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Springfield, Illinois, 1926-1941.

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Mid-Day Luncheon Club

"The feast of reason and the flow of soul"--Pope.

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

December 11,

1926.

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Rabbi Abba H. Silver,
The Temple,
East One hundred and Fifth st.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Mon. 11 - Aft.
Tue. 12 - Aft.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

In behalf of the Mid-day Luncheon Club I am writing to invite you to visit the historic city of Springfield as the guest of our organization, at a time convenient for you, in the event of your coming to Illinois or vicinity during this winter or in the spring.

The Mid-day Luncheon Club is composed of a group of more than eleven hundred of the most representative men in the intellectual and industrial life of the community and vicinity.

We would esteem it a most delightful privilege to have you meet with our organization at a noon luncheon which we would like to arrange in your honor, with a large gathering of our people participating.

An especial reason why you might wish to visit Springfield is that it is the home and last resting place of the martyred President Abraham Lincoln and, for this reason, one of the two great centers of inspiration of the country. In connection with your coming we would be pleased to arrange for you to visit the tomb and the home of Lincoln.

As you may be aware, Springfield is but a few hours' journey from either Chicago or St. Louis, with frequent and convenient railroad connections.

During recent years we have had as the guests of our organization President Coolidge; Vice President Dawes; Her Majesty Queen Marie of Roumania; former Premier David Lloyd George; former Premier M. Georges Clemenceau; General Pershing; His Eminence Michael Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise; Rabbi Nathan Krass; the Right Rev. A. F. Winnington Ingram, Bishop of London; and the Right Hon. Sir Esme W. Howard, British Ambassador.

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In connection with your coming we would be glad to more than meet all expense which you might have incident to the trip.

Hoping that it will be our privilege to have you meet with us, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.



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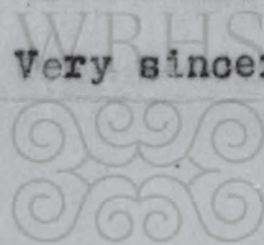
December 20th, 1926.

Mr. Elmer J. Kneale, Secy.,
Mid-day Luncheon Club,
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mr. Kneale,

Permit me to thank you for
your kind invitation to address a meeting
of the Mid-day Luncheon Club. It may be
possible for me to come to you some time
in April, say Monday the 11th or Tuesday the
12th. If either of these two dates is ac-
ceptable please let me know.

With kindest regards, I am
Very sincerely yours,



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December 23,
1926.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

We were delighted to receive your letter of December 20th advising that it will be possible for you to visit Springfield as the guest of the Mid-day Luncheon Club, during the coming spring. We will be pleased to arrange for your coming on Tuesday, April 12th, which is one of the dates which you suggest for us. We will arrange a noon luncheon in your honor on this date, with a large gathering of our people present to greet you.

I am enclosing another copy of our annual program folder, with revised dates of our meetings noted.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.

"Democracy at the Crossroads"

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Springfield, Illinois.
March 12, 1927

The Reverend A. H. Silver, D. D.,
Rabbi,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio:

Dear Doctor:

Elmer Kneale, secretary of the Mid Day
Luncheon club has advised me that you will appear
before the club April 12. I would appreciate an advance
copy or digest, or excerpts, from your address, about
five days before you come. With this accomodation I
will be able to prepare a story and send it to the
Associated Press papers by mail, to be held in confidence
by them until you speak.

Without advance, it is possible that more
sensational news might crowd mention of your address to
aminimum.

I will be very pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey Cribb

Aubrey Cribb,
Correspondent.

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T E L E G R A M

March 17, 1927.

Day Letter

Mr. Elmer J. Kneal,
Midday Luncheon Club,
Springfield, Ill.

Have booked your organization for the 12th of April some time ago. Subject of my address "Democracy at the Crossroads."

A.H.Silver

AHS:NEB

SENT AT

11:40 A.M.

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March 17 ,

1927 .

Rabbi A. H. Silver,
The Temple,
East One Hundred-fifth st.,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

Supplementing our telegram of yesterday, we are completing the details regarding the April program of the Mid-day Luncheon Club, and I wired you to verify whether Tuesday, April 12th, will be your choice of the date for coming to Springfield as our guest. I received your telegram today, and we are happy to know that you can be with us at this time. Also, I note the subject of your address, indicated in the telegram: "Democracy at the Cross Roads." This we will be pleased to announce in connection with your coming.

I will be glad if you would be so kind as to send me a photograph of yourself for use in our local papers. This we will return to you in good condition, if so desired.

