

Whirled around

One of the untarnished joys of living in Halton Hills is to sit out in one's backyard or a park and enjoy an environment relatively pollution free.

That is, until helicopters start whirling around, menacing the skies like a scene from a Viet Nam war movie.

Thanks to an unsuccessful promotional bid by a helicopter company, flights won't be landing in the Guelph Street and Mountainview Road area.

Recently the steady hum of a sight-seeing helicopter could be heard from a number of households. Noise complaints have been received on the matter.

We're happy about the departure of the helicopter company. If we had wanted an airport in our backyard we all could have moved to Malton.

Outdoor adventure?

How do you explain the recent popularity of an "outdoor adventure" game being played in two locations near Acton? Is it fun or folly?

When a group of men or women get together to play a game using toy guns that shoot red-dye bullets around fields and woods, it's hard not to grin and wonder what is happening to our society.

So complacent in our peace-loving society, ordinary folk in countries like Canada and the United States must invent enemies at home, rekindling memories of childhood games with backyard neighbors.

These "war games" should make us appreciate that our citizens are not having to undertake compulsory military service and can sleep soundly knowing terrorists have yet to infiltrate our borders.

The popularity of the game is much like Canada Wonderland's new rafting ride which provides all the thrills and chills, without the danger. Are we seeing a trend where each of us reach out for a chance to add an extra bit of excitement to our lives, far away from boring jobs and drudgery.

Are there inherent dangers in playing a war game that's so uncompromising in real-life? We think not. Hopefully participants who are willing to pay \$35 to shoot one another will stop and reflect after a physically invigorating day in the woods about how lucky they are to be not playing for keeps.

Unwanted species

Impaired driving has become a major concern among Canadians. It's a wonder that a group has not come forward in Halton Hills to spread the word about the evils of drinking and driving.

In 1981 impaired driving convictions numbered 158,000 and it is estimated that alcohol is a contributing factor in 50 per cent of all fatal traffic accidents.

Last year Milton residents established an ADD (Against Drunk Driving) branch, showing their concern for: stiffer penalties, a change in the acceptable blood/alcohol level, mandatory rehabilitation programs and a ban on lifestyle ads.

Too many Canadians are willing to risk human life because they think they won't get caught or they believe they can't cause an accident.

We need to do more to educate people that impaired drivers are an unwanted species.

What others say New Health Act

Canada's new Health Act may not be the cure the doctor ordered but it will help solidify a medicare system that has showed signs of erosion.

In the works for years, recent approval of the Act not only represented a personal victory for federal health minister Monique Bégin but also forced provinces to come to grips with the issue of extra-billing.

In short, the public wins and doctors lose.

The Act's most potent clause will be evident July 1 when extra billing becomes illegal.

Any province that continues to sanction extra charges stand to lose where it hurts most - the pocketbook.

A provision in the Act allows a penalty to be imposed that could get very expensive.

The new Act confirms that health and medical care is a basic human right, whose cost is shared by the community and not a market commodity whose costs should be paid by the user.

—Courtesy Brampton Times

MPP seeks apology for 'personal attack'

EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was sent to The Herald for publication:

Mrs. Gail Rutherford, c-o Citizens Against Violent Pornography, Georgetown, Ontario

Dear Mrs. Rutherford: A report in this week's "Georgetown Independent" on the front page indicates that you told a public gathering convened to discuss the subject of pornography that I was more concerned about the abuse of animals in film and video than I was in the exploitation of children.

If the report contained in the Independent is inaccurate in any way, I would respectfully request that you issue a correcting statement. If on the other hand the report is true, I would ask you to produce the evidence supporting it and, failing your ability to do that, I would expect a public retraction.

