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*American Preservation*, an ambitious new magazine dealing with historic and neighborhood preservation throughout the United States, is being published by Porter Briggs of Little Rock, Arkansas. Two issues of the bimonthly publication have appeared so far, and both were loaded with information and full-color pictorial essays.

Once a year, Briggs intends to produce a historic preservation travel guide—a double issue of *American Preservation* containing a complete listing of all historic preservation sites in America. The special issue will also contain information about the days and hours the sites are open to the public, availability of tours, dates of special events, and facilities for parking.

The cost of a one-year subscription (6 issues) to *American Preservation* is \$9; the newsstand price is \$3 an issue. For more information, write: *American Preservation*, The Bracy House, P. O. Box 2451, Little Rock, AR 72203.

Two years ago, the Community Development Department of the city of Columbus allocated funds for an architectural survey of the town. Architect and preservationist LeRoy Troyer, president of the Mishawaka firm of Troyer & Associates, was contracted to complete the survey and author a report based on his findings. In mid-October, Troyer issued a comprehensive final report entitled *Early Columbus*. A new preservation group, Preserve to Enjoy, Inc., has been formed to help implement the preservation program outlined in Troyer's report.

In October, the city of Bloomington transferred ownership of the old Monroe County Library to The Old Library, Inc. (TOLI). The nonprofit organization plans to restore the building and adapt it for use as a community center and county museum. The 6-year battle to preserve the 1917 structure was waged by members of TOLI, the Save the Library Committee, and the Monroe County Historical Society. Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana contributed to the effort by publishing a 28-page feasibility study which recommended preservation and adaptive use of the former Carnegie library. TOLI is now endeavoring to raise money to restore the building. Contributions may be sent to the Old Library Fund, P.O. Box 1055, Bloomington, IN 47401. Contributions to the fund are tax-deductible.

When Morgan County's commissioners realized that the old county courthouse in Martinsville no longer filled the bill, they ordered a feasibility study instead of a demolition contract. As a result, the beautiful Italianate courthouse still stands. The county officials voted to preserve and refurbish the original structure, built in 1859, and to construct a compatible addition to provide for the county's expanding needs. The courthouse now looks better than ever, and Morgan County taxpayers saved some money. The project cost them \$1.4 million, which is nearly \$150,000 less than the estimated price tag on a new courthouse.

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