Also, I would be glad to know the hour of your arrival in Springfield, so that we may meet you at the train. In the event of your coming by night sleeper, out of Chicago, I would suggest leaving there at 11:30 p. m., via the Chicago & Alton railroad, arriving here early the following morning. In this case, if agreeable to you, we would meet you at the sleeper car at 7:30 a. m., and take you to the Leland hotel, where we will have a room for you, and where the noon luncheon will be given in your honor.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.

March 21, 1927.

Mr. Aubrey Cribb,
Associated Press,
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mr. Cribb:

In compliance with your request of March 12, I take pleasure in sending you an abstract of the address which I am to deliver before the Midday Luncheon Club of Springfield. I trust that this is what you want.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely,

AHS:NEB

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am rather late in sending the paper containing my account of your talk, but am mailing it under separate cover tonight.

I want to tell you again that I was very interested in your address, in your delivery, your power of oratory, as well as in the things you said.

And to thank you, too, for writing out your definition of America for me. I took around to different people this afternoon copies of the paper, having been asked to see that they got it.

I am enclosing herewith the copy you made for me. Will you please autograph it and return it to me, for my files? I do not happen to be an autograph fan, but do keep files of celebrities I have met and interesting things I "cover". Shall like to keep this.

Sincerely yours,

Melie Browne Duff

Springfield, Illinois,
April Twenty,
1927.

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April 22/27*

O.O. Box 558

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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

August 22,

1930.

Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

Learning that you are to be with the Chicago Sunday Evening Club on November 9th, I am writing in behalf of the Mid-day Luncheon Club to invite you to again visit Springfield as our guest, on a day convenient for you, either before or following this date.

The membership of our organization, comprising nearly on thousand of the leading men of this city and central Illinois, would welcome the opportunity to once more greet you in this historic city.

We would like to arrange a noon luncheon in your honor, with a large gathering of our people participating.

During the past year we have had as our guests Dr. Frederick W. von Prittwitz und Gaffron, Ambassador of Germany; Miss Jane Addams; Major General Frank Parker; Senor Alfaro, Minister of Panama; and Governor Clyde M. Reed, of Kansas.

We would be glad to provide an allowance, more than covering all expense which you would have in connection with coming to Springfield.

Hoping that we may be favored with your presence in the capital city of Illinois again, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.

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PROGRAM

of Dinner Given in Honor of

His Excellency
Herr Frederick W. von Prittwitz
und Gaffron

The German Ambassador

Senor Dr. Don Ricardo J. Alfaro

The Minister of Panama

Under the auspices of

The Mid-Day Luncheon Club

of Springfield, Illinois

Saturday Evening, May 3, 1930

6:30 o'clock

At the Leland Hotel

Program

Song—"Star Spangled Banner" - - Francis Scott Key
Audience

Invocation—The Reverend Edward Haughton, Rector of
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Dinner served

Announcements

Introduction of the visiting guests by Dr. Elmer E. Hagler,
acting President of the Mid-day Luncheon Club

Address of Welcome—The Honorable Rodney H. Brandon,
Director of the Department of Public Welfare, of the
State of Illinois

Introduction of the guests of honor by Doctor Hagler

Music—"The German National Hymn"—W. A. Bohnhorst,
violinist; Mrs. Elizabeth Riefler, presiding at the piano

Address—His Excellency Herr Frederich W. von Prittwitz
und Gaffron, the German Ambassador

Music—"The National Hymn of Panama"—Mr. Bohnhorst

Address—Senor Dr. Don Ricardo J. Alfaro, the Minister of
Panama

Adjournment

Visiting Guests

BARON PUTLITZ

Secretary of the German Embassy

DR. H. F. SIMON

German Consul General, Chicago, Illinois

DR. MAX WINKLER

Vice-President of Bertron, Griscon & Co., New York City

PROF. HARRY T. COLLINGS

Of the University of Pennsylvania



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ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF

The Mid-Day Luncheon Club

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

Season of 1929-30

STATEMENT

The Mid-day Luncheon Club, organized October 21st, 1915, with fifteen charter members, is now entering upon its fifteenth season as a civic organization, with nearly one thousand members.

The purpose of the club is for discussion of subjects of value in scientific, literary, artistic, ethical and other departments of human endeavor. The club has as its guests men and women of national and world-wide fame, who come here from time to time. The meetings of the club are arranged on dates to suit the convenience of these guests.

The general program of the club for this year will consist of the following features: First, a series of twenty or more noon luncheon meetings, and one or more evening dinner meetings. Second, at least two evening lectures, to be given free to the members of the club. Third, public exercises commemorating the One Hundred and Twenty-first Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, to be held at the Arsenal, either on the evening of February 11th, or on the evening of February 12th, 1930.

All of the luncheon and dinner meetings are being held at the Leland Hotel. The hours for the luncheon meetings are from 12:15, noon, to 2:00 p. m.

