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HANDBOOK ISSUE



DEDICATION

To our three retiring Sponsors—Miss Nelle McCalla, Gamma;
Miss Dora Smith, Iota; and Miss Virginia Lock, Nu—
this issue is gratefully dedicated.

Our President



ELSIE WILKEN

Executive Secretary's Column

It is indeed a pleasure to chat with all of you again, through the medium of *The Alphabet*, at the beginning of this Fraternity's tenth year. Already every Chapter should begin making plans for a really big celebration of ABA's tenth anniversary on May 3, 1960—with real birthday cakes, and everything.

As we go to press, arrangements are being made to install Phi Chapter at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant. And groups at three other institutions have expressed a strong interest in having Chapters—North Texas State University, Denton; University of South Carolina, Columbia; and Southeast Missouri State College, Cape Girardeau.

On behalf of the Fraternity, I wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to the three Chapter Sponsors who are retiring from active duty with ABA this year—Miss Nelle McCalla, Gamma, 1952-1959; Miss Dora Smith, Iota, 1953-1959; and Miss Virginia Locke, Nu, 1956-1959. We deeply appreciate the fine contribution you have made in the growth and development of the Fraternity, and we wish you Godspeed!

ABA received a new recognition when it was invited to send an official

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER
Northwestern State College
of Louisiana
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Lenora Woolley, National Treasurer, and Dixie Barker represented Northwestern State College's library science students at the annual Louisiana Library Association convention in Baton Rouge last spring. They were introduced to convention attendants at the Book Dinner. They met a former Northwestern State College student and faculty member, Dr. John Duffey. At this dinner meeting, Dr. Duffey was presented the Louisiana Library Association's 1958 award for his book, *The Rudolph Matas History of Medicine in Louisiana*. It was selected as the outstanding contribution to Louisiana literature.

The Founders' Day Picnic was

delegated to the inauguration of President Lewis Knoblauch, Western Illinois University, on November 6; Miss Eunice Speer, Sponsor of Mu, served as the Delegate.

As we go to press, Theta, Omicron, Sigma, and Tau have not yet sent in their "1958-59 Annual Chapter Reports."

Mu has issued an attractive mimeographed recruiting-sheet—"Interested in Books! Join Alpha Beta Alpha."

The audit of National's financial records for the fiscal year 1958-59 has now been completed, and the report of the Auditing Committee has been transmitted to President Wilken. Copies of the detailed financial statement have been supplied to all members of the Executive Council and all Chapters; any member desiring a copy can obtain one free of charge by writing to me. A summary of the statement appears in this issue of *The Alphabet*. The Auditing Committee, appointed by President Wilken, was comprised of: Chairman, Lenora Woolley, (National Treasurer, ABA); Mrs. Lucille Carnahan (Library Science instructor, Northwestern State College of Louisiana); and Mrs. Lucille Daughdril (Librarian, Northwestern Elementary School, Natchitoches).

again held at the home of Mrs. Irma Bullock, an alumni member.

At the Northwestern Senior Day Awards Assembly held May 4, Mary Ferguson was presented the Alpha Beta Alpha Award. It is given each year by Alpha Chapter to the library science student who has high scholarship and who has demonstrated ability to do successful work as a librarian.

To make money for the chapter this year, Alpha is continuing the sale of Acadian cookbooks and has added several new items: purple and white felt turtles, pillows, and Demon heads.

To introduce the library science program and Alpha Beta Alpha to freshmen and newcomers, a get-acquainted party was held October 13. Alpha was host to 43 guests. Dr. Watson, ABA's Executive Secretary, gave an informal talk on the advantages and opportunities in the field of library science. Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, library science instructor and Alpha's sponsor, and members of the registration committee welcomed guests and distributed literature on librarianship as a career while chatting informally on membership in ABA. Lenora Woolley, Geri Haworth, Judy Hammond, and Marietta Hammock provided entertainment with a beatnik scene depicting membership in ABA, minoring in library science, and a career in the library profession. Refreshments were served preceding the showing of an Encyclopedia Britannica film entitled "The Library Story."

Marietta Hammock, currently serving as Alpha's president, was a maid in Northwestern State College's Homecoming Court.

Alpha has received news from some recent graduates. Mrs. Russell Whittington is a combination librarian-English teacher at Campiti High School in Natchitoches Parish. Virginia Gremillion is the bookmobile librarian in Grant Parish. Charles Ainsworth is serving as a missionary at the Brazilian Mission, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Evelyn Aiken is teaching language arts at Alexandria Junior High, Alexandria, Louisiana. Gayle Cryer is an English teacher-librarian at

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DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS 1959-1960

National Executive Council

National President, Elsie Wilken, Mu, (Walker Hall, Illinois State Normal University, Normal, Illinois); Vice President, David Spohr, Gamma, (Parsons Hall, Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, Indiana); Treasurer, Lenora Woolley, Alpha, (P.O. Box 303, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana); Executive Secretary, Dr. Eugene P. Watson, Alpha, (P.O. Box 1117, Northwestern State College, Natchitoches, Louisiana); Councilmen: District No. 1, Pearl Gondrella, Lambda, (Box 13184, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana); District No. 2, Lauren Doggett, Delta, (P.O. Box 4785, University, Alabama); District No. 3, Nancy Rice, Sigma, (2307 Cameron, Kalamazoo, Michigan); District No. 4, Larry Miller, Rho, (State Teachers College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania); District No. 5, Barbara Dummermuth, Theta, (Palo Verde Hall, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona).

