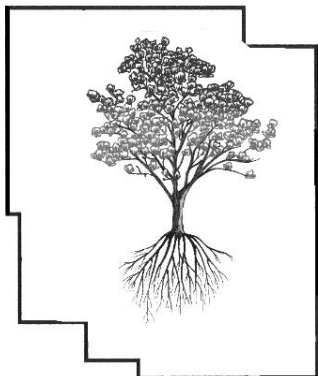
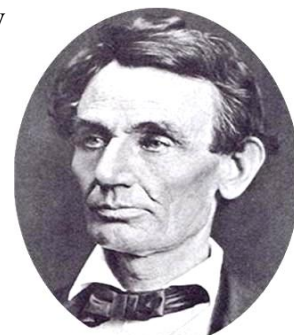




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FALL 2025: October, November, December

Meeting Schedule: All program meetings are at 6:30 pm on the third Monday of each month. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-732-3200.

October 20 – Jonathan Parker – Lincoln Heritage Museum

November 17- William Furry – Executive Director – Illinois State Historical Society

December 15 – No Meeting

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Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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LINCOLN AND LOGAN COUNTY IN THE 60's: "THOSE WERE THE DAYS, MY FRIEND" (Contributed by John Wakefield, LCHS Class of '65.)

Yep. "Those were the days, my friend. We thought they'd never end."¹ We thought they'd never end, as in "We acted as if they'd go on forever." The song is even from the 60's, was first recorded by the Beatles' recording company, and is still in circulation today. :

There was a lot to suggest that those times really would go on and on. There were people and places that shaped our lives and our futures. We often didn't think "past our noses", but those days were influencing us for days to come. Most of the influences in my life in the 60's were in Lincoln and Logan County.

Certainly, my parents, Alice and Merl Wakefield, influenced my life more than anyone else. Much of their nurture of me was shaped by Lincoln and Logan County. Some of those local places may seem strange as influences on my life, but I realize now how much effect they had on me. There were many evenings when we would park on the square and simply watch people. I learned a lot from the observations my mother and dad made about people—not criticisms, just astute observations about people. That experience helped make me an analyst.

My parents made many visits to the local funeral homes: Holland and Barry, and Fricke's. Every time, they took me with them. I learned to visit with people. I learned some things about death. I learned some things about grief. And later in life and ministry I found that I actually enjoyed performing funerals and expressing care to families—largely because of my early experiences in Lincoln and Logan County.

My parents took me to good restaurants: the Lincoln Hotel, the Tropics, Guzzardos. I learned how to function socially. Later, when I was able to drive, I would go with my Aunt Edith to the Hotel and on dates to Guzzardos. Still later, when I was teaching at Lincoln College and Lincoln Christian College, I had the experience of taking Lincoln Christian Seminary students to the Tropics, not knowing college regulations. With a twinkle in the eye, they would disclose that they weren't supposed to be there, as the place served liquor.

¹ "American single certifications—Mary Hopkin—"Those Were the Days", Recording Industry Association of America. Retrieved 20 June 2023.

My dad would take me along on election nights to the Lincoln Courier office, where election results were posted. The experience made me aware of the importance of political events. Later, my dad gave me summer jobs in the elevator.

My mother served on the Community Concert Board; and, of course, we went to the concerts. They were my first encounter with serious music—the Houston Symphony, the Russian Don Cossack Singers and Dancers, and other concerts that influenced my career in music.

I also remember when mother mounted a campaign for the purchase of a new piano at the church. I didn't know that she "had it in her". She announced the plan to the congregation. She gathered a group of ladies together one afternoon, fed them, and gave each one an envelope with names for them to call on for donations. They had a certain time to return to the church with their money or pledges. And it worked! I learned organization and vision from her.

Many family friends were formative in my life. *Several of those associations came because my dad managed the grain elevator in Broadwell, and they were customers of his. One of them was Adeline Bates Hartnell, from whom I learned local history. She would come into the elevator office, sit down, and send across the street for me. She had much to tell me, written history to give me, and a few photos to share.*

She gave me a lithograph of Abraham Lincoln and his son. I didn't realize it at the time, but I was acquiring a keen interest in history. After all, Abraham Lincoln had been an overnight guest in her grandparents' home.

