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## THE LINCOLN LIBRARY-MUSEUM

On October 8th, 9th and 16th, 1960 open house was held for families of employees, interested friends and life insurance officials to visit the new home office building of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company. Appropriate ceremonies were conducted and approximately 17,000 people attended the three day affair.

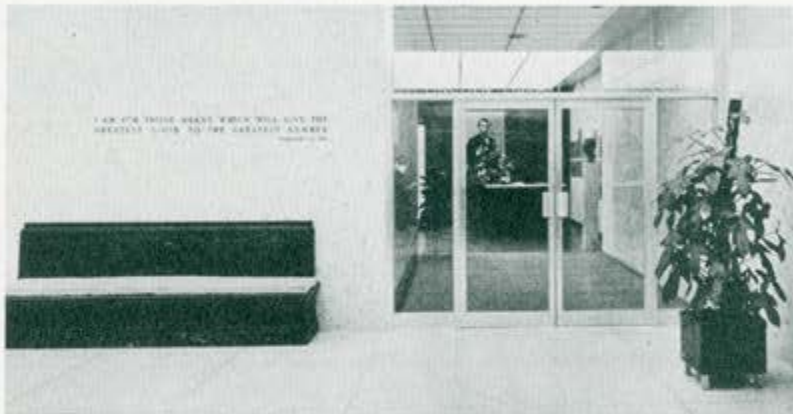
This issue of *Lincoln Lore* is intended to give our subscribers throughout the United States and foreign countries a graphic description of the facilities of the Lincoln Library-Museum which is a part of the new building.

Displayed in the most beautiful and appropriate surroundings are oil paintings, original photographs, rare manuscripts, contemporary prints, political broadsides, bronze and plaster sculpture, metallic subjects, personal items belonging to the Sixteenth President and his family and relics associated with his assassination and death.

The Library of some 9,300 books and pamphlets exclusively Lincoln, supplemented by 5,600 collateral publications, 375 association books (similar to those Lincoln read), more than 4000 magazine articles and over 100,000 of clippings filed under subject, find adequate shelf room in the new quarters of the Lincoln National Life Foundation.

This comprehensive Lincoln library along with the rare museum exhibits and display materials has caused the Foundation in Fort Wayne to become known as a center of Lincoln information in America. The Lincoln Library-Museum may be visited from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The main entrance to the building is located at 1301 South Harrison Street. Visitors are always welcome.

The reception area of the museum with Miss Harriet Weaver (left) and Miss Margaret Moellering (right), secretary and assistant to the director.



Entrance to Lincoln Library and Museum from the center lobby on the first floor of the home office building of The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company.



Mrs. R. Gerald McMurtry, with daughter Jan (right) and Stephanie Shreve (left) look at the bronze Volk head of Lincoln on the marble column.





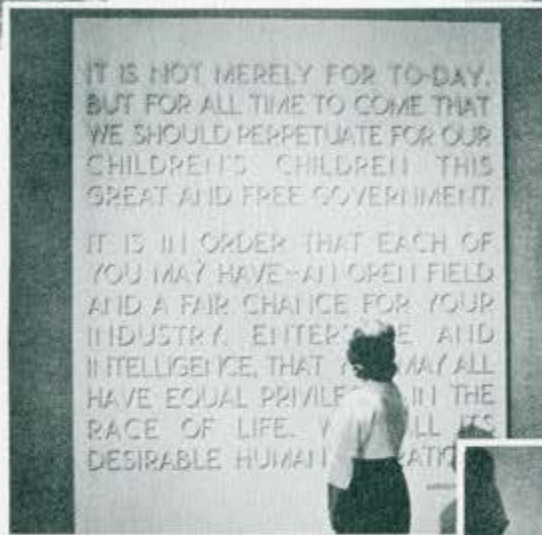


The air conditioned rare book room where the most valuable books, pamphlets and manuscripts are housed. The portrait shown at the right is by a negro artist, David Bustill Bowser, who was commissioned by Jay Cooke to paint Lincoln's portrait in 1865 or 1866.



The Director of the Foundation, Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry in his office.

This inspirational Lincoln quotation taken from Lincoln's speech to the One Hundred Sixty-sixth Ohio Regiment, August 22, 1864, is to be found on the north wall of the Garden Room. The girl is a student at one of Fort Wayne's Junior High Schools.



The office of the Director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation taken through the plate glass partition (with the draperies open) of the Garden Room. Note Borglum head in left foreground.



A portion of the Lincoln museum, with the Gutzon Borglum head in the background.



The art classes of the Dunkirk High School of Dunkirk, Indiana, visit the Lincoln museum.



At right is a view of the Lincoln Library with museum cases in the foreground. Note the T. D. Jones bust (June, 1862) of Lincoln in the upper center of the photograph.

Below is a view of the Foundation's Lincoln Library with four museum cases in foreground. The three Rogers groups "The Council of War" are exhibited because of the different positions of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton in each of the statuary groups.



(Below) Study or work rooms adjacent to the Lincoln Library. Miss Harriet Weaver (left) and Miss Margaret Moellering (right).



A private study room for Lincoln students who wish to do research in the Foundation Collection.

(At right) Microfilm reading room adjacent to Lincoln Library.



Dr. R. Gerald McMurtry, Director of the Lincoln National Life Foundation, reads a microfilmed letter addressed to President Lincoln from the Robert T. Lincoln papers (Library of Congress) written by G. W. McMurtry of Suisun City, California. The letter dated June 20, 1861 is a recommendation of Mr. L. N. Todd "for the position to which he aspires". The writer makes the statement that "It so happens that I was born in Hardin County, Kentucky some years after you were, and although differing with you in politics, I yet feel more than an ordinary interest in you personally. This sentiment was not lessened by the fact that Mrs. Lincoln's family were also of Kentucky. I plead guilty to the charge of having a tenderness for Kentuckians." The Director having been born in Hardin County (Ky.), strongly suspects that G. W. McMurtry is a relative.





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