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**DR. ROBERT HERTEL IS NEW LIBRARY HEAD;
ASSUMES DUTIES OF MISS WELCH**

"We have a wonderful collection here at Milner, and we want to make the selection of materials as easily available to students as possible," states Dr. Robert Hertel, new director of libraries.

Dr. Hertel joined the University last fall in the position formerly held by Miss Eleanor Welch who retired last summer.

He comes from the faculty of Cortland Teachers College, Cortland, New York, where he had been head college librarian since 1951.

Dr. Hertel received his bachelor's degree in English and history from New York State Teachers College in Albany. After serving as an army officer during World War II, he earned his bachelor of science degree in library science at Albany. He received his master's degree from UCLA and his doctorate from the University of Illinois.

Dr. Hertel is not the only member of his family connected with ISNU. The Hertel's three children (Chris, 9; Doug, 6; and Holly, 5) all attend Metcalf Laboratory School. Mrs. Hertel worked at the Cortland College where she met her husband.

**HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES
Parade**

Our Homecoming was a success again this year. Homecoming weekend was October 23-24 and ISNU played Southern Illinois University in the annual Homecoming game.

Mu entered a walking float in the parade. Last year our regular float was damaged before it reached the parade, and we decided to avoid a recurrence by entering the walking float. Our float consisted of a seven-foot owl carrying a book entitled Fall of the Salukis.

The wind was so strong on the Saturday morning of the parade that two of Mu's members were needed to walk along with the owl to keep him on his feet. Fortunately, there were no mishaps.

MU CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES

We are very excited about our program for 1959-60 and we hope as many people as possible will be able to participate. We have tried to broaden our scope to the extent that our programs will prove useful to us when we go out to teach.

Our first two functions were social. We had a popcorn party at the home of one of our sponsors, Mrs. Dorothy S. Fagerburg for the purpose of getting acquainted with new people in Alpha Beta Alpha.

Our second meeting entailed initiation and pledging ceremonies and a reception for the new Director of Libraries, Dr. Robert Hertel.

On November 2, 1959, Mu Chapter held its meeting at the library of the Daily Pantagraph, Bloomington's newspaper. As was hoped, this particular meeting and tour of the library gave us a glimpse of a technical library.

Our annual Christmas party was held at the home of one of our sponsors, Miss Eunice Speer. Approximately twenty-two members and two guests were present to hear Miss Eleanor Welch, our special guest and speaker.

Miss Cecilia H. Peikert, ISNU's director of Museums spoke to us on the topic of bulletin boards on January 4, 1960. Those who heard her speak on this topic were enthusiastic about it because it was quite outstanding and very informative.

On the fourth of February we will hold our second semester initiation at which time nineteen pledges will become members of Mu Chapter.

An outstanding authority in the field of children's literature comes to us on March 7. Miss Dorothy Hinman of our ISNU faculty and the Illinois Pupil's Reading Circle will speak to us on "Illinois Authors."

Election of officers for next year will be held on April 4. At this time we will again have a program of book reviews by members of our staff.

Our final meeting on May 2 will be marked by the observance of national

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the parade we held an alumni coffee hour in the Carnegie Room of Milner Library. Mrs. Hertel, wife of our new Director of Libraries, poured. We welcomed several alumni, active and professional members, and guests who joined with us in this homecoming festivity.

Next year we hope to have more of our alumni visit Mu during the Homecoming week end.

Miss Barbara Simon

Miss Vermell Wise

New active member:

Miss Patricia Douglas, Park Forrest

New Alumni member:

Mrs. Richard Bergolka (Carol Fox)

New pledges:

MISS WELCH

On December 7, 1959, Miss Eleanor Welch retired head librarian at ISNU, was presented a certificate giving her a life-time membership in the National Alpha Beta Alpha Fraternity. In addition to this great honor, we of Mu Chapter presented another certificate to Miss Welch honoring her as a lifetime and honorary member of Mu Chapter.

At this meeting, Miss Welch was our guest speaker. The title of her very interesting and entertaining speech was "Humor in Recent Literature."