Mrs. Hartnell's brother, Bill Bates, and his son Bill also owned land in the county and were customers of my dad's. They were efficient, kind, and friendly. Their demeanor influenced mine.

Another customer was Mrs. John Dean Gillette Hill. She would arrive in her Rolls Royce. She, too, was a daughter of Lincoln and Logan County history. A few years later my new wife Vicki and I moved to Lincoln. Mrs. Hill and her driver would arrive at our apartment with a wedding gift for us. And what a surprise it was to discover that her driver had been the guide for my wife's trip to Europe with her college friends. Her gracious ways made a difference in my life.

Elizabeth Drake of Elkhart, another customer of my dad's, would receive my family in her home. Her family owned the Drake Hotel in Chicago, but her gracious receipt of us impacted me.

Farmland produced a couple of other Logan County experiences for me. Jim Edwards and I spent several summers cutting weeds out of the bean fields for farmers. Yes, this was before chemicals did the job for them. And it was good money for kids. During this time, I also worked on teams baling hay for the farmers. What difference did those jobs make? They taught me the value of hard work.

Other people were influential in my life through their children who became friends of mine. *Frank and Marta Fikuart were good friends in whose home I stayed from time to time. They were avid readers who had acquired knowledge of "the world". Their son J. R. was a good buddy through high school. Their home was the site of many Friday night card games with J. R., Robby Barry, Larry Bear, and sometimes John Stewart. I liked being around Frank and Marta, and I liked coming into their world.*

The George Stohls were parents of John, a high school friend. We spent some time in their home, too. The Stohls were good people. I looked favorably on their friendliness and kindness.

The Jim Stewarts influenced those years as well. Jim Stewart was Manager of the Scully Estates—more than 200,000 acres of farmland in five states, England, and Ireland. Jim later became Scoutmaster of my Explorer

Troop in Lincoln, with their son and my friend John in the troop as well. Jim's bold leadership made a more assured man out of me.

I'm sure that it was Jim Stewart's influence that got me a summer job working for Mrs. Scully in her gardens and home. Then later that summer she had me spend a day each week watering the trees, undoubtedly provided by her, on the courthouse square. I also was a guest in the home of son Michael Scully in Aspen, Colorado. I was in Aspen for the Summer Music School. Influence? Oh yes. The impact of a wealthy but gracious family on a raw teenager from a little town.

Ed and Mary Spellman were friends of my parents. My dad and mom owned the car wash business with them on Woodlawn Road. I will never forget the evening in their home with Lord Baden-Powell, son of the founder of Boy Scouts. It was one more brush with knowledgeable and gracious people—an evening that impacted me for years to come.

The John Barrys were parents of my friend Robby. Barrys owned the Holland and Barry Funeral Home. We were invited to their home after Community Concerts. Good times. Gracious people. I learned a few things about how to live and behave from these people.

Scott Moriarty was my high school debate team partner. A very bright guy who tolerated me. After high school he went to Harvard. Through him I widened my world.

Downtown Lincoln was altogether different then. Did its stores influence me? I think they did: Alvey's Drug Store to pick up photos and prescriptions, Myers Brothers to buy clothes, Frank's Food Fair, while my mother shopped for groceries (She didn't drive.). Buying clothes at Landauer's, browsing gift items at Feldman's, picking up shoes at Sablotneys. Looking longingly at the toys in the store that I called "Tuganbiers" when I was quite young. Ordering flowers at Hembreikers. Getting a Dairy Queen at Logans' on Woodlawn Road. Eating at Leonard's, at Guzzardo's, and the Lincoln Hotel. Businesses in those days taught us a lot about commerce.

Logan County also brought us some brushes with fame. *One of those brushes with fame was Emil Verban. Emil was a graduate of Lincoln High School, and president of the local Central Shale and Excavating Company, and then he played baseball. Emil had a twin sister who was offered a position on the Milwaukee Chicks.*

Emil played second base for St. Louis, Philadelphia, and the Cubs, playing seven seasons in the major leagues. While playing for Philadelphia, he struck out only eight times in 540 at-bats. He played in three All-Star Games. He made the winning play in the 1944 World Series.