The cost of the luncheons, with but two or three exceptions during the year, is fixed at \$1.00 per plate, and is divided as follows: Ninety cents is paid to the hotel for the luncheon; 10 cents reverts into the club treasury. When an unusually elaborate or expensive program is arranged, the cost of the luncheon is fixed at \$1.25 per plate, with 25 cents reverting into the club treasury. The cost of the evening dinners is \$1.50 per plate, with 25 cents reverting into the club treasury.

The club year begins October 1st, with a recess during July, August and September. The annual business meeting is held usually in June, at which time officers for the coming year are elected by the members present at this meeting. The officers elected are President, Secretary,

Treasurer and four members of the Executive Committee, which includes the officers. The Past Presidents are members ex-officio of the Executive Committee. In the absence of the President, it is understood that one of the Past Presidents, in due rotation, shall take charge of any meeting occurring in such absence.

Each member of the club residing in Springfield is notified by telephone the day before each meeting occurs, except where a mail notification is desired. Each non-resident member is notified of the meetings by mail two days before they occur. Each member has the privilege of bringing as many guests as he may desire to any meeting. While only men are eligible for membership in the club, ladies are invited to attend all meetings.

Members are asked to be definite in making reservations for the club luncheons or dinners, as it is necessary to account to the hotel for all reservations ordered. Reservations may be made for any club meeting by telephoning Main 6632.

The name of each member is permanently fixed on the membership roll of the club, not to be removed until ample notice justifying such removal has been received by the Secretary. Persons wishing to relinquish membership in the club are asked to notify the Treasurer or the Secretary immediately upon receipt of the first notice for payment of dues, otherwise they will be expected to pay the dues for the current year.

The annual dues, which are \$3.00, are payable upon receipt of a notice from the Treasurer.

Members are asked to kindly notify the Secretary of any change in address or telephone number, so that there may be no interruption in the notification of meetings.

Members are asked to present names of persons for membership in the club at any time during the year, by forwarding such names to the Secretary. These names are placed before the Executive Committee for their unanimous approval, following which the Secretary will notify by letter the persons nominated. Upon acceptance by these persons of membership, their names are placed before a general meeting of the club to be voted into full membership.

The officers of the club may be reached as follows: President, Judge Louis FitzHenry, United States District Court, Telephone Main 4616; Secretary, Elmer J. Kneale, Illinois State Register, Telephone Capitol 2216; Treasurer, Arthur H. Gottschalk, 301 West Edwards Street, Telephone Capitol 140.

Program 1929-30

The following are expected to be the guests of the club and speak. Where a definite date has been fixed, it is so indicated. Where the exact date is yet to be fixed, the month only is indicated.

1929

DR. F. E. BENNETT, Past President of the American Gladiolus Society - - - - -	August 14
DR. G. BROMLEY OXNAM, President of DePauw University	October 3
SENOR M. R. GOMEZ, Secretary of Agriculture of Mexico -	October 8
COLONEL HUGH L. COOPER, of New York City, N. Y. -	October 24
ALBERT C. LORING, President of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Co., Minneapolis, Minnesota - - - - -	October 28
GOVERNOR CLYDE M. REED, of Kansas - - - - -	November 8
MISS JANE ADDAMS, of Hull House, Chicago, Ill. - -	November 12
GOVERNOR WILLIAM G. CONLEY, of West Virginia -	November 13
RALPH BUDD, President of the Great Northern Railroad -	December
EDWARD DAVISON, English author and editor - - -	December 11
REV. CLELAND B. McAFEE, D.D., LL. D., Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church - - -	December 16
WILLIAM BUTTERWORTH, President of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States - - - - -	December

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GOVERNOR GEORGE A. PARKS, Territorial Governor of Alaska - - - - -	January
MAJOR GENERAL FRANK PARKER, Commanding General, Sixth Corps Area, United States Army - - - - -	January
M. J. CLEARY, Vice-President of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, Milwaukee, Wisconsin - - -	January
REAR ADMIRAL W. S. CROSLY, Commandant of the Great Lakes Naval Training Station - - - - -	January
LINCOLN MEMORIAL EXERCISES, Commemorating the One Hundred and Twenty-first Anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, to be held in the evening, at the Arsenal	February 11
BRIGADIER GENERAL R. E. WOOD, President of Sears-Roebuck Co., Chicago, Ill. - - - - -	February
GOVERNOR ARTHUR J. WEAVER, of Nebraska - - -	February
REV. ALBERT PARKER FITCH, D.D., Pastor of the Park Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City, N. Y. -	March 3
HARRY C. OSTRANDER—Illustrated evening lecture in Centennial Auditorium, on "Mystic Islands of the South Sea"	March 10
SERGEANT ALVIN C. YORK, World War Hero - - -	March 21
JUDGE ALEXIS de BOER, Judge of the Supreme Court of Hungary - - - - -	March 25
HON. HUBERT BROOKS, Commissioner-General of the Commonwealth of Australia to the United States - - -	April
E. G. SEUBERT, President of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana - - - - -	April
DR. ROBERT M. HUTCHINS, President of the University of Chicago - - - - -	April
J. J. PELLE, President of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad—Annual Transportation Dinner - - -	May
JOHN G. LONSDALE, President of the American Bankers Association - - - - -	May