Chapter Officers

Alpha

Northwestern State College of Louisiana, Natchitoches, (installed May 3, 1950). President, Marietta Hammock (P.O. Box 647, NSCL); Vice-President, Billie Joiner (P.O. Box 1011, NSCL); Recording Secretary, Gloria Wright (P.O. Box 1325, NSCL); Corresponding Secretary, Judith Hammond (P.O. Box 251, NSCL); Treasurer, Barbara Shaver (P.O. Box 204, NSCL); Reporter, Dixie Barker (Route 1, Shamrock Motel, Natchitoches); Parliamentarian, Bill Nichols (P.O. Box 611, NSCL); and Sponsor, Mrs. Lucille Carnahan (Department of Library Science, NSCL).

Beta

Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, (installed December 2, 1950). President, Sonia Thornhill (P. O. Box 1496, MSCW); Vice-President, Jimmie Lou Lyons (P.O. Box 864, MSCW); Recording Secretary, Carolyn Webb (P.O. Box 870, MSC

W); Corresponding Secretary, Amanda Bingham (P.O. Box 829, MSCW); Treasurer, Dora Ann Marquez (P.O. Box 1262, MSCW); Historian, Malise Mapp (MSCW); Reporter, Helen Lowery (P.O. Box 1053, MSCW); Parliamentarian, Marjorie Hess (P.O. Box 1518, MSCW); and Sponsor, Mrs. Alice Gatchel (Department of Library Science, MSCW).

Gamma

Indiana State Teachers College, Terre Haute, (installed February 8, 1952). President, David Spohr (Parsons Hall, ISTC); Vice-President, Kay Gibson (Reeve Hall, ISTC); Recording Secretary, Alice Morton (Reeve Hall, ISTC); Treasurer, Sherri Roach (Burford Hall, ISTC); and Sponsor, Mr. Walter T. McCauley (Department of Library Science, ISTC).

Delta

University of Alabama, University, (installed January 10, 1953). President, Lauren Doggett (P.O. Box 4785, University); Vice-President, Gene Dale Atkins (P.O. Box 3376, University); Secretary, Ann Williams (814 Hackberry Lane, Tuscaloosa); Treasurer, Judith O'Daniel (P.O. Box 4688, University); Reporter, Karen Young (1307 Dearing Place, Tuscaloosa); and Sponsor, Mrs. Pauline M. Foster (P.O. Box 2242, University of Alabama, University).

Epsilon

Murray State College, Murray, Kentucky, (installed January 17, 1953). President, Joyce Teague (Route 1, Kirksey); Vice-President, Mary Taylor (Woods Hall, MSC); Recording Secretary, Joyce Roach (Woods Hall, MSC); Corresponding Secretary, Patsy Royster (P.O. Box 319, College Station, Murray); Treasurer, Rosemary Hunt (Box 117, Woods Hall, MSC); Reporter, Geraldine Jarrell (Olive Blvd., Murray); and Sponsor, Miss Rezina Senter, P.O. Box 163, MSC).

Zeta

Concord College, Athens, West Vir-

ginia, (installed April 11, 1953). President, Nancy Miller (P.O. Box 13, Athens); Vice-President, Fran Johnston (352 Oakvale Road, Princeton); Secretary, Margaret White (Peters-town); Treasurer, Sue Crabtree (P.O. Box 276, Athens); Historian and Reporter, Dorothy Shumaker (1007 South Ninth St., Princeton); Parliamentarian, Mary Lou Cox (General Delivery, Athens); and Sponsor, Mrs. Virginia Fanning (Assistant Librarian, Concord College).

Eta

Texas Women's University, Denton, (installed May 6, 1953). President, Dea Elma Grissom (P.O. Box 2128, TWU); Vice-President, Ann Gooch (P.O. Box 2341, TWU); Secretary, Lea Shurbet (P.O. Box 2302, TWU); Treasurer, Jo Ann Baker (P.O. Box 2054, TWU); Historian, Margaret Seward (P.O. Box 3304, TWU); Reporter, Hazel Faubian (P.O. Box 2792, TWU); Parliamentarian and Pledge Captain, Vanita Lee (Box L, Stoddard Hall, TWU); and Sponsor, Mrs. Frances de Cordova (P.O. Box 2808, TWU).

Theta

Arizona State University, Tempe, (installed May 23, 1953). President Barbara Dummermuth (Palo Verde Hall ASU); Vice-President, Mabel Macdonald (21 West 1st Avenue, Mesa); Secretary-Treasurer, Isabel Russell (Matthews Library, ASU); and Sponsor, Mrs. Inez W. Moffitt (Dept. of Library Science, ASU).

