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MOST SIGNIFICANT LINCOLN CARTOONS – FEBRUARY 1968

For the twenty-fourth consecutive year, the Lincoln National Life Foundation has sponsored a contest to determine the most significant Lincoln cartoon published in nationwide newspapers during the week of Lincoln's birthday. The results this year were most unusual. When all the ballots were in and the votes tallied, it was found that the first, second and third place awards were all tied. The two winning cartoons received seven points each; the second place winners received six points each; and the third place winners received five points each. Since the point difference was so slight among the top six cartoons, we have decided to print all six.

Of the fifteen cartoons accepted for consideration, all but four received at least one vote from the eight members of the Lincoln Lore Bibliography Committee which does the judging. Each judge casts three votes, which count three, two and one point respectively.

The cartoon entitled "With Malice Toward None" by Vaughn Shoemaker was distributed by the Chicago Tribune-New York News Syndicate Inc., and was submitted to our contest by the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, the Bridgeport (Connecticut) Telegram

"WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE"



"With Malice Toward None" by Vaughn Shoemaker
First Place

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and Chicago's American. The judges gave it two firsts and one third, making a total of seven points. The tying first place winner was Newton Pratt's cartoon, "From His Counsel and Inspiration Comes the Grace of Immortality" which appeared in the Sacramento Bee and received three second place votes and one third, for a total of seven points.

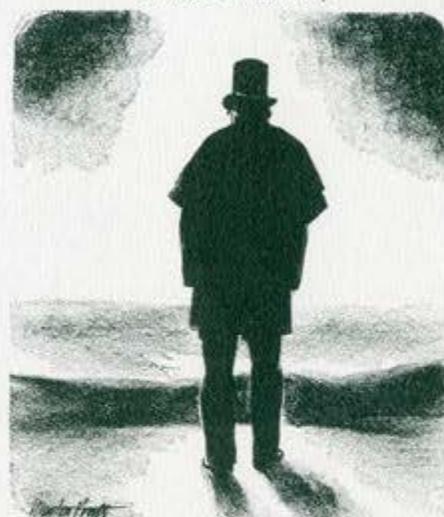
The tying second place winners were "Eternal Truth" by Bill McClanahan (the Dallas Morning News) with two first place votes (six points), and "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand" by Bob Stevens (The San Diego Union) with one first, one second and one third place vote (six points).

Third place honors were shared by Lloyd Ostendorf and Lou Grant. Ostendorf's untitled cartoon appeared in the Dayton, Ohio Journal Herald. It received one first and one second place vote, totalling five points. Lou Grant's tying third place winner was entitled "There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law — Lincoln," and it was submitted by the Salt Lake Tribune. This cartoon received two second and one third place vote, for a total of five points.

The other cartoons accepted in this contest are as follows:

- 1. Enshrined in Memory**
The Daniel C. French statue of Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial, Washington, D.C.
Ed Kudlaty — Newspaper Enterprise Association
- 2. "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand"**
Lincoln overlooking Capitol Dome with scroll titled "Civil Rights Stalling" impaled on the spire.
Hutton — The Philadelphia Inquirer
- 3. "A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand"**
Lincoln portrait against a background of the American Flag unfurled.
McCarty — The San Bernardino Sun-Telegram
- 4. "No, I Didn't Hear Anything!"**
Ghostly figure of Lincoln towering over figures of Johnson and Rusk, who are absorbed with stacks of paper labeled "Vietnam, taxes, Pueblo, inflation etc." Lincoln holds paper bearing his definition of the word "Liberty."

From His Counsel And Inspiration Comes The Grace Of Immortality

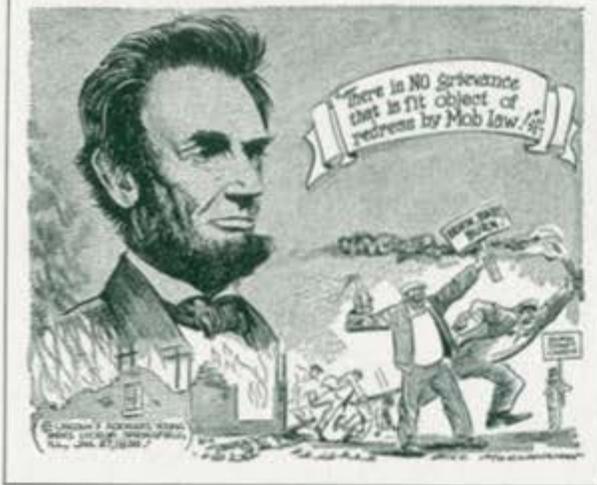


From His Counsel And Inspiration Comes The Grace Of Immortality by Newton Pratt
First Place

