

and Dr. Wayne C. Temple, Chief Deputy Director of the Illinois State Archives.

The author of the First Prize essay is Matthew J. Hinz of Casey Junior High School in Mount Vernon. Jeffrey J. Warren, who is also a student at Casey Junior High School, received the Second Prize. Winner of the Third Prize is Dannette Gillespie of Washington Middle School in Springfield. Andrea Bauer of Brookwood Junior High School in Glenwood received the Fourth Prize. Winner of the Fifth Prize is Jenni Balmer of LaHarpe Junior High School in LaHarpe. In recognition of the authors' achievement, the students and schools named above will each receive an award plaque and a book concerning Abraham Lincoln. The First and Second Prize essays will be published in the newsletter of the Sangamon County Historical Society.

In addition, essays by the following students received Honorable Mention in the competition: Stacy Barrow of Washington Middle School in Springfield, William R. Bengal of Calvary Academy in Springfield, Adam Breeze of Casey Junior High School in Mount Vernon, Nathen Carter of Metcalfe Magnet School in Chicago, Kristin Fitzgerald of Blessed Sacrament School in Springfield, Jean Jurgonski of Willow Springs Public School in Willow Springs, Helen Lesczynski of Lincoln Elementary School in Calumet City, Amy M. Paulsen of Saint Thomas School in Peoria Heights, Shallie Pittman of Metcalfe Magnet School in Chicago, and Laura Taylor-Kale of Brookwood High School in Glenwood. Each of the Honorable Mention winners in the Fifth Annual Lincoln Essay Competition will receive a certificate recognizing their achievement.

George Painter
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LINCOLN AS PRESIDENT

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Through the years, Abraham Lincoln has come to be regarded as one of the greatest men in the world. When he was elected president in 1860, the people of America knew little about him. His past did not indicate that he could settle the differences between the Northerners and the Southerners. Less than 40% of the popular vote was for Lincoln in 1860. But by 1865, he had become almost as important as George Washington.

During his presidency, Lincoln led the United States through the Civil War. His first task was to win the war. He became a remarkable war leader and was the "chief architect" behind the Union's brilliant military strategy. His strategy called for Union armies to surround and attack the Confederate Army. Lincoln also thought more about the destruction of the Confederate forces, not the conquering of their territories. Lincoln changed his generals many times. He could not find a general that could do what he wanted them to do. But finally he found General Ulysses S. Grant. Lincoln was very pleased with him.

Lincoln's second great task was to keep up the Northerners' morale through the terrible war in which many brothers and other relatives fought against one another. Lincoln knew that the Union had more supplies and men than the Confederacy. He also knew that the North would triumph over the South if the people knew that they could win. Lincoln was an eloquent speaker. He could hold large crowds of people spell-bound. He used his speaking ability to rally the people. Many of his speeches were classic statements of democratic beliefs and goals.

"A Providential Theology: Shakespeare's Influence on Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address," he will analyze the language and philosophy of Lincoln's last great oration. This is part of his research for a forthcoming book tentatively entitled Abraham Lincoln's Poetry and Prose. In the second presentation Mark E. Neely, Jr., Director of the Lincoln Museum in Ft. Wayne, IN, will discuss the conclusions of his new book, The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties. Dr. Neely is a noted Lincoln scholar and the author of a number of books on Lincoln, his family and his era.

BOOK SIGNING AT LINCOLN VISITOR CENTER. Dr. Neely will autograph copies of his new book, The Fate of Liberty: Abraham Lincoln and Civil Liberties, at the Center on Tuesday, February 12, from 8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

On Sunday, February 10, from noon to 2:00 P.M. and from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M., Don Davenport will autograph copies of his book, In Lincoln's Footsteps: A Historic Guide to the Lincoln Sites in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky. This guide, featuring more than 20 sites, is by an author whose books have won for him several awards in the fields of travel and photography.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN SYMPOSIUM (See also the notice in the January HISTORICO.) The Eighteenth Annual Abraham Lincoln Symposium will convene on Tuesday, February 12, at 1:30 P.M. in the Hall of Representatives in the Old State Capitol, with a welcome by Frank J. Williams, president of the Abraham Lincoln Association. Speakers will be Charles B. Strozier, of the City University of New York, and Douglas L. Wilson of Knox College in Galesburg, who will present addresses on Lincoln's law partner and biographer, William Herndon. This year marks the centennial of Herndon's death. There is no charge for the symposium, which is sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln Association, the Illinois State Historical Society and State Historical Library and the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The Annual Abraham Lincoln Association Banquet will begin at 7:00 P.M., Feb. 12, at the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, preceded by a 6:00 P.M. reception and social hour. The banquet speaker will be Tom Wicker, an author and a former Washington bureau chief for the New York Times. Banquet reservations (\$30.00 per person) must be made by February 7. For further information call (217) 782-4836.

PILGRIMAGES TO LINCOLN'S TOMB. On Sunday, February 10, the Veterans of Foreign Wars 44th Annual Birthday Pilgrimage to Lincoln's Tomb will line up at 10:00 A.M. at the Main Gate at Oak Ridge Cemetery, then proceed at 10:30 with the Parade of Flags to the Tomb, where an 11:00 A.M. program is scheduled.

The 57th Annual American Legion Pilgrimage to the Tomb will leave the Oak Ridge Main Gate at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 12, and march to the Tomb for a 10:30 program.

FIFTH ANNUAL LINCOLN ESSAY COMPETITION AWARDS

In observance of the 182nd anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth, the National Park Service at Lincoln Home National Historic Site will present awards for its Fifth Annual Lincoln Essay Competition.

The essay competition is open to all eighth grade students in Illinois. The theme of this year's essays was "Lincoln as President". The prize-winning essays were selected by George L. Painter, Historian of Lincoln Home National Historic Site,