

through May 26 the following hours will be observed: Monday and Tuesday - 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Wednesday through Sunday - 8:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M. The summer hours will be printed in the May HISTORICO.

LINDSAY HOME AND ISHL HOURS CUT

Due to the Illinois budget crunch, the hours at many state-operated sites will be curtailed. One of the most recently-acquired state historic sites (Oct. 1990), the Vachel Lindsay Home, will be open only on Saturdays through August. After that it will be open only for special events (Lindsay's birthday and Christmas) and on dates reserved by arrangements with private groups. It is hoped that it can be opened again to the public in 1992, but this is not guaranteed. Preservation work on the home and its contents will continue as scheduled, however.

Beginning this month (April) the Illinois State Historical Library, located below the Old State Capitol, will not be open on Saturdays.

ISHS ANNUAL MEETING

The Illinois State Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Aurora on Apr. 26-28, with headquarters at the Aurora Travelodge. Members and guests will tour local historic sites and hear programs highlighting Illinois transportation history. A progressive dinner on Saturday, April 27, will feature courses served in three historical locations. For a registration brochure or information on reservations please call the ISHS staff, (217) 782-4286. Reservations are due by April 19.

COUNCIL FOR ILLINOIS HISTORY

The Illinois State Historical Society has recently established a "Council for Illinois History" to help assure the growth and development of the Society. Its chairman is John T. Trutter, who was the first president of the Sangamon County Historical Society after its founding in 1961. Mr. Trutter, now living in Evanston, also is a past president of the State Historical Society. Another member of the Council is Carroll C. Hall, a past president of our Society and a present member of our Board. The new Council first met on Jan. 24 in Chicago. Its primary function will be to develop long-range planning support for the State Society's projects.

MARINE BANK - A HISTORIC NOTE

The recent sale of the Marine Bank to the Banc One Corporation adds another chapter to the history of Springfield's oldest bank still in operation. John Williams, the great-grandfather of our Society's treasurer, John Macpherson, (also a past president), was one of the founders in 1851 of the Springfield Marine and Fire Insurance Company which became the Springfield Marine Bank. In 1863 John Williams also helped to organize the First National Bank and was its first president when it opened in May, 1864. Later, Williams also helped found the Illinois National Bank. It seems most fitting that his great-grandson, John Macpherson, is our Society's treasurer!

SEA ELECTION

A member of the Sangamon County Historical Society and former member of our Board, Cinda Klickna, is a candidate for the presidency of the Springfield Education Association. Cinda, an English instructor at Southeast High School, has been the SEA vice president this year. She has been a teacher since 1973.

LINCOLN MEMORIAL GARDEN'S HISTORIC PLANS

The Lincoln Memorial Garden Board has donated to the State Historical Library the original designs for Garden, which was begun in 1936. The 63-acre Abraham Lincoln Memorial Garden on the eastern shore of Lake Springfield was the last great public work of the well-known and highly-revered landscape gardener, Jens Jensen, who spent a year working on the plans, and about 13 years supervising the early stages of the planting work. He considered it a great honor to be asked to create this memorial to Lincoln, believing that growing things were more important than monuments and statuary. The Lincoln Garden historian, Eleanor Gover, has coordinated the collection of the plans and their presentation to the State Historical Library.

HANCOCK COUNTY MARRIAGE BOOKS FOR SALE

We exchange newsletters with several other historical societies and recently received a notice from the Hancock County Historical Society with news which might be of interest to persons researching family history. Two volumes of a marriage index for Hancock Co. are available for sale, with information compiled by Mrs. Dorris Lawton. The soft-cover books are indexed by bride and groom. Volume II, 1850-1857, and Volume III, 1858 - 1862, are \$10 each. For orders or information contact the Hancock County Historical Society, Box 68, Carthage, IL 62321 - 0068.

ILLINOIS ARTISANS SHOP MOVES

The Illinois Artisans Shop has moved from the Executive Mansion to its new home in the Lincoln Home Conference Center at Eighth St. and Capitol Avenue. Its hours during April to June will be 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., on Wednesdays through Sundays. From June 1 through Labor Day the shop will be open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. seven days a week. The shop features art and handicrafts by Illinois artists, and is managed by the Illinois State Museum.

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