Iota

(Not yet reported)

Kappa

State Teachers College, Millersville, Pennsylvania, (installed April 12, 1954). President, Linda Rambler (Box 127, Lyle Hall, STC); Vice-President, Judith Robertson (Box 23D, Old Main, STC); Recording Secretary, Vija Vitols (Women's Day Room, STC); Corresponding Secretary, Susan Miller (Box 21D, Old Main, STC); Treasurer, Dorothy Angle (Box 34D, Old Main, STC); Historian, Kay Vandergrift (Box 23D, Old Main, STC); Reporter, Helen Nohrenhold (46 W. Frederick St., Millersville); Parliamentarian, Amy

Kneibler (Box 95, Lyle Hall, STC) and Sponsor, Miss Coral Melson, Director of Library Education, STC).

Lambda

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge 3, (installed April 14, 1954). President, Pearl Gondrella (P.O. Box 13184, LSU); Vice-President, Mrs. Judy Vandermolten Goodrum (160 E. State St., Apt. 4, Baton Rouge); Recording Secretary, Desiree Nash (P. O. Box 13235, LSU); Treasurer, George Dandridge (227 Graham Hall, LSU); and Sponsor, Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson (Director, Library Education, LSU).

Mu

Illinois State Normal University, Normal, (installed February 25, 1956). President, Valerie Wilford (Barton Hall, ISNU); Vice-President, Elsie Wilken (Walker Hall, ISNU); Secretary-Treasurer, Donna Bessant (Fell Hall, ISNU); Historian and Reporter, Linda Albin (Fell Hall, ISNU); and Sponsor, Miss Eunice H. Speer (Department of Library Science, ISNU).

Nu

Marshall College, Huntington, West Virginia, (installed April 15, 1956). President (not yet reported); Vice-President, Nancy Cunningham (Laidley Hall, Huntington); Secretary, Eleanor Taylor (College Hall, Huntington); Treasurer, Rosemary Moeser (2102 5th Ave., Huntington); and Sponsor, Miss Julia Schwartz (749 12th Avenue, Huntington).

Xi

Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, (installed May 26, 1956). President, Anne Elise Shafer (215 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); Vice-President, Connie Kluever (159 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); Secretary, Betty Peters (263 N. Campbell Hall, ISTC); Treasurer, Ann Bettin (106 W. Lawler Hall, ISTC); and Sponsor, Mr. Everett Howell (Circulation Librarian, ISTC).

Omicron

Florida A. & M. University, Tallahassee, (installed April 5, 1957). President, Dorothy M. Payne (748 E.

Ninth Ave., Tallahassee); Vice-President, Laurestine E. Bass (205 New Women's Dormitory, Fla. A&M Univ.); Recording Secretary, Antoinette Jones (122 McGuinn Hall, Fla. A&M Univ.); Corresponding Secretary, Bertha Governor (1322 S. Melvin St., Tallahassee); Treasurer, Mamie A. Foster (312 New Women's Dormitory, Fla. A&M Univ.); Historian, Morna M. Batson (305 New Women's Dormitory, Fla. A&M Univ.); Reporter, Bertha Governor (1322 S. Melvin St., Tallahassee); Parliamentarian, Annie R. Howard (418 New Women's Dormitory, Fla. A&M Univ.); and Sponsor, Miss Emily A. Copeland (Department of Library Science, Fla. A&M Univ.).

Pi

Our Lady of the Lake College, San Antonio, Texas, (installed April 13, 1957). President, Dolores Mircovich (Providence Hall, OLLC); Vice-President, Ruth Ann Grams (622 Cedar St., San Antonio); Secretary, Angela Kammlah (Pacelli Hall, OLLC); Treasurer, Ann Bethancourt (Pacelli Hall, OLLC); Historian and Parliamentarian, Mary Rose Fernandez (Pacelli Hall, OLLC); and Sponsor, Sister Jane Marie (Department of Library Science, OLLC).

Rho

State Teachers College, Kutztown, Pennsylvania, (installed November 20, 1957). President, Leocadia Sopolis (P.O. Box 267, STC); Vice-

President, Helen Hudry (P.O. Box 166, STC); Secretary, Gail Erwin (P. O. Box 67, STC); Treasurer, Lois Reichard (1438 Main Street, HELLERTOWN); Historian and Reporter, Geraldine Fritz (227 Jefferson Road, Adamstown); and Sponsor, Mr. Nicholas G. Stevens (Director of Library Education, STC).

Sigma

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, (installed March 22, 1958). President, Patricia A. Corkey (331 Spindler, WMU); Vice-President, Pauline Kesler (213 Smith Burnham, WMU); Recording Secretary, Beth Bennett (229 Davis, WMU); Corresponding Secretary, Rexanne Beaumont (200 Ernest Burnham, WMU); Treasurer, Linda Clapp (215 Smith Burnham, WMU); Reporter, Mary Ann McCarthy (336 Davis, WMU); Parliamentarian, Norene Werden (635 Locust Street, Kalamazoo); and Sponsor, Miss Esther Carter (Department of Librarianship, WMU).

