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NEWSLETTER

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INITIATION

The spring initiation ceremony into the Mu chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha was held on February 3, in the Art Gallery of Milner Library. The initiation chamber was decorated with purple and white streamers and signs of welcome. After Miss Speer introduced the initiates into the chamber lighted by candles, the ceremony began. Those members taking part in the ceremony were: Mary Plager, president of Mu chapter; Sheilia Anderson, secretary-treasurer; and Eloise Cline, historian.

Following the ceremony the new members returned their pledge pins and were given the opportunity to order their membership pins.

New members of the chapter are:

Barbara Graham  
Mabra Hebert  
Delores Keerns  
Mary Kay Knici  
Barbara Randolph  
Rita Rogers  
Gloria Ward  
Valerie Wilford  
Elsie Wilken

The business meeting was followed with refreshments of punch and cookies.

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Mu chapter wishes to welcome the new members. We hope your associations with the local and national organizations may be both enjoyable and profitable!

W E L C O M E

NEW ALUMNI MEMBERS

Evelyn Graham,  
Princeton, Illinois  
Irma Schroeder Andrews,  
Washington, Illinois  
Emma Gray,  
Chana, Illinois  
RoseMarie DeLuka Bogle,  
Waxahachie, Texas  
Peter Martin,  
Fullerton, California

To our new alumni members, we also wish to say welcome. We realize that it is often impossible for you to be with us at our meetings, but we hope you will find belonging to Alpha Beta Alpha an interesting experience.

W E L C O M E

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REMAINING MEETINGS OF 1958

Date: March 3, 1958  
Place: Milner Art Gallery  
Program: Mrs. Botkin and Students from Washington School

Date: April 14, 1958  
Place: Meet in classroom  
Program: Trip to University of Illinois

Date: May 5, 1958  
Place: Art Gallery  
Program: Installation of officers and observance of Founders Day  
Have you attended all the meetings?

## MID-WINTER MEETING OF A.L.A.

The Mid-winter meeting of the American Library Association met in Chicago at the Edgewater Beach Hotel on January 28 to February 1. This meeting is primarily a work meeting for the committees that are planning the summer program. In addition to the closed sessions, there were open meetings also.

One council meeting was given to the discussion of making the mid-winter meeting less a program meeting and more a work meeting. No conclusions were arrived at however. The same council meeting considered ways to make the work of the council more representative of the association as a whole.

For school librarians two meetings were particularly important. On Wednesday afternoon at the business meeting of the American Association of School Librarians Mary Gaver, the President, presented to the assembly the new Executive Secretary of A. A. S. L., Eleanor E. Ahlers. Miss Ahlers acquainted the membership with the data concerning publications pertinent to school librarianship which are available at the headquarters of the association. Among the reports of the committees, two were outstanding. 1) The Editorial Committee for "School Libraries," the official publication of A. A. S. L., has changed its format. The change is an attempt to make the magazine an outstanding one in school librarianship. 2) The Committee on School Library Standards is working toward a deadline date of a Fall 1958 publication. It is hoped that at the San Francisco meeting in July the standards can be discussed and the profession given a preview of their contents.

On Friday morning at 8:00 the state assembly, made up of representatives from State School Librarian Associations, met in closed session. In addition to discussion of the school library standards,

this assembly was made aware of an N.E.A.-A.A.S.L. research study which is in process. This study is to discover the relationship of the classroom teacher to the high school library. Just prior to the mid-winter meeting, the questionnaire upon which the study is to be based was put in the mail. Librarians were reminded that these questionnaires were to be filled out by the classroom teachers rather than librarians.

This study, the results of which should be available in June, should be an interesting corollary report to the new book which should be off the press by the middle of February entitled Integrating Library Instruction with Classroom Teaching at Plainview Junior High School by Elsa R. Burner. (Miss Burner's book can be secured from A.L.A. Headquarters 50 East Huron St. Chicago 11, Illinois for \$2.75).

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## NOTICES

The annual spring conference of the Illinois Association of School Librarians will meet in Peoria at the Pere Marquette Hotel on March 21 and 22. Be sure to mark this on your calendar and come!!!

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The Illinois Student Librarians Association will be meeting on the University of Illinois campus on May 17. Librarians who have student assistants who would like to attend should contact Miss Gean Gilborne of Geneseo High School, Geneseo, Illinois.

## FROM NEAR AND FAR

As we look near and far across the country, we can see that our friends seem to be doing quite well for themselves.

Donna Timm, former editor of the Index, has become the librarian of the new library at Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Joan Kester is enjoying her work in Norwalk, California.

Rose Taplin, past president of Alpha Beta Alpha, is having an interesting and exciting year teaching in Pontiac. She is planning library lessons for her group with emphasis on the use of encyclopedias.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Schroeder are the parents of a baby girl born before Christmas came along. As all proud fathers, Don carries a picture of the new baby to show at every opportunity.

Theria Jones Jackson is living in East St. Louis. At the present time she is not doing library work but is interested in getting back to school library work.

Martha May James, Wauconda, Illinois, has had a rather unfortunate year. Broken bones have kept her from work but her Christmas note indicated that she was solving the problem in her usual cheerful manner.

Esther Baker is on the I.A.S.L. spring conference committee between now and the 21st and 22nd of March when the spring meeting is in Peoria. She will undoubtedly be extremely busy.