NOTED SPEAKERS WHO HAVE APPEARED BEFORE THE MID-DAY LUNCHEON CLUB

Bishop William A. Quayle
William Jennings Bryan
General Alvaro Obregon, of Mexico
The Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis
Chief Justice William Howard Taft
General Robert Georges Niville, of France
Former President Calvin Coolidge
General John J. Pershing
Dr. Henry Van Dyke
Former Premier M. Georges Clemenceau, of France
Former Vice-President Charles G. Dawes
Former Premier David Lloyd George, of England
General Joseph Haller, of Poland
Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, of Norway
Israel Zangwill, of England
The Right Hon. Sir Esme W. Howard, Ambassador of Great Britain
His Eminence Michael, Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, Germany
Tsuneo Matsudaira, Ambassador of Japan
The Right Rev. A. F. Winnington Ingram, Bishop of London
Her Majesty Queen Marie of Roumania
Former Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur

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card -

August 26th, 1930

Mr. Elmer J. Kneale,
Mid-Day Luncheon Club,
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mr. Kneale:-

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of August 22d and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Mid-Day Luncheon Club of Springfield.

I wish I could see my way clear to come to you either on the day preceeding or following my engagement in Chicago on November 9th but unfortunately I can not do so. I have an engagement scheduled for the tenth of November and I must be in Cleveland on Saturday, November 8th. Perhaps at some future time I may be of service to you.

With kindest regards, permit me to remain

Very sincerely yours,

AHS/IR

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Mid-Day Luncheon Club

"The feast of reason and the flow of soul"---Pope

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

September 16, 1940

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver,
The Temple, East 105th street,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Rabbi Silver:

I am writing in behalf of the Mid-day Luncheon Club, to invite you to again visit the historic city of Springfield as our guest, during the coming season. We would be happy to arrange for your coming in the latter part of next April, or in May, on a day convenient for you.

The membership of our organization, comprising nearly eight hundred representative men of this city and central Illinois, will welcome the opportunity to again greet you at a noon luncheon, which we would like to arrange in your honor.

In connection with your coming, we will be happy to arrange for you to visit the historic shrines here, which you might wish to see. As I recall, you visited the tomb of Abraham Lincoln when you were here before. You would no doubt enjoy visiting the restored village of New Salem, near here, where Lincoln spent some of the years of his young manhood, and where he knew Ann Rutledge.

During the past year or more we have had as our guests, Postmaster General Farley; former Governor Alf M. Landon; Rabbi Isserman, of St. Louis; Dr. Eduard Benes, of Czechoslovakia; Crown Prince Olav, of Norway; Raymond Massey; and former Secretary Henry A. Wallace.

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We could provide an honorarium of \$ 75
for you, if that would be satisfactory.

Hoping that you can arrange to come to
Springfield, I remain, with best wishes,

Very sincerely,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.



ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Mid-Day Luncheon Club

Springfield, Illinois

Season of 1940-1941

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The Mid-Day Luncheon Club, holding a unique place among the many splendid civic organizations of Springfield, will be twenty-five years old October 21st, 1940. At a meeting of fifteen men, held October 21st, 1915, the club was born with the following charter members: Frank Waller Allen, Dr. Walter G. Bain, Dr. A. R. Crook, Dr. Don W. Deal, Rev. T. N. Ewing, D.D., Vernor E. Renshie, Elmer J. Kneale, Dr. T. J. Knudson, George E. Lee, Vachel Lindsay, Dr. J. C. Nayphe, Edward W. Payne, T. L. Rickaby, Clarence J. Root, and Rabbi Sidney Tedesche.

The active progenitors of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club were Mr. Rickaby, Doctor Crook, Mr. Lindsay, all now deceased; Rabbi Tedesche and Mr. Kneale.