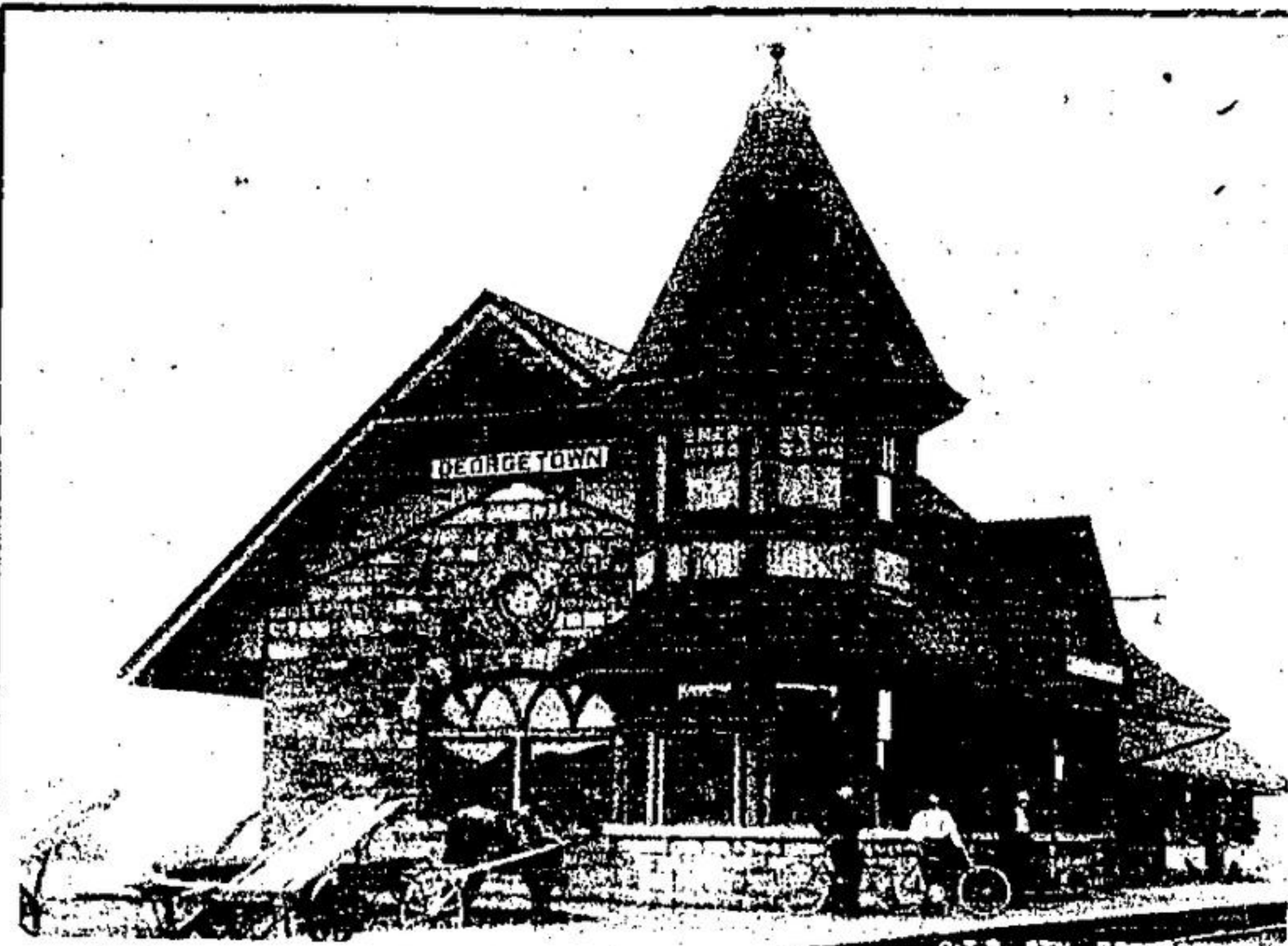
I realize that you find yourself at the hub of a highly sensitive and controversial issue and I can also appreciate that the excitement of the moment may cause one in such a political

situation to say or suggest things that may not be entirely accurate, however, I cannot let a personal attack on my credibility go unchallenged.

We may agree to disagree on the subject matter, but I would suggest to you that neither your cause nor your credibility is enhanced by the dissemination of false charges against another individual.

I trust you will see fit to do the right thing in this matter.

Sincerely,
Julian Reed, M.P.P.
Halton-Burlington



The book "Meet Me at the Station" is a nostalgic look at the steam era, which includes information about the Georgetown train station and the bridge running across the Credit River just outside of town.