Tau

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb (installed May 18, 1951). President, William Sherman (Box 136, Gilbert Hall, NIU); Sponsor, Dr. Jonathan R. Ashton (Head, Dept. of Library Science, NIU). (Other officers not yet reported.)

Upsilon

(Not yet reported)

WHAT THE CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN DOING

The following information extracted from the wealth of material contained in the "Annual Chapter Reports" for 1958-59 may prove helpful to all Chapters in planning and conducting programs and activities.

Three Chapters held fifteen or more meetings during the year. Two Chapters issued newsletters. Four Chapters sent representatives to library association conventions. Four Chapters presented a Library Science award to their outstanding senior on Senior Day. Two entered decorated car in their college homecoming day parade (one of them won a prize!).

With regard to professional activities, a number of Chapters participat-

ed in a variety of programs—set up Book Week display, donated books to Veterans Administration Hospital, conducted library orientation tours for freshmen, sponsored installation of a book-drop outside a school library, gave books to a home for unwanted children, served as co-hosts for a "College Day," organized a story-telling group at an elementary school, helped set up a test-file in a college library. Members of some of the Chapters were privileged to participate in excellent field trips to the Library of Congress, the Folger Library, a VA Hospital Library, the U.S. Government Printing Office, a publishing house, the U. S. Office of

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TOWARD IMPROVEMENT

The following suggestions for improving the Fraternity and its Chapters constitute a compilation of the points brought out during the Circle of Information discussions conducted at the 1957 and 1959 National Conventions.

IMPROVING RECRUITING

Active Student Members

At the beginning of the fall semester, obtain a list of all library science students and all other students interested in librarianship, and contact them personally.

All members obtain and wear fraternity pins.

Send notices and literature to every student interested in attending meetings.

Whenever possible, take advantage of college assemblies, using book talks.

Prepare attractive displays and set them up at strategic points, using pamphlets on librarianship.

Make use of local publicity media—student newspaper, radio, TV, city newspaper.

Hold dinners or teas for those interested in librarianship.

Sponsor joint activities with various other organizations on the campus to improve public relations and gain recognition.

Host a national or regional convention on the campus.

Provide loan funds and scholarships for those interested in librarianship.

Arrange for the provision of student work-scholarships in the college library for the better students, in hopes of persuading them to become librarians.

Make materials readily available on librarianship as a career.

Maintain booths with recruiting material at group meetings, conventions, college days, and registration.

Reach children in elementary school.

Reach parents of children.

Sponsor career nights, with panels on librarianship—both on college campus and at high schools.

Sponsor a library day or week each year.

Arrange for individuals and Chapters to participate in high school career and vocation days—use slides showing work experiences, social activities, libraries, and librarians.

Promote the organization of library clubs in high schools, and visit them.

When doing library practice work, show active interest in boys and girls, and make librarianship seem attractive to them.

Try to collect alumni dues from seniors at the time of graduation.

Alumni

Request Chapter Sponsors to write personal letters to non-member alumni.

Encourage alumni members to try to interest boys and girls in librarianship.

During workshops for high school librarians, present new ideas and techniques for helping in recruiting.

New Chapters

Correspond with library science club members in other colleges.

Arrange as many personal contacts as possible with members of library science clubs in other colleges.

Arrange for Chapter Sponsors to have opportunities to discuss the Fraternity with sponsors of library science clubs in other colleges.

Invite library science club members from other colleges to visit your campus for chapter programs or socials.

Where the distances involved are not too great, arrange for joint field trips with the members of library science clubs from other colleges.

IMPROVING OUR PROGRAM

Have varied programs at Chapter meetings.

Levy a fine against any Active Member who is absent from a Chapter meeting without a valid reason.

Issue a "chapter newsletter," and exchange newsletters with other Chapters. (Personal items could then be eliminated from **The Alphabet**?)

Engage in the practice of inter-Chapter visitation.

Sponsor district-wide meetings during non-convention years; these meetings should be informal.

IMPROVING OUR FINANCES

Compile a "handbook" and require all new members to buy it.

Conduct book-fairs.

WHAT THE CHAPTERS HAVE BEEN DOING

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Education, and the National Archives.

Socially speaking, nine Chapters held banquets or dinners; two held dinners; two held luncheons; five went on picnics; nearly all Chapters held parties—Christmas parties being the overwhelming preference, with Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en next in popularity. Chapters organized excursions to places of interest, dramatic presentations, etc.

Nine of the Chapters celebrated Founders' Day with either a banquet, a picnic, a tea, or a birthday party (one Chapter even had a birthday cake with nine candles!)

Numerous Alphabetaphans received honors and recognition during the year—three seniors were awarded graduate scholarships, and one was given a graduate assistantship; many merited scholarship awards, election to honor societies, and places on the college honor roll and in the student hall of fame; members were elected student body officers, officers of religious organizations, class officers, club officers, and cheerleaders—one member served as a U. S. guide at the World's Fair, and another reigned as a football queen.