Miss Loretta Kreuz writes that she is having an interesting experience teaching in the library school at Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas. She could be a true Texan in everything except the weather. She was looking forward at Christmas time to some real Michigan climate.

Ruby Martz is planning with her library science students at Northern Illinois University at DeKalb to organize a chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha at Northern. They will probably be the second Illinois ABA chapter.

Miss Dorothy Hinman has been very busy working with the Illinois Pupils' Reading Circle to get the approved list ready for mailing this month.

Brother Michael sent regards to the Mu chapter of ABA. He is principal of St. James Trade school for Boys near Springfield.

Dorothy Oller spent the Christmas vacation with her niece in Florida.

Juanita Heath of Colfax visited the open house tea at the Centennial School in Bloomington. She said her library was functioning nicely and that they had organized a junior high library as well.

Viola (Helton) Sherren and her husband have moved to a farm in Iowa north of Neillsville on highway 73. They have a ten-room brick house with five bedrooms. Let's go up for a visit.

Lois (Klitzing) Breimeier writes that she has taken her small three and a half year old son to the library to check out his first book. Lois is starting him on the library road at the right time! And listen to his intelligent question: "Are all the books about Christmas together in one place? Where? Why?" His interest in classification is beginning early! The Breimeiers are in St. Louis.

Catherine (Watke) Knight has a new baby boy born December 7. Almost a Christmas present! She and Bob now have three little ones--Laney, Susie, and David Carl. Bob teachers in Bloomington, and Cathie has her hands full at home.

SPECIAL GUEST

Margery Henrichs of Belvidere is going to school this summer. George Peabody is the lucky school! She enjoyed being with us at Homecoming time and was glad to be able to meet Dr. Bone personally. (We are glad she was here, too!)

Mary Ellen (Barton) Ellis of Yorkville writes that they now have three little ones--Jess, Connie, and Bobby. Bobby is nearly a year old. Dick is teaching science in Yorkville Junior High.

Virginia Sanborn sends greetings from Dundee High School.

Lois Eades sends greetings. How we would love to hear more about your work, Lois.

Charlene Corbin of the class of 1952 is a really busy librarian at Mansfield.

Colleen (Robinson) Knapp is at the Turner Junior High School in Jacksonville. In addition to a "beautiful library" she has one English class and a home room. She and bill had their first Christmas tree together this holiday season.

Peter Martin has finished work on his Master's degree in Comparative Literature and has qualified himself with library science courses at U.S.C. and Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles. He is planning to travel in the Old Country this summer and will get his Doctor's degree in Modern Languages either in Europe or in Los Angeles during summers. He has a "wonderful high school library--one year old," with nearly 3,000 volumes.

Olivia Chung sent Christmas greetings to Alpha Beta Alpha. And with them, she sent a little card with a cross of olive wood and flowers she got from Bethlehem this summer on her around-the-world tour with the Geography trippers.

Shirley Scribner (Peotone) and Lucy Ward (Herscher) and Bernadine Muker of Lunistone sent Christmas greetings but no messages.

On Tuesday evening, January 14, 1958, Mrs. Victoria Johnson of the United Educators, Incorporated, appeared in the T. V. lounge of the Student Union as the guest speaker on a special program for the combined membership of Alpha Beta Alpha, Elementary Club, and English Club. Mrs. Johnson, who is an excellent children's storyteller, told four stories in costume as she tells them to children on her job. When portraying the main characters of each-- Mrs. Santa Claus, Miss Pickerill, a "Bookworm" and an Indian woman--, she said that the teller must feel the part. Therefore, she really put herself into the roles. Also, she used puppets as additional aids because of their powerful influence on children.

As Mrs. Johnson is an enlightening speaker, all present enjoyed the program and learned many ways to improve storytelling and to arouse children's interest in books.

Preceding the program, the board members of the three clubs took Mrs. Johnson to dine in the small dining room adjoining the Student Union Cafeteria.

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A DATE TO REMEMBER

Circle these dates in red on your calendar! March 16-22 has been designated as National Library Week. "Wake Up and Read" is the theme for the week.

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## ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

Any organization is enhanced by the interest of the alumni in that organization. Alpha Beta Alpha has been especially favored by the response which alumni have made.

Last month the alumni membership chairmen, Donna Billeaux and Rosemarie Razim, sent letters to former library science students acquainting them with the organization and its purposes. They also extended to these people an invitation to become alumni members of the organization at this time. Through initiation in absentia four alumni memberships were received. Because the period between the time the letters went out and the initiation was so short and

having an initiation later in the spring. The committee would appreciate the help of the members in the field to publicize the spring initiation and to tell former students who are interested in becoming contributing or alumni members to write to:

Mosemarie Razim  
Box 235, Barton Hall  
Normal, Illinois

Two opportunities for membership are available: a five-year contributing membership for \$5.00 or a full, lifetime alumni membership for the nominal fee of \$15.00.

To eliminate the necessity for prospective contributing and life members to write for application blanks, the following blank is provided. Cut out and send the form provided below to Rosemarie Razim.

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Name (maiden name) \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_  
(married name) \_\_\_\_\_ (year)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Present Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
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I desire a:

Five-year membership for \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Lifetime membership for \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_  
a check \_\_\_\_\_

Please find enclosed a money order \_\_\_\_\_ for the amount of \_\_\_\_\_.

Alpha Beta Alpha