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# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

Randolph Rogers

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Immediately after the assassination of President Lincoln, the citizens of Philadelphia began a campaign for funds to erect a statue to his memory.

This statue, which stands in the East Park, near Lemon Hill, is nine feet six inches in height, and is raised upon a granite pedestal, upon the upper part of which are emblems in bronze. Four eagles in bronze are at the corners beneath; the work, portraying Lincoln in a seated position was modeled in Rome by Randolph Rogers, and was cast at Munich at a cost of \$35,000. It was unveiled in 1871, the anniversary of the emancipation proclamation.

The south plaque on the base of the pedestal bears the inscription: "TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN from a grateful people." On the other three sides are carved some of the famous sayings of the President.





Progr. Philadelphia









No. 15b. THE EMANCIPATOR  
BY RANDOLPH ROGERS



ROGERS

**RANDOLPH ROGERS.**—Randolph Rogers, the American sculptor in Rome, is thus described in the Cincinnati Commercial: "In height Mr. Rogers is five feet eight and a half inches; his eyes are gray and indicate quickness, penetrative decision; his mouth is furthest removed from that type which is scorned about the ends; his hair, somewhat gray, is of vigorous growth; his forehead is broad, high and well built out over the eyes; the nose is good size and straight; the whole head large, and a beard worn after the Da Vinci type; the shoulders broad, the chest immense. He weighs 230 pounds; if he ever has been criticised he has simply laughed and grown fat; in allusion to his appearance he said that when he came to Rome, over 30 years ago, he was an Apollo, but that now he is only a Bacchus; his whole appearance indicates most temperate and simple habits. He works, as a rule, all the time, at ideal work when he can, and at the more mechanical parts of his vocation when he must. He thinks nine-tenths of the work in all professions and in all departments of business is drudgery. He wears the traditional artist's cap and an outer garment of gray woolen cloth, cut loose and half flowing. His manner is genial without affectation, free from snobbery and unspoiled by lionizing; his step is light and quick."

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## THE FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

## REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

Memorandum concerning Lincoln Memorials in Philadelphia

October 1, 1928.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN-This statue, which stands in the East Park, near Lemon Hill, was erected by means of contributions made by the citizens of Philadelphia, a movement which began immediately after the assassination of the President. The figure is of bronze, in a sitting position, and is of colossal size, being nine feet six inches in height, and raised upon a granite pedestal, upon the upper part of which are emblems in bronze. Four eagles in bronze are at the corners beneath. The statue was modeled in Rome by Randolph Rogers, and was cast at Munich. The cost was thirty-three thousand dollars, and it was unveiled Sept. 22, 1871, the anniversary of the proclamation of emancipation. *Erected 1871*

On the South Side.

"To  
ABRAHAM LINCOLN  
from a grateful people."

On the North Side.

"Let us here highly resolve  
That the government of the people  
By the people  
And for the people  
Shall not perish from the Earth."

On the East Side.

"I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within the States in Rebellion are and henceforth shall be free."

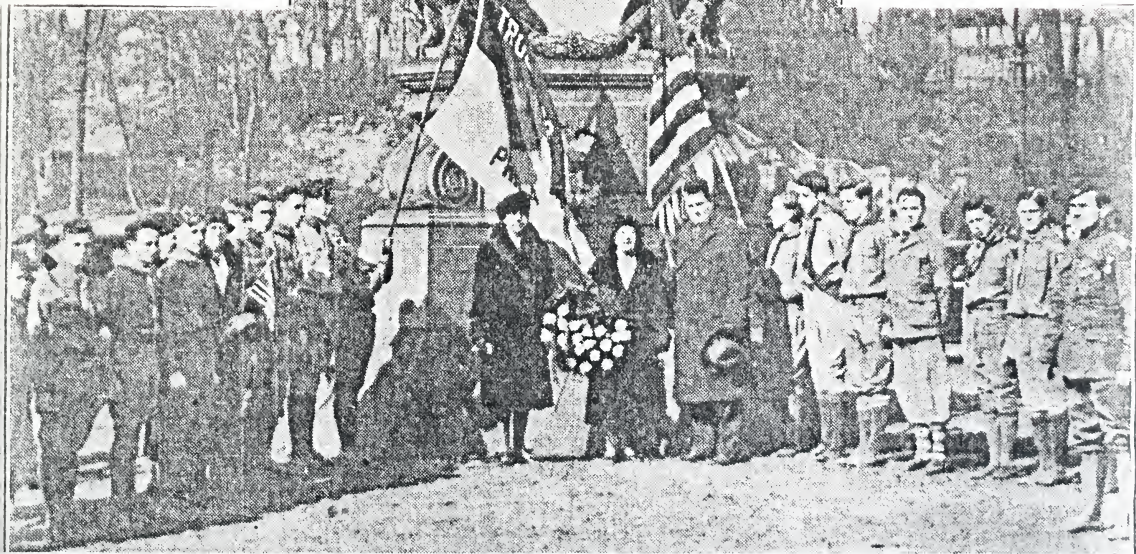
On the West Side

"With malice toward none,  
With charity toward all,  
With firmness in the right as God gives us to see the right,  
Let us finish the work we are in."

(see "History of Philadelphia 1609-1884  
by J. Thomas Scharf and Thomson Westcott...  
volume 3. Philadelphia, L. H. Everts & Co. 1884."  
p. 1878.)







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**KIN PLACES WREATH ON LINCOLN STATUE!** Mrs. Sarah Boone Lavender (with flowers), whose father was a cousin of Abraham Lincoln, yesterday placed a wreath on statue of martyred President in Fairmount Park in ceremonies of the Philadelphia Chapter of War Mothers



# The Free Library of Philadelphia

Logan Square

John Ashhurst  
Librarian

Philadelphia, December 26, 1930

The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company  
Miss Ethel Henneford  
Assistant Director  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Dear Madam:

I have received your letter of November 17, stating that you are desirous of obtaining a good picture of Randolph Rogers' statue of Lincoln in East Park, and asking, if the Free Library has no pictures available, if it could refer you to a photographer who would be willing to get a picture for you.

In answer, I take pleasure in giving you below the name and address of a firm which will be glad to take a photograph of this statue for you, and in referring you to the "Fourth Annual Report of the Commissioners of Fairmount Park (1871)" which contains an illustration of it. If you wish a photostat of this illustration,\* the Free Library will be glad to send it if you will kindly sign the enclosed order and return it together with 65 cents to cover the cost of the photostat (positive print 50 cents) and the postage (15 cents).

Yours very truly,

E/M

Carson's Studio  
624 Arch Street  
Philadelphia

\*Rehn & Dickes  
Photo Plate Printers  
125 S. 4th Street  
Philadelphia



December 31, 1930

John Ashhurst, Librarian  
Fres Library  
Logan Square  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Ashhurst:

I have your letter of December 26, in which you enclose the address of a studio, and also information about obtaining a photostat of a former picture of the statue published in the "Fourth Annual Report."

A photostat would not be advisable for our purposes. I am, therefore, returning the blank which you enclosed, and shall write Carson's Studio at once concerning a photograph.

Thank you very much for your trouble. With all kind wishes for the New Year, I am,

Yours sincerely,

Ass't. Dr.

ETHEL HENDERSON  
Lincoln Historical Research Foundation



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December 31, 1930

Carson's Studio  
624 Arch Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sirs:

We are desirous of obtaining a good clear photograph of the Lincoln statue in East Park of your city. John Ashurst, of the Public Library, has referred us to your studio.

The picture should be preferably a three quarter view, either to the right or the left, and should be a close view, as it is to be used as a model for an artist's sketch, and detail is an important factor. It is best, too, that the picture be taken on a sunny day, to play up the shadow detail.

If you have any question about the work, we shall be glad to answer promptly, and shall meet the bill upon receipt.

Yours truly,

Ass't. Dr.

