No birthday parties for Abe and George?

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Now that school has been re-scheduled to meet on Washington's Birthday next Monday, it seems appropriate to remember George Washington's country's first President. By coincidence, the same holds for Abe Lincoln, whose birthday last week was forgotten by MIT as well as by everyone else.

Little George Washington was an unusual child. While normal children: Lu'l regular birthdays each year, Poor George had his on the fourth Monday of February. While other colonial youngsters were quite adept at fibbing to their parents to insure their innocence, little George had to admit to his intoxication: "I cannot tell a lie." After getting tired of surveying, young George decided on a military career. First, as a colonel in a Virginia regiment, he proceeded to get his charges and himself nearly scalped by Indians in the French and Indian War.

Deciding he'd rather fight the British, he agreed to command the Revolutionary Army.

Everything was going fine until one fall while George was trying to recruit some Pennsylvania Dutch (how could he have known that they spoke German?). Winter set in quickly and his soldiers were stuck in Valley Forge. The troops badly needed shoes and coats, but all Martha W. could offer were chocolate chip cookies.

After winning the war, George took a breather back home in Virginia, but soon he was called upon to serve his country. George said reasonably: "I'm no waiter," and became the first President. George took the title Mr. President presumably because there already was a King George, but more likely because he could see what a mess this country would be in if Richard Nixon was a king.

George's office was busy one, as he occupied himself by roaming around the country naming cities and states after himself and procuring his portrait on the dollar bill. He died peacefully.

Honest Abe Lincoln was a born President. He even succeeded in living. Though he was not much of a scholar before his death so that each of these three could claim some historical showplace.

Some of young Abe's actions have made it pretty difficult on our generation. Abe had to walk ten miles to school each day in the driving snow, even in the summer, just so our parents

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