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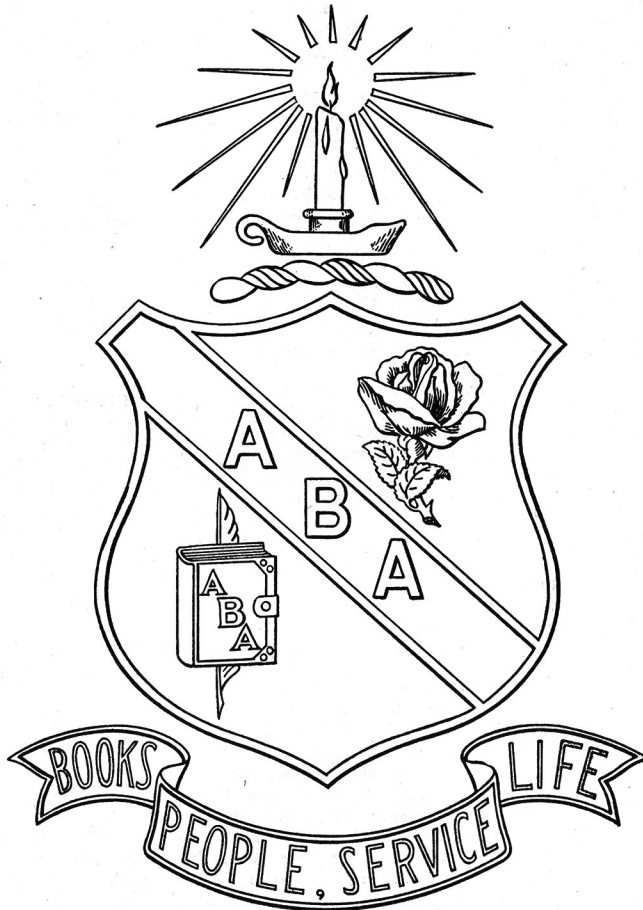
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This issue of "The Alphabet" is dedicated to all the present Chapter officers.

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NEWS FROM OUR CHAPTERS

ALPHA CHAPTER
Northwestern State College
of Louisiana
Natchitoches, Louisiana

Seventeen were pledged into Alpha Chapter at the annual Christmas party held at the home of Alpha's sponsor, Mrs. Lucille Carnahan, in Cloutierville, Louisiana. Before the pledging ceremony, Marietta Hammock, Alpha's president, presented Mrs. Carnahan with a corsage and Dr. Eugene P. Watson, ABA's Executive Secretary, with a boutonniere. Alpha's new pledges were: Maurice Aaron, Tim Barker, Elise Bordelon, Lester Crooks, Jo Edwards, Kathleen Feltmann, Mary Gandy, Marlan Hodges, Don Holton, Cynthia Knight, Ann Matthews, Mary Purcell, Doris Richardson, Jackie Smith, Mary Walker, Monya Winn, and Mr. Leslie Gower, professional. The festive evening was climaxed with a buffet supper and the exchanging of gifts.

Eleven were initiated into Alpha Chapter at its formal spring initiation, March 7. After the initiation ceremony, refreshments of cake and punch were served. Dr. Eugene Watson introduced Mrs. Jean Forester, who gave an informal talk on army librarianship.

Mrs. Lucille Tinker Carnahan, associate professor of education and sponsor of Alpha Chapter since its installation, was subject of a feature article, "Professional Portrait," appearing in the Spring 1960 issue of the *Bulletin of the Louisiana Library Association*.

Billie Joiner, Alpha's vice-president, was initiated into Phi Kappa Phi, national scholastic fraternity.

Barbara Shaver, Alpha's treasurer, was recently elected president of the Associated Women Students, an organization composed of all women students living on campus.

Marietta Hammock, president, and Judy Hammond, corresponding secre-

Pa.; Eugene Schrope, Hegins, Pa.; and Elizabeth A. Stahl, Langhorne, Pa.

