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The Homer L. J. Carter Reading Council, International Reading Association, at its April meeting elected the following slate of officers:

Blanche O. Bush, President, Kalamazoo Public Schools
Jennie Schneider, President-Elect, Kalamazoo Public Schools
Virginia Phillips, Past President, Gull Lake Community Schools
Betty LeRoy, Secretary, Gull Lake Community Schools
Ronald Crowell, Treasurer, Psycho-Educational Clinic, Western Michigan University
Leona Hefner, Membership Chairman, Portage Public Schools
Gretta Ryan, Publicity Chairman, Gull Lake Community Schools
Lois VanDenBerg, Publicity Assistant, Education Department, Western Michigan University

Advisors

Dorothy J. McGinnis, Director, Psycho-Educational Clinic, and Homer L. J. Carter, Director Emeritus, Psycho-Educational Clinic, Western Michigan University.

The term of the officers according to the revision of the by-laws as of April 1967 shall be one year.

The *nature* and *purposes* of this professional organization are:

This council shall be a professional organization for persons residing in the Western Michigan University area who are concerned with the teaching of reading at all levels.

The purposes of this organization shall be:

- (1) To encourage the study of reading problems at all educational levels;
- (2) To stimulate and promote research in developmental, corrective and remedial reading;
- (3) To study the various factors that influence progress in reading;
- (4) To publish the results of pertinent and significant investigations and practices;
- (5) To assist in the development of more adequate teacher-training programs;
- (6) To disseminate knowledge helpful in the solution of problems related to reading;
- (7) To act as a clearing house for information relating to reading;

- (8) To sponsor conferences and meetings planned to implement the purposes of the association; and
- (9) To promote mutual understanding and cooperative work among educators in the elementary grades, junior high, high school, special areas, college, and leadership positions.

The year's program centered around the theme, "Broadening Our Horizons in Reading," includes demonstrations of a psychological approach, clinical techniques, perception, and a workshop on materials. A potluck supper and the annual dinner meeting will also be held.

Programs are planned for all areas of reading, beginners through secondary. Meetings will be held at Sangren Hall.

Members and guests are urged to plan to come early and meet their friends with a through-the-line tray dinner in the Student Union preceding the meetings. A table will be reserved for their convenience.