving Our Program," Kay Gibson (Gamma) and Mr. Walter McCauley (Sponsor of Gamma); "Improving Our Finances," Marvia Bryant (Omicron) and Miss Emily Copeland (Sponsor of Omicron); and "Improving Recruitment," Jack Moyer (Rho) and Mr. Nicholas G. Stevens (Sponsor of Rho).

The luncheon, the second general session, was held in the dining room of the Student Union Building. Shelia Anderson (Mu), Vice-President, presided. After the meal, the members were privileged to hear Miss Esther V. Burrin, librarian at Westlane Junior High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, President Elect of the American Association of School Librarians, and honorary member of the Fraternity, speak on **Opening Doors on Tomorrow's World**. Miss Burrin said, in part, "the library is no place for the misfit; the profession needs qualified people. The needs of Tomorrow's World are scientific, philosophic, and communicative. We have been identified more with guns and dollars than with ideas. Books that tell our story of ideas are more important than guns or money. Libraries will be guardians of these ideas. The goal of librarians is to work hard, not only to acquire knowledge for themselves, but to bring knowledge to others. The librarian has two jobs, to improve the libraries in the United States and Canada and to bring new people into libraries—not just 100's but 1,000's."

The afternoon was devoted to a tour of the Illinois State Normal University Campus—the University Library, the High School Library, the Elementary School Library, and the Museum. The group especially enjoyed seeing the Doll House in the University Library; the dolls were in groups such as foreign, once upon a time, American regional, etc.

The banquet, the third general session, was held in the ballroom of the Student Union Building. Everyone will long remember the beautiful decorations, the printed programs, the candlelight, and the souvenirs. After the invocation by Rev. Patrick

A. Baccus, Associate Director of the Wesley Foundation at Normal, a sumptuous meal was served.

Dr. Robert C. Bone, President of ISNU, personally welcomed the guests to the campus. The response was given by Judy Hammond (Alpha). Dr. Watson introduced the guests present and the new officers nominated for the following year, and read some of the many telegrams received from various outstanding librarians and library associations throughout the country. Maria Gamboa, a soprano, gave a beautiful rendition of **Because of You and LaPaloma**.

The main address of the evening, **Libraries and the World of Tomorrow**, was delivered by Dr. Harold Lancour, Executive Secretary of Beta Phi Mu and Associate Director of the Library School at the University of Illinois. In part, Dr. Lancour said that "education is the key to stopping an atomic war. The librarian is the agent of education; therefore, he has a large part in keeping the world here. If the world is here, what kind of world will it be? There are four main guides to the kind of new world. First, it will be an affluent society. There will be prosperity and abundance. Society will have enough money to support education, and it will need an extensive education at higher levels to maintain the society and its kind of life. Second, there will be a new stratification of society. Now there will be five classes, three lower supporting classes and two higher classes. Third, there will be a constant improvement in technology and communication. Fourth, there will be an increasingly complete worldwide organization and conceptions of it. This means that more formal and informal institutions must grow. Along with these will come the need of more libraries and librarians. Librarians can shape the wave of the future."

The evening ended with an initiation ceremony directed by Patsy Teague, President. Dr. Lancour was inducted as a National Honorary Member.

The final day of the Convention began with a breakfast for the Chapter Sponsors at the home of Miss Eleanor Weir Welch, Librarian of ISNU; and with an informal meeting

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Official Delegates

Alpha	Billie Joiner
Beta	Sarah Ann West
Gamma	Gene Norman
Epsilon	Julia Reeves
Eta	Vanita Lee
Kappa	Janet Cooper
Lambda	Pearl Gondrella
Mu	Valerie Wilford
Omicron	Marvia Bryant
Pi	Kitty Tovar
Rho	Jack Moyer
Sigma	Patricia Corkey
Tau	William Sherman

GREETINGS RECEIVED FROM:

Mr. Emerson Greenaway, President, American Library Association.

Dr. William Dix, Executive Secretary, Association of Research Libraries.

Mrs. Margaret H. Fuller, President, Special Libraries Association.

Dr. Esther L. Stallman, President, Association of American Library Schools.

Mr. Alphonse Trezza, Executive Secretary, Catholic Library Association.

Dr. Lewis C. Branscomb, President, Association of College and Research Libraries.