Upsilon Chapter

FIVE-YEAR ALUMNI MEMBERS: Mrs. Edith F. Bland, Librarian, Myersville Elem. School, Myersville, Md.; and Mrs. Sara L. Foley, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

tary, represented Alpha at the Louisiana Library Association Convention held March 24-26, in Monroe, Louisiana.

Alpha Chapter attended the Broadway production of "Look Homeward, Angel" presented in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Ann Matthews and Dixie Barker, reporter-historian, are working on a new project for Alpha, a newsletter to be sent out to alumni members and sister chapters.

Alpha has received news from recent graduates. Mary Ferguson is teaching 11th and 12th grade English at Byrd High School, Shreveport, Louisiana. Rebecca Salley, married to James Holtzclaw in September, 1959, teaches physical education at Cotton Valley High School, Cotton Valley, Louisiana.

BETA CHAPTER

Mississippi State College for Women
Columbus, Mississippi

On December 2-5, Beta Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha held a Book Fair in the Library Science Department of Mississippi State College for Women. A Christmas tree was the center of attraction in the department. Magnolia leaves, pine boughs, and golden balls decorated the tables around the room. The three bulletin boards were arranged to carry out the theme.

On Wednesday, December 2, a Mississippian, Thomas Hal Phillips, author of *Bitterweed Path*, *The Loved and the Unloved*, and other novels, was a guest of the Book Fair. He told of some of the events which led to his fame as an author. After Mr. Phillips spoke, punch was served to the guests, who were looking at the many books displayed at the various booths.

Miss Pauline Livaudais, Librarian in the Memphis Public Library System and a graduate of Mississippi State College for Women, returned on Friday to have two story hours for groups of children. She used the Christmas theme for her stories and her puppet show. The children looked at the children's books which were on display when the story hour was over.

The purpose of the Book Fair was to give experience to the Library Science majors as well as to promote reading.

GAMMA CHAPTER

Indiana State Teachers College
Terre Haute, Indiana

Gamma Chapter's annual Christmas party was held on December 14, at the home of Mr. Walter McCauley, chapter sponsor. After a business meeting, a radio skit was presented by the pledges, and refreshments of popcorn, donuts, hot chocolate, and coffee were served.

On Monday evening, January 4, Gamma Chapter sponsored a Bake Sale at Meadows Shopping Center. Baked goods which were not sold that evening were sold at the Library Staff Coffee Hour the following day. This was Gamma's first attempt at holding a bake sale.

Gamma's pledges received pledge pins which they wore until they became active members at Gamma's banquet.

The chapter's Anniversary Banquet was held on Saturday, February 27. Miss Genevieve Klueh spoke on library work overseas.

This year for the first time, Gamma has a newsletter, which is called "The Gammaphone". Joan Humble is the editor, and the paper is sent to all members of Gamma Chapter.

Miss Frances Smith, who is children's librarian at the Emmeline Fairbanks Memorial Library in Terre Haute, has recently returned from a trip to Florida. Miss Smith has also appeared on television several times in connection with her job. Miss Esther Burrin, who is an honorary member of Alpha Beta Alpha, is president of the American Association of School Librarians, American Library Association, and will preside at its next meeting which will be held in Montreal, Canada, in June.

EPSILON CHAPTER

Murray State College
Murray, Kentucky

Epsilon Chapter of Murray State College started the semester by having a bake sale.

Members of the pledge class were: Marilyn Morgan, Murray, Ky.; Judy Howell, Benton, Ky.; Patsy McElroy, Mansfield, Tenn.; and Shirley Cooley, Clinton, Ky.

The Chapter had a Progressive Party for its Christmas holiday celebration. Christmas stories were told, and presents were exchanged among the members. The Fraternity project was selling Christmas Cards.

Epsilon Chapter had its annual

initiation ceremony and dinner on Thursday, February 25, 1960. Mr. Wilson Gantt, principal of Murray College High School, was the guest speaker.

Joyce Teague was elected to Who's Who In American Colleges and Universities. She is president of Epsilon Chapter.