Emil Verban became as famous off the field as on. In Chicago, fans established the Emil Verban Society, not because he was a Stan Musial player, but because he was a "Steady Eddie" player for years. Ronald Reagan was a fan of Emil Verban and a member of the Emil Verban Society. The Emil Verban Society exists yet today.

Emil married Annetta Marie Cosby of Elkhart. They were married in Elkhart. In retirement they built a house in the country between Broadwell and Lincoln. You can see it from the Interstate Highway. He is buried here in Lincoln.

Another brush with fame came from William Maxwell, who grew up in Lincoln. My startling discovery of William Maxwell came one night while I was lying in bed reading short stories in the New Yorker Magazine. I began to recognize Lincoln and Logan County names—people and places—in a William Maxwell short story. Amazing!

That evening was the beginning of my collecting William Maxwell first editions, which are now in the Lincoln Public Library. Maxwell took his own wistful yet literary glance back at Lincoln and Logan County in the midst of his years of national recognition. His books and short stories had plenty of Lincoln and Logan County lore. His

book *Ancestors* had quite a bit of Lincoln and Christian Church history. He was editor of New Yorker Magazine and president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Let us not neglect brushes with fame that we all have had, including Abraham Lincoln. Any man who would christen a town with a watermelon had to be a character. He had stayed in the Tan Tivy Lodge just outside Broadwell. He practiced law in Postville Courthouse. He also stayed in the Erastus Bates home when he was riding circuit in central Illinois. All of us here have somehow been influenced by the looming specter of Abraham Lincoln, lo these many years later.

Jimmy Hickey didn't afford a brush with fame, but he was a unique individual who impacted my life. He was unique in his devotion to Abe Lincoln history. He was Curator of the Lincoln Collection in the Illinois State Historical Library in Springfield. His mother lived in Broadwell. Somehow, he knew that I was acquiring an interest in Lincoln history, so he would bring me souvenir publications from Lincoln celebrations.

***At the other end of the spectrum were some Lincoln and Logan County characters**—not all bad, just notables in their own right. Houser Crain was such an influence in my life. He barely knew me, but he left an imprint on my life. Pedaling around Lincoln on his scooter because he couldn't walk, he seemed content with his life. I admired him, and, through him I began to care about physically impaired people.*

E. H. Lukenbill was a character in a way. He influenced my life through school. When he was Logan County Superintendent of Schools he would visit all the schools. When he visited Broadwell Grade School he would start to tell us about historic sites he had visited. He would fall asleep somewhere between Independence Hall and the Liberty Bell. Us kids would chuckle, but I acquired some of my curiosity about history from him. Later he had some office in the Federal Government in Washington, where my family encountered him in an elevator.

Another character influenced me without knowing it: One time my dad and I went to an auction sale out in the country. The farm had been the home of a man known locally as "Coonhound Johnnie". "Coonhound Johnny" had a reputation for Chicago mob connections. During the sale, my dad said, "Come here a minute. I want to show you something". We walked over to a garage, opened the door, and saw the walls lined with bulletproof vests. Talk about a wider world! I didn't even know the man, and I knew he was a character.

Moses (Everybody called him Mose.) was another character in my life. He was my first contact with African Americans. He lived on a farm out in the country, and he worked on the farm. Our family friends Don and Lynne Chard farmed the land, and they had Mose stories.

***Teachers influenced my life as well.** Ruth and Harold Luhring were my music teachers in elementary school. They must have seen something to cultivate in me. I liked them and began to produce music for them. In high school, Bill Smock, my band director, continued that development. And "the rest is history".*

Other high school teachers nurtured my love for learning—Geraldine Rogers, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Beavers—all in English; and Alan Tidaback in theatre, as I was cast as Emile de Becque in "South Pacific". I received an excellent education in Lincoln and Logan County, and it set the groundwork for further education and teaching experiences of my own. Those were, indeed, the days, my friend.