The Chapters financed their activities in several different ways, chiefly through selling things—books, sandwiches, costume jewelry, Xmas and all-purpose cards, pecans, cookbooks, "rummage", doughnuts. Income for the various Chapters during the year ranged from a low of \$54.00 to a high of \$659.63, with an average of about \$230.00. The close of the year found treasuries ranging all the way from a scant \$2.03 to a comfortable \$220.39 with the average amount in the till being about \$75.00.

OFFICIAL DATES AND DEADLINES

October 10—Deadline for the National Auditing Committee to submit its report to the National President.

October 15—Final date for Chapters to supply the National Executive Secretary with a list of the Chapter Officers for the current year, with complete home and school addresses.

November 1—Deadline for regular Active Members to pay their dues for the current year to their Chapter Treasurer.

November 1—Final date for submission of material to the Editor for inclusion in the fall issue of *The Alphabet*.

November 15—Deadline for the Chapter Treasurer to forward to the National Executive Secretary the annual dues of the regular Active Members of the Chapter.

January 15—Final date for submission of material to the Editor for inclusion in the winter issue of *The Alphabet*.

March 15—Deadline for the National Executive Secretary to transmit to all Chapters the names of the persons nominated to serve as National Officers for the following year.

March 15—Final date for submission of material to the Editor for inclusion in the spring issue of *The Alphabet*.

April 15—Deadline for the Chapter vote for National Officers to be submitted to the National Executive Secretary.

May 3—Founders' Day.

August 31—Final date for the Chapter to complete all financial records for the fiscal year.

August 31—Final date for submission to the National Executive Secretary of the Chapter President's

"Annual Report," including the Treasurer's Report.

Reminders

Each Chapter must hold at least ten meetings during the year.

No person except a graduating senior may be initiated into active membership in the Fraternity during the semester (or quarter) in which he is pledged.

New Members

Epsilon Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Clela At-nip, Calvert City, Ky.; Jo Ann Goodman, Trenton, Tenn.; Alta Herrold, Paducah, Ky.; Rosemary Hunt, Lone Oak, Ky.; Carol Porter, Clinton, Ky.; and Catherine Wasson, Carrier Mills, Ill.

Theta Chapter

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS: Mrs. Ethel Kirchner, 509 W. 15th St., Tempe, Ariz.; and Elizabeth Stenglin, 320 E. Hatcher Rd., Phoenix, Ariz.

ALUMNI LIFE MEMBER: Mrs. Lillie King Shaw, Assistant Librarian, Glendale High School, Glendale, Ariz.

Iota Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: Mrs. Virginia Barrett, Saratoga, Calif.; and Joan Hagen, Santa Paula, Calif.

Lambda Chapter

STUDENT MEMBERS: George Ben Dandridge, Ringgold, La.; and Desiree Burges Nash, Bunkie, La.

Programs For Meetings

Those folks who are responsible for planning the programs for Chapter meetings may be interested in the following list of ten types of programs which have been used successfully by various Chapters.

1. Book talks by students.
2. Books talks by librarians.
3. Talks on phases of library work.
4. Talks on librarianship as a career.
5. Talks on book-publishing.
6. Talks on poster-making.
7. Panel discussions.
8. Travel talks by students, librarians, and non-members—often illustrated with slides.
9. Story-telling.
10. Literary quiz-programs or contests.

MEMBERSHIP TABULATION, 1958-1959

	ALPHA	BETA	GAMMA	DELTA	EPSILON	ZETA	ETA	THETA	IOTA	KAPPA	LAMBDA	MU	NU	XI	OMICRON	PI	RHO	SIGMA	TAU	UPSILON	TOTALS
Honorary																					15
Active																					
Student	26	24	16	17	13	14	22	6	27	46	11	23	23	14	17	30	25	23	30	8	408
Professional	11	19	10	1	2	3	4	9	4	7	2	13	1	12	7	6	5	5	10	8	125
Alumni																					
Five-Year	3	2	4	37	2	1	22	8	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	68	0	2	5	161
Life	60	50	86	141	19	17	68	29	92	56	2	26	6	14	3	8	0	0	0	0	677
Contributing	1	0	3	8	2	0	4	0	1	0	4	6	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	31
TOTAL	110	85	119	204	38	35	120	52	124	109	19	74	20	41	27	45	98	28	42	18	1417

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

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Simpson High School in Vernon Parish. Enoch Phelps is a combination social studies teacher and librarian at Rosepine High School in Vernon Parish of Louisiana.

Miss Jean Royston, an alumni member, and Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, Alpha's sponsor, attended the ALA convention in Washington, D. C., this past summer.

Catherine Basco, an alumni member, now Mrs. Kenneth Guarino of Lake Charles, Louisiana, announced the birth of their first child, Deborah Ruth, on August 29, 1959.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teachers College
Terre Haute, Indiana

Gamma Chapter began the year by having a float in the Homecoming Parade. The float was in the shape of an open book, and the theme was "State's Booked to Win." Gamma also had its annual Homecoming breakfast in the new cafeteria of the Student Union Building.