The Mid-Day Luncheon Club—non-political and non-secretarian—has maintained itself as an open forum for the discussion of all subjects of general interest. Among the many famous speakers appearing before the club are men and women who have loomed large across the pages of world history in the past generation. Of this notable company of guests of the club, there may be enumerated former Premier David Lloyd George, of England; former Premier M. Georges Clemenceau, of France; Queen Marie, of Roumania; Michael, Cardinal von Faulhaber, of Germany; William Jennings Bryan; Bishop William A. Quayle; Rabbi Stephen S. Wise; General John J. Pershing; Dr. A. F. Winnington Ingram, Bishop of London; Calvin Coolidge; Sir Sayaji Rao III, Maharajah of Baroda, India; Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, of Japan; and General Alvaro Obregon, of Mexico.

The Mid-Day Luncheon Club, now numbering a membership of more than seven hundred men, salutes its constituency and the community as it enters the twenty-sixth year of its existence.

What promises to be one of the most attractive programs of recent years will be presented this season—twenty or more meetings, including noon luncheons, dinners and evening lecture programs—under the auspices of the club. Admission to the evening meetings will be by ticket, without charge, which will be issued only to members of the club. Extra tickets may be secured at Coe Brothers Book Store, at Sixth and Monroe Streets.

The noon luncheon meetings, usually held at the Leland Hotel, are from 12:15 noon, to 2:00 p.m. The cost of the luncheons is 75 cents per plate, unless otherwise announced.

The officers of the club are: President, Arthur H. Gottschalk, 301 West Edwards Street, Telephone 9876; Secretary, Elmer J. Kneale, Illinois State Register, Telephone 2-6712; Treasurer, Carl H. Weber, 518 East Monroe Street, Telephone 5476. The Executive Committee includes the officers, the Past-Presidents of the club and members elected each year. In the absence of the President it is understood that one of the Past-Presidents shall take charge of any meeting of the club held during such absence.

Members residing in Springfield are notified of the luncheon meetings by telephone, on the day before they are held, except in cases where a mail notification is requested. Non-resident members are notified of the meetings by post card, two days before they occur. Each member has the privilege of bringing as many guests as he may desire to any meeting. While only men are eligible for membership in the club, ladies are invited to attend all meetings.

It is understood that membership in the Mid-Day Luncheon Club is continuous and the name of each member is permanently fixed on the membership roll, not to be removed until ample notice justifying such removal has been received by the Secretary. Membership may be relinquished at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary.

The annual dues, which are \$3.00, are payable upon receipt of a notice from the Treasurer.

Members are asked to notify the Secretary of any change in address or telephone number, so that there may be no interruption in the notification of meetings.

PROGRAM FOR 1940-1941

The following speakers are definitely expected to be the guests of the club and speak where dates are indicated. Where the date is yet to be fixed, the month only is indicated.

1940

HON. HENRY A. WALLACE, former Secretary of Agriculture. Subject, "The Agricultural Program." Noon luncheon	September 5
DONALD GRANT, university lecturer from England. Subject, "Britain—Homeland and Empire Waging War." Evening, Centennial Auditorium	October 10
NORMAN THOMAS, lecturer and writer. Subject, "Democracy and the War." Noon luncheon	October 14
WENDELL L. WILLKIE, industrial executive	October
DR. ETHAN COLTON, international representative of the Y. M. C. A. Subject, "European Realities for America to Weigh." Noon luncheon	October 19
DR. R. A. KIRKPATRICK, noted travel lecturer. Subject, "Utah Parks," illustrated. Evening, Centennial Auditorium	October 22
MISS TALLULAH B. BANKHEAD, famous actress, Noon luncheon. Tentative only	October 29
HON. RICHARD G. CASEY, Minister of Australia to the United States. Noon luncheon	November 8
MARTIN K. BOVEY, adventurer and lecturer. Subject, "Timber Line," illustrated. Evening, Centennial Auditorium	November 14
DR. E. STANLEY JONES, famous missionary leader. Noon luncheon	November 23
T. J. CARNEY, President of Sears, Roebuck and Company. Noon luncheon	December
DR. PAUL SOPER, former international organizer for the Y. M. C. A. in Poland. Noon luncheon	December
DR. ARTHUR C. TWOMEY, member of the staff of Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa. Subject, "South America-Vagabondia," illustrated. Evening, Centennial Auditorium	December 27