Dr. Benjamin E. Powell, President-Elect, American Library Association.

Mrs. Lura G. Currier, President, Public Library Association.

Mr. David Cliff, Executive Director, American Library Association; and Honorary Member, ABA.

Dr. Robert H. Blackburn, President, Canadian Library Association.

Among Those Present

MEMBERS: **Honorary:** Miss Esther V. Burrin, Librarian, Westlane Junior High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, and President-Elect of the American Association of School Librarians; and Dr. Harold Lancour, Associate Director, Library School, University of Illinois.

Alpha Chapter: Student: Roger L. Christian, Virginia Gremillion, Marietta Hammock, Judith Anne Hammond, Billie Joiner, Enoch Arden Phelps, Helen Sorrell, and Gloria Wright; Professional: Miss Agnes R. Clark, and Dr. Eugene P. Watson; Alumni: Gayle Cryer.

Beta Chapter: Student: Sarah Ann West.

Gamma Chapter: Student: Kay Gibson, Linda Goodrich, Joan Humble, Darlene Meki, Alice Morton, Gene Norman, Sharon Roach, and David E. Spohr; Professional: Mr. Walter T. McCauley; Alumni: Susan Bush.

Epsilon Chapter: Student: Rose Marie Ramsay, Julia Reeves, Joyce Kay Roach, Mary Ellen Taylor, Joyce Ann Teague, and Patsy Teague; Professional: Miss Rezina E. Senter.

Zeta Chapter: Student: Nancy Miller and Mary Stewart.

Eta Chapter: Student: Dea Grisom and Vanita Lee.

Kappa Chapter: Student: Peggy Brelsford, Janet Cooper, and Judy Ann Robertson.

Lambda Chapter: Student: Pearl Gondrella and Patricia Avery Paar.

Mu Chapter: Student: Lou Ann Ahlden, Linda Albin, Shelia Anderson, Donna Bessant, Mrs. Evelyn H. Botkin, Pat Gleason, Barbara Graham, Mabra Hebert, Opal J. Leddy, Barbara Noonan, Barbara G. Randolph, Rosemarie Razim, Sandy Reback, Sharon Schleeter, Valerie Jane Wilford and Elsie M. Wilken; Professional: Miss Lucile Crosby, Mrs. Dorothy S. Fagerburg, Miss Eunice H. Speer, and Miss Eleanor Weir Welch; Alumni: Robert Abbott.

Omicron Chapter: Student: Marvia Bryant; Professional: Miss Emily A. Copeland.

Pi Chapter: Student: Lavada D.
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of the student delegates at the Student Center.

The fourth general session was held in the recreation lounge. Elsie Wilken, President-Nominee, presided over the panel discussion, **The Fraternity and Tomorrow**. The discussants were the "circle" leaders and the resource persons. After the panel members had summarized the various ideas which had been presented at the circle meetings on the previous morning, the meeting was thrown open for questions and comments. Different ways of making money to help improve the finances of both the national and local organizations, such

as selling candy, cards, books, etc., were discussed. Also, it was brought up that it would be good to have regional meetings if possible in order that the Chapters might have a closer relationship with one another. Workshops for high school students, displays, and assemblies given to students were suggested as ways for recruitment.

The next session was the luncheon which was also held in the dining room of the Student Union Building. Helen Sorrell, Treasurer, presided. Guest speakers were Miss Kathleen B. Stebbins, Personnel Director of the Detroit Public Library and President of the Library Education Division of ALA; and Miss Dorothy Kittel, consultant in the Library-Community Project of ALA. Miss Stebbins spoke on **Recruitment in the World of Tomorrow**. She said that "in recent years more have left than have come into librarianship. Some methods of keeping them may be: knowing the young people of the staff, more library publicity, taking a hard look at the task of the librarian, and raising the salaries of librarians." **Moving Toward Tomorrow** was the topic of Miss Kittel. Miss Kittel told of the activities of the American Library Association, such as granting funds, establishing library standards, and servicing all schools with library collections who support the education program.

President Patsy Teague presided over the business session, which was the sixth and last formal session of the convention. During the two days of the convention, much serious thought was devoted to the Fraternity—its organizational structure, its strengths and its weaknesses; many suggestions were made for strengthening and improving the Fraternity, and a number of spirited discussions were held. The official actions of the Delegates and their recommendations to the incoming Executive Council are listed below.

