

Mr. Skordas, Mr. Beach, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Wilds and Mr. Caton attended the joint-luncheon meeting of The Society of American Archivists and the American Historical Association in Washington, December 29, 1955. Mr. Thomas also attended the annual joint meeting of the American Historical Society and the Southern Historical Society on that day.

#### PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTION

On October 28, 1955, the Archivist spoke before the members of The American University Evening Class in Genealogical Research, and three days in June 1956 were spent by the Archivist with American University students here at the Hall of Records: June 4, the winter class in archival administration spent the day; June 22, the summer class came to study calendaring; and on June 27, this same group of students attended a lecture on indexing.

On February 2, 1956, the Archivist met at The University of Maryland with Dean Leon P. Smith of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Wesley M. Gewehr, Chairman of the History Department, and Professor Verne E. Chate-lain to discuss the possibility of creating an Institute of Maryland Studies at the University.

Mr. Wilds attended the Institute on Records Management, conducted by The American University and the National Archives, June 18-29, 1956.

#### LOCAL HISTORICAL ACTIVITIES

In October 1955, while on leave, Mr. Thomas visited the newly opened Cincinnati Public Library. He also visited *Glendower*, headquarters of the Historical Society of Ohio at Lebanon, and the University of Tennessee. As an honorary member of the Augustine Herman Czech-American Historical Society, he attended the annual meeting of that organization, October 16, 1955, at Baltimore.

Mr. Skordas and Mrs. Rucker attended the annual meeting of St. George's Parish at Perryman, Maryland, on January 26, 1956, to explain the several methods we use in caring for church records, and to illustrate modern procedures for manuscript restoration and preservation.

At the request of the International Labor Relations Office, St. John's College, the Assistant Archivist spoke to the French Sociological Survey Team on the history of Annapolis and the Hall of Records, February 20, 1956, and he conducted the group on a tour of the Hall of Records.

On March 17, 1956, Mrs. Hiltabidle addressed a meeting of the College Women's Club of Cecil County at Cecilton. She spoke on the subject of repair and preservation methods used at the Hall of Records. Two days later the Archivist addressed a meeting of the Historical Society of Montgomery