Mr. Lincoln's Finest Day

THE RIDE EAST

arrived too late for

Christmas, Unbeat-

(First of series of four) | vided nation of people

In our memory, the month of February has always been east, let's set the scene for effect. After 1752, when the Let's think about that for ship to Mr. Lincoln? a month in which we Ameri- Mr. Lincoln's Finest Day. cans honor two great Presi-

a -hundred years ago, per nate him. haps no man alive honored George Washington in his heart more than did Abraham Lincoln.

The fact that Mr. Lincoln did honor the memory of George Washington, and did revere the principles upon which this nation is founded; enabled Mr. Lincoln to pursue and to achieve the objectives for which we honor him today.

Also, the reverence Mr. Lincoln held in his heart for Washington, and the United States of America which George Washington helped to create, brought about "Mr. Lincoln's Finest Day."

To tell the story of Mr. Lincoln's Finest Day, let's go back to Feb. 11, 1861, the day that Mr. Lincoln leaves Springfield, Illinois, to go to Washington and to assume the Presidency of the United

FRIENDS PASS BY

It is seven thirty in the morning. We see Mr. Lincoln standing in the waiting room of the railway station. Friends are passing by, and taking Mr. Lincoln's hand in simple parting.

Mr. Lincoln's face is pale. and reflects the emotion he feels at this parting. He is almost unable to utter a single word as his friends pass

At eight o'clock precisely, Mr. Lincoln is escorted to the railway cars. He takes his stand on the platform of the rear car, removes his hat and, while the people stand with bared heads, in silence, Mr. Lincoln speaks these words:

"My friends, no one, not in my situation, can appreclate my feeling of sadness at this parting. To this place, and the kindness of its peo-

ple, I owe everything "Here I have lived a quarter of a century, and have passed from a young man to an old man, Here my children have been born, and

one is buried. HIS VOICE BREAKS

"I now — I now leave," nd Mr. Lincoln's voice breaks, "not knowing when, or whether ever, I may return, with a task before me greater than that which rested upon Washington.

"Without the assistance of that Divine Being Who ever attended Washington, I cannot succeed. With that assistance, I cannot fail. Trusting in Him. Who can go with me, and remain with you, and be everywhere for good, let us confidently hope that all will yet be well.

"To His care commending you, as I hope in your prayers, you will commend me, I bid you and affectionate

As Mr. Lincoln nears the conclusion of his remarks. he and his audience are moved to tears. His exhortation to pray for hibrings choked cries ot: "We will do it- We will do it

The people give three cheers as Mr. Lincoln turns to enter the car. A few seconds after he disappears, the train moves slowly out of the station, and out of the sight of Mr. Lincoln's friends and neighbors.

And in the mind, the heart, and the determination of a lone mortal human being on that train rests the distiny of a confused and di-

Peninsula **GOP Plans Active Year**

The newly-elected board of the Peninsula Republican Men's Club says that 1963 probably will be a more active year for the club than

President Lou Cockley said "the road to victory in '64 for the GOP must be paved in '63. Our club calls upon every male Republican in the greater Peninsula area to join the club and to participate in the 1963 program." Cockley said the club is made up of a wide range

of political opinion. Those desiring to join the club should contact any of the board members, all of whom live in the greater Peninsula area, Bryan Hardwick is vice-president.

Now, as Mr. Lincoln rides the Julian calendar then in ington's birthdate.

British government adpted a second. coln leaves home, and the on Feb. 22.

It is significant that there his home for Washington, are two Washington's birth-D.C., on Feb. 11, the old days involved in Mr. Lin-Washington's birth date, imagination, let's suppose 22, George Washington's naturally would appear to knowing that he was to ap- that we were born on Feb. birthday. George Washington was pear at Independence Hall 13. Would we — as children What day would we coln's, if only because Mr. raise money to buy addition-

dents. But, this fact has not eleven days after Mr. Lin- Washington's birthday falls a boy that George Washing- President of the United Lincoln's?

LET'S SUPPOSE

the nation, after a visit to Mr. Lincoln's?

born on Feb. 11, 1732, under on Feb. 22, the new Wash- - down deep in our hearts, choose to leave for Indepen- Lincoln had borne his suc- al equipment for Troop 248 have felt a close relation-dence Hall, and Washington, cessfully, while you still of the Boy Scouts will be hip to Mr. Lincoln?

And then, suppose, at the choose? Feb. 13, your own

D.C.? What day would you have yours to meet.

Yes, it is only natural that held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spero, 4206 Tormore, Ryld at 8 p.m. Satur.

That day is Feb. 22, 1861, the Gregorian calendar, Mr. Lincoln found out as age of 51, we are elected birthday? Or, Feb. 12, Mr. as Mr. Lincoln leaves rance Byld., at 8 p.m. Satur-

be greater than Mr. Lin- A valentine card party to

ton's actual birthdate was States, and we are to sit in Who would be uppermost Washington's actual birth- the game.

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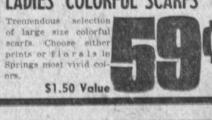
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