On Saturday night, the National Officers, the Official Delegates, and the Chapter Sponsors were treated to a delicious meal at the home of Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg, co-sponsor of Mu.

The hospitality extended by Mu Chapter will never be forgotten. Everyone appreciated the cooperation of all those who made the convention the great success that it was.

CONVENTION BUSINESS

Official Actions Taken

A "Recruiting Award" (\$50 maximum cost) is to be given annually through ALA.

A cup is to be awarded annually for "general Chapter excellence" (to be transferred each year; three-time winner will retain permanently).

The Fraternity is to be legally incorporated.

The proposed amendment to Article III (1, C—Contributing Membership) of the National Constitution was adopted. [See *The Alphabet*, Vol 9, No. 2, p. 2.]

Official rituals to be used in opening and closing all chapter meetings are to be prepared, and adopted by the Executive Council.

An official "Fraternity Song" is to be adopted as soon as a song is composed that is acceptable to the membership.

Each fall issue of *The Alphabet* shall contain a roster of all National and Chapter officers.

Each fall a "Chapter News Letter" shall contain a tabulation of the important deadlines that all Chapters must observe during the year, and a reminder that a minimum of ten meetings must be held during the year.

A Chapter is to be fined whenever its "Annual Report" is delinquent.

The 1957 proposal to establish "Be A Librarian Week" was abandoned.

The suggestion that Founders' Day be changed from May 3 to another date was rejected; but all Chapters are to be urged to give greater emphasis to the observance of the Day.

The suggestion that a special type of active membership fee be created for summer school students was rejected.

The suggestion that national conventions be subsidized by means of special chapter-assessments was rejected.

The suggestion that henceforth the Nominating Committee shall nominate at least two persons for each national office was rejected; the group expressed their satisfaction with the

method which has been employed ever since the Fraternity was founded.

Recommendations To The Incoming Executive Council

Chapters should be urged to sponsor "Book Fairs."

Chapters should be urged to issue annual, or semi-annual, "Newsletters" to their membership, and to exchange copies with the other Chapters.

Inter-Chapter visiting should be encouraged.

Chapters should be urged to cooperate with the editors of their respective student newspapers by offering to write a "column" in the newspaper—book reviews, etc.

Members should be urged to wear the official Fraternity pin.

Chapters should be urged to use "pledge pins" consistently.

Students should be welcomed into active membership during their freshmen year in College—the privilege of membership should not be withheld until the sophomore or junior year.

Chapters that fail to purchase official Fraternity wall-plaques should be penalized.

The bid of Kappa to host the 1961 Convention should be accepted.

Matters Referred to the Incoming Executive Council For Consideration

Paying one-half of travel expenses for an experimental "Regional Convention."

Paying all expenses of a National Officer on an experimental "Chapter Visitation."

Amending the Charter to permit the three ranking Officers of a Chapter to vote in lieu of the entire membership with regard to certain specified matters of lesser importance.

Adopting a standard-form "record card" to be used by all Chapters in keeping their membership records.

Providing for the centralized mailing of the copies of *The Alphabet*, using addressograph plates.

Publishing a fourth (literary) issue of *The Alphabet* each year.

NEW MEMBERS

Alpha Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Evelyn Aiken, Alexandria, La.; Dixie Ann Barker, Natchitoches, La.; Roger L. Christian, Shreveport, La.; Billie T. Gough, Trout, La.; Virginia P. Gremlion, Alexandria, La.; Marietta E. Hammock, Bernice, La.; Gerry Ann Haworth, Alexandria, La.; Mrs. Willie M. Johnston, Waynesboro, Miss.; Billie I. Joiner, West Monroe, La.; William L. Nichols, Shreveport, La.; Enoch A. Phelps, Pleasant Hill, La.; Patsy Ruth Reid, Winnfield, La.; Melba Sue Riggs, Georgetown, La.; Mary Anne Schafer, DeRidder, La.; Barbara Ann Shaver, Benson, La.; Shirley Sue Tassin, Lecompte, La.; Lenora Alice Woolley, DeQuincy, La.; and Gloria Yvonne Wright, Jonesville, La.