In October, in initiation and pledging ceremonies, seven pledges and two new members were welcomed. The pledges are: Tommy Buchta, Mrs. Elizabeth Damon, Delores Fagg, Ruth Jackson, Shirley Jenkins, Madeline Ricciardi, and Marilyn Ricciardi.

The pledges were put in charge of the chapter scrapbook. On November 9, Gamma had their picture taken for the Sycamore yearbook. The chapter will assist the Library Staff Association with Christmas decorations in the library.

Gamma members were in charge of registration and tours of the campus for the Indiana Student Librarians Association meeting which was held at Indiana State Teachers College.

Miss Susan Bush received her Masters degree in Library Science at the University of Illinois and is now employed as the assistant University School librarian at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. Mr. Gene Norman, who graduated last year, is working on his Masters degree in Library Science at Indiana University.

ETA CHAPTER

Texas Woman's University
Denton, Texas

Eta Chapter, Texas Woman's University, started the year by holding its semester doughnut sale on September 26.

Three of the chapter members went to the Teen Age Library Association District Convention at Central High School in San Angelo, Texas. There, they conducted a workshop on Library Publicity. Those conducting the workshop were: Nancy Hedgecock; Peggy Seward, parliamentarian; Dea Grissom, president. They were accompanied by Miss G. Dixon, Director of the School of Library Science at Texas Woman's University.

Early in October a called meeting was held to plan the annual October picnic. All library science majors and minors were invited to attend. The picnic was held in the Texas Woman's University Golf Clubhouse. Nearly 60 people attended, including the library science faculty and the staff and their families. The traditional meal of hot dogs and s'mores was followed by group singing led by Vanita Lee and by a resumé of the trip to San Angelo.

Vanita Lee was elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. She was previously a president of Eta Chapter.

IOTA CHAPTER

San Jose State College
San Jose, California

Iota Chapter held its Christmas holiday celebration at the home of Mrs. Betty Johnson. Carmen Molina from Peru, Christopher Sheffield from England, and Lily Soeratin from Java related to members of Alpha Beta Alpha how Christmas was observed in their homelands. Dinner was served and gifts were exchanged between faculty and students.

Iota chapter had its Spring initiation ceremony and dinner on Friday, March 13, 1959. Miss Geraldine Ferring, Librarian, Bureau of Texts and Libraries, San Francisco Public Schools, was guest speaker. A question and answer period followed Miss Ferring's talk.

At the March 13 initiation dinner, Gail Browne, senior library science

major, was selected as the first recipient of the annual Dora Smith Award in School Librarianship.

The department of Library Science at San Jose State College acquired a new department head. Miss Dora Smith retired after twenty-eight years of service to librarianship and to San Jose State College. Mr. Leslie H. Janke succeeded Miss Smith as head of the Department.

On May 5, 1959, the new officers for the coming year were elected. They are: President, Donald MacDonald; Vice-President, Judith M. Weymouth; Treasurer, Betty Johnson; Secretary, Lynn L. Vermillion; and Historian, Marilyn McGowan.

Also, at the May 5 meeting, members planned for a banquet to be held in honor of Miss Smith and Miss Jeannette Vander Ploeg. Miss Vander Ploeg also retired after twenty-eight years of service to Librarianship. She was the Cataloging instructor. The retirement banquet was held on Friday, June 5, 1959, and at that time the officers for the coming year were installed.

Miss Shirley Hopkinson will replace Miss Vander Ploeg as full time professor of Cataloging.

Tentative activities for the coming year include the continuation of the annual rummage sale and a coffee hour for members twice a week.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lambda Chapter ended the year with a meeting on May 14 to elect new officers for 1959-60.

Following the business meeting and election, the members of the chapter were guests at a program and social meeting of the Baton Rouge Library Club. Presiding officer was Mr. James Cookston, a member of the Louisiana State University Library School staff.

The Chapter has been making plans for a program entitled "Books, Programs, and Professional Relationships" for the coming year with main emphasis on recruitment. Some of the activities include: contacting Louisiana State University students who may be interested in joining Alpha

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Beta Alpha; contacting the Louisiana Teen-Age Library Association for Louisiana State University freshmen; and holding committee meetings to make further plans.

In September a recruitment coffee hour was held to honor prospective pledges and to welcome back Miss Norris McClellan as co-sponsor.

Miss McClellan has been on leave from Louisiana State University as a professor of Library Science at the University of Ankara in Turkey. She will resume her position as Alpha Beta Alpha sponsor along with Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson, who has been with the chapter in Miss McClellan's absence.

Dr. Stephenson was named Executive Director of National Library Week celebration for the state of Louisiana in 1960.

Lambda will participate in the state wide celebration of National Library Week.

At the July committee meeting Pearl Gondrella, the incoming president of Lambda and delegate to the National Convention in April, 1959, was elected National Councilman from District I.

