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ALLAMAKEE COUNTY SCHOOLS
FEBRUARY 12, 1909



Lincoln studyng while splitting rails, said: "I'll study and
get ready; may be the chance will come."

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ON THE TWELFTH OF FEBRUARY next occurs the hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln. It has been the custom for many years to celebrate in our schools the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln. This is as it should be. But it seems especially fitting that this year, the hundredth anniversary of the birth of the martyred President, the day of his birth, the 12th of February, should be properly observed.

I desire therefore that all the rural schools of this county begin making preparations for the proper observance of that day. I suggest that this be known as Lincoln Day and Parents' Day and recommend the following plan.

1.—Prepare a patriotic program in which all the pupils take part. Let this consist of patriotic songs, flag drills, essays and recitations with Lincoln as the central theme. Have one of the large pupils commit and recite Lincoln's Gettysburg address and have all learn and give some quotation of Lincoln. Suitable selections may be found in the special day pamphlet which is already in your possession. Suitable material will also be found in your school journals.

2.—Make this an exhibit day of the pupils' work. From now until that day gather from the regular work of the school the best maps, drawings, compositions, work in arithmetic and handwork of all kinds that the pupils do in the course of their daily work. See that every pupil's work is well represented. This work may be done on the speci-

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men paper which has already been sent you. Place it upon the wall where it can be inspected by parents and others.

3. About one week before the program is to be given, have the pupils in their writing period prepare neat and attractive invitations to be taken home and handed to their parents. Invite the parents to come in the morning if it is possible for them to do so that they may observe the regular work of the school in the forenoon.

The time from noon until recess may be spent in inspecting the work which you have exhibited on the wall. Following this will be the program which has been prepared.

4. If your school does not already have a good picture of Lincoln, try to interest your pupils in purchasing one to be hung upon that day.

A fine Lincoln picture, 22 x 28 inches in size, may be gotten from A. Flanagan Company, Chicago, Illinois, for 35 cents. The same picture with frame and glass can be bought for \$1.20. There are many other houses whose addresses you can find in your school journals which will furnish the pictures for about the same price.

If you care to purchase a statue of Lincoln address the National Art Supply Company, 228 Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Rossville school has already purchased a very fine statue of Lincoln of this company. Let a flag wave over your school house on this day.

I hope that every school will properly observe this day. Make it a day of patriotic exercises as well as a day for bringing the parents into closer touch with the school work of the children.

W. L. PECK,
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

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