1941

DR. FRANKLYN B. SNYDER, President of Northwestern University. Noon luncheon	January 8
COMMANDER DONALD B. MACMILLAN, famous Arctic Explorer. Subject, "Beyond the Arctic Circle," illustrated. Evening, Centennial Auditorium	January 22
LINCOLN MEMORIAL EXERCISES. Evening, High School Auditorium	February 11
DR. JOHN R. MOTT, world famous Y. M. C. A. and Missionary leader. Evening	February
PHILLIP W. PILLSBURY, President of the Pillsbury Flour Mills Company. Noon luncheon	February
RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER, Rabbi of the Temple, Cleveland, Ohio. Noon luncheon	March 17
KARL ROBINSON, traveler and adventurer. Subject, "Defrosting Alaska," illustrated. Evening, Centennial Auditorium	March 27
WILLIAM M. JEFFERS, President of the Union Pacific Railroad. Noon luncheon, or evening dinner	April
GORDON BENNETT, world traveler and adventurer. Subject, "Russia's Daghestan," illustrated. Evening, Centennial Auditorium	April 18
REV. ROY L. SMITH, D.D., former pastor of the First Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., now editor of the Christian Advocate. Noon luncheon	April 22
WINTHROP W. ALDRICH, Chairman of the Chase National Bank, New York City, N. Y. Noon luncheon	May
EDWARD J. ENGEL, President of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway. Noon luncheon	June

Noted Speakers Who Have Been the Guests of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club. Listed in Chronological Order.

Bishop William A. Quaye.
 William Jennings Bryan.
 General Alvaro Obregon, of Mexico.
 The Most Rev. John J. Glennon, Archbishop of St. Louis.
 Former President William Howard Taft.
 General Robert George Neville, of France.
 Former President Calvin Coolidge.
 General John J. Pershing.
 Dr. Henry Van Dyke.
 Former Premier M. Georges Clemenceau, of France.
 Former Premier David Lloyd George, of England.
 General Joseph Haller, of Poland.
 Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, of Norway.
 Israel Zangwill, of England.
 The Right Hon. Sir Esme W. Howard, former British Ambassador.
 His Eminence Michael, Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich.
 The Right Rev. A. F. Winnington Ingram, Bishop of London.
 Her Majesty Queen Marie of Rumania.
 Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.
 Former Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur.
 Rev. William A. Sunday.
 Dr. Frederick W. von Pritwitz, former German Ambassador.
 His Highness Sir Sayaji Rao III, Maharajah of Baroda, India.
 Postmaster General James A. Farley.
 Augusto Rosso, former Ambassador of Italy.
 Hiroshi Saito, former Ambassador of Japan.
 Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa, of Japan.
 Douglas P. (Wrong Way) Corrigan.
 Dr. Eduard Benes, former President of Czechoslovakia.
 His Royal Highness Crown Prince Olav of Norway.

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OF

Dinner Given in Honor of

L. W. BALDWIN

PRESIDENT OF THE MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD

And

H. J. HUMPHREY

VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Under the Auspices of

The Mid-Day Luncheon Club
of Springfield, Illinois

Friday Evening, May 24, 1940

6:30 o'clock

AT THE LELAND HOTEL

RHYME OF THE RAIL

*Singing through the forests,
Rattling over ridges;
Shooting under arches,
Rumbling over bridges;
Whizzing through the mountains,
Buzzing o'er the vale,—
Bless me! this is pleasant,
Riding on the rail!*

JOHN G. SAXE



Program

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Song—"America" - - - - - Samuel F. Smith
Audience

Invocation—The Most Reverend James A. Griffin, D.D., Bishop of Springfield
in Illinois

Dinner served

Music—Selected - - - - - The Cimco Octet
Harry J. Maher, Director; Miss Ann Tuczuk, Soloist; Mrs. Maher, Accompanist

Announcements by the Secretary, Elmer J. Kneale

Introduction of visiting Railroad Executives by W. C. Hurst, President of the
Chicago & Illinois Midland Railway, Chairman of the Reception Committee

Music—Selected - - - - - The Cimco Octet

Remarks and presentation of C. E. Denney, President of the Northern Pacific
Railway, as Chairman of the Evening, by Michael Eckstein, President of
the Mid-Day Luncheon Club

Address—"A Common Sense Transportation Policy" - L. W. Baldwin
President of the Missouri Pacific Railroad

Music—"The Maple Leaf Forever" - - - - - Alexander Muir
The Cimco Octet

Address—"Some Thoughts on Community of Interests of Two Nations"—
H. J. Humphrey, Vice President of the Canadian Pacific Railway

Adjournment

Railroad Executives

In Attendance at the Dinner



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Vice President of the Railway Express Agency

NOTE: The locomotive on the speaker's table is a model of the Lord Baltimore, which pulls the Ann Rutledge train of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. The handsome streamline train model in front of the speaker's table, is a replica of the Green Diamond train of the Illinois Central System.