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- 5. He still stands tall**
Very tall figure of Lincoln stands looking down on impassively small figures of men throwing mud at him.
Morris — The Quincy (Illinois) Herald-Whig
- 6. When the Soldiers Ran the Wars**
Figure of Lincoln writing telegram to Gen. Grant, April 7, 1865: "General Sheridan says: 'If the thing is pressed I think Lee will surrender.' — LET THE THING BE PRESSED!"
Lange — Oklahoma — The Daily Oklahoman
- 7. "Open Up!"**
Tall figure of Lincoln, with crowds of people labeled The Ghettos around his feet, knocking at door of Congress, with Capitol dome a spindle impaling "Open Housing Bill."
Jerry Doyle — Philadelphia Daily News
- 8. "Seventeen years and eight months ago our fathers brought forth to this continent a few military advisers . . ."**
Figure of President Johnson in stove-

Eternal Truth

By BILL McCLANAHAN
Dallas News Staff Cartoonist

Eternal Truth
by Bill McClanahan
Second Place

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pipe hat giving speech from flag-draped lectern in midst of battle with bullets flying and bombs bursting about him.

Stayskal — *Chicago's American*

9. Berry's World

A bearded student stands facing the Daniel C. French statue of the bearded Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. He says: "A campus recruiter said I'd have to shave off my beard!"

Newspaper Enterprise Association

MOST TIMELY LINCOLN EDITORIALS — February 1968

Each year since 1942 *Lincoln Lore* has featured the most timely Lincoln editorial printed during the week of Lincoln's birthday. This year thirteen editorials were selected for submission to the *Lincoln Lore* Bibliography Committee. The following three were judged best:

First place went to "The Man of Compassion" which appeared in *The Bridgeport Telegram*, Bridgeport, Connecticut. The name of the writer is withheld. This editorial received two first place and two second place votes, for a total of ten points.

Winning second place was the editorial entitled "He Spoke for the Ages" by Joseph H. Sheridan of the *Davenport Daily Times*, Davenport, Iowa. This editorial received two first place votes and one second, with a total of eight points.

Third place went to Thor Severson for his editorial: "Abe Looked for Friend Inside" which was submitted by *The Sacramento Bee*, and which received two first place votes and one third place vote making a total of seven points.

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The Man of Compassion

Abraham Lincoln was one of the few great Americans whose appeal became almost world-wide. Long ago his fame spread beyond our shores and its luster has not been dimmed by time.

Perhaps, in a sense, we should be chagrined that Europeans and Asians and others find so little to cherish in U.S. history; indeed, that most of them know so little of the exciting fabric of our history.

This great deficiency is a fact and it reflects

sadly on the pretensions of some peoples to a kind of aged-in-the-wood maturity. For, still young and brash though America may be in comparison with many other lands, it is a place of consummate importance to all the world in this era. There can be no maturity that does not embrace an understanding of this country and its history.

Still, we should be eternally thankful that of all our revered historic figures, the world has fastened upon Abraham Lincoln as the man most deserving of their esteem and even devotion.

Because Lincoln in his rich individuality, in his stark simplicity, embodied most of the elements which have made America the great and unique place that it is.

'A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand'



'A House Divided Against Itself Cannot Stand' by Bob Stevens

Second Place

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The San Diego Union, (Copley Newspapers.)



Drawn For The *Journal Herald*
Third Place

by Lloyd Ostendorf

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Dayton Journal Herald.)

For all his rough exterior, the chisel markings on his face were those of greatness. There were written the resolution needed for the hard decisions that kept a great growing country from being torn completely apart; and the deep compassion this man felt for all who suffered in the nation's greatest ordeal.