*Lincoln and Logan County had immense **influence over my spiritual development.** Much of that development happened in Broadwell Christian Church. Ministers Virgil Hurley and Ken Idleman shaped my thinking and it's call to my life. But the biggest influence in my life was Dr. Enos Dowling, minister at Broadwell and Academic Dean at Lincoln Christian Seminary.*

He had an exceptional mind, was a good teacher, an excellent preacher, and a good scholar. Through him I learned the history of the church. Through him I learned how to live humbly and graciously, Through him I

acquired friendships with humble, gracious, intelligent professors at Lincoln Christian College. They had fine academic credentials—PhD's from Scotland, England, and major American universities. Through them I acquired commitment to Christian scholarship.

Later, my wife and I acquired a lifelong friendship with Alan and Barbara Kline of the college. Alan was Registrar and taught English. They saw me through a tough time. They visited us in East Tennessee. We were their daughter's first babysitters. They have kept us apprised of Lincoln and Logan County news over the years. We cherish a special fellowship with them. Along with the Klines, Vicki and I had a role in the creation of Jefferson Street Christian Church.

The entire county had a role in my spiritual upbringing. For years, the County Youth Rally was a staple in my life. Each month our youth group travelled to Elkhart, Hartsburg, Emden, Atlanta, Cornland, and Mt. Pulaski for these rallies. The good times and the friendly competition taught me that young people could have a "good time" as Christians.

The city of Lincoln had a role in my spiritual upbringing as well. Through my high school pals Larry Bear, J. R. Fikuart, Robby Barry, and John Stewart, I gained a wider perspective on what church meant—in First United Methodist Church and First Presbyterian Church.

So, what did you do on your own in Lincoln and Logan County, John? *When I was old enough to drive, I wandered around the Chautauqua Grounds and the Lincoln Cemetery. A crazy thing to do? Perhaps. I think it was mainly to get out of Broadwell, where there wasn't much to do. In the cemetery I would slowly make my way down the lanes and notice family names familiar to me.*

I also spent a fair amount of time at Lincoln Lakes—to get a tan and read a book. I also went to the "Rec", the recreation center for youth. I learned some things about socializing there.

I also went to a concert on my own—Mahalia Jackson, famous black gospel singer. It was held at Lincoln College. I was stricken by the deep-throated and passionate sounds that lady produced.

I first acquainted myself with American Revolution history through Children of the American Revolution meetings in Lincoln. These were mostly held at the Mucks' home. And yes, I had a thing for Kayellen Muck for a while. Little did I know that I would one day be Chapter President of Sons of the American Revolution, State SAR Chaplain in Tennessee, and National SAR Chaplain General. It all began in Lincoln.

Then there were Lincoln stores. Did they influence me? I think they did: Alvey's Drug Store to pick up photos and prescriptions, Myers Brothers to buy clothes, Frank's Food Fair, waiting for my mother to buy groceries (She didn't drive.). Waiting while my mother bought clothes at Landauer's, browsing gift items at Feldman's, getting shoes fixed at Sablotneys. Looking longingly at toys in the store that I called "Tuganbiers" when I was a child. Picking up flowers at Hembreikers. Getting a Dairy Queen at Logans' on Woodlawn Road. Eating at Leonard's, at Guzzardo's, and the Lincoln Hotel. Those businesses taught me a lot about commerce.

At least two summers in my college years I had a job making fuse boxes at the Cutler-Hammer plant. I didn't know there were hourly production standards to maintain, so I just kept working away. One day I discovered that the year-round workers had figured out how to get by making the minimum number of fuse boxes. I was putting out more than the standard production number. Those guys may have resented me, but I got along fine with them. I learned what it was like to work in a factory. My boss was Dick somebody. Wish I could remember his name.

Wife Vicki and I moved back to Lincoln after I finished grad school at Northwestern. I landed half-time teaching jobs at Lincoln College and Lincoln Christian College. That time wasn't the highlight of my life, but it molded me for later work.

How did my years of growing up in Lincoln and Logan County shape my life? Those years taught me to interact with all kinds of people—ordinary people with commonplace lifestyles and notable people with exceptional educations and wealth. Those years prepared me for interaction with college students, professors, and “regular” people. They prepared me for contact with people at Northwestern, Yale, Milligan College, Oxford, and the University of the South. All of us would do well to pay attention to our experiences in our youth; they are shaping our lives for years to come. Yep. “Those were the days, my friend.”