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBER: Gayle Cryer, DeRidder, La.

Gamma Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Joy Doane, Jasper, Ind.; Mrs. Linda Goodrich, Terre Haute, Ind.; Joan Humble, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Winifred Kitaoka, Terre Haute, Ind.; Gene Norman, Norman, Ind.; David Spohr, Jamestown, Ind.; and Gloria Welton, Vincennes, Ind.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Mrs. Sylvia Greiner, Terre Haute, Ind.; and Fred Hanes, Terre Haute, Ind.

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBER: Mrs. Beatrice Young Glezen, Librarian, Jasper High School, Jasper, Ind.

ALUMNI LIFE MEMBERS: Mrs. Edith Hughes Anstead, 921 N. Center, Terre Haute, Ind.; Mrs. Gladys

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Convention Finances

INCOME:

Registration Fees _____	\$ 75.00
Sale of Meal Tickets _____	347.50
Total Income _____	\$ 422.50

EXPENSES:

Travel of Delegates _____	\$454.50
Meals _____	425.55
Printing _____	40.66
Badges _____	10.20
Photographs _____	44.10
Speakers _____	54.75
Total Expenses _____	\$1,029.76

NET COST OF CONVENTION _____ \$ 607.26

NEW MEMBERS

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White Cooper, Librarian, Pendleton High School, Pendleton, Ind.; Mrs. Maurine Medsker, R.R. 2, Sullivan, Ind.; and Miss Ulah Wilder, Librarian, Oakland City College, Oakland City, Ind.

Delta Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Gene Dale Atkins, Russellville, Ala.; Lauren Doggette, Gilbertown, Ala.; Derek S. Milson, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Jo Ann Morrison, Elrod, Ala.; Monroe Snider, Northport, Ala.; Anne Williams, Carrollton, Ala.; and Karen Young, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Epsilon Chapter

ALUMNI LIFE MEMBER: Patsy Teague, Box 136, Woods Hall, Murray State College, Murray, Ky.

Zeta Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Mary Lou Cox, Jumping Branch, W. Va.; Nancy Sue Miller, Blacksburg, Va.; Patricia Ann Pollitt, Athens, W. Va.; and Dorothy Ellen Shumaker, Princeton, W. Va.

Eta Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Jo Ann Baker, Ft. Knox, Ky.; Hazel Lou Faubion, Valley Mills, Tex.; Isabella Gibson, Denton, Tex.; Gwendolyn Ann Gooch, Farmersville, Tex.; Dea Grissom, Monohans, Tex.; Nancy Hedgecock, Frankfort, Ind.; Mrs. Joella Orr, Denton, Tex.; Martha Ramirez, Larado, Tex.; Margaret Henriette Seward, Las Vegas, Tex.; Lynda Lea Shubert, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Janice Spratt, Sanger, Tex.; and Dorothy Jeanne Wurgler, Las Cruces, N. Mex.

Iota Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Penelope Rae Bloom, Stockton, Calif.; Mrs. Mitsue Bryan, San Jose, Calif.; Elizabeth Chaffee, Santa Clara, Calif.; Ruby L. Gallagher, Stockton, Calif.; Juanita Henderson, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Marianna Henwood, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Betty Johnson, Santa Clara, Calif.; Rei Kagehiro, Colusa, Calif.; Mrs. Donna L. Liming, San Jose, Calif.; Linda Lucas, Clements, Calif.; Mrs. Lois McCrocklin, San Jose, Calif.; Donald MacDonald, Fresno, Calif.; Marilyn McGowan, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Marjorie Newnan,

Mountain View, Calif.; Patricia Pole, San Jose, Calif.; Mrs. Janet Randall, Milpitas, Calif.; Mrs. Rae Schmuck, Los Gatos, Calif.; Susan Shaw, San Mateo, Calif.; Lynn L. Vermillion, San Jose, Calif.; Sybil Vickers, Santa Cruz, Calif.; and Carole Vowles, Los Gatos, Calif.