But it is not the look of him that tells the full story. Among Lincoln's rare gifts was his almost innate mastery of the use of words. Whether he wrote or spoke, the words that poured forth lent fierce power to his convictions and put the glow of simple honesty about his gestures of compassion. At the core of what he said was his unending appreciation of the dignity and sanctity of the individual.

That was Lincoln's secret, if a thing can be a secret when it is obvious to all his grateful fellow men.

He Spoke For The Ages

Men speak of changing times, but in many ways our problems are basically the kind that societies and their leaders have faced across the ages.

They aim to be free. They labor for bread and for gold. They advance from class to class. They go to war, and sons are killed, and the hearts of mothers and fathers are broken. Yet they cherish a hope for better days.

The man whose birthday we mark today faced all these issues, and many more, before and during the time he led this land.

Even a cursory glance at the mass of material about Abraham Lincoln is bound to yield items he wrote or said that are relevant to the world today.

Of labor he said:

"There is no permanent class of hired labor amongst us. Twenty-five

years ago I was a hired laborer. The hired laborer of yesterday labors on his own account today; and will hire others to labor for him tomorrow."

Lincoln prized liberty. Witness this speech delivered Sept. 11, 1858 in Edwardsville:

"What constitutes the bulwark of our own liberty and independence? It is not our own frowning battlements, our bristling sea coasts, the guns of our war steamers or the strength of our gallant and disciplined army. These are not our reliance against a resumption of tyranny in our fair land. All of them may be turned against our liberties, without making us stronger or weaker for the struggle. Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in our bosoms. Our defense is in the preservation of the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men, in all lands, everywhere. Destroy this spirit and you have planted the seeds of despotism around your own door."

The world has long marveled at the literary skill of a man denied much formal schooling. His Gettysburg Address is a shining example.

There also is his letter to Mrs. Bixby, whom Lincoln erroneously believed to have lost five sons in the war. That epistle has been widely acclaimed for its excellence of expression.

Records much later disclosed that only two of the five sons were known for sure to have died in battle, but this of course detracts not at all from the splendor of Lincoln's letter. He wrote:

"Dear Madam: I have been shown in the files of the War Department a statement of the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, that you are the mother of five sons who have died gloriously on the field of battle.

"I feel how weak and fruitless must



"There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law" — Lincoln

"There is no grievance that is a fit object of redress by mob law" — Lincoln
by Lou Grant

Third Place

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be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering to you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save.

"I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom."

And for those charged with the political well-being of the country, there is his reminder:

"If you once forfeit the confidence of your fellow citizens, you can never regain their respect and esteem."

Abe Looked For Friend—Inside

This is an age of consensus, of government by committee, of the computerized decision. One wonders: Were Abraham Lincoln born to this time, would he survive the test of greatness?

He would, were he born the same man.

For all of the sophistication of the modern world, still the leaders held most precious in the affection of the people remain those with an instinct for the human values and the human concerns.

It has been so since the beginning of time and it is so now.

In this matter, even among these Lincoln is a man apart.

Lincoln would listen to consensus, yes, but he would not be dominated by consensus. He said once: "I desire to so conduct the affairs of this administration that, if at the end, when I come to lay down the reins of power, I have lost every other friend on earth, I shall at least have one friend left — and that friend shall be down inside of me."

He would accept counsel, yes, but he would not be dominated by counsel. He said on another occasion: "I do the very best I know how — the very best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, 10 angels swearing I was right would make no difference."

He would be concerned with the temper of the people, yet, but he would not be tyrannized by the people. He said in what comes out as sad resignation: "If the good people in their wisdom shall see fit to keep me in the background I have been too familiar with disappointments to be very much chagrined."

No Lincoln would not be mastered by the times; he would have mastered the times. Even in history, some of the magnificent strength of that lean, brooding figure comes down through the generations to give new inspiration.

Born into the most humble of circumstances, with only a granny woman to attend his birth, he was not humbled by circumstances. Inaugu-

rated on a sea of troubles, he did not make his decisions as president according to the decibel rating of the crowd's roar — he proceeds, unhurried, to what he considered the only real matter involved: The saving of the Union out of catastrophe.

Nor did he pretend to greatness; yet he was claimed by greatness.