EMUEL HENNEFORD

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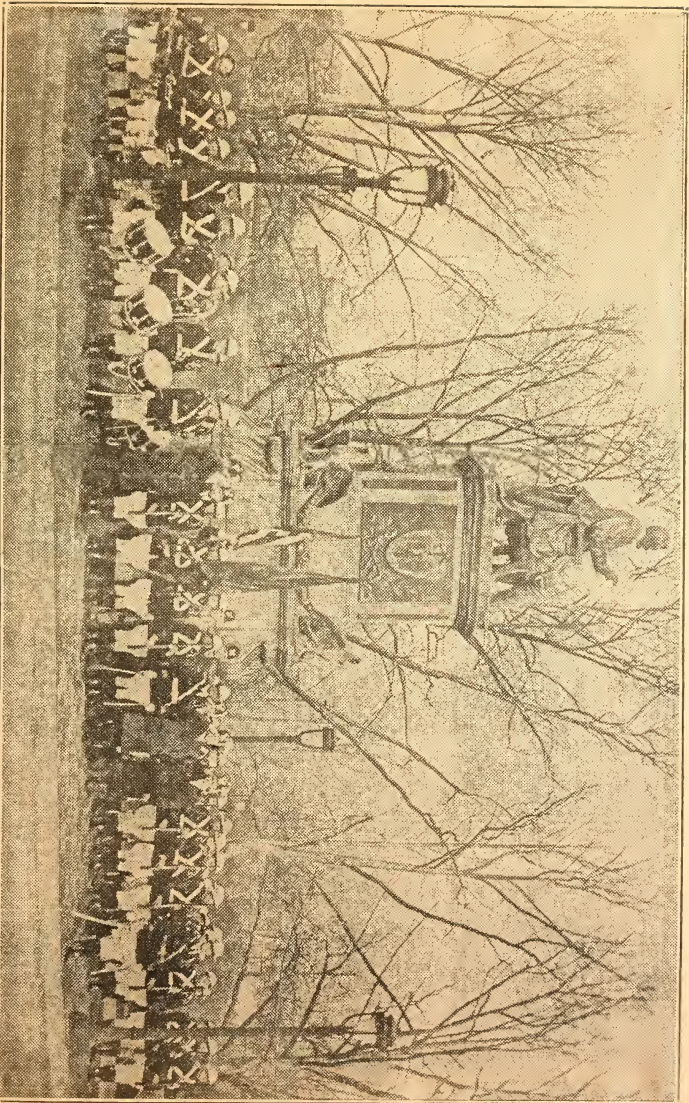
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# Tribute Paid Lincoln---Church Marks E



Left: Photo  
A WREATH was placed on the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Fair-  
mount Park yesterday by Otto Simmier, commander of Legion of  
Honor of In Lu Temple, as part of annual services honoring Lincoln.  
Photo shows view during the ceremony at Lemon Hill







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### LU LU TEMPLE HONORS LINCOLN

The picture was taken at the Lincoln Monument at Lemon Hill when William McKimm, potentate of Lu Lu Temple, and J. W. Batten, commander of the Lu Lu Temple Legion of Honor, placed a wreath in honor of the approaching birthday of the Great Emancipator.



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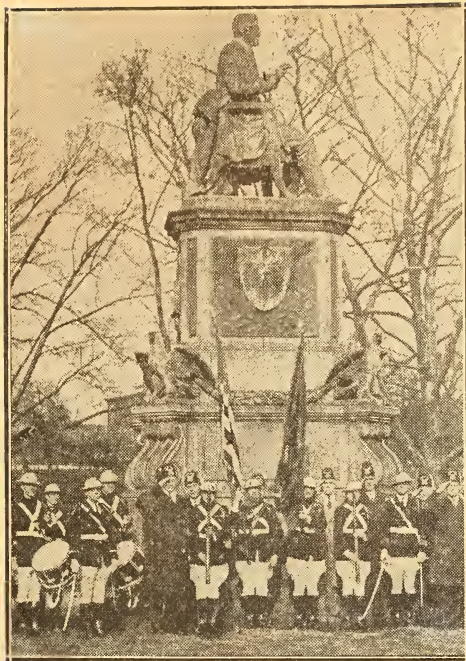
### Lincoln's Birthday Nears—Park Statue Decorated



The statue of Abraham Lincoln at the foot of Lemon Hill in Fairmount Park was visited yesterday by the Legion of Honor of LuLu Temple and decorated in advance of the national celebration of the birthday on Thursday. The legion is shown drawn up at attention by the figure of the martyred President.







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Lu Lu Temple Legion of Honor Decorates Lincoln Monument on Lemon Hill — After ceremonies at St. John's Reformed Church, 40th and Spring Garden sts., the Bugle and Drum Corps of the Legion led the procession into Fairmount Park, where a floral tribute was deposited.







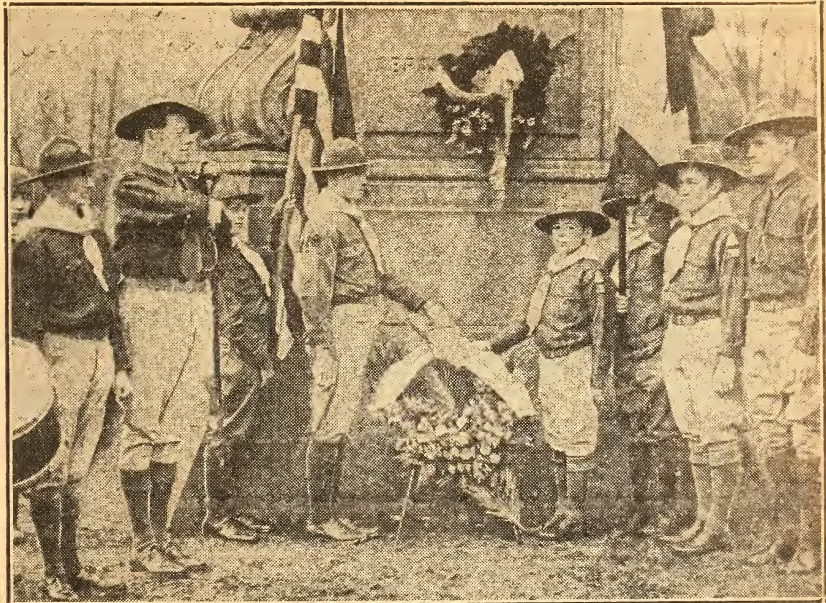
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**ABRAHAM LINCOLN HONORED.** In the above picture is view of the ceremony of placing a wreath on the Lincoln Monument near Green street entrance of Fairmount Park, yesterday by members of the Legion of Honor of the Lu Lu Temple

Phila. Pa., Eve. Public Ledger

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When the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts, Placed a Wreath on the Lincoln Statue, East River Drive, at the foot of Lemon Hill, in Fairmount Park. The boys placing the wreath are Frederick Baier, left, 7449 Walnut lane, and Joseph Lloyd, 4308 N. Fairhill st., members of Troop 268, representing the Philadelphia Council.





## Tribute to Lincoln 2-P-32



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Otto Simmler, commander of Legion of Honor of Lu Lu Temple, placing wreath on statue of Abraham Lincoln in Fairmount Park yesterday as part of annual services honoring Lincoln

### LINCOLN STATUE HONORED BY LU LU TEMPLE GROUP

Legion of Honor Attends Annual Memorial Services

The Legion of Honor of Lu Lu Temple placed a wreath at the Lincoln Monument at the foot of Lemon Hill in Fairmount Park yesterday, in keeping with the organization's annual custom.

Accompanied by the drum and bugle corps of 136 pieces the members then proceeded to St. John's Reformed Church, 40th and Spring Garden streets, where the Rev. Robert O'Boyle, their chaplain, conducted services.

Otto Simmler, commander of the Legion of Honor, presided both at the wreath-laying and the services which followed.