MU CHAPTER

Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

Mu's first two functions were social. The chapter had a popcorn party to get acquainted with prospective pledges at the home of Mrs. Dorothy S. Fagerburg, one of Mu's sponsors.

At the second meeting of the year, October 5, 1959, Mu initiated and pledged one of the largest groups in its history. The ceremonies of induction and a reception for Dr. Robert Hertel, the new Director of Libraries at Illinois State Normal University, were held in the Faculty Lounge of Hovey Hall.

Seven initiates were received into the fraternity.

Nineteen prospective librarians pledged Mu Chapter. They are: Barbara Barrett, Moline, Illinois; Anna Marie Bazik, Streator, Illinois; Marcella Bunis, Chicago, Illinois; Judy Davis, Cambridge, Illinois; Dave Downs, Peoria, Illinois; Phillip Fleet-

wood, Sycamore, Illinois; Stephen Johnson, Lockport, Illinois; Edith Knack, Iron Ridge, Illinois; Lois McCreight, East Moline, Illinois; Patricia Myrty, Riverside, Illinois; Carolyn Pankey, Arthur, Illinois; Sharon Phelps, Clinton, Illinois; Russell Reynolds, Clinton, Illinois; Judy Sand, Geneseo, Illinois; Judy Veech, Macon, Illinois; Margaret Ward, Plainfield, Illinois; Carolyn Watson, Urbana, Illinois; Carol White, Orion, Illinois; and Florence Wood, Chicago, Illinois.

Several alumni and friends attended Mu Chapter's Homecoming Coffee Hour on October 24 in the Carnegie Room of Milner Library. Also, in celebration of Illinois State Normal University's Homecoming Mu entered a float in the Homecoming Parade.

On November 2, the chapter held its meeting in the library of **The Daily Pantagraph**, Bloomington's newspaper. This meeting and tour of the library gave the members a glimpse of a technical library.

To conclude the meetings during the first semester, Miss Cecilia Peikert of the University Museum will speak to the chapter on the topic of bulletin boards.

NU CHAPTER

Marshall College
Huntington, West Virginia

Nu Chapter was invited to participate in the annual convention of the West Virginia Library Association which was held in Huntington this October. John Ciardi, poetry editor of the Saturday Review, told the group that that was his first speech before librarians. National library figures that were present were Miss Mary V. Gaver, Chairman of AASL Standards Committee, and Dr. Hilary J. Deason, Director of the Science Library Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Alpha Beta Alpha members helped by serving tea to the members of the convention who visited the Marshall College campus.

In November a tea for new members was held. Also Nu Chapter made plans to hear a talk by a young Huntington housewife who recently took part in the American exhibition in Russia.

XI CHAPTER

Iowa State Teachers College
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Xi Chapter began the year with a get-acquainted meeting of the members, the new students, and the chapter's new advisor, Miss Eileen Noonan.

Members and advisors have attended and reported on the following library conventions; the Iowa Library Association Convention, the Iowa State Education Association Convention, and the Library Assistants' Convention.

As a project the chapter is planning to send books to the Cedar Valley Service Center, a social welfare organization.

Public, school, and overseas librarianship are being planned as programs. Librarians in those fields will speak and lead group discussions on those topics.

The highlight of Xi Chapter's activities last year came on April 10 when the chapter aided the Department of Library Science in the traditional Library Students' Day open house. High School library assistants from all parts of Iowa toured the college library and campus. Alpha Beta Alpha members served as guides and prepared the afternoon refreshments.

PI CHAPTER

Our Lady of the Lake College
San Antonio, Texas

Founders' Day was observed on May 12 with a meeting of the whole chapter membership. The twelve newly initiated members acted as hostesses for a covered dish supper in the Library Science Department. The new officers for 1959-60 were installed.

Convention activities were reported, and the graduating members were recognized with a book gift. A review of the year's departmental activities was given by means of colored slides. Ruth Ann Grams, Pi's photographer, gave the review.

In September Pi members held a party for fourteen new pledges. They were given pledge pins and the club calendar. Initiation is set for April 9.

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Angela Kammlah, Dolores Mircovich, Pat Houlahan, and Sister Jane Marie traveled 276 miles to San Angelo, Texas, in October to present a workshop on "Library Clubs and Librarianship as a Career" for District III of the Texas Teen Age Library Association. Members from Eta Chapter were there also. Pau Houlahan is the holder of the TALA Scholarship for 1959-60, and Dolores and Angela are President and Secretary respectively of Pi Chapter.

A book display and tea were sponsored by Pi on November 10 and 11 as a Book Week observance. Because of nine-weeks tests the activities had to be scheduled a week later. Opportunities for making book choices for Christmas and buying the books exhibited is, in this way, afforded the college students, the faculty, and friends.

Sister Jane Marie, C.D.P., Pi Sponsor, gave two book talks. "Parents, Teachers, and Children's Reading" was the topic of the one on November 5 to the PTA at New Braunfels, Texas; the other was on November 14 in Corpus Christi, Texas, to the members of District IV of the Texas Teen Age Library Association. Sister Jane Marie spoke on the topic, "It Started with a Book."

