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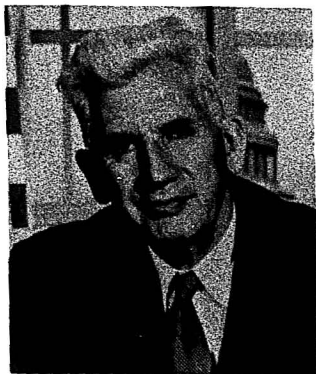
Dr. Avar Fairbanks, sculptor

Dedicated July 4, 1959

Lincoln Circle, Berwyn, Ill.

Cast in bronze, the statue stands 13 feet high. It is the first major statue of Lincoln to stand in a Chicago suburb and is the sixth in the Chicago area.

The inscription on the statue is a quotation from a letter by Abraham Lincoln, "The better part of one's life consists of his friendships," emphasizing our 16th President's warm interest in the life of the community, and especially in the children of the community.



Sen. Paul H. Douglas



Dr. Avard Fairbanks



Dr. Ralph Newman

Senator Paul H. Douglas Delivered the dedication speech commemorating the 150th anniversary of Lincoln's birth.

Dr. Avard Fairbanks World famous sculptor and professor at the University of Utah, Dr. Fairbanks also executed the 36-inch white Italian marble bust of Lincoln in our lobby. He is noted for his many Lincoln works, including the statue now at New Salem State Park; his famous "Lincoln, the Frontiersman" erected at the Ewa Plantation School in Hawaii; and his other famous Chicago statue, "The Chicago Lincoln," which was unveiled in 1956.

Dr. Ralph G. Newman Lincoln scholar and owner of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop, Dr. Newman serves as historical consultant to Lincoln Federal, directs our exhibits of Lincoln documents, and advises the institution on our public affairs program.

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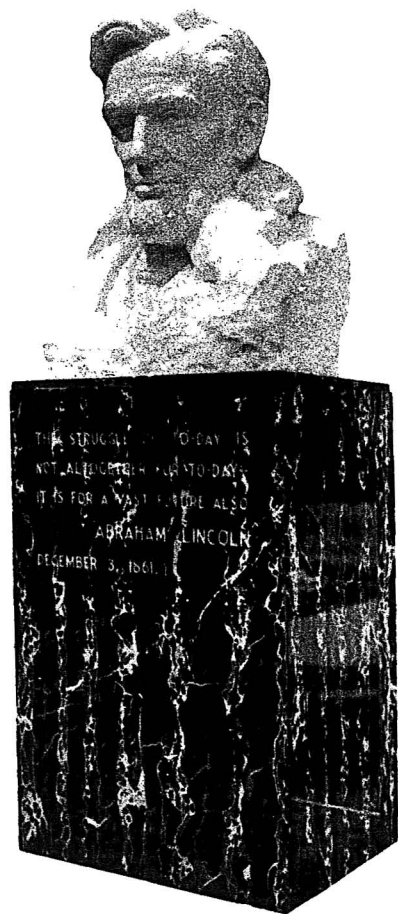
"THE FRIENDLY LINCOLN"

As a tribute to the 16th President of the United States, the Board of Directors of Lincoln Federal decided to erect a major statue to their namesake, Abraham Lincoln. They wanted to create a landmark that would symbolize the dedication of the Association to the life and principles of Illinois' greatest son.

Abraham Lincoln has been depicted on canvas and in bronze and marble as "The Emancipator," "The President," "The Railsplitter." The Directors felt that a statue of Lincoln as a friendly neighbor would best reflect their own attitude and the spirit of the community.

Frank J. Kinst, president of Lincoln Federal, consulted Ralph Newman, who recommended Dr. Avarad Fairbanks, sculptor of several famous Lincoln statues. Dr. Fairbanks liked the idea of "The Friendly Lincoln" and now, after two years of work, the statue is completed.





“THE ENDURING LINCOLN”

In the lobby of Lincoln Federal, at the entrance, stands the white marble bust of Abraham Lincoln called “The Enduring Lincoln” by Avard Fairbanks.

Abraham Lincoln’s concern for the future is reflected in the quotation on the marble pedestal, “The struggle of today is not altogether for today — it is for a vast future also.” The spirit of “The Enduring Lincoln” reflects Lincoln Federal’s philosophy about the future — that it is today’s efforts that will assure a secure tomorrow.