LINCOLN LOOKS OUT UPON A PEACEFUL WORLD

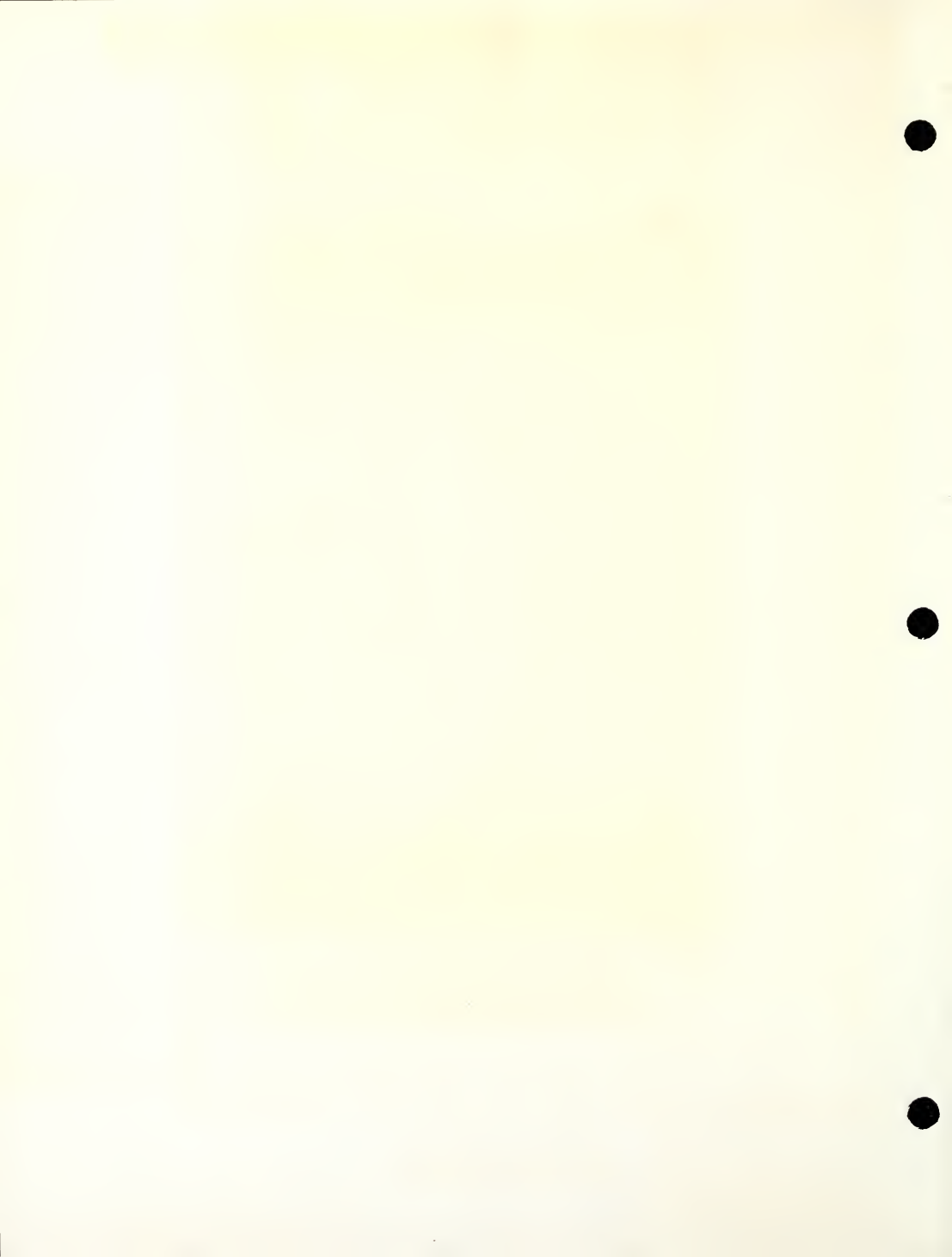
The statue of the Great Emancipator by Randolph Rogers, on East River Drive, photographed after the February snow. Tomorrow is the 125th anniversary of Lincoln's birth

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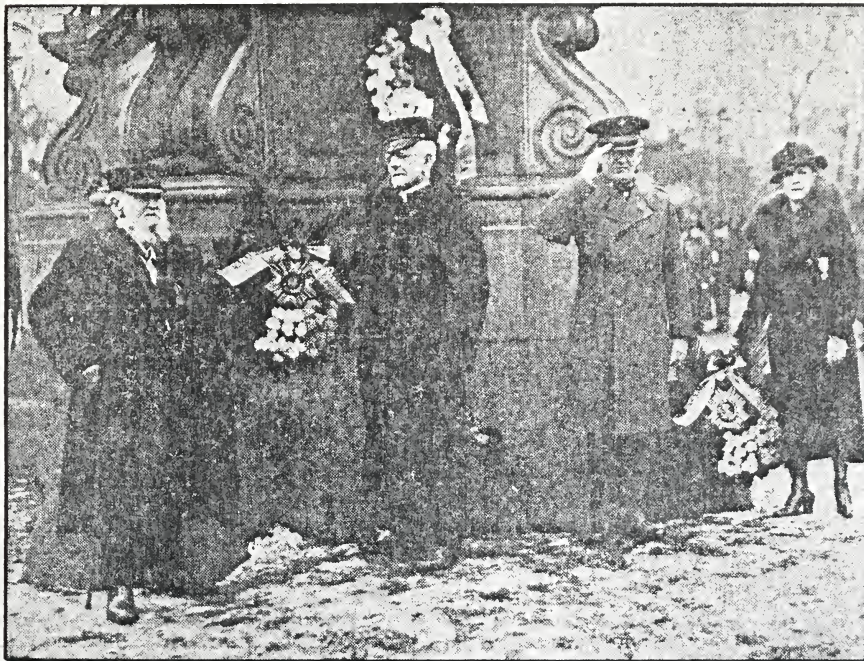
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## Honor Great Emancipator



**WREATHS** were placed on Lincoln statue on East River drive, Fairmount park, yesterday by (left to right) Com. Cornelius Dugan, U. S. N., retired; Maj. Henry A. F. Hoyt, Capt. L. F. S. Horan and Mrs. David D. Good.  
—(Staff)



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HONOR GREAT EMANCIPATOR



Lieutenant Commander Cornelius Dugan (left) and Major Henry A. F. Hoyt, Civil War veterans, and both more than 90 years old, shown as they placed a wreath on the Lincoln statue on East River Drive, Fairmount Park, yesterday. The ceremonies were part of the Lincoln birthday memorial exercises of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion.



