

Mr. Thomas was a guest speaker before the Augustine Herman Czech-American Historical Society at the dedication of Augustine Herman Highway at Chesapeake City, Cecil County, on July 29, 1956.

Mr. Beach and Mr. Skordas attended the initial meeting of the Maryland Clerks of Court Association at Baltimore City Courthouse, November 16, 1956.

Mr. Wilds addressed the Sixth Annual Convention of the State Association of County Commissioners at Ocean City on July 14, 1956; and Mr. Beach spoke to the Maryland Public Finance Officers Association on our Records Management program at Easton on May 17, 1957.

Mr. Skordas attended the annual meeting of the National Microfilm Association at Rochester, New York, April 1-3, 1957.

The Maryland Library Association's Committee on Listing of Maryland State Documents, whose chairman is Elizabeth C. Litsinger, Head, Maryland Department, Enoch Pratt Free Library, met with the Archivist, January 24, 1957, to formulate plans for a better system of making State publications known to local libraries. As its part in the arrangement agreed upon, the Hall of Records prepares and sends to the chairman of the committee a monthly list of State and county publications deposited here by virtue of Chapter 651 of the Acts of 1947.

On March 21, 1957, the Archivist was made an honorary member of the Advisory Board of the Bureau of Public Records Collection and Research of the University of North Carolina.

The State Archivists of Georgia, Louisiana and Washington submitted to the Archivist for appraisal copies of archival laws proposed for enactment in their respective legislatures. After careful study of the proposed laws, the Archivist prepared detailed commentary and recommendations on each of them.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Archivist has continued in his effort to have inaugurated an Institute of Maryland Studies to be administered by the University of Maryland in cooperation with other private and public institutions. During fiscal year 1957, administrative details were considered with Dr. Wilson H. Elkins, President of the University, and Professor Wesley M. Gewehr, Chairman of the Department of History.

In fiscal year 1957, the Archivist lectured to four classes of The Ameri-