

In an article sent me by Garrett Newkirk, called "Baptized by Lincoln," he gives a vivid description of a boy's impressions of one of the Lincoln speeches in the course of the Lincoln and Douglas debates.

This was at Toulon, county seat of Stark county. He describes how they were up and had their chores done by sunrise and drove in a farm wagon, with a seat rack over the wheels, along with a band of which his father was a member. Delegations from the country towns joined them as they drove along.

Mr. Lincoln was to speak at the fair ground. He arrived in a low barouche, the top back, drawn by a pair of two-year old steers, trained to drive in harness. He carriage rocked so under the gait of the steers that Mr. Lincoln could not stand to greet the crowd as was his custom, without losing his balance. He made the circuit of the track in order that the crowd might see him.

Newkirk, being a boy at the time, worked his way through the crowd, to a position just before the platform where he could hear everything. He describes his impressions of the speaker, his towering height, his straightness when he stood erect, his long arms, his limbs that bent like a huge jack-knife. He said he had the feeling that he was the most dead

knife. He said he had the feeling that he was the most dead earnest man he had ever met, that he meant every word, knew what he was talking about, and was so honest that he would not think of deceiving.

Mr. Newkirk entitles his article, "Baptized by Lincoln." I could not imagine what he meant. I have written him that I thought the title is not permissible. He says that when speaking, Lincoln's salivary glands were so active that "with his words

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there came a veritable shower." The boy, being directly below him, received so much of this on his face that he was obliged to protect it as he could with his bandana. He declares that at this meeting he was, in a spiritual sense, baptized with the spirit of Lincoln.