Dr. John Wakefield grew up in Broadwell, Illinois. He has a bachelor’s degree from MacMurray College, a master’s degree from Northwestern University, and a doctorate from the School of Theology at the University of the South. Additional study has been at Yale and Christ Church College—Oxford.

He has held positions in Christian Churches in Los Angeles, Cincinnati, and Johnson City, Tennessee. He is retired from chairing the music department at Milligan College, conducting the Milligan College Concert Choir, the Milligan College Chamber Singers, teaching voice, and teaching a course on worship.

John is married to a Springfield native: Vicki Bell. The Wakefields have two married sons—Scott and David, and grandchildren Sophia, Alden, Jensen, Ella, and Emery.

Orphan Train

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Nov. 7, 1878.

Asylum Children

“A company of about twenty children from the New York Juvenile Asylum, from seven to fifteen years of age, will be at the Lincoln House, in Lincoln, on Friday morning, Nov. 22, for one day.

“Homes are wanted for them with farmers’ families in this and adjoining counties, where they will receive kind treatment, good moral training, and a fair common school education.

“They may be taken on a trial for two weeks, and then under indentures, until of age, provided they prove satisfactory.

“The terms of indentures are that they shall receive a fair common school education, and paid one hundred dollars and two suits of clothes when of age.

“This company will consist mostly of boys, and they will be at the hotel at the appointed time without fail. Please meet them on that day.

“When indentures are executed, a small payment for passage expenses will be required. **E. Wright,** Agent

“P.S. – Inquire at your post office for a handbill giving further particulars.”

Orphan Train Riders to Gather in Illinois

(Circuit Rider, Sangamon County Historical Society, p10, 1998)

“By 1910, the Children’s Aid Society of New York City had brought 9,172 orphaned, abandoned, homeless children to Illinois where citizens took in the children and took in new homes. Many other children were brought by the New York Foundling hospital and other social agencies.

“Today the Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, Inc., preserves the history of this era (1854-1929) known as the orphan’s train period.

“In early summer of 1991, a gathering of Orphan’s Train Riders, families and friends and interested persons, will meet in Illinois. If you would like to be informed of the date and location, please write to OTHSA, 4912 Trout Farm Rd., Springdale, AR, 72764 requesting to be on the notification list. For a sample newsletter, Cross Roads, include \$3.00.

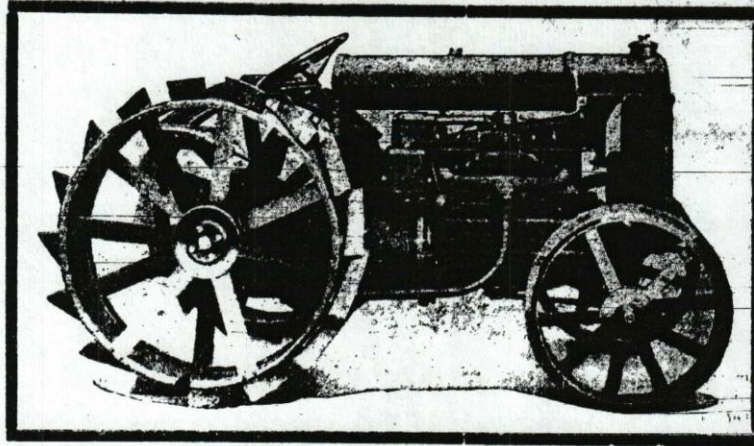
“If you have information about an Orphan Train Rider or events surrounding the placing-out, please share your knowledge with OTHSA. This central clearing house gathers, documents, preserves, and shares history.

“Classroom Teaches may receive a free packet of information for writing and asking for it.”