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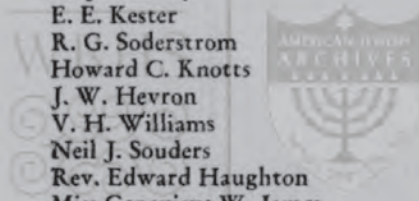
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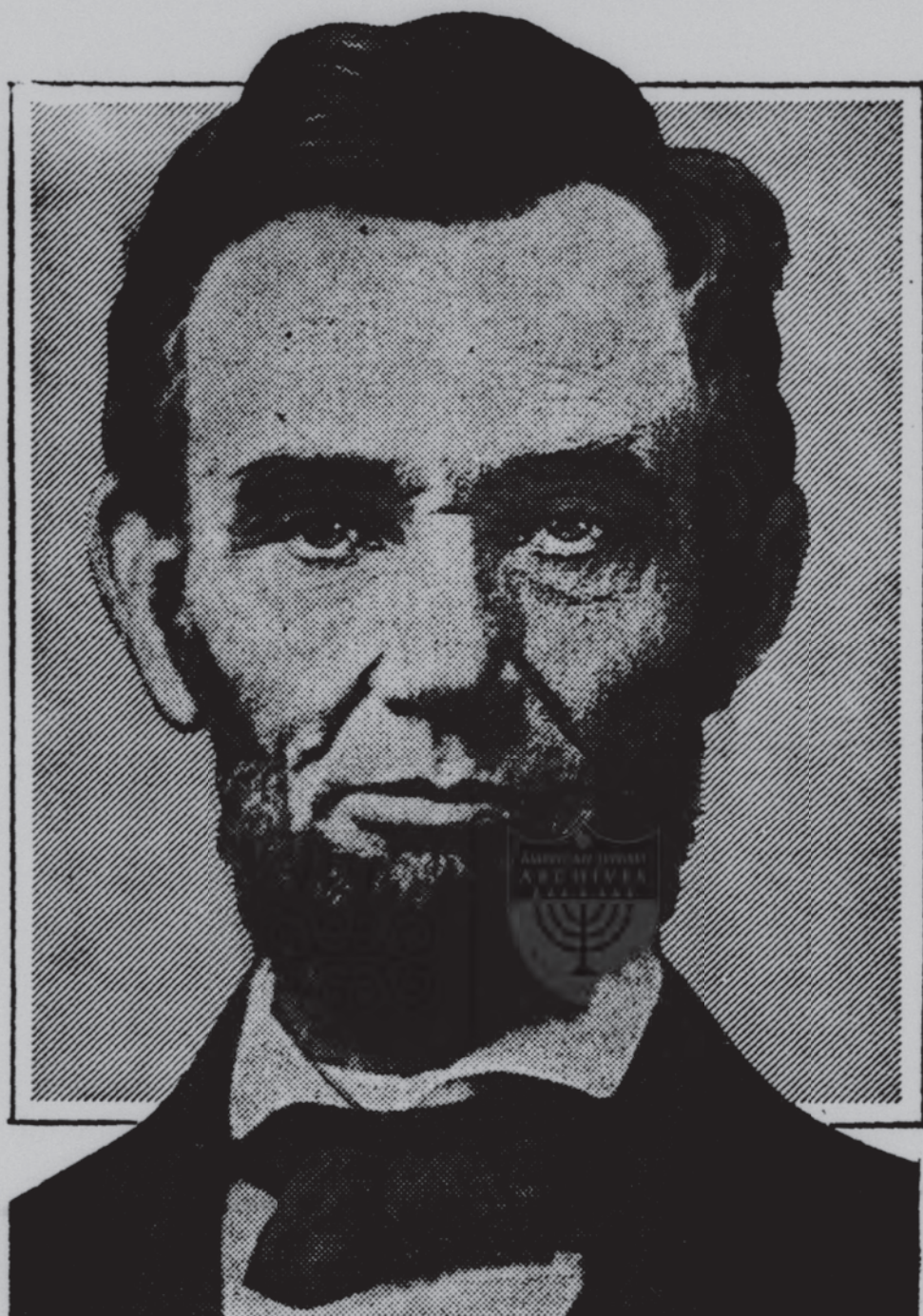
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PROGRAM OF EXERCISES

*Commemorating the One Hundred and Thirty-first Anniversary
Of the Birth of*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Under the Auspices of

**THE MID-DAY LUNCHEON CLUB
OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS**

Held in the High School Auditorium, Sunday Evening, February 11th, 1940,
At 8:00 o'clock

*"With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness
in the right—as God gives us to see the right—let us strive
on to finish the work we are in."* —ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Program