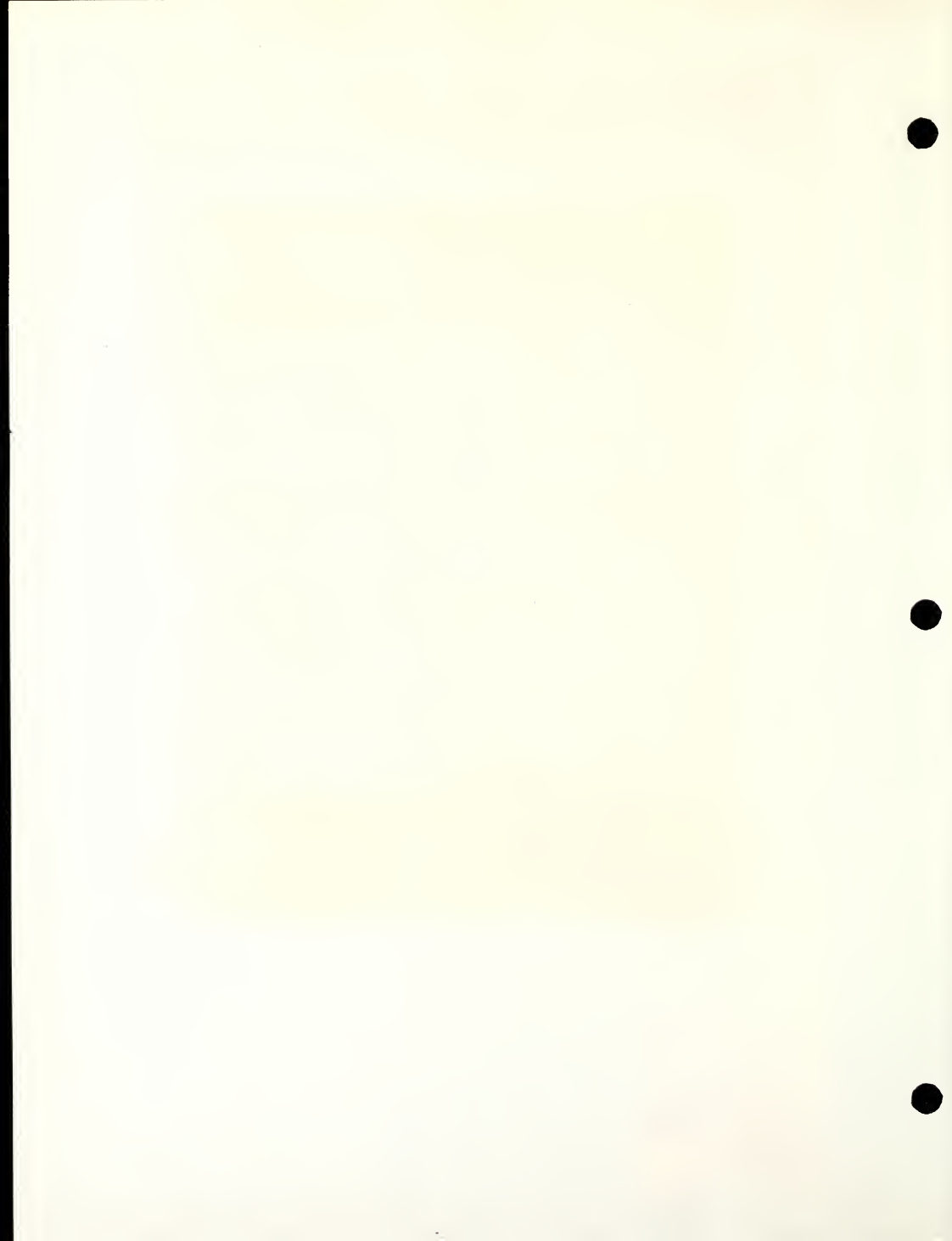




PAY TRIBUTE TO  
LINCOLN

Colonel Jacob Miller Kenyon and Miss Clara Green, Pennsylvania president of the Dames of the Loyal Legion, photographed when they placed a wreath at the base of the Lincoln Monument in Fairmount Park during the ceremonies marking the 70th anniversary of the death of President Lincoln.

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**SNOW-CLAD** statue of Lincoln . . . designed by Randolph Rogers . . . on East River Drive, Philadelphia

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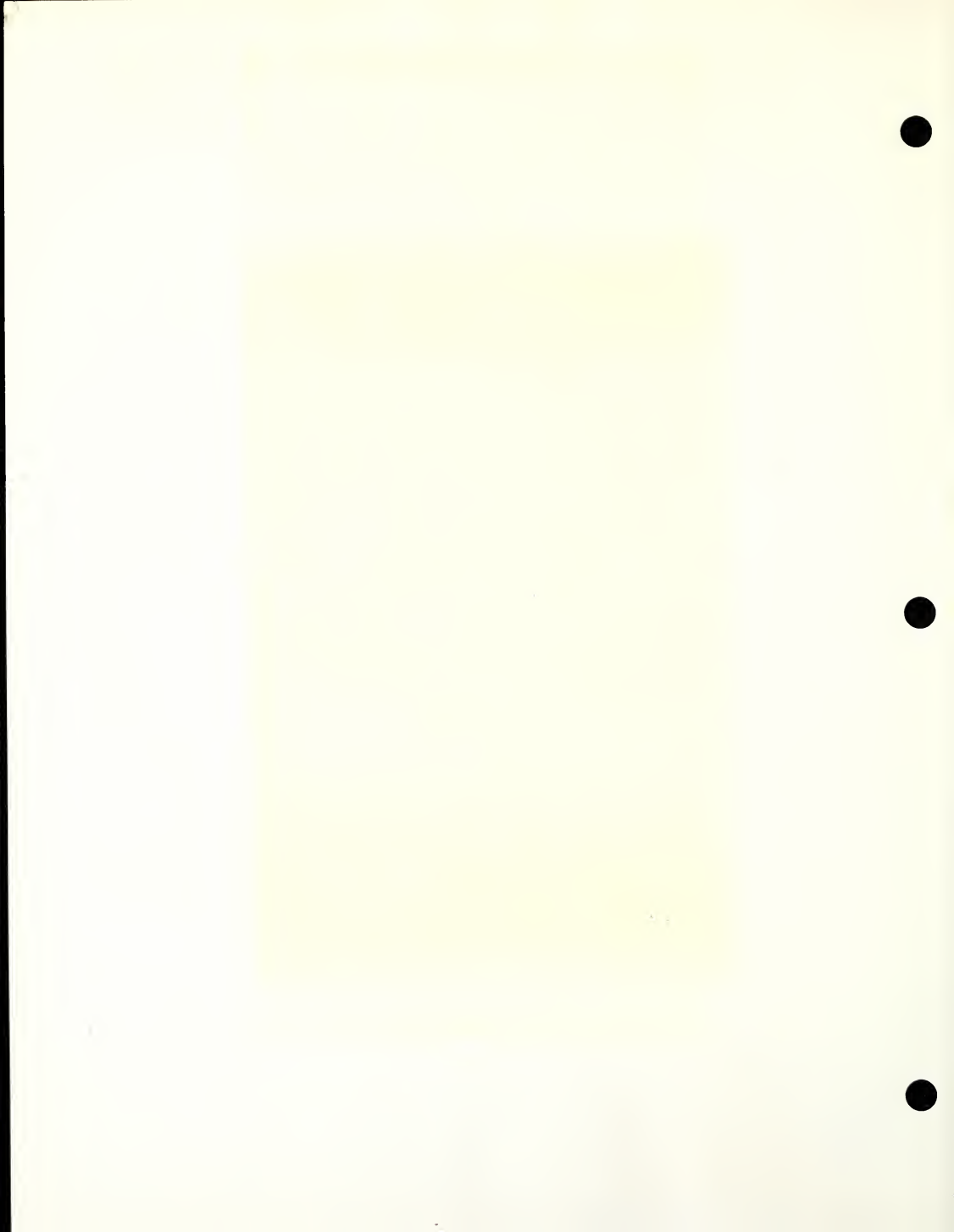




Margaret B. Irwin, patriotic instructor of Betsy Ross Tent No. 4, Daughters of Union Veterans, is shown as she places a laurel wreath at the foot of the Lincoln Statue in Fairmount Park. Members of the tent were assisted in the ceremonies by members of Sons of Veterans

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Deeds, Mrs. Sarah  
(D. A. R.)

### Lincoln G. A. R. Women To Give Memorial Wreath

*W. M. Deeds - Feb 9/1952*  
Abraham Lincoln Circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., of which Mrs. Sara E. Deeds is president, will provide the department wreath to be placed at noon today at the Lincoln Memorial in the annual Lincoln's Birthday celebration. Members of the circle will also attend exercises tonight at the First Congregational Church.

