

The Courier Roots

On February 1, 1856 the Lincoln Herald was established and has remained a permanent factor in Logan County's life continuing until this day as The Courier. The founders of this publication were two young men, James D. Moudy and George W. Fuller, who came to the growing and soon to become county seat town of Lincoln and considered it a fruitful field for a weekly newspaper. They procured an office from Erastus Wright, near the corner of Fifth and Logan Sts. where they set up their plant and got out their first issue. After conducting the paper about four weeks, they found themselves out of funds and disposed of the office and fixtures to Joseph Reed and E.S. Austin, who jointly conducted the paper under the name of the Illinois Citizen, until May 1, 1856, when Austin retired from the management and Reed became sole proprietor. Upon the nomination of John C. Fremont for President of the United States, in the summer of 1856, the name of the paper was again changed to that of the Fremont Herald. After Fremont's defeat, in the fall of that year, the word "Fremont" was dropped from the heading of the paper, the word "Lincoln" was inserted instead and the name Lincoln Herald adopted. The paper has been issued as a daily since 1902, when the Daily News was combined with it under the management of Morris Emmerson.

Shortly after the establishment of the Lincoln Herald in 1856, a democratic paper was established in Lincoln, under the name of the Logan County Democrat. A stock company, under the management of Simmons & Beasly, until 1864, issued it when it was sold to Samuel Johnson, who changed the name to the Logan County Courier. In 1865 or 1866, J. C. Webster, who was then the owner of the Lincoln Herald bought out the Courier and discontinued the same. Other branches in our genealogy included the News, founded in 1878; the Times, founded in 1879; Courier, 1889; News-Herald, 1902; Courier-Herald, 1914. In 1927 the Courier purchased the Lincoln Evening Star, which had been founded in 1911, and which had previously absorbed the Popular Review, founded in 1898 as the Volksblatt-Rundschau.

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I.O.O.F Building Former Home of The Evening Courier

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In 1918, Carpenter and Company, a national advertising firm purchased the Courier-Herald publishing company, which also published weekly and semi-weekly newspapers.

The Lincoln Evening Courier name was established in 1923. Following the death of Willard E. Carpenter, his widow Allyne V. Carpenter became publisher. When she and John L. Nugent were married, the couple became co-publishers and leaders in the Lincoln-Logan County community.

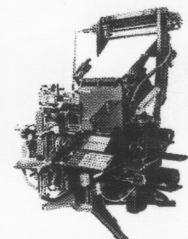
The paper was headquartered in the former Knights of Columbus building at 117 N. Kickapoo St. The newspaper was then located for a time on the first floor and in the basement of the I.O.O.F. building, 112 S. McLean St. In the fall of 1939, the publishing company moved into the newly remodeled headquarters at the corner of McLean and Pulaski Sts. where The Courier still headquarters. Mrs. Nugent

was instrumental in the design and layout of the building. Some of the fixtures and wood were from the Lincoln National Bank, which had been closed. The Courier Crest over the entrance door of The Courier is of composite selection because of the significance of each unit. The tower represents fortified and lasting protection. The mailed fist represents the human might to fight for what is right. The arrow represents enlightened and unswerving purpose. It was chosen and adopted as a symbol of the move from rented quarters to quarters of our own. It is an expression of our faith and trust in Lincoln as a community for home and business and the motto "Decrevimus" - "We have declared" - pledges all of us to live up to its significance.

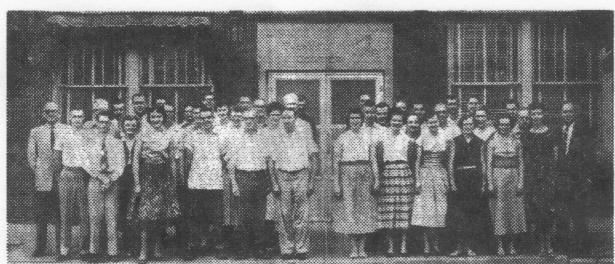
Andrew McGalliard was editor from 1866 to 1872. Brainard C. Snider became the paper's editor in 1915 after joining the staff as City editor in 1912. Kenneth Goodrich joined the paper in January 1945 and retired as managing editor 28 years later. William Martinie, who had been the Courier's sports editor for 12 years, was named managing editor Feb. 1, 1974.

The Centralia Sentinel purchased the Courier-Herald Company July 1, 1968. At the time the Logan County Publishing Company was formed and James L. Fetgatter was named publisher. The newspaper's name was changed to The Lincoln Courier.

In January of 1986, The Lincoln Courier was bought by Copley Press, Inc. The paper's name was changed again, to The Courier and our publisher is now Pat Coburn, our editor is Jeff Nelson.



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Employees of The Evening Courier at the time of Lincoln's Centennial

