

places in the U.S. except for the cashews, which are not grown here.

To make the evening extra sweet, refreshments were served after the meeting by Linda Garvert, assisted by Georgia Northrup and Polly Myers.

BOARD MEETING REPORTS

The first fall board meeting was held on September 27, with 22 present. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$22,539.28 in all accounts. The finance committee recommended that requests for grants be screened by the committee and also that a budget plan is needed for the Society. Financial needs of several committees were discussed (Program, Tours, Publications, Publicity). Each committee chairman was asked to prepare a revenue and expense statement upon which the finance committee can formulate a budget. Suggestions from the membership concerning the annual picnic are welcome and are needed for setting up future plans.

A board meeting was held on November 15 and 17 were present. Minutes of the Sept. 27 meeting were approved. The treasurer's report shows a total balance in all accounts of \$21,767.40. Discussions took place regarding membership records, the cost of our monthly business office operation and production of the HISTORICO, financial support of the Lincoln Colloquium and tentative cost estimates of a possible printing of a membership brochure and a new directory. The report on the Colloquium showed an increase in attendance, and it was voted to increase our financial support to \$550.00 per year. There was discussion of a new logo; the Publications and Membership committees will consider this suggestion as well as that for a new membership brochure. A spring tour is being planned for May 4, 1991, and a city tour for September 29. (Definite itineraries will be published later.)

The next board meeting will be held at Lincoln Library at 4:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 24, 1991.

HOLIDAY GIFTS AND MAIL TO GO TO "OPERATION DESERT SHIELD"

The Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is sponsoring a cooperative effort to provide gifts for people from this area who are serving with the U.S. Armed Forces in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf. Collections will be made through December 15 at four historic site locations, each open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.: the Old State Capitol, the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices, Lincoln's Tomb, and the Union Station. Suggested items are: cassette and video tapes, books (new or used), magazines, non-aerosol flea and tick repellent, white unscented toilet paper, "zip-loc" plastic bags. Volunteers will wrap and mail these items.

Cathedral Grade School children have decorated the Christmas tree at the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices and will have members there who will give out papers with the names and addresses of area people serving in Saudi Arabia and the Persian Gulf.

LINCOLN HOME NEWS

A Open House will be held at the Lincoln Home Visitor Center on Friday, December 14, at 6:30 P.M., featuring a recognition and award ceremony for community and business groups who have sponsored the holiday decorations at the Lincoln Home National

Historic Site. The Lincoln Home will be open from 7:00 to 8:00 P.M. Hot cider and cookies will be served at the Center.

The holiday decorations will be kept in place through December 31, with the area open for evening as well as daytime viewing during this time. The historic buildings will be floodlighted for the season and will have doorways and porches decorated in the 1850's style with natural materials which were available in December of that time.

The Visitor Center will participate in First Night Springfield activities (Dec. 31) with family entertainment featuring a one-act play by Jim Andrew, to be presented in the auditorium from 7:00 - 7:45 P.M. and from 9:00 - 9:45 P.M., and a show by magician Gordon Snow from 8:00 - 8:45 P.M. and from 10:00 - 10:45 P.M. The Center will close at 11:00 P.M. For further information and schedules call 492-4150.

CHRISTMAS AT HISTORIC SITES

Carol Andrews' duties as Site Superintendent of the Old State Capitol and the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices recently have been increased to include those as Superintendent of the Vachel Lindsay Home, which was added in October to the State's roster of historic sites. (Carol is a member of our Society and has served on our Board.) She has given us the holiday schedule at these sites - much fine family entertainment is included.

OLD STATE CAPITOL

Noontime concerts (from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.) will be given on weekdays from December 12 through December 20, featuring school children's choral and instrumental groups. Those attending may bring "brown-bag lunches." On Saturday, December 15, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M., brass and woodwind music will be presented, and on Sunday, December 16, also from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M., several church groups will bring their music. The Old Capitol is open regularly each day from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

The First Night Ball at the Old Capitol will be part of the city's Dec. 31st celebration. It will be held from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. in the Hall of Representatives, with the Grand March at 8:30 P.M. (Volunteers are needed to help with the Ball. Please call 785-7961 if you can help.)

THE VACHEL LINDSAY HOME

A Christmas Open House will be held here from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M. on Sunday, Dec. 16, in the beautifully decorated home. Entertainment and light refreshments are included.

LINCOLN-HERNDON LAW OFFICES

The offices will be open on the regular 9:00 to 5:00 daily schedule. Children from Cathedral Grade School have decorated the Christmas tree and will have names and addresses of area Armed Forces personnel serving in Saudi Arabia to give to those who wish to send mail.

HOLIDAY TIME AT THE DANA-THOMAS HOUSE

The Dana-Thomas House is open daily from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. with free tours conducted daily (the last tour starts at 4:00 P.M.). Beginning on December 8 the traditional big tree will highlight the Christmas decorations, and special music