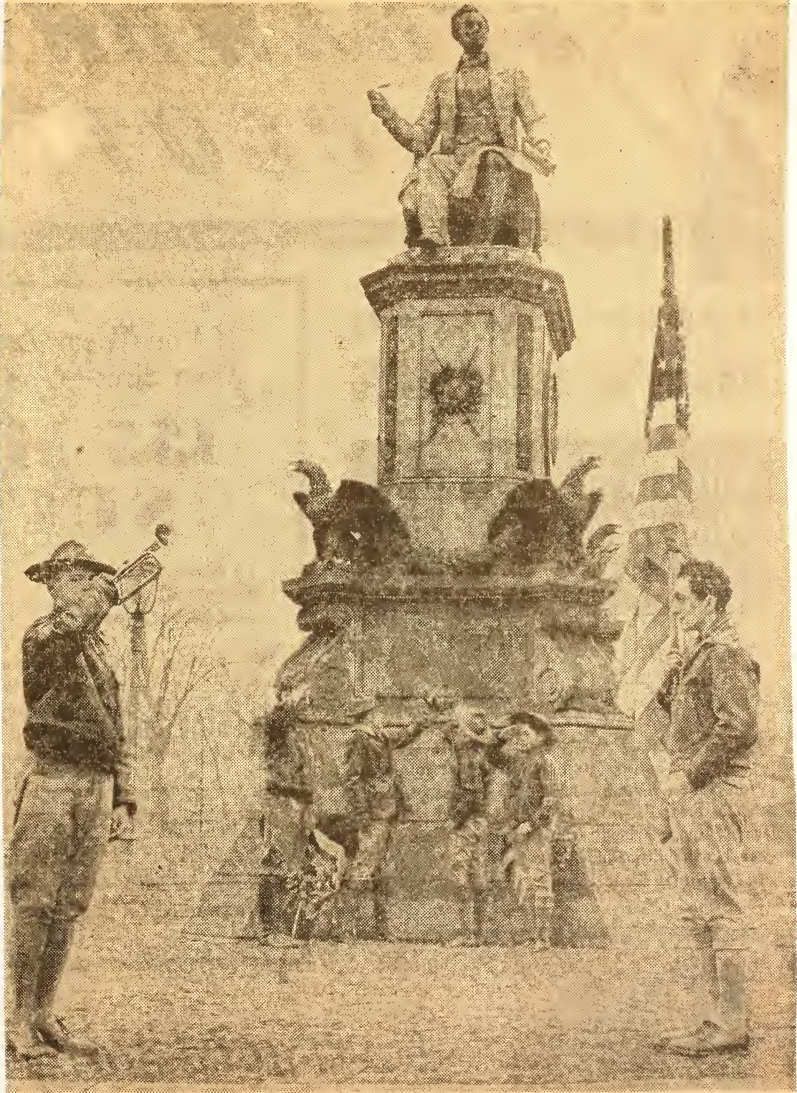
Miss Rebecca L. Blaine, a member of the circle, has been elected department senior vice president, and Mrs. Alice C. Howard, another member, has been re-elected department treasurer.

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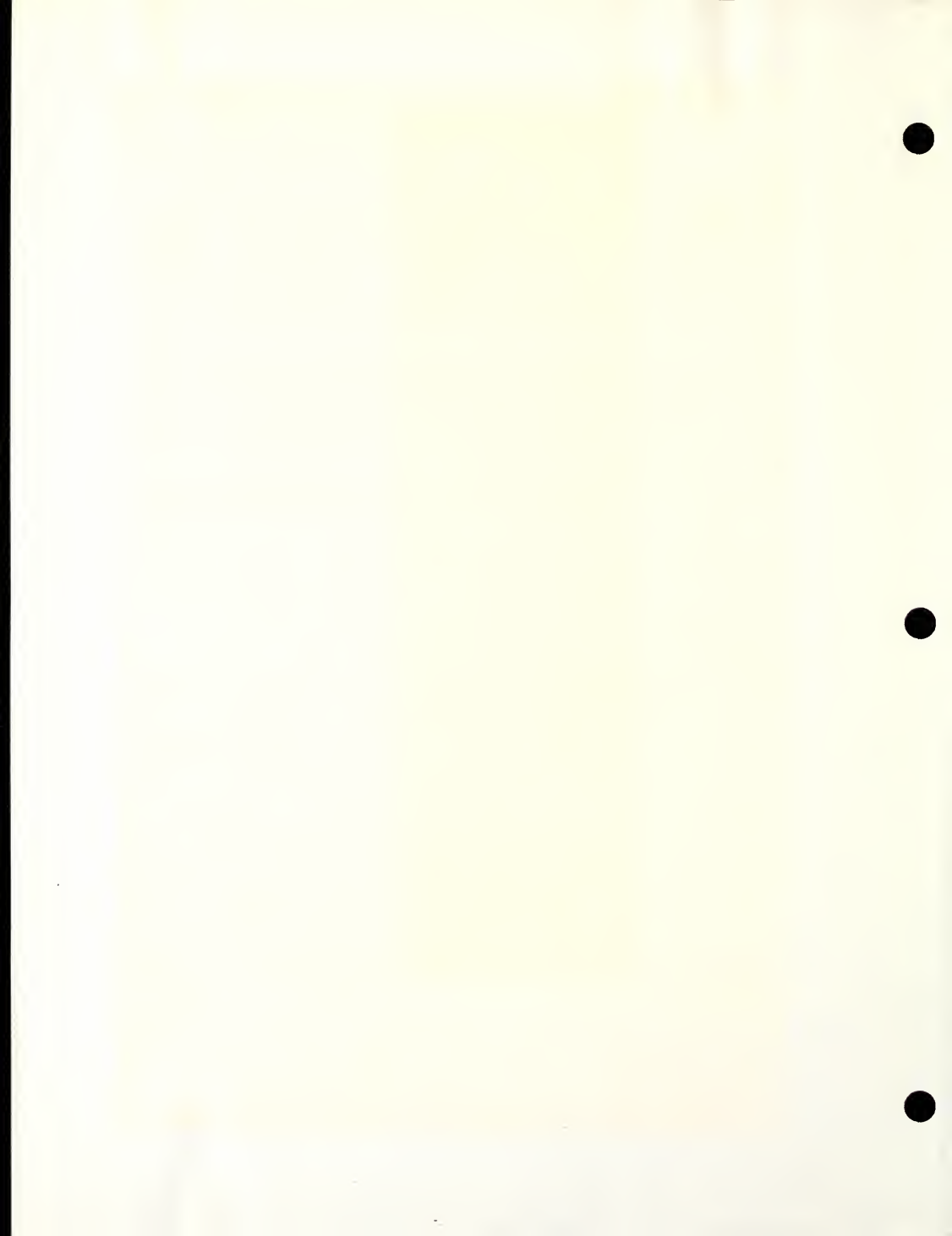




## Boy Scouts Pay Honor to Emancipator

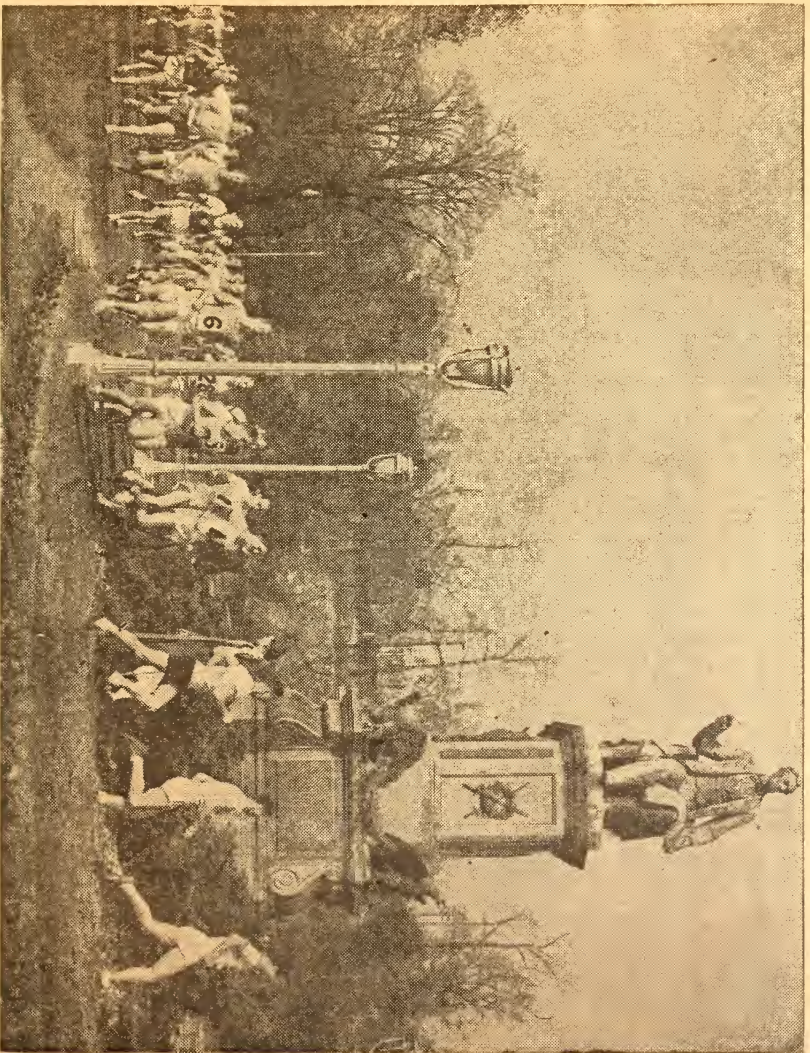


Scene at Lincoln Statue on East River Drive, Fairmount Park, when the troop of Boy Scouts paid honors to the great war-time President. Left to right, they are Frank Sweeney, Arnold Krell, William James, William Kaiser, Ralph Rubeo and Michael Abboud.