The students from the Department of Librarianship had an opportunity to hear Dr. Lawrence Clark Powell, Librarian, University of California at Los Angeles, speak at Landa Library on November 5.

The annual Christmas Story Hour was held in the Department of Librarianship on December 17. Jeanette Sebring was the featured teller of tales.

RHO CHAPTER

State Teachers College
Kutztown, Pennsylvania

Rho Chapter's activities last year centered on planning two events: the Library Science Department's all-college assembly presented on February 24 and the Annual Conference for Pennsylvania School Librarians on April 17-18

The assembly, "What's My Title," was in the form of a television panel show. Four faculty members constituted the panel. The panel was Miss Ruth Bonner, Associate Professor of

English and Speech; Mrs. Sara Mack, Assistant Professor of Library Education; Dr. Horace Heilman, Professor of Art Education; and Mr. Raymond Ford, Associate Professor of English. Moderator of the panel was Jack Moyer. Musical selections were sung by Marjorie Druckenmiller, with Larry Miller as her accompanist. Members of Rho Chapter dressed to represent book titles and tried to stump the members of the panel. As the final part of the program, the film *Bibliodynamics* was presented. It concerned the Charles Hayden Memorial Library of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The introduction was given by Mr. Nicholas G. Stevens, Director of Library Education and Sponsor of Rho Chapter.

The theme of the Fourteenth Annual Conference for Pennsylvania School Librarians was "Mass Media of Communications and School Librarians." The program for Friday, April 17, consisted of talks on various media of communications. These talks were "The Friendly Dragon", on comic books, by Dr. C. Duncan Yetman, Acting Head of the Kutztown English Department; "Newspaper and Curriculum Enrichment" by Mrs. Marjorie W. Longley, School and College Service of "The New York Times", "Art and School Libraries" by Dr. Horace Heilman, Professor of Art Education in the Kutztown Art Department; and "Stimulating Scientific Interests" by Dr. Hilary Deason, Director of the Science Library Program. Following this meeting tea was served. Speaker for the conference dinner was Dr. Frank L. Schick, Assistant Director of Library Science Services Branch of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. Dr. Deason's topic was "Paperbacks—One of the Mass Media."

Speakers for the final meeting on Saturday morning, April 18, were Dr. Lillian L. Batchelor, Supervisor of Secondary School Libraries of Philadelphia; Dr. Genevieve M. Bowen, Curriculum Specialist of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction; and Mr. Theodore Waller, Vice-President of the *Americana* Encyclopedia Corporation. Dr. Batchelor and Dr. Bowen spoke on "Mass Media Communications in Elementary and Secondary School Libraries." Mr.

Waller's topic was "The Present and Future Impact of Mass Communications." The conference closed with the luncheon at which Dr. Stringfellow Barr, Professor of History at Rutgers University, spoke on "Fiction is Truer than History." The presiding official of the conference was Mr. Nicholas G. Stevens.

SIGMA CHAPTER

Western Michigan University
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Sigma's annual picnic was held in May at the home of one of the chapter's graduate students. Active members and graduate students were invited. A short business meeting followed the picnic.

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Books are the bench marks in man's search for knowledge, the enduring weapons in man's right to knowledge. We must never, as librarians, take away one whit from man's Freedom to Read and the Free Use of Knowledge. Rather, we must advance those rights as the never ending responsibility and privilege of librarians. — From: David H. Clift, "The Sounding Furrows," address delivered at ABA Convention, 1954.

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The libraries of America are and must ever remain the homes of free, inquiring minds. To them, our citizens—of all ages and races, of all creeds and political persuasions—must ever be able to turn with clear confidence that there they can freely seek the whole truth, unwarped by fashion and uncompromised by expediency.—Eisenhower

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"Exploring Librarianship", a collection of six fine scripts for radio playlets dealing with library careers is available from the Library School, Louisiana State University, at 25c per copy, five for \$1.00. Alumni members, as well as Chapters, might find the scripts useful for recruiting purposes.

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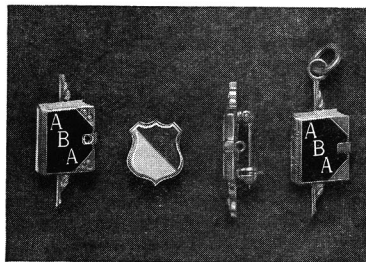
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INCOME

Initiation Fees.....\$215.00
Membership Dues
Active Student.....\$421.00
Active Professional..... 124.00
Alumni and Contributing..... 176.00
Total Dues..... 721.00

Sale of Social Stationary..... 4.20
Fines..... 1.00
Total Income..... 941.20
Total Cash and Income.....\$2,316.09

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EXPENDITURES

Postage and Freight.....\$339.67
Chapter Installations and Charters..... 59.19
Stationery and Supplies..... 142.27
"The Alphabet"..... 290.18
Jewelry..... 13.66
Convention..... 556.40
Wages of Secretary..... 167.62

Total Expenditures..... 1,568.99

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