Kappa Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Carol Anderson, Willow Street, Pa.; Dorothy Angle, Shippensburg, Pa.; Elaine Coopersmith, Huntsgton, Pa.; Amy Kneibler, Danville, Pa.; Susan Miller, Harrisburg, Pa.; Helen Nohrenhold, Manheim, Pa.; Rachel Noll, Annville, Pa.; Ellen Paul, Camp Hill, Pa.; Linda Rambler, Middletown, Pa.; Judith Robertson, New Cumberland, Pa.; Julia Ross, Carlisle, Pa.; Marjorie Sawhook, Butler, Pa.; Kay Vandergrift, Mechanicsburg, Pa.; Ann Vinyard, Harrisburg, Pa.; Vija Vitols, Lancaster, Pa.; and Margaret White, Millersberg, Pa.

Nu Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Frances Withers Atchinson, Huntington, W. Va.; Nancy Carol Cunningham, Whitesville, W. Va.; Nancy Lou Fink, Charleston, W. Va.; Jana Gray Henry, Huntington, W. Va.; Mrs. Genevieve McDaniel, Huntington, W. Va.; Rosemary Moeser, Huntington, W. Va.; Katharine Temple Pierce, Charleston, W. Va.; and Jennie Ellen Windsor, Huntington, W. Va.

Sigma Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Rexanne Beaumont, Joan Bennett, Dawn Howard, Patricia Voogd, and Norene Werden.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Jean Lowrie, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Tau Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Rena Brunner, Stockton, Ill.; Mary Jo Cruson, Byron, Ill.; Karen Holderman, Elmhurst, Ill.; and Arlene Mirabelli, Chicago, Ill.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERS: Helen Daly, DeKalb, Ill.; and Irene Norell, DeKalb, Ill.

Corrections

Because the following members were incorrectly listed in our Fall and Winter issues, we herewith apologize, and include the correct listing:

Kappa Chapter: Student Member: Helen Ryno, Quarryville, Pa.

Mu Chapter: Five-Year Alumni Member: Mrs. Irma S. Andrews, 805 Spring St., Washington, Ill.

Upsilon Chapter: Charter Five-Year Alumni Members: Mildred I. Conard, Librarian, Martinsburg High School, Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.; and Mrs. Betty Hunter, Librarian, Charles Town High School, Shenandoah Junction, W. Va.

AMONG THOSE PRESENT

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Bachmeyer, Dolores Mircovich, and Kitty Tovar.

Rho Chapter: Student: Jack O. Moyer; Professional: Mr. Nicholas G. Stevens.

Sigma Chapter: Student: Patricia Ann Corkey and Pauline Kesler; Professional: Miss Esther Carter.

Tau Chapter: Student: Pat Sells and William Sherman.

NON-MEMBERS: Rev. Patrick A. Bacchus, Associate Director, Wesley Foundation, Normal, Illinois; Mrs. Patrick A. Bacchus; Dr. Robert C. Bone, President, Illinois State Normal University; Mrs. Robert C. Bone; Miss Dolores Brooks, Illinois State Normal University; Miss Marvia Gamboa, Illinois State Normal University; Miss Rose Mary Hunt, Murray State College, Kentucky; Mrs. Laurie Ikerd, Murray State College, Kentucky; Miss Dorothy Kittel, Consultant, Library Community Project, American Library Association, Miss Edna Middleton, Illinois State University; Miss Pat Royster, Murray State College, Kentucky; Miss Kathleen B. Stebbins, Personnel Director, Detroit Public Library, and President, Library Education Division, American Library Association and Miss Kathy Wasson, Murray State College, Kentucky.

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

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BETA CHAPTER

Mississippi State College for Women
Columbus, Mississippi

This year fifteen of Beta's members graduated. Some of them will
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CHAPTER NEWS (Con't)

be housewives and others have jobs ranging from bookmobile librarians to teachers. The housewives are Lorice (Anderson) Broome, Lady Carolyn (Taylor) Garrard, and Blanche (Brown) Rosser. One of Beta's working housewives is Rosemary (Graham) Comer, who will be library assistant at the Lee County Library in Tupelo, Mississippi. Donna Whitten, who will be married before this goes to press, will keep her job as assistant reference librarian at the University of Mississippi in Oxford. Three of Beta's members are rooming together and working together at the Memphis Public Library in Memphis, Tennessee. They are Betty Whisenant, who was Beta Chapter's president last year, Joan Robinson, and Pauline Livaudais. Two of the members will be teaching, Shirley Garrison in Festus, Missouri, and Betty Knight in Meridian, Mississippi. Marilyn Simmons, who graduated cum laude, is getting her Master's Degree in English at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Paula Armstrong is bookmobile librarian at the Public Library in Denver, Colorado. Two members are staying here in Columbus. Lynn Hughes is librarian at the new Brandon Elementary school. Sarah Ann West will be an assistant in the Library Science Department at Mississippi State College for Women. Nancy Bigham, who held that position last year, is now serving as children's librarian in the Public Library in Anniston, Alabama. As of yet, Beverly Spack was undecided as to what job she would take.