## Working Up an Appetite for Turkey



Huff-and-puff boys round Lincoln Statue on East River Drive during annual Schuylkill Navy cross-country run today





#### AROUND THE STATUE FOR THE FIRST TURN

Runners round Lincoln Monument in Fairmount Park in annual Schuylkill Navy Run. First man to finish the 5 1/2-mile course was Phil Cochrane, of Malta Boat Club

## COCHRANE TAKES SCHUYLKILL RUN

### Noses Out Clarke in Last 50-Yards to Win 52d Annual Race

Phillip Cochrane, Malta Boat Club, captured the 52d annual Schuylkill Navy run over the Fairmount Park course today with a final 50-yard sprint to nose out John Clarke, another Malta runner, in 32 minutes, 5 seconds.

Clarke, who won the race the last five years, took the lead at the outset and held it until Cochrane, who had been trailing him closely, put on his final sprint to win by 20 feet.

Fairmount, which placed nine finishers among the first 20, retained its team prize with 410 points. Malta took second with 266 and Crescent third with 215.

Fifty-three runners started the race, and only two failed to finish.

1. Cochrane, Malta; 2. Clarke, Malta; 3. Duffy, Fairmount; 4. Ryan, Fairmount; 5. Kain, Fairmount; 6. Monihan, Crescent; 7. A. Sonzogni, Fairmount; 8. Robinhold, Undine; 9. Fisher, Malta; 10. L. Sonzogni, Fairmount; 11. Larentowicz, Fairmount; 12. Foley, Malta; 13. Kieffer, Fairmount; 14. J. Sonzogni, Fairmount; 15. W. Sonzogni, Fairmount; 16. Fynes, Malta; 17. O'Brien, Malta; 18. Weiss, Malta; 19. Scharf, Penn Barge; 20. Quirk, Fairmount.

Team Score—Fairmount, 410; Malta, 266; Crescent, 215; Undine, 132; Penn Barge, 54; Bachelors, 40; Penn A. C., 11; University Barge, 0.

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## Treasure 3-4 Hunt



What Philadelphia statue is pictured above? Where is it? Why did the person represented deserve a statue?

You can sit in your armchair at home while doing this Philadelphia treasure hunt—if your memory is good.

For the best letters of 50 words or less, The Record offers daily a first prize of \$5 and three prizes of \$1 each.

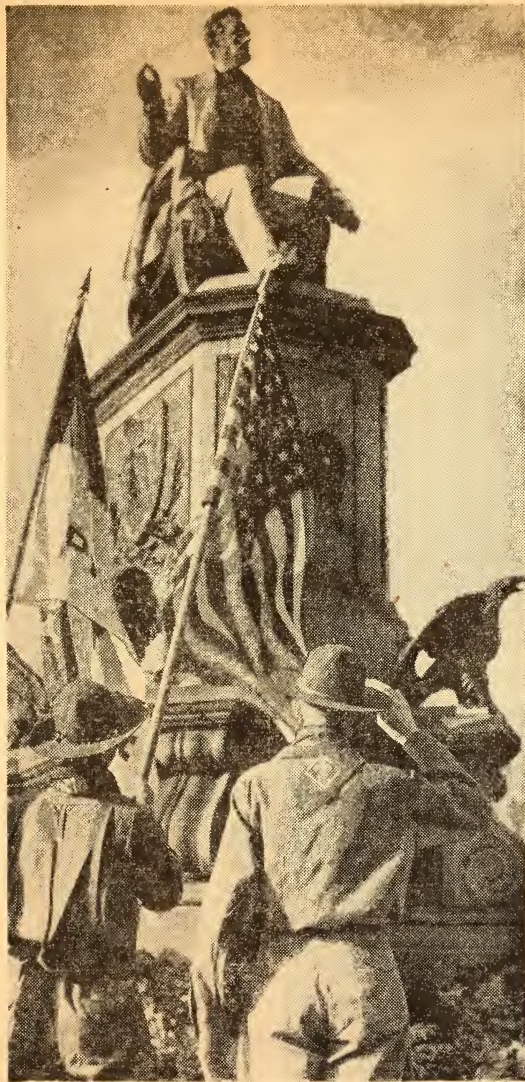
Your letter must identify the statue, giving its location, and tell why the person pictured was so honored.

Send your answers to STATUE, the Philadelphia Record. Entries for today's contest must be postmarked not later than midnight tomorrow.

*Winners of today's contest announced next Monday.*







### BOY SCOUT HONORING LINCOLN HERE

Scout Ray Carpenter holding the American flag while Scout Denny Barton salutes at the statue of the Civil War President, Abraham Lincoln, in Fairmount Park, yesterday. Members of troops, No. 264 and No. 40, placed wreaths on the monument in honor of the great leader's birthday.

## UNION LEAGUE RITES MARK LINCOLN DAY

New Emancipation  
Proclamation Urged  
By Dr. Lewis

A new Emancipation Proclamation "to avert the chaos that is closing in about us" was advocated last night by Dr. William Mather Leyis, president of Lafayette College, at Union League exercises commemorating the 133d anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth.

The exercises there climaxed a day in which Philadelphia had paid tribute to the Great Emancipator in pilgrimages to his monument in Fairmount Park, in patriotic meetings, and in the thoughts of citizens as they went about their daily work.

#### SIX POINTS OFFERED

The six points of the new proclamation, said Dr. Lewis, should be a new sense of loyalty, emancipation from petty political and social differences, emancipation from selfish and easy living, a physical, mental and moral toughening process, emancipation from education ignoring training for "transferring knowledge into wisdom," and a spiritual awakening.

In relation to education, Dr. Lewis said, "we must put education on a more practical basis if we are going to win this war, which seems so doubtful tonight."

At the annual banquet of the 22d Ward Republican Club at 5425 Germantown ave., Senator James J. Davis said that "we must not be discouraged by the bad news from the war fronts because the American people's aim is to go on to victory." Sheriff David E. Watson was toastmaster.

After assembly programs based on the theme of Lincoln's inestimable contribution to the Nation, public school children enjoyed a holiday.

#### SCOUTS IN PILGRIMAGE

A pilgrimage to the monument was made by Troop 264, Boy Scouts of America, with James W. Zinger leading the march. Rev. George B. Pence, pastor of James Evans Memorial Presbyterian Church, was the speaker.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War placed a wreath on the statue of the Civil War leader in Fairmount Park.

The Legion of Honor of Lu Lu Temple held its annual Birthday banquet at the Benjamin Franklin.

John B. Kelly and his Hale America followers celebrated the event with an athletic program at the Tasker Homes Community Building. A dinner was held by St. John's Assembly No. 28, Artisans Order of Mutual Protection, at MacCallister's, 1811 Spring Garden st. Herman J. Bub, advertising executive, spoke.