- Prelude—(a) "The Messiah" (Selection) *Handel*
 (b) "Danse des Mirlitans" *Tschaikowsky*
 (c) "Largo" (From the "New World Symphony") *Dvorak*
 The Springfield High School Orchestra Ensemble,
 Clarence F. Sauer, Conductor
- Bugle Call—"Ruffles and Flourishes"
 Buglers—Frank Perkins, Ralph Blalock
- March—"Hail Columbia" *Philip Phile*
 The Springfield High School Orchestra Ensemble
- Song—"The Star Spangled Banner" *Francis Scott Key*
 Audience
- Invocation—The Most Reverend James A. Griffin, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of
 Springfield in Illinois
- Remarks by Michael Eckstein, President of the Mid-Day Luncheon Club, and
 presentation of Chief Justice Francis S. Wilson, of the Illinois Supreme Court,
 as Chairman.
- Chorus—(a) "The Lord's Prayer" *Molliet*
 (b) "The Old Refrain" *Kreisler*
 The Cimco Octet, Harry J. Maher, Director;
 Mrs. Maher, Accompanist; Miss Ann Tuczkus, Soloist
- Address—"With Malice Toward None" The Honorable James A. Farley,
 Postmaster General of the United States
- Chorus—(a) "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" *Arranged by Bland*
 (b) "God Bless America" *Berlin*
 The Cimco Octet; Miss Tuczkus, Soloist
- Address—"Emancipators True and False" The Honorable Alf M. Landon,
 former Governor of Kansas
- Song—"America, the Beautiful" *Samuel G. Ward*
 Audience
- Address—"Forever President" The Reverend Oswald W. S. McCall, D.D.,
 Pastor of the New First Congregational Church, Chicago, Illinois
- Benediction—Rabbi H. Eliot Snyder, Rabbi of Temple B'rith Sholem
- Postlude—"Onward, Christian Soldiers" *Sullivan*
 The Springfield High School Orchestra Ensemble

NOTES: *The audience is requested to remain standing in their places, at the
close of the program, until the guests of honor retire from the platform.*

*The portrait of Lincoln in front of the Speaker's stand, has recently been
painted by Floyd Brackney, Lincoln, Illinois.*

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AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL.

Katharine Lee Bates.

(Tune—"MATERNA.")

Samuel A. Ward



1. O beau - ti - ful for spaci - ous skies, For am - ber waves of grain, For pur - ple mountain
 2. O beau - ti - ful for pil - grim feet Whose stern impassioned stress A thor - ough - fare for
 3. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved In lib - er - a - ting strife, Who more than self their
 4. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream That sees be - yond the years Thine al - a - has - ter

maj - es - ties A - bove the fruit - ed plain. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God
 free - dom beat A - cross the wil - der - ness. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God
 coun - try loved, And mer - cy more than life. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May
 cit - ies gleam Undimmed by hu - man tears. A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God

shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with broth - er - hood From sea to shin - ing sea.
 mend thine ev - 'ry flaw, Con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, Thy lib - er - ty in law.
 God thy gold re - fine Till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness And ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
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September 18, 1940

Mr. Elmer J. Kneale, Secretary
Mid-Day Luncheon Club
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My dear Mr. Kneale:

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of September 16 and for the invitation which you extend to me to address the Mid-Day Luncheon Club. I recall with great pleasure my last visit to your Organization. I would like to come to you again this year. However, the months of April and May are going to be very crowded for me. In all probability I shall be on the Pacific Coast in connection with campaigns for overseas relief. I am wondering whether a day in March would be convenient for your Organization. I am to be at Purdue University on March 16, and I could come to you the following day, March 17.

I shall be very happy to hear from you.
With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, D. D.,
The Temple,
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Doctor Silver:

I received your letter of September 18th, and we are pleased to know that you can come to Springfield as the guest of the Mid-day Luncheon Club in March, 1941. We will be pleased to arrange for your coming on Monday, March 17th, at which time we will give a noon luncheon in your honor.

I will write you before this time, to ascertain the subject of your address here, and to learn the time of your arrival in Springfield.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.

January 29, 1941

Mr. Elmer J. Kneale, Secretary
Mid-Day Luncheon Club
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Friend:

I am compelled to go to the Pacific Coast during the month of March in connection with campaigns for over-seas relief, and I must cancel all the engagements which I have made for that month. I regret deeply that it will not be possible for me to come to you on Monday, March 17. I have also had to cancel my visit to Purdue University which was scheduled for the 16th. I trust that I have not inconvenienced you greatly, and I do hope that at some future time I may be of service to you.

With all good wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

AHS:BK

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Rabbi Abba Hilliel Silver,
The Temple,
East 105th street at Ansel Road,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Rabbi Silver:

I received your letter of January 29th, advising that a change in your plans for March will make it impossible for you to be with us in Springfield as the guest of the Mid-day Luncheon Club on March 17th. We greatly regret that circumstances will not permit your being here, but we will hope that at another time you can come to Springfield.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very sincerely,

Elmer J. Kneale
Secretary.