One of Beta's former presidents, Bertha (Wachsmann) Adkins, wrote of her and her husband's work in Casablanca, Morocco. This summer they have gone to an Air Force Base in Ben Guerier. There, Bob will set up an industrial arts shop, and Bertha will get a new library started. After they finish their work in Ben Guerier, they are planning a Mediterranean cruise. The twenty-one day cruise begins in Tangier, goes to Barcelona, Spain; Naples, Italy; Athens, Greece; Turkey; and from Tripoli to Tangier again.

Miss Marion Jones Williams, a member of the Library Science Department faculty and of ABA, toured England in the latter part of June and July. She visited relatives in

Shropshire, England and Pembroke-shire, South Wales, and visited such points of interest as London, Cambridge, Windermere, Stratford, and Southampton.

This summer Sarah Ann West, after having been appointed Church librarian by the First Methodist Church in Columbus, Mississippi, was sent to Lake Junaluska for a Workshop for Church Librarians. She was also in New Orleans and toured the new municipal library there. While in New Orleans, she talked with one of Beta's former ABA members, Jesselyn Lamb, who is bookmobile librarian for the St. Bernard Parish Library.

Another one of Beta's former members, Joyce Kilmer, who is now working at Price Water House Co. in New York City, has recently received a promotion and is now head of the cataloging department there.

Beta's officers for the coming year are: President, Sonia Thornhill; Vice-President, Jimmie Lou Lyons; Recording Secretary, Carolyn Webb; Corresponding Secretary, Amanda Bigham; Treasurer, Dora Ann Marques; Historian, Malise Mapp; Reporter, Helen Lowery; and Parliamentarian, Marjorie Hess.

This year, Beta plans to better the recruiting program. The chapter is also planning some money making projects, so it can start saving toward the next Bi-Annual National Convention.

GAMMA CHAPTER Indiana State Teachers College Terre Haute, Indiana

The new officers of Gamma Chapter are: David Spohr, President; Kay Gibson, Vice-President; Alice Morton, Secretary; Sherri Roach, Treasurer; and Linda Goodrich, Pledgemaster.

Mr. Walter McCauley is Gamma's new sponsor. Mr. McCauley received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky, and his Master of Arts Degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tennessee. He came to Indiana State Teachers College in June of 1958 and is employed as an Assistant Reference Librarian in the College Library. Mr. McCauley is an alumni of Epsilon Chapter.

Four of Gamma's members received honors: Anna Mary Smith was awarded the Library Scholarship; Colleen Magnuson was the director of the

winning Alpha Omicron Pi sorority in Song Fest; Darlene Meki was awarded the Lillian Gay Berry Latin Award and Gene Norman received a graduate assistantship at Indiana University and the Indiana Library Association Scholarship.

Gamma Chapter sent eight of its members to the National Convention. The chapter also had its annual picnic with the Library Staff Association at Deming Park.

The last meeting of the chapter was held in the apartment of Miss Nelle McCalla, who is retiring as chapter sponsor. The chapter gave Miss McCalla a gift in appreciation for the time and the energy she has given to the club since it was first organized.

Gamma is making plans to have a float in the Homecoming Parade this coming fall. This is a new adventure for the club.

David Spohr has been elected the National Vice-President and Darlene Meki has been re-appointed editor of "The Alphabet."

EPSILON CHAPTER Murray State College Murray, Kentucky

Epsilon Chapter had two rummage sales in order to raise enough money for nine students and two advisors to attend the convention.

On Honor Day at Murray State College, club members gave Patsy Teague life membership in Alpha Beta Alpha. Julia Reeves was chosen as the most valuable all-round four-year member.