Book review

That long lonesome wail of a steam train whistle

By PAUL TAYLOR
Herald publisher

The long, lonesome wail of the steam-train whistle was once a familiar sound in the lives of many Canadians. The town railway station was an integral part of community life.

For it was there the townsfolk gathered on election night to hear the results fresh off the telegraph. It was to the station they ambled to discuss local gossip or to sit and see who was coming to town.

In "Meet Me At The Station", author Elizabeth Willmot recaptures an important part of the Canadian past. The elegance and graciousness of many railway stations comes alive for us in her photographs enhanced by a text containing countless railway yarns.

The book, covering Streetsville, Milton, Brampton, Fergus, Hillsburg,

Orangeville, Georgetown, plus countless more communities will be of particular interest to Halton readers.

It was in 1857 that the Hamilton and Northwestern Railway Company completed its northern extension which ran through Hungry Hollow (now Georgetown).

Georgetown has always been proud of its railway bridge which was built by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1857. This 768 foot-long bridge was supported on limestone piers, 112 feet in height. It was completed at a cost of \$500,000, and for more than 120 years it has carried all the rail traffic passing into the town.

The Grand Trunk built their Georgetown railway station with the same custome which was used in their bridge. Quarries at the nearby village of Limehouse provided the stone which imparts a feeling of strength and great character to this handsome station.

The text continues, describing many countless local happenings, including the story of a young local couple during their early 1900s courtship days, who, separated by several miles, made nightly visits via the local way-freight.

An accommodating engineer giving a few warning toots on the whistle, giving the youth just enough time to streak through the screen door, hop the fence and catch the caboose ralling.

Georgetown's railway station still in use today provides commuter service to Toronto. Although many changes have taken place in its function and design, it still represents a fine example of Ontario railway architecture.

Meet Me At The Station will provide hours of enjoyable reading; recounting memories, a little mystery and adventure and countless yarns.

Newsroom notebook

Words lost in translation



Editor's notebook

By DAVE ROWNEY

Recent incidents concerning some local politicians reminds me of a kindly old man in school once who taught me semantics: the meaning of language.

How we interpret others or misinterpret others is readily illustrated by comments made by town councillor Mike Armstrong and MPP Julian Reed.

Coun. Armstrong was recently talking in general terms about the town and the Croatian Centre near Norval at a private meeting. His remarks were interpreted as meaning he had given the Croatians a green light for further development. Was he not careful enough with his words? Were the reporters present not fair with his comments? The issue also conjures up memories of John Turner's earlier miscues on his campaign. It's all a matter of how we interpret what another man says.

The case with Julian Reed is outlined elsewhere on this page in a letter to the editor about his feelings on pornography. He was put in a position of having to clarify comments he had made that were, I believe, honestly misunderstood by Gail Rutherford.

With all due respect to Mrs. Rutherford and her cause, which I have a great amount of sympathy for, her remarks as quoted in another local paper were unfair to Mr. Reed.

By coincidence I happened to be at the strawberry social last summer talking to both parties when the discussion on pornography was taking place.

Incidents like these make us realize how vulnerable politicians can be. It's part of public life they all accept.

New man at The Herald

Robin Bakewell is our new man at The Herald, replacing Chris Angard who was promoted to our sister paper in Cambridge.

Robin is a Sheridan College graduate who is quickly impressing us all with his enthusiasm and his ability to join the slog-a-day routine of a report-

er. Last week he was treated to some fun assignments after a few weeks of mundane re-writes.

You'll soon see features by Robin on his experiences riding in a police cruiser for an afternoon and 'riding the rails' with 10 year veteran G Train

Loyalists' Association of Canada, "Loyal She Remains" is a widely acclaimed book about Ontario's history, complete with 1,000 illustrations and pictures.

The book looks terrific, so if you're in the bicentennial spirit, you might want to call Dee at 877-5027.

Loyal She Remains is already a best seller although it won't be out for a while. This limited edition book will be a collector's item and you'll save \$50 on the cost of the \$47.75 book (retail price \$99.75) if you order by May 31.

Historic Georgetown



ROBIN BAKEWELL
conductor from Glen Williams, Russ Cochrane.