Reminder: Send in your 2026 Membership Renewal

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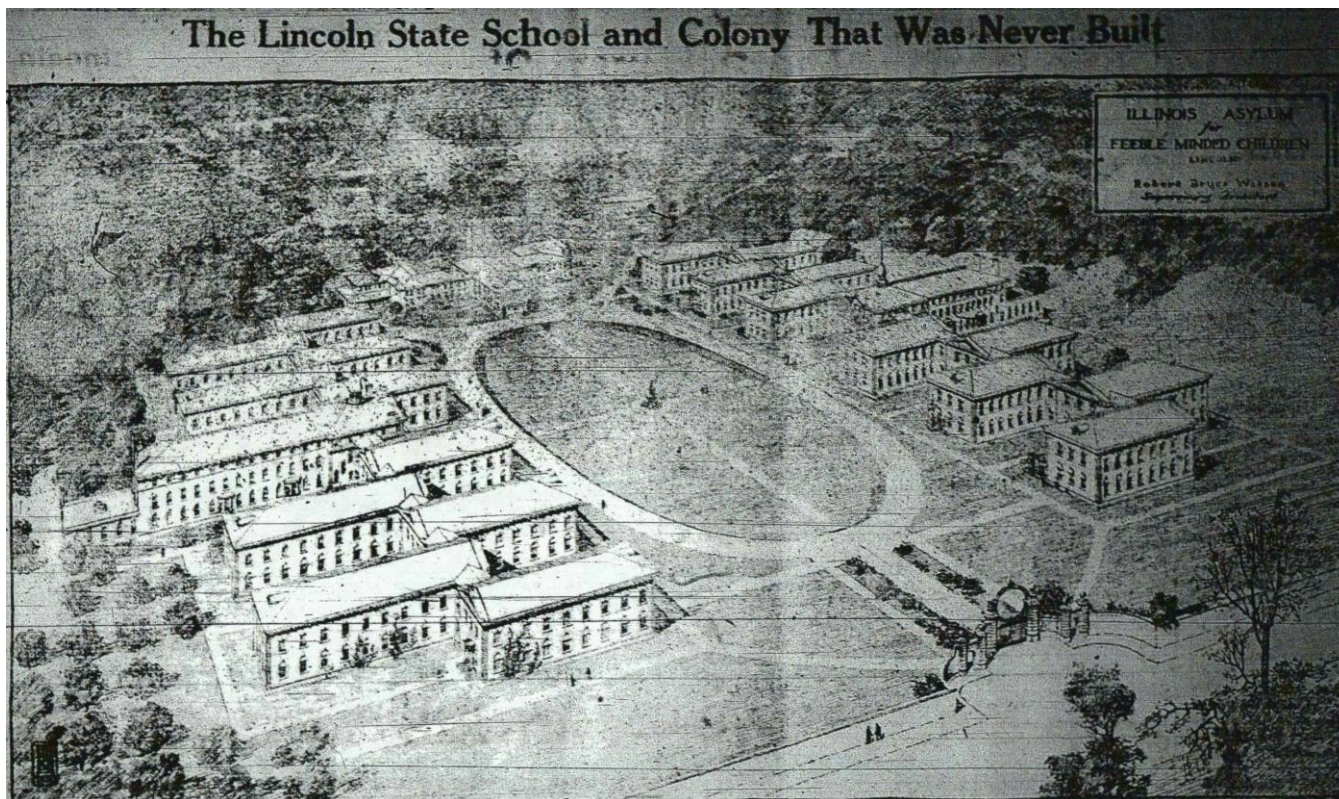
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Advertising from WW I period, 1917-1919 Lincoln Courier Herald.



Lincoln Courier Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Dec. 10, 1918, p6.

Old Picture Shows Early Asylum Plan

“Here is an early plat for the buildings at the Illinois Asylum for Feeble Minded Children, as the present State School and Colony was known. The picture was found by the Courier-Herald in some of its archives, and shows how different the grouping of the present buildings are from the early plan.

“The school was located in Lincoln, Illinois in 1877 and in 1909 the name was changed to the ‘Lincoln State School and Colony.’

“The Illinois Medical Society, in 1856, took the first steps toward erecting a house in Illinois for feeble minded, recommending such an institution.

“The school was opened in Jacksonville with three inmates. By 1875 there were eighty inmates, and the

legislature appointed a commission to find a new location.

“People of Springfield, Decatur, Lincoln, Clinton, Quincy, Alton, Pana and Jacksonville put in claims for the institution to be located in their cities, but it went to Lincoln because of its central location and the ideal site offered at a low figure.

“Many plans were considered before the present Administration Building was erected in 1877 for a cost of \$155,000. Additional state appropriations and additional groups of buildings during succeeding years have transformed the institution until it presents a very different appearance from early plans as pictured above.”

“Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves.”

— Abraham Lincoln

University Experimental Station in Logan County

Hartsburg Experiment Field

Operated by the College of Agriculture

SPECIAL MEETING at the FIELD, JUNE 28, 1918 2:00 P.M., NEW TIME

LOGAN COUNTY FARM BUREAU COOPERATING. **EVERYBODY COME.**

Speakers from the University of Illinois.

While the treatment of the several plots has just barely been established, and while the native plant foods were not originally uniform in availability over the entire tract, the results, during the last four years have been marked. Much work of a preliminary nature must be done before a permanent system becomes well established and we do not expect such contrasts as we find in fields longer established.

A careful study of this field, as explained by the men in charge will be of considerable value to the enterprising farmers of Logan County

HARTSBURG EXPERIMENT FIELD

ARRANGEMENT OF PLOTS WITH TREATMENT.
NORTH

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O-No Treatment

M-Manure.

L-Limestone.

P-Phosphorus.

K-Potassium

R-Residues.

C. Cr-Cover Crop.

The average yearly acre values of the four regular crops, Wheat, Corn, Oats and Legumes (Clover or Soy bean) for the four years, 1914 to 1917, are as follows:

Aver. 16 Crops 1914-17.

Plot 1	\$20.13
Plot 2	\$23.27
Plot 3	\$26.67
Plot 4	\$27.61
Plot 5	\$22.48
Plot 6	\$26.38
Plot 7	\$26.32
Plot 8	\$28.12
Plot 9	\$28.01
Plot 10	\$23.18

Aver. 4 Crops, 1917.

	\$18.26
	\$25.66
	\$28.15
	\$30.85
	\$23.09
	\$34.28
	\$32.14
	\$36.10
	\$35.72
	\$25.27

Aver. 5 Crops Alfalfa, 1913-17

Plot 1-O	\$35.00
Plot 2-M	\$39.60
Plot 3-ML	\$41.10
Plot 4-MLP	\$43.10
Plot 5-O	\$33.30
Plot 6-O	\$38.50
Plot 7-L	\$33.80
Plot 8-LP	\$37.60
Plot 9-LPK	\$40.40
Plot 10-O	\$31.60
Plot 11-M	\$32.40
Plot 12-ML	\$34.00
Plot 13-MLP	\$40.40
Plot 14-MP	\$41.90
Plot 15-O	\$30.20

These figures are obtained by figuring Corn at 50c per bu., Oats at 40c, Wheat at \$1.00 and Clover and Alfalfa and soybean hays at \$10.00 per ton, Soybeans at \$1.00 per bu., and Clover Seed at \$10.00 per bu.

You are Invited. Bring your family and friends. Friday, June 28. 2:00 P. M.

Bachelors' Convention

While working on the project of digitization of the microfilm with the Lincoln Herald newspaper, I was reminded of topics I saw when I indexed the paper more than twenty years ago. One such topic is the Bachelor's Club of Lincoln. Begun in 1859, the group had weekly meetings they called Conventions. The following are the articles from the 1859 Lincoln Herald. I hope you enjoy the evolution of the club into a respected debating society. Speakers of today would do well to learn the civil discussion of topics instead of just trying to be louder than other speakers. These articles will be continued in the next issue.

1859 0504 p3 c1

The Bachelor's Convention assembled in special session, on Monday evening, at Mayfield's Hall. The proceedings were marked with but little enthusiasm, as two of the members who were prepared to give interest to the meeting, were unavoidably detained – one by the death of a near relative, who in his bereavement, received the hearty sympathy of every member. A programme of exercises, embracing Recitations, Essays, and Debate, was adopted for the next meeting, and measures taken for a more complete organization as a social and literary Society, under the name of the **'Bachelor's Club, of Lincoln.'** Gentlemen desiring to become permanently connected with the club are requested to leave their names with Secretary **Vanderhuff**. The Club will meet again on Monday evening next at Mayfield's Hall. The public was invited to attend."

1859 0511 p3 c1

"The Bachelors had a grand time in Convention, on Monday evening. The declamations, readings and debate filled up the time completely and well. The question under discussion was the propriety of the immediate building of a Union High School, and the tenor of the addresses was almost unanimous in its favor. A full list of appointments was made out for next Monday evening, and some 'good things' may be expected. Another local question will probably be brought up for debate. The next session of the Convention will commence promptly at 7 ½ o'clock."

