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NOTICE TO ALL OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

At each Board meeting the date, time and place of the next Board meeting will be announced and this information also will be given in the HISTORICO. Postcard notices will not be sent, so please read your HISTORICO for meeting information. THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 1991, AT 4:30 P.M. IN THE CENTENNIAL ROOM AT LINCOLN LIBRARY.

LOOKING AHEAD - THE SANGAMON ORDNANCE PLANT

The Sangamon County Historical Society will meet on Tuesday, April 16, at 7:00 P.M. in the Carnegie Room at Lincoln Library to hear B. David McCarthy speak on the history of the Sangamon Ordnance Plant at Iliopolis. Dave is a 1976 graduate of Western Illinois University, and in 1990 received his M.A. in History from Sangamon State University. For fifteen years he has been a teacher in Iliopolis where he became interested in the old buildings of the Ordnance Plant. In researching their history during work for his Master's degree he participated in the Oral History program at Sangamon State University, recording a dozen interviews with residents of the area during the spring of 1990. Copies of his research information (about 90 pages) are available in the Iliopolis Library and at Sangamon State University. The history of the Ordnance Plant is especially interesting in this vicinity because so many local residents worked there when the plant was established during World War II days. We look forward to hearing Mr. McCarthy's story of its development.

WE SWING INTO SPRING WITH A TOUR IN MAY

Tour Chairman Kim Efird has provided for us this updated schedule for our Spring Tour.

SPRING TOUR - SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1991

8:00 A.M. Leave southwest corner of Stratton Building parking lot in Springfield.

8:45 A.M. Arrive in Jacksonville at Governor Duncan Home for tour.

9:45 A.M. Leave Jacksonville.

- 10:15 A.M. Arrive in Meredosia for brief talk and tour by a board member of the Meredosia Area Historical and Genealogical Society, including a stop at the monument and historical marker for the Northern Cross Railroad, the depot with its museum, and a river museum.
- 10:45 A.M. Leave Meredosia.
- 12:15 P.M. Lunch at the Brass Rail in Carrollton. Buffet with turkey, ham, cheese, potato salad, fresh fruit, marinated vegetables and tea and coffee, for about \$5.00. (If you do not wish to join us for the buffet please inform our business office at Robinsons when making reservations.)
- 1:30 P.M. Visit the Lee-Baker-Hodges House in Carrollton, managed by the Greene County Historical and Genealogical Society.
- 2:30 P.M. Leave Carrollton.
- 3:30 P.M. Arrive in Alton. Our guide, Mr. Robert K. Gaul, will conduct a 2-hour tour of Alton and vicinity, visiting the Alton Museum of History and Art, the wall of the first state penitentiary, the Elijah Lovejoy sites and other historical places. Those who would prefer a 2-hour shopping spree in the antique stores rather than the tour may leave the bus downtown and will be met there later. There are 26 antique stores in a 5-block area!
- 5:30 P.M. Leave Alton. We will take the scenic Great River Road to Pere Marquette State Park, visiting the site of the legendary Piasa Bird painting en route.
- 6:30 P.M. Arrive at Pere Marquette Lodge for the evening meal, ordering from the menu.
- 8:00 P.M. Leave Pere Marquette State Park.
- 9:30 P.M. Arrive back in Springfield.

These above times must necessarily be estimates. Because of unforeseen delays and miscalculations of time, tours will often fall behind. However, extra time has been allotted in some cases for travel between two points. This will enable us to travel at a smooth and leisurely pace. If there is any extra time we can use it to explore some place further. Perhaps we will have more time for antiquing.

All inquiries and payments should be made at:

Sangamon County Historical Society
c/o Robinsons Advertising Service
308 East Adams Street
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The price is \$25 for Sangamon County Historical Society members and \$30 for non-members. (Covers bus transportation, gratuities and any entrance fees.) Please mark checks for "Spring Tour".

Kim Efird
Chairman, Tour Committee
Sangamon County Historical Society.