Nor did he exhort God's damnation upon his enemies, he sought God's blessing upon them.

He was extraordinary — this man we recall today, on the 159th anniversary of his birth.

The other editorials which were submitted to the committee bear the following titles:

1. Lincoln for our Time (Robert Stearns)
Newspaper Enterprise Association (Cleveland, Ohio)
2. Lincoln as a Congressman (Willis S. Harrison)
The Sunday Bulletin (Phila., Pa.)
3. The Legacy of Lincoln
The Oakland Tribune (Oakland, California)
4. 'Let Us Have Faith . . . ' Fiery Trial Lights Us In Honor
The San Diego Union (San Diego, California)
5. Lincoln's Gift
Post-Intelligencer (Seattle, Washington)
6. Lincoln On Television
The State Journal - Register (Springfield, Illinois)
7. The Lincoln Legacy
The Journal Herald (Dayton, Ohio)
8. Steadfast in Adversity
The Philadelphia Inquirer (Phila., Pa.)
9. Lincoln's Hopes, Dreams Remain Relevant Today
(Dorothy M. Eastland) *The Hartford Courant*
10. Lincoln The Great! What He Might Have Said In These Times Of Challenge (Dr. Bernie Smith)
Hamilton Journal and Daily News (Hamilton, Ohio)

An Expression of Availability

In the fall of 1859 when people were discussing the possibility of Lincoln becoming a candidate for the Presidency, he was approached as to his availability. His reply was: "The taste is in my mouth a little."

An Important Political Decision

While at Danville, Illinois, on November 13, 1859, Lincoln wrote James A. Briggs, who was active in the promotion of the Brooklyn Plymouth Church Lecture Series, "I believe . . . I shall make a political speech." This decision led to the Cooper Union Address which made possible Lincoln's nomination for the Presidency on the Republican ticket in 1860.

"Everybody is afraid of being drafted . . ."

Editor's Note: The Lincoln National Life Foundation has a collection of original letters which mention Abraham Lincoln and these three written by O. C. Hills are of that category. Many of the letters in this collection are rather dull as they deal with mundane family problems, the hardships of the war, business and the weather. However, the Hills letters are an exception with interesting and sometimes thrilling subject matter, along with certain astute observations concerning men and measures. The first letter reveals a certain anxiety about the war, the second deals with enlistment and the third reveals an account of combat in the field. Unfortunately, we cannot conclude the story about O. C. Hills as no further information about the young soldier is available.

R.G.M.

Easthampton July 20 1862

Dear Brother

I now take the opportunity to answer your letter as I do not have much time to write except Sunday Ther has been a great deal of sickness here within a few days but as Emily has wrote Lizzie a letter with all the particulars I will not go through with them as you can get them of her. We had a sad accident here on the 4th as Joel Smith was firing a cannon loaded with sand it went of filling and tearing his face and eyes to pieces he has lost one eye entirely and it is doubtful whether he ever sees out of the other his face is getting better Emily has got quite well There is some excitement here about the call for 300000 more men they will have to draft in this state to get them Everybody is afraid of being drafted there are some here that I hope will be I am not old enough though I most wish I was I suppose Pa. will furnish her quota without draft. McClellan got rather the worst of it there at Richmond instead of driving the enemy to the wall he got well nigh drove there himself. After having had a year to get ready in and the Flower of the Army in the bargain it goes rather hard against him to be forced to a retreat. Public opinion is going against him up this way. If the(y) would put John C. Fremont in his place I dont doubt but that Richmond would be in our hands in less than a week. Lincoln is just his back up and I suppose there will be something done in favor of the Darkeys before long. Ben Fuller has enlisted in the 14 regt.C.V. There's not much going on there D. D. Brown is at work in Niles Shop. H. Brown is at home but is going down at N. Haven to be a reporter. We have had a Marriage here since you went away Dave Beech and Jane Gaff. The old folks did not like it very well. W. Brown and C. Derby are still at home A dog out at flanders run mad a day or two ago but they killed him without his doing any damage. We have not heard from Frank lately I see that our troops at Charleston have gone back to Hilton Head again. I was in hopes they would take that hotbed Secession but

they did not make out. I hope the war will be ended before long but dont see much signs of it yet. Were quite pleased with your story of the Deacon's Love Scrape. He had better look out how he gets in such a fix again or he may get taken up for breach of promise. Heber got home here safe and sound and finds every thing all right.

