

Among our SCHS members who also are talented writers are several other physicians. We are well-acquainted with the books on local history and the accounts of WW II medical service by Floyd S. Barringer, M.D.

Dr. Virgilio R. Pilapil is the author of a number of published articles on Filipino history in the U.S., accounts of the earliest inhabitants of our continent, and articles concerned with medical history.

"A GREAT PRAIRIE MARSH IN AUTUMN"

The dedication of Nature Artist Robert Larson's new mural, "A Great Prairie Marsh in Autumn," will take place at the Milner Library at Illinois State University in Normal, IL, on Saturday, June 1, at 10:30 A.M. The painting was commissioned by two ISU alumni, Carl E. Cook and Maurice D. Cook, as a gift to the ISU Foundation. The Larsons are long-time members of our Society and Bob has given several of our programs and served on our Board. Before his retirement from the Illinois State Museum staff he painted the realistic background scenery for many of the exhibits there. The new ISU mural, 4 x 12 feet in size, depicts the beauties of the Illinois prairie wetlands as they may have appeared early in the century. As Bob stated in a recent letter to the State Journal-Register, too many of these lands are being drained, adding to the destruction of our wildlife and natural resources.

DUES PAYABLE IN JUNE

From the SCHS Bylaws ... "Annual dues shall be payable in the month of June ..." Dues remain the same as in the past several years: Individual - \$10.00; Husband and Wife - \$15.00; Juniors under 21 - \$1.00; Sustaining - \$30.00; Life membership, paid once - \$150.00. Checks, marked for "Annual dues", should be made payable to the Sangamon County Historical Society and sent to our business office, 308 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

The Lincoln Depot (Great Western Depot), at 10th and Monroe, is again open for the summer, through August 31, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. daily. It is from this depot that Abraham Lincoln made his memorable "Farewell to Springfield" speech before leaving for Washington to be inaugurated as our 16th president. The State Journal-Register owns and operates this Lincoln site at its own expense and provides the program and interpreters. There is no admission charge.

The River Ridge Restaurant at New Salem opened officially on April 22. Opposite the Rt. 97 entrance to New Salem State Historic Site is a short road which leads up to the restaurant on a bluff overlooking the Sangamon River. The new facility is leased from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and will be open seven days a week from 11:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on weekdays and from 10:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. on weekends.

Did you see Carrol Hall's picture in the Journal-Register on April 28? Carrol, our SCHS president in 1965-66 and presently a Board member, was one of five local citizens featured because they have continued to be most active in community affairs.

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra Centennial Traveling Exhibit will be at the Lincoln-Herndon Law Offices State Historic Site until May 29. The history of this world-renowned Illinois orchestra is being celebrated throughout the state in observance of its 100th birthday.

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