# Exercises Here Honor Lincoln

## Decorate Memorial

Union Veterans' Sons,  
Daughters Mark Day

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## Many Groups Mark 134th Anniversary

War conditions curtailed Lincoln birthday observances here yesterday, but in no way lessened the sincerity of purpose as tribute was paid to a great American President.

Exercises marking Lincoln's 134th birthday anniversary were held by patriotic and veterans' groups and Boy Scouts. The placing of wreaths highlighted the programs, in which full honors were paid to the memory of this country's 16th President, who led his country through the dark days of another war.

### WREATHS PLACED

Members of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War placed a wreath at noon by the main entrance to Independence Hall, where Lincoln once stood while on a visit here.

Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War laid a wreath at 1 P. M. at the foot of the Lincoln statue on the East River Drive, Fairmount Park.

At 4 P. M. Boy Scouts of the Philadelphia area placed a second wreath at the Lincoln statue during exercises at which the principal speaker was Rev. George B. Pence, of the James Evans Memorial Presbyterian Church, Broad St. and Moyamensing ave.

### LEGION BANQUET HELD

Tribute to Lincoln was paid last night at the 22d annual Commander's Banquet of Henry H. Houston, 2d, Post 3, American Legion, held at the Post Home, 47 High st.

Speakers included Daniel C. Hartbauer, Department Commander for Pennsylvania, American Legion; Lieutenant Commander W. Van C. Brandt, U. S. N. R.; Colonel Walter J. Baylor, U. S. M. C., and Samuel F. Houston, father of Henry H. Houston, 2d, for whom the post is named.

Marine Private Albert Schmidt, hero of Guadalcanal who killed 200 Japs before suffering wounds which impaired his sight, was unable to attend the dinner as scheduled.

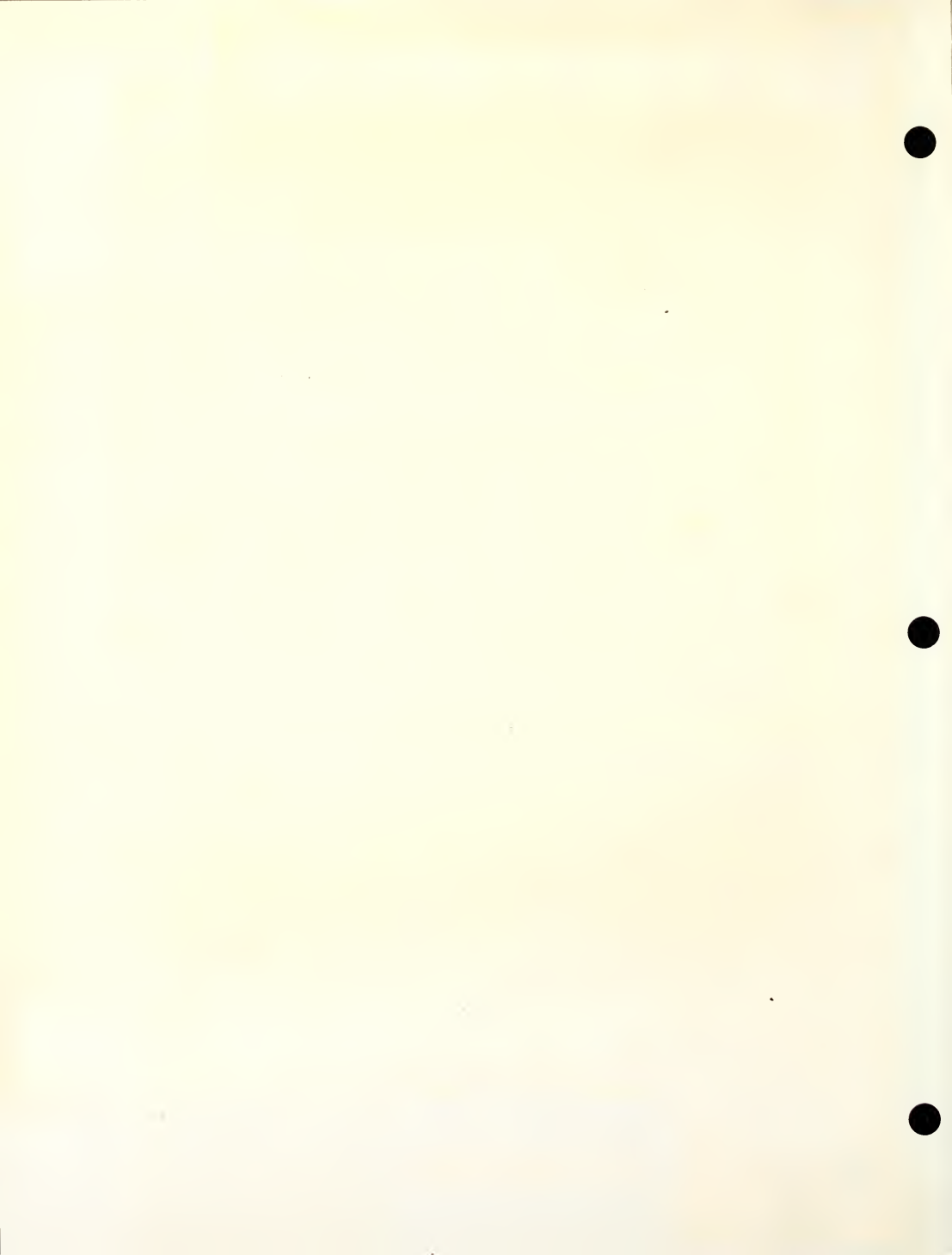
### GERMANTOWN DINNER

More than 500 members of the Germantown Republican Club attended a 54th annual Lincoln Day dinner at Masonic Hall, Germantown ave. below Church lane. Speakers were Representatives Hugh D. Scott, Jr., of Germantown, and Frank Fellows, of Bangor, Me.; Mayor Bernard Samuel and William



Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War paid tribute to Abraham Lincoln yesterday at exercises at the Lincoln statue on the East River drive.

J. Hamilton, Republican leader of the 21st Ward and former State Secretary of Revenue.





**LULU TEMPLE PLACES WREATH ON LINCOLN MONUMENT**

Lulu Temple Legion of Honor marks Lincoln's Birthday with ceremonies at the monument on East River Drive. Placing the wreath are Walter N. Hagerman, Illustrious Potentate, and Frank P. Conard (right), commander-elect. A parade preceded the rites.

*Lulu Temple - 2 - 12 - 57*







**TRIBUTE** Chief Potentate Raymond A. Thistle (left) and Cmdr. Frank P. Conrad laying wreath at the base of Lincoln Monument in Fair-

mount Park during ceremonies conducted by Lu Lu Temple Legion of Honor. Many other observances of the 143d anniversary of Lincoln's birth are set tomorrow.

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#### LINCOLN MONUMENT

*How large is the statue of Abraham Lincoln in Fairmount Park? Who was the sculptor?*

M. A. S.

Randolph Rogers carved the colossal figure in Rome and it was cast at a foundry in

if represented standing it would be almost 11 ft. tall.

Struthers & Sons made the granite base which is "battered," a term meaning it's broad at the bottom (17 ft. by 15 ft.) and diminished toward the top. Cost of the base, which has inscriptions on all four sides, was \$3800 and the statue cost \$19,300. At the unveiling and dedication Sept. 22, 1871 Col. William McMichael delivered the oration.



Munich, Bavaria. The monument on East River Drive at the foot of Lemon Hill represents Lincoln seated in a cushioned chair, holding in his right hand a quill pen and in his left the Emancipation Proclamation. In its sitting posture the figure measures nine ft., six in.; in the same proportions



## Shriners Pay Homage to Great Emancipator



Wreath is placed at the Abraham Lincoln monument on East River drive near Boat House Row by members of LuLu Temple's Legion of Honor.

### Marchers Honor

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Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge.

On his way to Washington for his inauguration as the 16th President of the United States, Lincoln stopped off in Philadelphia where on Feb. 22, 1861, he spoke at a ceremony in Independence Hall.

