

**VISIT YOUR STATE CAPITAL THIS YEAR**

**SUMMER IS THE BEST TIME**

**Tourists Are Urged to Go to Springfield; Many Interesting Historical Features**

Now is the season of long days, perfect weather and roads at their best, when motoring joys are greatest and everybody is awheel. Hours off from work, holidays and Sundays, from now on through the heated term, bring out their full quota of motorists. Vacation time is here, or near, and tourist travel approaches its peak. Aimless journeying does not satisfy, but moving toward a definite object is both profitable and pleasant.

The question "Where shall we go this time?" is easily answered by any Illinoisan. None can make a mistake in selecting Springfield, the capital of the state, as the object of his short jaunt, or giving it a large place in his vacation itinerary. The Native Son, or indeed any native son of any state, has by no means seen all of "America first" if he has failed to make a pilgrimage to the city of Abraham Lincoln, the Mecca of his character worshippers.

**World of Tradition**  
Here in the center of the Prairie state, is a wealth and a world of tradition and fact, preserved at home gathered from abroad, centering on the immortal name and life of Lincoln. Here are the Lincoln home, preserved intact with its notable collection of relics; the Lincoln monument in beautiful Oak Ridge cemetery, in whose base is another priceless collection, and in whose crypt beneath lie the remains of the great Emancipator and his family. On the sarcophagus lie piled the floral tributes of notables of church and state who have made pilgrimages to this shrine of Lincoln. Here is the Capitol group, including the state house, the centennial and supreme court buildings and the arsenal. Two blocks to the east is the executive mansion with its beautiful grounds. At various points in the city, marked by bronze tablets, are historic spots, among them the old state house, now the court house; the office of Lincoln and Logan, the Smith building where Lincoln wrote his inaugural address; the office of Lincoln and Herndon, the office of Stuart and Lincoln; the Cheney house, the Globe Tavern; the old First Presbyterian Church, with Lincoln's pew; and the site of the Edwards' home, where Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were married, and where Mrs. Lincoln died.

Added attractions for the visitors are spacious parks and smooth boulevards, the club and municipal golf links, the baseball park, the theatres, the fine hotels; of interest to many are the busy factories, several of them the greatest of their kind; the coal mines; the great retail establishments and insurance buildings. And, last but not least, here are a multitude of friendly and courteous residents, noted far and wide for their hospitality and ready accommodation for the stranger within their gates. Springfield is a friendly city. Visit your state capital this summer!

**FINE FLOWER SHOW HELD LAST TUESDAY**

**Lake Shore Country Club Scene of Splendid Exhibit and Attendance Good**

The living room and porch of the Lake Shore Country club were given over Tuesday afternoon from 2 to 8 o'clock to a flower show sponsored by the North Shore Garden club, of which Mrs. J. Harry Selz of Sheridan road, Glencoe, is president. Miss Amy Rothschild of Highland Park was chairman in charge. Luncheon and dinner table arrangements were exhibited as well as the more usual flower groupings.

In addition, the club offered tours by estates, which were opened for that purpose by their owners. Pomander Walk, the garden of the Lawrence Stern estate at 981 Sheridan road; that of the Louis Kuppenheimer grounds in Hubbard Woods; and the garden of the Samuel Marx home at 1140 Sheridan road were among the ones opened for this occasion.

This is a wholly free country, where the independent voter is allowed to pick out which set of bosses he prefers.

**USE EXPLOSIVES TO DRAIN SKOKIE SWAMP**

**Employed by Sanitary District of Chicago in Campaign Against Mosquito Menace**

Dynamite has been added to the weapons employed by the Sanitary District of Chicago in its continued campaign against the mosquito menace.

As a permanent relief measure to combat the winged bane's infestation of north shore towns, a field crew from the district is using large quantities of the explosive to clear, deepen and widen the Skokie ditch.

Since July 21, the cleanup force has been working north from Lake avenue, Wilmette. Trees, bank caveins and other debris were found clogging the channel and almost completely stopping the flow. By applying 2500 pounds of dynamite in stretches of the stream requiring immediate attention, about 7500 feet of the channel has thus far been widened and deepened so that the current now has an uninterrupted flow, and has eliminated very bad breeding places for mosquitoes and is also draining the Skokie swamp.

Laterals also were constructed connecting small adjacent marshes and stagnant pools to the stream, assuring adequate drainage, and the channel has been uniformly graded from its source to the point at Argyle street where it discharges into the Chicago river.

Among the towns receiving the benefit of this improvement are Glencoe, Winnetka, Highland Park, Wilmette, Evanston, Morton Grove and Niles Center. The work, proceeding under the direction of Edward F. Moore, superintendent of maintenance and mechanical operation, was ordered by President Lawrence P. King at the request of a delegation of chamber of commerce representatives which recently laid the matter before the Sanitary board of trustees.

**ART INSTITUTE IS ACTIVITIES CENTER**

**Is Mecca of Teachers and Students of Many Branches of Learning**

The Art Institute is becoming an important center from which many and diverse activities radiate. Smaller museums and those just in their infancy look to it for example and help. Classes and delegations from various schools and universities visit its galleries to study installation, administration and upkeep.

Last Friday a group of teachers from the summer school of the Chicago Normal college, under the guidance of Miss MacKenzie, curator of the Children's Museum, made a tour of the institute for purposes of study and visited the Children's Museum, the Egyptian and Classical Antiquities galleries, through Gunzsaulus hall, with its splendid collections of English table ware, Wedgwood, and lustre ware, into Hutchinson Wing, where they were much interested in the period rooms.

After visiting the painting galleries on the second floor, the operation of the Ryerson Art library and the Burnham library of architecture, as well as the loan department where photographs, post cards and lantern slides are lent to the public, was explained to them. A group of some forty students from Northwestern university interested in the drama made a thorough inspection of the Goodman Memorial theater on the same day, studying the mechanical operation of the stage, and the lighting of the new sky dome, seating arrangements, dressing and rehearsal rooms, etc. On Wednesday a group

of about forty-five from the Illinois State Normal university accompanied by Prof. R. G. Buzzard will visit the galleries on a tour of inspection.

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