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THE LINCOLN MICROPHONE

The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation is not only interested in gathering further information about the life of our first American, but is equally anxious to assist in making known the facts about his life, to as many American citizens as possible. To this end, the publication of Lincoln items is encouraged and a catalogue of current Lincoln books, magazine articles, and monographs is available for reference at all times.

Another medium for spreading the Lincoln story, which the foundation sponsors, is a speaker's bureau. Its function is to list the names of speakers who are available for Lincoln addresses on programs of civic clubs, school groups, church organizations, special Lincoln celebrations, and put program committees in touch with speakers.

With the approach of the radio season another opportunity of telling the story of Lincoln presents itself. Announcement has already been made by station WCAE, Pittsburgh, that E. T. Chamberlain will give a series of ten lectures on "Vital Episodes in Abraham Lincoln's Life." WEAJ has advertised a series of Lincoln presentations over its coast-to-coast network, and other features associated with Lincoln are anticipated.

The revival of Lincoln in the theatre is also promised by the announcement that Drinkwater's Abraham Lincoln will appear on Broadway, in October, with Frank M'Glynn in the cast. More significant, however, is the decision of David Wark Griffith to use Lincoln as the subject of his first talkie epic. He promises to give the public "Lincoln, the Man" and looks forward to this production as his masterpiece.

Supplementing these more ambitious efforts to tell the Lincoln story by means of literature, oration, drama, and picture, there will be the important Lincoln talks which hundreds of Lincoln students, school teachers, preachers, and laymen will make through the coming year. As an aid to this group, a series of outlines have been prepared which will assist one in organizing the thoughts he may wish to present on any of the subjects suggested.

Outlines for Lincoln Speeches

LINCOLN'S PARENTS—

His Colonial Ancestors
The Wholesome Home Environment
His Mother's Early Death
A Step-Mother Worthwhile
Respect for His Parents

LINCOLN AT HOME—

His Courtship and Marriage
The Establishment of a Home
From Cabin to White House
The Four Sons of Lincoln

LINCOLN, THE POLITICIAN—

Early Illinois Campaigns
A Representative in Congress
Suggested as Vice-President
Nominated for the Presidency
His Campaign Methods

LINCOLN AS A LAWYER—

His Choice of a Profession
Early Law Partners
A Successful Practitioner
The Circuit Rider
Big Cases and Big Men

LINCOLN'S RELIGION—

The Faith of the Pioneers
Lincoln's Early Reaction
The Churches He Attended
Familiarity with the Bible
The Creed of Lincoln

LINCOLN AND LABOR—

Personal Experiences
The Railsplitter
The Sovereignty of the Individual
The Emancipation Proclamation

LINCOLN THE DEBATOR—

Early Debating Societies
A Seasoned Campaigner
His Challenge to Mr. Douglas
The Classic Debates
The Ultimate Results

LINCOLN'S PERSONAL APPEARANCE—

The Ungainly Lad
His Gigantic Frame
A Subject for the Cartoonist
His Manner of Dress
What His Photographs Reveal

LINCOLN'S DOMINANT CHARACTERISTICS—

Honesty Which has Become Proverbial
Humor that was Contagious
Humility, the Mark of a Great Soul
Courage to Follow Through
Love for Mankind and His Country.

EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION—

The Ultimate Purpose
The First Writing
The Final Form and Signature
Reaction of Border States
Its World Significance

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS—

The Occasion
The Orators of the Day
Preparation of Famous Speech
Its Delivery
Place It Occupies in Literature

THE EDITOR AVAILABLE FOR LINCOLN LECTURES

The editor of Lincoln Lore is continually being approached with reference to speaking engagements. This seems to be a proper time to state how his services may be secured, as his schedule for the fall and winter months is now being arranged. The Lincoln Historical Research Foundation is anxious to make its contributions to the memory of Lincoln without remuneration from any other source than The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company which wholly maintains it. In view of this fact, no fees whatever are charged for the services of the editor and the only expense incurred by the organization, sponsoring an address, is the travel cost from Fort Wayne and return, and entertainment.

It is expected, of course, that a good hearing will be provided and, where possible, a full day's program will be arranged. A luncheon club talk at noon, an address at a high school in the morning or afternoon, and a lecture at night makes a good combination. School groups are usually interested in Lincoln's educational background and luncheon clubs like short, snappy talk on some phase of human interest associated with Lincoln. However the lecture subject depends entirely upon the interests of the group to be addressed. At any or all of these meetings stereopticon slides can be used if desired, but they are recommended only on occasions where the time to be given for the presentation allows at least forty minutes.

Another field of interest, to which the editor has given some attention, is the early religious environment surrounding Abraham Lincoln, which was largely responsible for his unsullied moral character. Church groups, desiring the editor's services for the regular Sunday program or week-day meetings, will find him available for these gatherings.

It should be said that at no time in any of these addresses does the speaker mention the business interests, or the name of the Company, which sponsors his efforts. As a matter of courtesy it is expected that in introducing the speaker his connection with the Company, which makes his work possible, will be mentioned. The editor of Lincoln Lore would be very glad to forward references to any group which might be interested in this phase of the Lincoln Historical Research Foundation's effort. He would also be pleased to furnish the names of other Lincoln speakers, who might be available for special Lincoln programs.