KAPPA CHAPTER

Millersville State College
Millersville, Pennsylvania

At the May meeting of Kappa Chapter elections were held for the coming school year 1960-61. The new officers are: President, Judy Robertson; Vice-President, Kay Vandergrift; Recording Secretary, Ellen Paul; Corresponding Secretary, Frances Bailey; Historian, Marjorie Sawhook; and Treasurer, Susan Miller.

During the past year Kappa Chapter received ten new members into its organization. This increased our total membership to thirty-nine students, six professional members, four lifetime members and one Alumni member.

Recently the students and staff of the Library Department went on a trip to Wilmington, Delaware. Throughout the day the chapter visited six libraries; one specialized library, one county library, one elementary library, one junior high school library and two junior-senior high school libraries.

As a final meeting for this school year, the Kappa Chapter held a picnic.

LAMBDA CHAPTER

Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Lambda Chapter pledged fifteen members. Following the pledging ceremony, a buffet supper was held at the home of the fraternity's sponsor, Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson.

The Library School faculty members who participated in the ceremony were: Mrs. Florrinnell F. Morton, director of the Library School; Miss S. Metella Williams; Miss Norris McClellan; and Dr. Shirley K. Stephenson. Special guests for the buffet supper were Mrs. Calvin Schwing, formerly a member of the Library School faculty and a member of the LSU Board of Supervisors, and Dr. Ruth M. Baldwin, a member of the Library School faculty.

The ceremony was conducted by: Miss Pearl Gondrella, president; Mrs.

Judy Goodrun, vice-president; and Miss Desiree Nash, secretary. The pledges included: Miss Doris Booth, Doyleine; Miss Lilly Ford, Harrisonburg; Miss Sandra Caro, Franklin; Miss Camille De Paoli, New Orleans; Miss Betty Dow, New Orleans; Miss Rosemary Fleming, Dallas; Miss Edmee Franklin, New Orleans; Mrs. Adele Pierce Jordan, Baton Rouge; Miss Mary Knotts, Sicily Island; Miss Regina Long, Baton Rouge; Miss Judy Lowe, Plains, Texas; Miss Suzonne Reagan, Baskin; Miss Suzanne Russell, Huntsville, Texas; Miss Merle Stoke, Evanston, Illinois; and Miss Marydel Tinsley, Belle Chasse.

On December 10, 1959, Lambda Chapter held a pledging ceremony for Mrs. Rose Meyers and Miss Mary Newbrough in one of the classrooms in the new library building. Mrs. Florrinnell F. Morton, director of the Library School, gave a brief talk to the members and new pledges.

Immediately following the ceremony and the business meeting, the Library School faculty, the Library staff members, the members of the graduate school, and the members of Lambda Chapter held a joint Christmas party in the staff's lounge in the library. The lounge was decorated in the Christmas theme. Refreshments were served by the Library School faculty. Miss Essae Culver, head librarian of the Louisiana State Library, was the Chapter's special guest.

MU CHAPTER

Illinois State Normal University
Normal, Illinois

On December 7, 1959, Miss Elsie Wilkin, National President of Alpha Beta Alpha, presented to Miss Eleanor Welch, retired head librarian at Illinois State Normal University, certificates honoring her with a life membership in the National Fraternity of Alpha Beta Alpha and with a life membership in Mu Chapter. Miss Welch spoke to the Chapter on the subject, "Humor in Recent Literature."

Miss Cecilia Peikert of the University Museum spoke at the January meeting on the topic of bulletin boards. To add interest to it, she showed examples to help explain various points.

Ceremonies initiating the fall pledges was the main program of the February meeting.

In March the Chapter met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hertel, Head of the Library Science Department. Miss Dorothy Hinman, a librarian at I.S.N.U., spoke on "Illinois Authors."

Miss Margaret Lawrence gave a book review at the April meeting.

