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## FOUNDATION ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1942

while individual members of the Foundation Advisory Group have made valuable suggestions, bearing on the routine work of the Foundation, we are now pleased to announce some important contributions which the group has been invited to make to the Lincoln fraternity throughout the country during 1942.

It will be recalled that ballots were mailed to the 5,000 recipients of Lincoln Lore, with the request that they select 10 representative Lincoln students to serve as a Foundation Advisory Group. These ten persons were elected and consented to serve: Carl Sandburg and Ida M. Tarbell, authors; Oliver R. Barrett and Thomas I. Starr, collectors; George P. Hambrecht and Stewart W. McClelland, educators; James W. Bollinger and William H. Townsend, lawyers; F. Lauriston Bulard and Edgar DeWitt Jones, students.

It was also thought advisable to further expand this group by asking the secretaries of ten Lincoln fellowship groups to serve with the ten elected members, making a group of twenty. The names of the ten secretaries and the clubs which they represent follow: Louis W. Bridgman, Lincoln Fellowship of Wisconsin; Earl T. Chamberlin, Detroit Lincoln Group; J. H. Cramer, The Lincoln Association of Ohio; Henry E. Luhrs, Lincoln Fellowship of Pennsylvania; Harry E. Pratt, The Abraham Lincoln Association of Springfield, Illinois; J. Henri Ripstra, The Lincoln Group of Chicago; F. Ray Risdon, Lincoln Fellowship of Southern California; Bert Sheldon, The Lincoln Group of the District of Columbia; Kelsey Ballou Sweatt, The Lincoln Group of Boston.

It is hoped that these secretaries will, more or less, voice the sentiments of their respective clubs which might invite balloting on the various projects up for consideration. With the voice of the outstanding Lincoln clubs of America speaking through their secretaries and the opinions of ten of the best known Lincoln students of America supplementing the club's findings, the results of the balloting should be received with keen interest and satisfaction.

Four queries have been presented for the Advisory Group relating to: (1) the most significant Lincoln book of the year 1941; (2) the most timely Lincoln editorial appearing in a newspaper during the week of February 12; (3) the best article on Lincoln in a February 1941 magazine; (4) those worthy of recognition in a Lincoln Hall of Fame.

### *Lincoln Book of the Year*

The growing reverence for Lincoln is bringing forth an increasing number of new books inspired by his life and

works. There is a keen interest on the part of the historically minded public as to just what Lincoln books might be most highly recommended. Based on the ideas of the "Book-a-month" selections, the Lincoln Foundation Advisory Group, through a process of balloting, will name the most significant Lincoln book of the year (Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1941) and mention one other title as highly commendable. The report of the Group will be ready for announcement in the press on Lincoln's Birthday.

### *Most Timely Editorial*

Some of the finest tributes which have been offered to Abraham Lincoln have appeared on the editorial pages and in the special feature columns of the daily and weekly newspapers. The Lincoln Foundation Advisory Group will call attention to what they consider to be the most timely Lincoln editorial writing, appearing during the week of February 12. Newspapers of Great Britain claim that the Second Inaugural Address of Abraham Lincoln was the outstanding state document of the 19th century. Lincoln's Inaugural Day, March 4, would seem to be an appropriate date on which to announce the choice of an editorial.

### *Dr. Warren's Annual Itinerary*

The editor of "Lincoln Lore" while on his annual speaking itinerary would be pleased to meet any of his Lincoln friends who may be living in or near the cities where he is to speak on the days cited. The schedule of his local engagements may be secured at the offices of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company in the following cities: Little Rock, Arkansas, January 5, 6; Shreveport, Louisiana, January 7, 8; Tyler, Texas, January 9; Dallas, Texas, January 12, 13; Fort Worth, Texas, January 14, 15; Austin, Texas, January 16; Corpus Christi, Texas, January 19; San Antonio, Texas, January 20, 21; Houston, Texas, January 22, 23; Port Arthur, Texas, January 26; Beaumont, Texas, January 27, 28; New Orleans, Louisiana, January 29, 30; Miami, Florida, February 2, 3; St. Petersburg, Florida, February 4; Jacksonville, Florida, February 5, 6; Charlotte, N. Carolina, February 9; Raleigh, N. Carolina, February 10; Cleveland, Ohio, February 12, 13, 16; Erie, Pennsylvania, February 17, 18; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, February 19, 20; Lancaster, Pennsylvania, February 23; Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, February 24; Pittston, Pennsylvania, February 25; Newark, New Jersey, February 26, 27; Hartford, Connecticut, March 2, 3; Waterbury, Connecticut, March 4; Providence, Rhode Island, March 5, 6.

### *Best Magazine Article for February*

For many years there has been an attempt to choose the outstanding magazine article of the month. As a service to those whose attention may not have been called to worth-while contributions, the Advisory Group will select the best Lincoln article of 1000 words or more, published during the month of February, and also select one for honorable mention. In a poll taken some time ago, it was decided that the story of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln was of more human interest than any story which has ever appeared in the American periodicals. It would seem to be timely to announce the best Lincoln magazine article for February, on the anniversary day of Lincoln's death, April 15.

### *Lincoln Recognition Roster*

Any approach which may be made to a better understanding of Abraham Lincoln's life and works is largely dependent on the genius, labor, and sacrifice of those who have made their various contributions to his memory and then passed on. That they may be remembered for superior service performed is the purpose of the Lincoln Recognition Roster.

The selection of those whose names may appear on a Lincoln Recognition Roster will follow as far as feasible, the method of choosing candidates for the Hall of Fame for Great Americans on the campus of New York University.

The electorate will consist of the twenty members of the Lincoln Foundation Advisory Group.

The term of eligibility for candidates to be nominated is twenty-five years after death. Personal services rendered to Lincoln during his lifetime shall not be taken into consideration.

Names of candidates may be presented not later than March 1 of each year to any member of the Advisory Group.

In the preliminary balloting each member of the electorate will be allowed to cast a ballot bearing the names of not over ten prospective nominees. The twenty candidates polling the most votes will become the official nominees.

In the final balloting the electorate may vote for such candidates on the official ballot as they deem worthy. The choice of a name for inscription on the Lincoln Recognition Roll requires a vote of three-fourths of the whole body of electors.

Each name on the official ballot will be designated as belonging to one of the following classes: Authors, Collectors, Editors, Educators, Impersonators, Lecturers, Portrait Artists, Sculptors. Announcement of those chosen will be made through the press on Memorial Day of each year.