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Colonel Roosevelt in Action at Lodi, New Jersey, May 23, 1912

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HON. MARSHALL VAN WINKLE First President of the Roosevelt Association 1919

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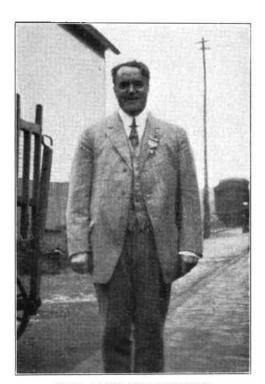
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The Roosevelt Association of Jersey City

THEODORE ROOSEVELT'S veneration for Abraham Lincoln was one of the passions of his life; and so it was singularly appropriate that the movement to publicly perpetuate the memory of Roosevelt on the part of the people of Jersey City originated in the councils of our own time-honored Lincoln Association. Mr. Roosevelt's death occurred January 6, 1919; five days later, a committee that was then at work on the annual Lincoln celebration, Robert A. Alberts, Hon. Marshall Van Winkle, Clarence M. Owens, Dr. G. K. Dickinson and W. H. Richardson, was in session at Mr. Alberts' residence. The founding of a similar organization designed for the purpose of translating Theodore Roosevelt into our own citzenship was propounded by Mr. Alberts.

So far as we know, our Lincoln Association was the first in the country to recognize the historic and idealistic value of such an organization with the character of Abraham Lincoln as its background; we believed when the Roosevelt Association was proposed, on January 11, 1919, that we were the first to enter into a similar patriotic compact to reverently remember Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Henry A. Wise Wood, Vice-President of the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association, courteously advises us that while her husband was attending Col. Roosevelt's funeral on January 9th, 1919, she and Mrs. Wm. Curtiss Demarest were telephoning friends to enlist them in that organization. It is a pleasure to yield our claim for priority into the hands of so capable and energetic a group of splendid and purposeful women.

At the time, Mr. Alberts was president of the Lincoln Association and deeply involved with the details of our approaching annual dinner, an affair which has become one of the historic celebrations of the city. Another impetus was given to the progress of the new organization during a meeting of the Bergen Lodge Realty Company, February 11, 1919, when the following were present: George E. Bailey, Thos. H. Hall, Howard B. Jackson, Richard A. Lawless, Edward H. Leetch, Wilbur E. Mallalieu, Theodore F. Merseles, Donald J. Sargent, Chas. L. Simpson, Dr. Henry Spence, Chas. V. Tuthill and Geo. C. Warren, Jr. The matter was brought up by Mr. Warren, and Messrs. Warren, Hall and Mallalieu were appointed a committee to carry on the project and on



HON. JAMES W. McCARTHY Second President of the Roosevelt Association 1920

Photographed by Edgar B. Bacon on the way to the Chicago Convention, June 16, 1912 the following evening, at the Lincoln Association's dinner, signatures to the new Roosevelt Association were secured.

It would have done Theodore Roosevelt's heart good if he could have visualized the cordiality, the spontaneity of the whole thing! The Constitution of the new organization is almost identical with that of the older organization; a large majority of its charter members were Lincoln members; the officiate and directorate of both are hopelessly interlocked.

The following officiate of the Roosevelt Association was subsequently elected: President, Hon. Marshall Van Winkle; first vice-president, Hon. James W. McCarthy; second vice-president, Geo. C. Warren, Jr.; secretary, Robert A. Alberts; treasurer, Wallace M. Cosgrove; historian, Wm. H. Richardson. Executive Committee: Wilbur E. Mallalieu, Thomas H. Hall, Dr. Henry Spence, Thomas J. Stewart, Rev. Harry L. Everett, Col. Geo. T. Vickers, Charles Lee Meyers; chaplain, Rev. Willard P. Soper.

The first formal tribute to the memory of Theodore Roosevelt by the Roosevelt Association was paid at the dinner on October 27, 1919. Upwards of two hundred guests were present. Mr. Van Winkle presided at the function with characteristic dignity and capability and in his address he emphasized the public utterances of Mr. Roosevelt as applicable to so many of the vexing questions of the day. Lawrence F. Abbott, president of the Outlook Company, in his address reviewed, to the unqualified delight and interest of his hearers, many of the events in Mr. Roosevelt's life that had come under his personal knowledge and observation. Hon. George M. Young, M.C. from North Dakota, who had known Mr. Roosevelt in his Western life, also addressed the gathering. The musical arrangements of the evening were conducted by Joseph Hough's orchestra.

The officers of the Association for 1920 were as follows: President, Hon. James W. McCarthy; first vice-president, Geo. C. Warren, Jr.; second vice-president, Robert A. Alberts; treasurer, Wallace M. Cosgrove; secretary-historian, Wm. H. Richardson. Executive Committee: Wilbur E. Mallalieu, Thomas J. Stewart, Dr. Gordon K. Dickinson, Rev. Harry L. Everett, Charles Lee Meyers, Hon. Marshall Van Winkle, John Walden King, Clarence M. Owens. Special Speakers and Entertainment Committee: Robert A. Alberts, Dr. Harold A. Koonz, Dr. Walter A. Sherwood, Charles Crawford Wilson.

The gentlemen named above conducted the second annual dinner of the Association, on Wednesday evening, October 27, 1920, at the Carteret Club. The speakers of the evening were Carl E. Akeley,



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Third President of the Roosevelt Association 1921