NU CHAPTER
Marshall College
Huntington, West Virginia

Nu Chapter held a New Members' Tea on November 15, 1959. As a result of this tea, the chapter pledged 16 women this semester. The pledges are Janet Ashley, Lee Beckett, Trena Chandler, Ruth Fowler, Sarah Ann Goodman, Madora McClure, Patty McClure, Jean Meadows, Kay Merritt, Carolyn Pierce, Menetta Prichard, Patty Reardon, Edna Snyder, Ruth Ann Teets, Deloris Vaughn, and Jean Weakly. These pledges chose Madora McClure pledge president and Ruth Ann Teets pledge secretary. The pledge projects, putting the chapter scrapbook in proper order and fixing up an ABA bulletin board in the college library, have been completed.

Nu has had the opportunity to hear two speakers: Mrs. Don Titus, who showed slides and told of her trip to Russia last year, and Miss Nastaram Mohit, a native Iranian and fellow-student, who spoke to the club about her native country (customs, libraries, schools, etc.). In January, the chapter took a trip to Ashland, Kentucky, to tour a new addition to the Ashland Public Library.

At the first meeting of this semester, Nu elected the current officers. These officers are: Rose Ann Fisher, president; Pat Wallace, vice-president; Eleanor Jayne Taylor, secretary; and Rosemary Moeser, treasurer.

The new faculty advisor for this year is Miss Julia Schwartz.

XI CHAPTER
Iowa State Teachers College
Cedar Falls, Iowa

Xi chapter elected officers for the 1960-61 year at the March 8, 1960 meeting. They are: President, Betty Peters; Vice-President, Linda Lucas; Secretary, Linda Beeler; Treasurer, Carolyn Hanson. Miss Joan Englund librarian at Price Laboratory School, spoke to the group about student teaching.

The annual students assistants' day, honoring prospective college students from surrounding high schools, was held on April 8, 1960. Xi chapter cooperated with the professional library staff who sponsored the event.

A discussion of the professional library organization, the American Library Association, was the main event of the regular meeting on April 12, 1960.

May 3, 1960, Xi observed Founders Day with a brief program and installation of the new officers. The chapter honored Everett Howell, retiring sponsor.

The year's program closed in May with a picnic for the local Alpha Beta Alpha members and the Iowa State Teachers College professional library staff.

UPSILON CHAPTER
Shepherd College
Shepherdstown, West Virginia

In September, two meetings were held: the first meeting was held to plan events for the coming year, and the second one was a picnic-weiner roast on the lawn of Mr. Maine, the club sponsor. This occasion was designed primarily for the acquaintance

of prospective members with the organization. After the weiner roast, a business meeting was held.

Alpha Beta Alpha attended the school librarians' section W.V.E.A. on October 19, 1959. Mr. Maine was chairman for the association's meeting. Miss Mildred Conard, a member of A. B. A. and W. V. E. A., was elected to the state nominating committee for the next two years.

After the business meeting on November 5, a panel discussion was presented by Sara Lee Foley, Edith Bland, and Maxine Merchant on their experiences as public school librarians.

On November 19, a spaghetti supper was held by the chapter. Mr. Ray Barker, co-sponsor, and Dale Hicks, pledge were the chefs. The supper was successful with an attendance of about one hundred-fifty people.

A Christmas party was held on December 5, at the home of Mrs. Edith Bland, alumni member. Presents were exchanged, and Christmas refreshments were served. In February, a bake sale was held.

Future activities for the year will include initiation of new members, a book review by a professional reviewer, and field trips to centralized elementary libraries.

The officers of Upsilon chapter are: President, Sandra Osbourn, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Vice-President, Dorothy Boltz, 510 South Queen St., Martinsburg, W. Va.; Secretary-Reporter, Charles J. Healy, Men's Dorm, Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Treasurer, Eleanor Washington, Shepherdstown, W. Va.; Sponsor, Mr. John Maine, Main St., Shepherdstown, W. Va.; and Co-Sponsor, Mr. Ray Barker, Rumsey Apartments, Shepherdstown, W. Va.

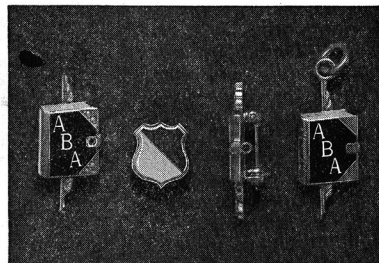
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