On May 21, Epsilon celebrated Founder's Day with a picnic and swim at Kentucky State Park.

Following the baccalaureate service, a tea was given by the ABA members honoring the seniors, their parents, and friends.

The initiation banquet was held at the Woman's Club House in April. Mrs. George Hart, Murray High School Librarian, was guest speaker at the banquet. Her subject was "I'm proud to be a librarian."

The officers for 1959-60 were installed on May 28. They are as follows: President, Joyce Teague; Vice-President, Mary Taylor; Recording Secretary, Joyce Roach; Treasurer, Rosemary Hunt; Corresponding Sec-

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retary, Pat Royster; and Reporter, Rose Ramsay.

On High School Day Epsilon was host to those who were interested in becoming librarians.

Epsilon's graduates for 1959 have accepted the following positions as librarians: Julia Reeves, Crossville, Illinois; Martha Wasson, Harrisburg, Illinois; and Alta Herrold, Paducah, Kentucky.

On August 8, Patsy Teague became Mrs. Bill Beasley and now lives at Mount Auburn, Illinois. Clea Atnip is now Mrs. Bob Alexander.

Mrs. Ann Cochran, reference librarian, taught in the graduate library school at the University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

During the past year Epsilon Chapter had 17 meetings plus some call meetings.

ZETA CHAPTER

Concord College
Athens, West Virginia

The new officers of Zeta Chapter for 1959-60 will be: President, Nancy Miller; Vice-President, Fran Johnston; Secretary, Margaret Whitt; Treasurer, Sue Crabtree; Parliamentarian, Mary Lou Cox; Reporter, Dorothy Shumaker.

Founders' Day was observed on May 3 with the group having a dinner at "The Town-N-Country". A brief program followed the dinner.

Linda Soto was the senior in Library Science who received the Alpha Beta Alpha award for the outstanding senior of the year. She was given

an Alpha Beta Alpha key in recognition of this honor.

The Chapter participated in National Library Week by arranging appropriate bulletin boards for that week in the library.

The following five seniors graduated this year: Linda Soto finished in May, Joyce Hill, Lois Jarrell, Mary Stewart and Norene Wallace Young completed their work during the summer term.

Patsy Jervis McGuire and husband Bob are now the parents of a daughter, Leigh Anne McGuire. Patsy returned to school for the second summer session.

Kathryn Ann Bryson became the bride of Tom Davis. They were married in June, and they are now living at War, West Virginia.

On May 23, 1959, Joan Hurley was married to Billy C. Jones. She has now moved to Detroit, Michigan.

Naoma Workman was married on August 9, 1959, to Gerald Ellison.

ETA CHAPTER

Texas Woman's University
Denton, Texas

In May Eta Chapter held its annual Founders' Day party and Installation of Officers. The officers were installed prior to the party. The new officers for 1959-60 are: President, Dea Grissom; Vice-President, Ann Gooch; Secretary, Lea Shurbet; Treasurer, Jo Ann Baker; Parliamentarian, Margaret Seward; and Pledge Captain, Vanita Lee. The Founders' Day Party was held in the home of Miss D. Genevieve Dixon, Director of the School of Library Science.

The delegates to the national convention gave a report of the convention and their trip. Games were played and refreshments were served. A short business meeting was held at the end of the party to elect national officers.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Millersville State Teachers College
Millersville, Pennsylvania

Kappa Chapter recently initiated two sophomores and fourteen freshmen into Alpha Beta Alpha at a formal initiation ceremony.

Miss Isabelle Huston of the college library staff spoke to the chapter on the life and schooling in Lebanon. Miss Huston spent three years in Lebanon as the librarian at Beirut College for Women.

Each year one library science major receives an award based on his service to the college and the fraternity and on his professional attitude. The person selected must have an overall average of 2.5. A committee composed of four seniors, three juniors, two sophomores, and one freshman was selected at a recent meeting to choose the recipient of the award.

The March meeting of Kappa Chapter featured an illustrated lecture on illuminated manuscripts by Dr. Burl Osburn, head of Millersville's Industrial Arts Department.

WE ARE SORRY!!! Because of a shortage of space in this issue the remainder of "News from Our Chapters" will be printed in the next issue of **THE ALPHABET**. The Fall, 1959 issue will be printed in the very near future.

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