

Oral History Project, lasting about eight years and resulting in accounts given by forty former legislators. The entire collection will be transferred by June 30 to the university archives in Brookens Library where it will be made available to the public. The closing of the office is due to a certain extent to tight budget adjustments, but Cullom believes that the transfer to the Brookens Library archives is a logical move, making the collection available eventually for wider use even though there have not been enough monetary grants to continue the office on a separate basis. Cullom has not directed the program since 1988 when he left to head the Lincoln Legal Papers Project for the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. He will continue to teach a course in oral history at SSU and some of the interviews will be added to the collection.

"A GUIDE TO THE HISTORY OF ILLINOIS"

This new book, a part of the series, "Reference Guides to State History and Research," is edited by John Hoffman, librarian of the Illinois Historical Survey, University of Illinois. This is the first comprehensive guide to the literature and sources of Illinois history. Part One contains a number of essays concerning particular periods and topics in the history of the state (One essay, "Illinois Since 1945", is by Cullom Davis.) Part Two provides detailed information on archival and manuscript collections. This volume is available for \$59.95 (plus \$3.00 for shipping" from Greenwood Press, c/o Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc., 88 Post Road West, P. O. Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881.

AIRCHIVE UPDATE

At our November 1987 meeting, Mr. Job Conger, IV, presented a slide-illustrated program on Airchive, an aviation data bank and model airplane museum which he and several associates had established several years before. A recent letter to our Society states that although Airchive has been somewhat in "hibernation" for a time, the recent addition of a computer has enabled Mr. Conger to resume his services for those interested in obtaining information on any aspect of aviation, including much historical data. To receive further information we suggest mailing a request for the Airchive Update (#s 1 and 2) to Mr. Job C. Conger, IV, 521 S. Glenwood, Springfield, IL 62704 - 1841 - please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, business size. For a visit to the growing Airchive collection of model airplanes and aviation information, contact Mr. Conger at 789-9754.

COMING UP

The Clayville Folk Arts Guild has scheduled the Annual Quilt Show on Saturday and Sunday, June 8 - 9, and the Fourth Annual Heritage Days, featuring traditional crafts on Saturday and Sunday, June 22 - 23, both to be held at the Clayville Rural Life Center, 12 miles west of Springfield, on Route 125. The Director at Clayville is Elizabeth Weir (on our SCHS Board). Hours for June, July and August are on Wednesday through Sunday, 10 A.M.-5 P.M., and on weekends only through September and October, 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. For information call 217/626-1132.

The annual Brinkerhoff Home Ice Cream Social will be held on Friday, June 14, from 6 - 8 P.M. at the Home, 1500 North Fifth Street. The Municipal Band will entertain. Tickets are \$3.00 at the door, with proceeds going for further restoration of the home.

Friends of Lincoln Library Annual Summer Book Sale will take place at the Library, 326 S. Seventh, on Friday, June 21 from 8 A.M. - 6 P.M. and on Saturday, June 22, from 8 A.M. - 4 P.M. This is a good place to find some excellent history books!

LincolnFest - downtown - will be held on Saturday and Sunday, June 29 - 30. A parade at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday will honor troops returning from the Mideast. Many of the "historic" activities take place in the Lincoln Home area.

Don't forget the Illinois State Fair, August 8 - 18! Our first State Fair took place in 1853 on Springfield's west side, played here and in eleven other cities over the years until 1894 when it returned permanently to Springfield.

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Please check the announcements in the daily and weekly local papers for the many summer programs in Springfield and Sangamon County, and for the schedules at our historic sites.

NEWS OF NOTE

In mid-June SCHS member Cinda Klickna will take on a new job and take off from her classroom (for a year) when she assumes the presidency of the Springfield Education Association to which she was recently elected. This is a full-time responsibility and she will be on leave from her position as an English teacher at Southeast High School until mid-1992. Congratulations on this honor, Cinda!

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A local author of a number of children's books, Kay Watt, is conducting a Writing Clinic at Lincoln Library for young authors, grades 4 through 7. The sessions are held at the main library at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, June 11, 18 and 25. Kay is a SCHS Board member and our publicity chairman.

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Local historian and SCHS member, Mae Tuttle, celebrated her 85th birthday on May 31 with a 2-day open house, Fri. and Sat., at her apartment at Near North Village. Mae has historical collections of letters, pictures, news clippings and postcards on almost every aspect of life in Springfield! She is especially knowledgeable about the history of the Portuguese community here.

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The restoration of the majestic Barton Theatre Organ at Springfield High School was celebrated with a concert which drew a full house on May 5. The organ was saved from the Orpheum Theater demolition in 1965 and moved to the school, but was seldom used until its restoration this past year by the Springfield Theatre Organ Club, aided by donations from the Springfield Clearinghouse Assoc., Illinois Bell Telephone Co., and the Springfield Public Schools Foundation. A fine concert was presented by Jack Moelmann of St. Louis, past president of the American Theatre Organ Society. Many in the audience came from St. Louis and other midwest towns to hear the concert made possible by the dedicated handiwork of the Springfield Organ Club. One part of the program featured an old silent Laurel and Hardy movie, "From Soup to Nuts," accompanied by organ music as in the "old days" before the "talkies" came along.

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In late May the Illinois House approved a bill which would designate the old U.S. 66 route as a state historic highway. If you want a very entertaining account of the reminiscences of many people along its entire route, Chicago to Santa Monica, CA, get local author Tom Teague's new book, Searching for 66 - then read and enjoy! Much of the old road is gone now, its route taken over by the ubiquitous Interstates, but it is held in vivid memory, as Tom discovered in a 4-month drive west, taking the path