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Dear Friends,

As a report of progress you may wish to know that the executive board has appointed Mrs. Blanche Bush to be historian of the Council. Blanche is a former president of the Council and a long-time friend to the cause of reading. It was through her efforts that this Council was named after Homer L. J. Carter who had been friend and mentor of the association for many years. Blanche has retired now from active teaching but it seems fitting that she should assume this responsibility for us. Anyone who has materials that would be appropriate for a scrapbook or other kind of archives is asked to contact her at her home, 1216 Hillcrest, Kalamazoo. (Phone 345-7417)

Donations to the Homer L. J. Carter Fellowship Fund are still appreciated. Although the fund reached the \$10,000 mark last year so that the first fellowship could be awarded to Mrs. Mary Kizer, reading teacher at Portage, we still must add to the principal. You may address checks to: Homer L. J. Carter Fellowship Fund, c/o Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49001.

Questions regarding applications for the fellowship may be addressed to: Dr. Dorothy McGinnis, Reading Center and Clinic, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49001.

With regret, the executive board has accepted the resignation of Miss Pat Dillon, second vice president of the Council. Under the authority of the by laws of the council, the board has therefore appointed Ms. Diane Atkins, Instructional Specialist, Woodward School, Kalamazoo Public Schools, to fill the unexpired term. We are sure you wish her well and also give your thanks to Pat for a job well done this year.

The executive board has been invited by the International Reading Association to give its views on how our Council contributes to the In-Service Education of the community. The board agrees that the Drive-In Conference and *Reading Horizons* are both extremely valuable to local school district personnel. If you have other ideas to be forwarded to I.R.A., please express them. We sincerely hope if our members or readers have questions or wish to make suggestions regarding the programs of the Council, they will contact me.

Yours truly,
Fran M. Baden