

A second vacancy occurred in Program 2 when John P. Hively resigned October 16, 1956. He was replaced on October 24 by Mrs. Lois Green Clark.

PROGRAM 3.

For some years now the number of replacements in the Archival Division has remained at our all-time minimum. We have not been so fortunate, however, in our new Records Management Division. Since this program was initiated, in 1953, several large states have undertaken the care of current records as part of their archival program, and competition for the few trained individuals available has taken on an air of desperation. To make our problem even more difficult, American industry is actively recruiting its records officers from state and federal agencies. Last year we lost our Public Examiner, John T. Caton, to the new records management program of the State of Illinois and Thomas Wilds to the records division of Union Carbide and Carbon Corporation. Each man received an increase in salary of approximately \$2,000. Mr. Caton, who resigned December 25, 1956, was replaced the next day by Jackson S. Saunders of the University of Oklahoma Archives; and Mr. Wilds, who resigned October 26, 1956, was replaced February 6, 1957, by George W. Straubinger, Jr., formerly Librarian of the United States Senate.

The position which Mr. Weatherly vacated in order to transfer to Program 2 was filled by Miss Irma B. Ray of the Virginia State Library on August 8, 1956.

PROFESSIONAL, RECORDS, AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The annual meeting of The Society of American Archivists held in Washington, D. C., October 11 and 12, 1956, was attended by the Archivist, Mr. Skordas, Mr. Beach, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Caton, Mr. Wilds and Miss Ray.

During fiscal year 1957, members of the staff of the Hall of Records served The Society of American Archivists as follows: the Archivist was chairman of the Committee on Professional Standards and Training and a member of an ad hoc committee of the Society, formed to cooperate with the Civil Defense Administration for the microfilming of vital governmental records. Mr. Skordas continued as a member of the Committee on State Archives and, in January 1957, was appointed chairman of the Committee on Preservation Methods. Mr. Beach served as chairman of the Committee on Records Management.

On May 9, 1957, the Archivist addressed a dinner meeting of the Caroline County Historical Society at Greensboro. The subject of his talk was "A History of the Courthouses of Caroline County."