Preceding Miss Welch's speech, Donna Bessant read the Christmas Story from the book of St. Luke as Florence Wood played "O Holy Night" on the piano.

Miss Wood accompanied us as we sang several Christmas songs.

Mu Chapter presented each of our sponsors with a lovely gift.

MU CHAPTER'S ACTIVITIES (con't)

"Founders' Day." Installation of the new officers for next year will be held at this time.

This is our program for the year and once more we extend a sincere invitation for each and every one of you to attend.

--Elsie Wilken, Vice President

ROLL CALL IN OCTOBER, 1959

New professional members:

- Miss Laurel Grotziner
- Miss Clara Guthrie
- Dr. Robert Hertel
- Miss Cecilia Peikert

Miss Barbara Barrett, Moline

Miss Anna Marie Bazik, Streator

Miss Marcella Bunis, Chicago

Miss Judy Davis, Cambridge

Mr. Dave Downs, Peoria

Mr. Phillip Fleetwood, Sycamore

Mr. Stephen Johnson, Lockport

Miss Edith Knack, Iron Ridge

Miss Lois McCreight, East Moline

Miss Patricia Mytys, Riverside

Miss Carolyn Pankey, Arthur

Miss Sharon Phelps, Clinton

Miss Judy Sand, Geneseo

Miss Judy Veech, Macon

Miss Margaret Ward, Plainfield

Miss Carolyn Watson, Urbana

Miss Carol White, Orion

Miss Florence Wood, Chicago

Mu Chapter Officers for 1959-60:

President-Valerie Wilford, Moline

Vice-President-Elsie Wilken, Ashburn

Secretary-treasurer, Donna Bessant, Geneseo

Historian-Linda Albin, Tuscola

Sponsors:

Miss Eunice Speer

Mrs. Dorothy Fagerburg

National Officers for 1959-60:

President-Elsie Wilken (Mu Chapter)

Vice-President-David Spohr (Gamma Chapter)

Treasurer-Lenora Woolley (Alpha Chapter)

Executive Secretary-Dr. Eugene P. Watson

(Alpha Chapter)

NEW STACKS

The new addition to Milner Library, now completed, has increased the space so as to almost double the book stack capacity of the library.

Library workers began the task of moving and shelving 175,000 volumes into the new section last spring. The task was completed during the summer.

The \$350,000 addition incorporates a new method of housing books. Instead of the usual shelves, in part of the area books are placed on drawers or draw-out shelves which are six feet in length. Books are placed on three sides. This drawer system can hold 2 1/3 times as many books as the conventional shelves.

In spite of the increased storage space, the library needs more space to house the 9,000 additional volumes added each year as well as the 800 magazines to which the library subscribes.

NEWS FROM FAR AND NEAR

ROBERT ABBOTT is teaching in Springfield this year. He was among our Homecoming visitors. As always he was enthusiastic about his work and felt he might have an opportunity to combine his library knowledge with his teaching.

MRS. LINDEN BOTKIN had serious eye surgery this fall. She was out of school for several months. Since Thanksgiving she has resumed her duties as librarian in charge of teaching at the Bloomington High School Library.

CHARLOTTE BRAY is high school librarian at Miami Norland High School, Miami, Florida.

BROTHER MICHAEL writes that he is even busier than ever with added duties since last fall. He says "it's like trying to perform in all rings of a circus at the same time."

BARBARA BIRTHWRIGHT is at Putney, Vt. at the Putney Graduate School. She is assistant to the director of the school.

OLIVIA CHUNG sent greetings at Christmas time from warm and sunny Hawaii. She was in Normal for a few days during the summer.

PAT ELLIS planned to enter the University of Illinois in September. Last year she was bookmobile librarian in Alton Public Schools. She and her family finally got to take the Mississippi River trip which they had won a couple of summers ago. She had a new camera for the trip and we hope she will show her picture to Mu Chapter some meeting night next year.

CAROLYN FERRIS still loves the East. She has taken additional library science courses and is now a fully qualified N.Y. school librarian.

