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By ALICE E. MORGAN

Any number of students of American history, facing mid-year exams, would be deeply thankful for only a part of the knowledge which William Springer has on the subject.

Springer, publisher of the New Center News in Detroit and among the newcomers to the Wing Lake area, has made American history his hobby. While he "specializes" in the life of Abraham Lincoln, his

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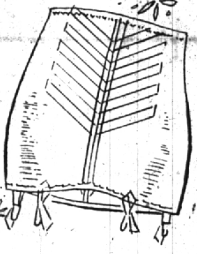
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general information about the earlier years of our country is what we needed.

Last Summer, while his new home was under construction, a great deal of time and thought was given to the library which was to house one of the largest private collections of Lincoln lore in the country.

It was arranged to give each book many of which are rare and valuable, its proper place and to provide ideal conditions for the preservation of all the volumes.

THROUGH THE many years he has been collecting the Lincoln works, Springer has read everything which came his way on the subject and through perseverance, has managed to acquire many articles, books and manuscripts for his own collection.

He has traveled widely and never misses an opportunity to visit any collection of Lincoln lore which are on or near his route.

When Robert T. Lincoln's "Lincoln Papers" were opened at the Congressional Library, Springer was a guest of Luther H. Evans at the ceremony.

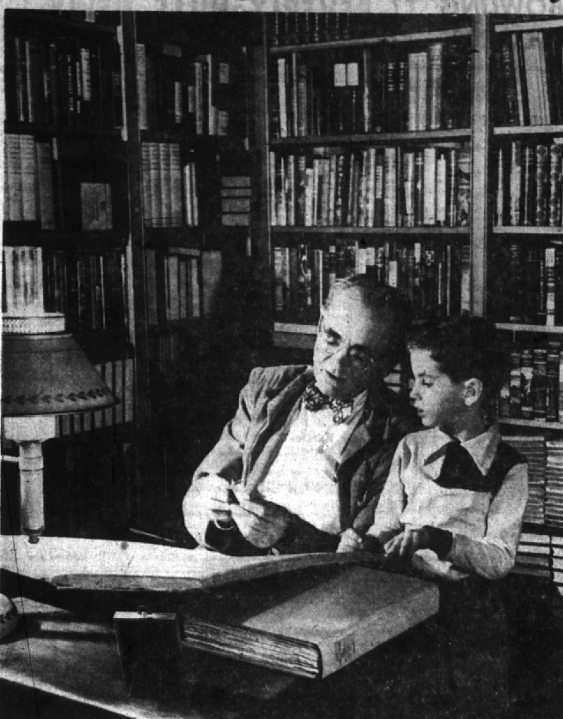
Springer has new books and old books, big books and little books, common books and collector's items on his shelves. He has original manuscripts and personal letters. He has novels about the man Lincoln and biographical works on him.

HE HAS newspaper clippings, brittle and yellow with age. He has reproductions of some of the older works, acquired to increase the life-span of first editions through less handling of them.

Two of the most interesting volumes are the "newspaper" size volume which includes the story of Lincoln's assassination and another of his Gettysburg address. The latter is slightly larger than a postage stamp and was printed from copper plates.

For many years his home has been the stopping place of notable interested in Lincoln books.

AMONG THEM have been Carl Sandburg, Dr. Bernhardt Wall, world famous etcher of fine books



WILLIAM SPRINGER AND SON, WILLIAM LOPAIGE SPRINGER
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and Thomas I. Starr, one of the leading Lincoln scholars in the Detroit area.

Stewart W. McClelland, a native of Michigan and former president of the Lincoln Memorial University, has also visited the Springer library.

Of his collection, Springer says,

"Of course I am very proud of the books and manuscripts I have. To me, Lincoln was the greatest man this country ever saw—we could use more men like him today.

"Some of the manuscripts I'm lucky enough to have are priceless. Some are more common, but still are excellent because of their simple portrayal of a great and simple man.

"I suppose people consider these Lincoln books and manuscripts, my many volumes on early American history and the classics, my hobby. To me, they are my second hobby. My first hobby is my family—Mrs. Springer and our five-year old son, Billy."

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No. 54,882
STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. At a session of said Court, held at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, in said County on the 18th day of January A.D. 1951.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of William Shepard, Deceased.

John L. Shepard having filed in said Court a petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to the petitioner or to some other suitable person.

It is Further Ordered, That the 18th day of February A.D. 1951 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House in the City of Pontiac, Michigan, he and he hereby appointed as the time and place for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order and notice in three successive weeks previous to said date of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and also by giving to all interested persons whose addresses are known by personal service of a copy of this order, by serving receipts demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate.

OLIVER H. KIRK, Attorney-at-Law, Birmingham, Michigan. 45-46-47-48

No. 54,882
STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. McKee, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 22nd day of January A.D. 1951.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

Order Appointing Time for Hearing Claims.

Notice is hereby given and it is hereby ordered that the time and place for hearing on claims against the above estate shall be the 15th day of April, 1951, at nine o'clock in the forenoon at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, Michigan.

All creditors or claimants against the above estate are further notified and ordered to prove their claims at said hearing and prior to said hearing to file written copies of their claims with the Secretary of this estate, containing sufficient detail reasonably to inform the fiduciary of the nature and amount of the claim.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order and notice in three successive weeks previous to said date of hearing in the Birmingham Eccentric, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County, and also by giving to all interested persons whose addresses are known by personal service of a copy of this order, or by serving the same by registered mail with return receipts demanded addressed to their respective last known addresses.

ARTHUR E. MOORE, Judge of Probate. 46-17-48

No. 54,900
STATE OF MICHIGAN — The Probate Court for the County of Oakland. In the Matter of the Estate of Mary E. McKee, Deceased.

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Court in the City of Pontiac, in said County, on the 15th day of January A.D. 1951.

Present, Honorable Arthur E. Moore, Judge of Probate.

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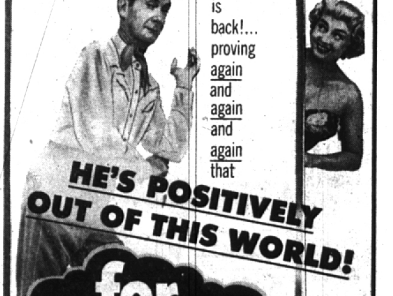
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