1859 0518 p3 c1

"The Bachelor's Convention has invited the Lincoln String Band to be present next Monday night, and the invitation will doubtless be accepted. Arrangements will be made for the accommodations of the ladies – they being specially invited to attend. – The usual list of speakers was made up with great care, and the proceeding will probably be of increased interest."

1859 0525 p3 c1

"The Bachelors had rather a stormy, but generally agreeable session on Monday night. The Convention was honored by the attendance of many ladies, whose presence added interest to the meeting. The Band also established then with excellent music.

"The following question has been selected for debate next week:

"Resolved, That poverty is the chief cause of crime. Aff: **D. Littler**, Neg: **F. Fisk**."

1859 0601 – No Report; 0608 p3 c1

"The President of the Bachelor's Convention desires us to notify the members that the next meeting will be mainly for business purposes – the Committee on rules being then expected to make their report. But half of the usual number of appointments have been made for the meeting in order to give full time to business. Only those desiring to assist in making a permanent organization are expected to be present."

1859 0713 3 2

"The following communication, written upon note paper, in a very delicate hand, reached us on Monday. We commend it to the careful consideration of the Bachelor's Convention.

"Lincoln, July 11th, 1859. – Local Editor of the Herald: - The Lincoln Maiden's Convention have resolved to hold only private meetings hereafter, I am directed to announce to the members that the question for debate on next Saturday evening is as follows:

"Resolved, That **John Smith** *** (unreadable) strike **Billy Patterson**

"A full attendance is requested, as important business will come before the Convention.

"Mary McClevery, Sec."

1859 0727 p3 c1

"The next session of the Bachelor's Convention-Monday evening, August 1st- will be open to the public, and all are invited to attend. The following is the question under discussion:

"Resolved, That the doctrine laid down in the letter of **Secretary Cass** to **A. V. Hoover**, is the true

policy of the American Government. Aff: **Mr. Davis;**
Neg., **Mr. Vanderhuff.**”

“Should time permit their preparation, a
Declamation from Mr. **Robt. Forsyth** and an Essay
from **Mr. Clark**, may be expected.”

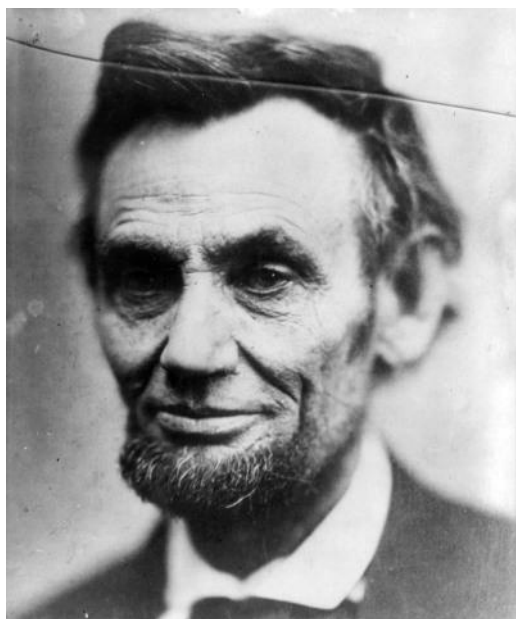
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the very best I can; and I mean
to keep doing so until the end.” -
Abraham Lincoln*

*“If the end brings me out all
right, what's said against me
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end brings me out wrong, ten
angels swearing I was right
would make no difference.” -
Abraham Lincoln*

*In great contests each party claims to act in accordance with the will
of God. Both may be and one must be wrong. A. Lincoln, September 2,
1862.*

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It has been interesting to me how Logan County and the towns within it promoted themselves during the 19th and early 20th centuries. The following information about Lincoln came from an unknown source. The pages were cut from a larger book that was likely printed during the early years of the 20th century. Although a date for the publication is not known we can surmise that it was between 1895, the date of Mr. Latham's death, and 1902, because there is no mention of the Carnegie library or the new courthouse. I hope you find it as interesting as I have.

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