Give my Respects to all
Yours Truly
Osmer C Hills

Easthampton, Conn Aug 12th 1862

Dear Brother

I received your letter last night We were very glad to hear from Maytown and that you are all well I would (sure) like to come out there this fall but I dont see as I can We are all well I believe Josephine calls her baby Gertrude Hen has pretty much given up going to war. We had a town meeting Saturday night and appropriated \$100 to as many as would enlist in this town D. D. Brown has got a commission as Lieutenant and is now raising a company this town He has enlisted 24 since last Thursday and a prospect of raising several more among the number enlisted are Ed Childs Ab Bevin Ed Gillon Billy Buell Jim Dickson Emmet Carpenter & myself and some Middle haddan fellow. (Mama) felt rather bad at first but she has pretty much got over it and is quite willing I should go. We get pretty good pay for enlisting \$100 from the town 50 from the State 25 from the Government 10 of our wages in advance & 15 by the City of Norwich making in all the handsome little Sum of \$200. all to be paid when mustered into the U. S. service. We are having pretty exciting times here on account of the last call of the President

Everybody is afraid of the draft. The quota of this town from the beginning of the war is 88 We shall have but about 20 more to get as we have got about 75 in the field. There is no danger of you being drafted as you are out of the State. There has a good many gone to Canada from this State but there will no more go now We were quite surprised to hear that J. Eberly had got back to Lancaster poor fellow I suppose he fares hard these times. The way Joel Smith got hurt was by the contents of the cannon and not by the bursting. The cannon was setting on the ground muzzle up and loaded with sand The fuse by which he touched it of was not properly prepared and as he stooped over it to fire it the fire ran through it and before he had time to get away it went of throwing the contents into his face and making one mass of clotted flesh and blood. He has lost one eye entirely and probably will not see out of the other. Deacon West is at home and well They are doing a little at bell business here We have had another terrible battle in Virginia I guess by the time we have a few more such battles

Mr. Lincoln will leave off Guarding Rebel property and sending back fugitive slaves. Sheet is full must Stop Yours O. C. Hills we shall leave for camp next week latter part.

Chapins Farms Va Oct. 14, 1864

Dear Brother

Yours of the 28th is Recd but I have been so busy that I have not much time to write. We came over here the 29th captured a large Fort and about twenty cannon. I was not in the charge upon the fort as I was on another part of the line skirmishing. I came very near being taken prisoner after the works were captured About twenty five of us we(re) placed in a small Redoubt some distance from the main fort for the purpose of keeping down the gunners of another fort that troubled us considerably. Towards evening the Rebs made a charge on us with such a force that we were obliged to run a gauntlet of balls or be taken I chose the latter and if ever I traveled it was then As soon as I started the Reb Sharpshooters poured a volley of balls after me but I miraculously escaped Several of our men were shot here and some were captured The next day they made a charge on our main works but very few of them went back again. What we didn't kill we captured I think the prisoners we captured outnumbered us. We had some hard fighting on the right yesterday but have not heard the particulars None of the Chatham boys as yet have been hurt. We have not been paid off yet but expect to be soon I received the \$1 you sent in the envelope also the vest. The weather is quite cold here now especially nights we have to sit by the fire to keep warm as we left our Beds behind us. The 29th Conn. Cvl. Regt. is here We see William Bevin quite often

What do the people think of the coming Election The general belief here is that Abe will be Elected. He has a small majority in our Regt. I guess there are more McClellan men in our Regt than in most others. Large numbers of deserters come in every night. They say if Lincoln is elected they give right up but if McClellan gets it they will hold out longer in hopes of getting better terms. One poor fellow was shot yesterday while getting away. I think another year will wind them up.

Where was Frank when you last heard from him in the Hospital or with the Regt.

How did Hampton fill her quota I see there are more Copperheads than Unionists there by the late Election. Write all the news

Yours

O. C. Hills

P. S. Enclosed is Rebels Lieutenants apointment as Lieut. Signed by Gov Vance of N. C.