"I have often inquired of myself," Lincoln said, "what great principle or idea it was that kept this confederacy so long together—





## Somebody Goofed: We Already Have A Lincoln Emancipation Statue

The other day, Mayor Tate proposed that the city should erect a monument to commemorate the Emancipation Proclamation.



This is a good idea, so good that Philadelphia thought of it more than ninety-five years ago. The Lincoln statue on East River Drive, just where Boat House

Row begins, displays the Great Emancipator seated in his chair, with a quill pen in one hand, and the parchment of the Proclamation spread out on his left knee. The inscription on one side of the granite base is a brief excerpt from the text: "I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within the States in rebellion are and henceforth shall be free."

For this reminder, we are indebted to Arthur McDowell and his good wife, Janet. Like Mayor Tate, we have passed the intersection of Main Drive and the East River Drive hundreds of times, without noticing anything more than the fact that we had to skirt around a statue. Rush hour traffic does not encourage on-the-spot investigation of the monument and what it means.

The movement for a Lincoln memorial in Philadelphia got under way only a month after his assassination in April, 1865.

Mayor Henry called a citizens' meeting on May 22, and from those present formed the Lincoln Monument Association. The first plan was large and optimistic, embracing a public park (Fairmount Park was not yet chartered), a Soldiers' Home, and a statue. All these features would cost \$100,000, but Philadelphians could surely contribute that much in a few weeks. Work

By PAUL JONES

therefore was supposed to start around August 1, 1865. When that date arrived, the treasurer of the fund reported \$10,725.68 in hand. The objective was changed to a simple statue. Three years later, after a design competition, Randolph Rogers agreed to model and cast the monument for \$19,300, including freight to New York from his studio in Rome and from the foundry in Munich. A Philadelphia firm, Struther



Lincoln with Proclamation  
on East River Drive

& Sons, made the best bid—\$9,800—for the granite base. That about exhausted the funds in hand at that time.

Rogers finished the statue and whipped the bronze casting to New York in the spring of 1871, six years to a day from the first public meeting called by the Mayor. Originally, the monument was to stand at Broad and Girard, but now that the Fairmount Park

development was well under way, the committee decided on the present site, which at that time was the principal entrance to the Park. No one then dreamed of putting the Art Museum in place of the reservoir on Fair Mount, or of constructing the Parkway.

In due course, with a parade, speeches and fireworks, the Lincoln statue was dedicated on September 22, 1871, the ninth anniversary of Old Abe's preliminary proclamation. Thomas Buchanan Read wrote a long ode in honor of the occasion. Now almost forgotten, Read was then considered a top hand among American poets. Like Rogers, he was a member of the American colony in Rome, and we may assume that he saw the sculptor at work on the Lincoln memorial.

Randolph Rogers — not to be confused with John Rogers, the contemporary celebrated for his "Rogers groups"—was an interesting character. A resident of Ann Arbor, Michigan, he was only fifteen, and untaught, when he made the crude wood cut of a log cabin which became the campaign symbol of General Harrison in the election of 1840. Later, in his twenties, he was working as a clerk in a New York dry-goods store, when he modeled portrait busts of the children of his employers, Stewart & Edgerton. They were so struck by his talent that they told him he ought to study in Italy, and what's more, they lent him the money to finance three years in Florence. Things like that happened in those days and not only in the pages of Dickens.

As you can see by looking at the monument (not at rush hours), Rogers became a thorough artist-craftsman. He chose to represent Lincoln at what he considered the high point of his career, in the very act of signing the Emancipation Proclamation.





**THE EMANCIPATOR**

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## Lincoln Honored



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**The monument**, including eagles, plaques, oak wreath-work and Abraham Lincoln after signing the Emancipation Proclamation, now sits at Kelly and Sedgley Drives. Before, traffic on Kelly Drive had split around the statue.

*Admirers are now free to visit the Great Emancipator again.*

## Honest, Abe is moved on Kelly Dr.

By David O'Reilly  
INQUIRER STAFF WRITER

Abraham Lincoln may be a giant in American history, but to many a local motorist he was just a green blur — whoa, lookout! — on Kelly Drive.

The massive Lincoln monument near Boat House Row had been a traffic hazard ever since tin lizzies began whizzing up and down the drive a century ago.

So in May, the Philadelphia Streets Department removed him.

Yesterday, after an extensive makeover and some gentle nudges from riggers, our 16th president landed atop his granite base, about 40 feet north of its original location.

"As an African American, this is a spiritual moment," said Eugene Thompson, Philadelphia's public-art director. "Oh, he looks fabulous."

There's more. Plans call for underlighting the statue and installing



**Workers guide** the statue to its new location. Before it was moved, the monument was cleaned and restored.

concrete pedestrian walkways. Starting in May, conservators began removing layers of old wax and

restoring the monument's 21 bronze pieces — including four eagles, several plaques, oak wreath-work and Abe himself. During the summer, city road crews replaced the traffic circle with a new intersection and pedestrian crossing at Kelly Drive, Aquarium Drive and Sedgley Drive.

"It was worth it," said Joe Syrnick, the city's chief engineer and surveyor, even though the \$290,000 monument relocation and restoration project was 13 times the sculpture's original cost.

Sculpted in Rome in 1869 by American Randolph Rogers and cast a year later in Munich, the monument depicts Lincoln seated with pen in hand just after signing the Emancipation Proclamation. His gaze is thoughtful but serene.

A group of Philadelphians raised \$22,000 for the bronze shortly after Lincoln's assassination in 1865. It was installed and dedicated in 1871.

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Margaret B. Irwin, patriotic instructor of Betsy Ross Tent No. 4, Daughters of Union Veterans, is shown as she places a laurel wreath at the foot of the Lincoln Statue in Fairmount Park. Members of the tent were assisted in the ceremonies by members of Sons of Veterans Camp No. 200.









# ANTIQUA AUCTION

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## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12,

## - 1:00 P.M.



### 28 - John Rogers - 28

SLAVE AUCTION, nice, painted  
 PRIVATE, THEATRICALS, good  
 SHAUGHKAN & TATTERS, good  
 FAVORED SCHOLAR, good  
 FIGHTING BOB, nice  
 WE BOYS, type A, original paint  
 CHECKER PLAYERS, good  
 COUNCIL OF WAR, painted, good  
 MOCK TRIAL, painted, good  
 TAKING THE OATH, bad shape  
 COURTSHIP IN SLEEPY HOLLOW, painted, nice  
 TAKING THE OATH, painted, good  
 RIP RETURNED, painted, nice  
 UNCLE NED'S SCHOOL, cracked arm, good  
 PLAYING DR., tub and eyeglasses missing  
 FOUNDLING, very nice  
 FAUST & MARGUERITE LEAVING THE GARDEN, original  
 paint  
 BALCONY, very nice  
 NEIGHBORING PEWS, nice  
 ONE MORE SHOT, original paint  
 YOU ARE A SPIRIT, painted, good  
 CHESS, original paint  
 WRESTLERS, original paint  
 FOOTBALL, good, painted white  
 TAP-ON-WINDOW, original paint  
 NOMINATED IN THE BOND, original paint  
 HA, I LIKE NOT THAT, painted, good  
 PHRENOLOGY AT THE FANCY BALL, good

### Hennecke Groups

GOETHE & SCHILLER, original paint  
 FAUST & MARGUERITE, FIRST MEETING  
 FAMILY CARES, original paint  
 SPRING, original paint  
 AUTUMN, original paint  
 LAMB, original paint peeling  
 RUTH, head repaired, mint paint  
 PA PA, stripped  
 MA MA, painted

### Rogers Statuette Co.

BUST OF BURNS  
 BUST OF BYRON

An outstanding offering of statues at this auction—DON'T MISS!

ALSO: Umbrella lamp; Chelsea bone china tea set; set of Chelsea bone china dishes; walnut corner cupboard; oak rocker; set of chairs; 4 carved oak chairs; primitives. This is a partial listing of the antiques at this auction. A complete auction.

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