EMMA GRAY is in Nashville this year studying at Scarritt College to become a deaconess in the Methodist Church. After this year of study she will "be a librarian for one of the schools supported by the Methodist Church." Her sister who was also a student on our campus is a home demonstration agent in Minnesota.

JUANITA HEATH says her libraries are progressing. And it "sounds as if we'll have special rooms for each library next year--no music, no band, no cafeteria in the same room"

MARGERY HINRICHS is looking forward to her final summer at George Peabody College for Teachers. She receives her Masters Degree in 1960.

ALBERT HOOVER is librarian at Flanagan High School.

RUBY HUNDLEY is the new librarian at Bloomington High School. She began her duties in the fall when the junior high schools were consolidated and moved into the old Bloomington High School.

MILDRED (WRIGHT) JACKSON (Mrs. Lee Jackson), our first ABA alumna, is back in Chicago after spending 1958 in Seattle. In 1956 Mildred received her two year masters degree in social work from Columbia University. She hopes to get down to ISNU for a visit and we hope she does--soon.

MARTHA MAY JAMES has recovered from her very bad fall of November 1957 and a cataract operation of the summer and is back in her library carrying on her library work and working with the young people of Wandonda High School. She writes a long, interesting story of her work, and is looking forward to a useful life after retirement.

MRS. MILDRED KING is still very much interested in materials for children. Her children were enjoying "Fly High, Fly Low" by Don Freeman at Christmas time.

MRS. OPAL LEDDY, '59 grad, writes that she and the children like their new home in Monticello, Illinois very much. She teaches English and manages the library at Monticello High School. She is also learning how to put out an annual. An article about her work appeared in the Champaign paper recently.

SHIRLEY (ELISMAN) LOWERY (Mrs. Arthur Lowery) still lives in Belleville. Her son David is six and her daughter is four.

MRS. MARGARET MCMULLIN is librarian at Wapella this winter. Driving back and forth is tiring but with a new car it is also pleasant. Last summer she was baby sitting occasionally with a new grandchild.

PETER MARTIN is still in Anaheim, California, in the same high school library. He is working on his doctorate at Southern California.

MAXINE (WILLIS) MASON (Mrs. Bill Mason) has a new school library patron. Her baby, Billy was born last September 25.

HEIDI MULLEJANS is high school and elementary school librarian in the Peotone public schools.

BETTY OHM (Mrs. Bernard M. Ohm) had an article on library instruction in the March, 1958, issue of Illinois Libraries. She works at the Illinois State Library spending half of her time in the publications unit editing and proofreading Illinois Libraries and the other half in the juvenile department filling requests for materials from public libraries, schools, and individuals in rural areas.

DOROTHY OLLER sent greetings from her home in Virden.

RONALD ONKEN is librarian at Woodland High School in Streator.

MARY ALICE PLAGER sent "My regards as my thoughts are with you" One of fourteen teachers in her school in Freeport, Illinois, she teaches eleven subjects to a class of twenty-nine inquisitive sixth graders. Mary must be a busy person because she is also leader of the youth fellowship group in her church.

BARBARA RANDOLPH is elementary librarian at Paddock School in Palatine.

ROSEMARIE RAZIM is teaching fourth grade at Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

MRS. PAT RINGER lost her husband last Easter. The sympathy of the club goes out to her in her sorrow.

MARILYN SCHUMACHER is elementary librarian at Trenton, Michigan.

GRACE (BRINNER) SMITH (Mrs. R. E. Smith) writes that she has two small sons: Russ, age three years, and Benn who was born around Christmas time a year ago. She taught until Benn was born and hopes to return soon. She and her family live in LeRoy.

MRS. SHIRLEY SCRIBNER TRAYLOR is high school librarian at Herzcher.

MERCEDES TOMPKINS is college librarian at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

WANTED: ALUMNI NEWS!

We are sure our alumni are doing many interesting things this year and we hope you will share your experiences with the rest of the members of Mu Chapter.

Why not take time to write us of your activities? If you were interested in the activities of other alumni, others will be interested in knowing what you are doing.

Address your news to:
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