LINCOLN DAY ADDRESS - 1941

I. INTRODUCTION.
   b. Jackson - birthplace of GOP.
   d. Glad to be here - TUNNEL.
   e. At home - CHAPLAINS.
   f. Large attendance - SING SING.
   g. Shop talk - INSANE MAN - DON'T TALK SHOP ON SUNDAY.
      -WHY MULES HAVE COLIC

II. ANXIOUS DAYS.
   a. Seeking direction - PROFESSOR WITHOUT TICKET. MUST KNOW
      WHERE I AM GOING.
      KENTUCKY JUDGE.
   b. Nations tumble - Instability - Toms toms - war fever
   c. What a world we live in - OLD LADY IN WASHINGTON
Wordsworth- Milton- SHOULDEST BE LIVING AT THIS HOUR.

III. AFFLICTION TAKES PRESENT TO PAST
   a. For comfort- for wisdom- inspiration- hope- faith.
   b. We go back to him- Lincoln

IV. GROWTH AND PERSISTENCE OF LINCOLN.
   a. He lives- Being DEAD YET SPEAKETH.
   b. He grows - 1,639,000 in 1940; 700,000 more than Wash.
   c. Reasons - "He taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes." Matt 7:29
   d. His authority derived from living truth.
      2. Human- ungainly, clumsy, homely.
      3. Failure- unending - so many of us fail- Identity
      4. Fixity of purpose- Chicago convention "Authorize no bargains and will be bound by none."
5. Villification-Spot resolutions, Abolitionists, Conservatives, Greeley
6. Temperateness-Have Stanton in Cabinet
7. Low contemporary estimate-Barber- Shave that hayseed upstairs who thinks he is going to be Pres.
8. Conscious of destiny- David Davis-Why not run me. Can be nominated, elected, and can run Gov't.
9. Conscious he must wage war- Elected Nov. 1860- SC secedes Dec. 1860-10 more before inauguration
10. Aloneness -
11. Prayer and faith-Sickles- Before Gettysburg "I went to my room got down on knees in prayer. Never before had I prayed with so much earnestness. I felt I must put my trust in Almighty God. No misgivings."
12. Escape thro humor -
   (a) Preachers- not often that one is fav. with a delegation direct from Almighty God.
   (b) Greenbacks-Inscription like In God We Trust
Peter to John "Silver and gold have I none but such as I have I give thee."

(c) Up our way believe Union will be saved by God and Lincoln. More than half right.

e. A Presence in troubled hour, he speaks with authority of living truth and we are privileged to partake of his wisdom, beneficence and grace.

V. TIME TO EMULATE HIS COURAGE AND RESOLUTION.

a. Hope College—early train—campus—quandary—young men and women—Chapel—think of Lincoln—banner—Joshua 1:9 "Have I not commanded thee. Be strong and of good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed for the Lord thy God is with thee wheresoever thou goest." CHAPEL. Paryer. The scripture. That passage since founding of college.

b. In that spirit—we approach our tasks today.
VI. OUR PRESENT PROBLEM.
   a. Gettysburg - Nov. 19, 1863 - crisp - no amplifiers - Edward Everett - Lincoln - 271 words - "Won't scour" -
   b. Problems of moment - editorial snipers - desertions - public credit, England and France waiting to move to aid the Confederacy - poor Generals - Battle in July 18630
   c. The Challenge - "WHETHER A NATION SO CONCEIVED AND SO DEDICATED CAN LONG ENDURE."

VII. THE ECHO OF THE PRESENT.
   a. Cutting lectures - Can Democracy survive.
   b. Kennedy - Democracy is finished in Great Britain.
   c. Dictators - Democ. is an inefficient government.
   d. Party platforms - To aid the democracies.
   e. Since World War - at least 20 have succumbed.
   f. Spain - Short lived republic.
   g. HR 1776 - to aid democracies and in so doing, surrendering our own. DILEMMA OF AMERICA TODAY.
VIII. FAIR QUESTION - CAN IT ENDURE?
a. March 4, 1939-birthday-three branches-pattern endured made great nation-Wash. Mad-Jeff-Jackson-Lincoln Ohio-McKinley, Garfield, Grant, Hayes, Harrison, Harding Longworth who helped preserve it. WILL THERE BE ANOTHER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION?
b. Take it for granted-Poland, Norway, France,-Take continuity for granted-lush life brings indifference-leeched away so subtly and little at a time-record of last 8 years-task for each generation to preserve.

IX. WHAT IS THE MENACE TO OUR DEMOCRACY?
a. FROM WITHOUT
   1. World War-devastation, exhaustion, debt, bitterness despair "When after many battles past Both, tired with blows make peace at last What is it after all the people get Why, taxes, widows, wooden legs and debt.
e. Truth—living truth—INSURANCE POLICY.
f. Prayer —