Loyal she remains

Dee Butwell took off her Cancer Society hat and put on her United Empire Loyalists hat last week in order to bring us a preview of an exciting book about Ontario's bicentennial.

Published by the United Empire

Useful survey

Ottawa Bureau of The Herald

Whether that latest Gallup poll was an aberration, or whether the previous one was, or whether they both were, are questions that will remain unanswered for at least a month. But in the meantime, the astonishing results of that last survey will serve a couple of very useful purposes.

For one thing, it will inject a much-needed blast of excitement in to the somewhat dreary Liberal leadership race. Instead of selecting a new leader who will be prime minister for just a few months - until Brian Mulroney's Tories automatically assume office - the Liberal delegates now may feel they are picking someone who can actually win the post-convention election. No more will this be a contest for a temporary caretaker.

And, as for the Tories, this latest poll will certainly bring them back to earth in a hurry - even if the results may be somewhat out of whack. Over the last year or so, with the polls

Dick and Shirley Crichton of Georgetown came back from a visit to "Historic Georgetown", South Carolina recently, packed full of bumper stickers and newspapers.

The Crichtons were nice enough to let us peruse what they brought back from a seaside Georgetown that's celebrating its 250th anniversary this year.

Interestingly enough Georgetown S.C. has a history of paper-making of their own. In a tourism brochure, entitled "Georgetown: still a Mill town" an article explains how in 1882 International Paper decided to modernize the plant.

"The announcement was the biggest story in Georgetown county in 10 years," says L.L. McConnell, publisher of the twice weekly Georgetown Times.

assuring the Mulroney forces that a majority Conservative government was more or less guaranteed, the party had developed a disconcerting tendency to use such terms as "when" rather than "if" in relation to the assumption of power.

BIGGEST TURNAROUND

With "transition teams" busy planning for the transfer of power from the discredited Grits, and with potential Tory candidates battling furiously for nominations that, everyone assumes, will provide a free ticket to Parliament, it's understandable that some over-confidence would invade the party. For the last two years, the Conservatives have been consistently ahead of the Liberals.

And the biggest boost yet for the Tories came last month when, after sagging temporarily, they rebounded back with a startling 54 percentage points, compared with a dismal 32 per cent for the Liberals. With this type of lead, the Tories could coast comfortably to a majority government.

Halton's History

THIRTY YEARS AGO—Married in St. Paul's Anglican Church, Norval, May 1, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alexander Armstrong. The couple are now living in Brampton where Mr. Armstrong is employed with Brampton Optical Company.

Monday, Elliott Klingbeil had a party at his home to celebrate his sixth birthday. Guests were Trudy Emmerston, Barbara DeForest, Carol McGillivray, Bill Cunningham, Reggie Laws, Grenville Tost and sisters Helen and Lorna.

Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. James Alcorn will fly from Malton to Bermuda where they will vacation for two weeks at the Bermudiana near Hamilton.

FIFTEEN YEARS AGO—Close to \$100,000 was raised by thousands taking part in the 30-mile Oxfarm walk Saturday, including Greg Nelissen, Joey Wygergangs and Nacie Doucett of Georgetown.

Council approved the issuing of a \$5,000 cheque to the Board of Parks management as part of the 1969 budget.

Council decided to improve the Main and Mill Streets corner with the purchase of two bright colored waste receptacles.

K. Cave was hired by the town as an engineering technician at an annual salary of \$5,650.

Chemicals costing \$4,000 were lost in a fire at Meadowlen Growers Saturday night which razed a two truck garage and storage shed.

TEN YEARS AGO—Mr. and Mrs. A. Brechon, formerly of Fifth Line, have moved to the apartment at the corner of the Check Line and the Seventh Line, recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Tucker and family, who have moved to their new home on the Peacock side of the road.

Rev. Walter Ridley was in charge of the check point at Norval Public School for the Miles for Millions walk Saturday. Walkers from Brampton started to arrive about 7:30 a.m. and the morning was very busy with the last walkers going through about 7 p.m.

A miscellaneous shower was held in Norval United Church by the UGW May 1 in honour of bride-to-be Heather Hyatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Hyatt.

FIVE YEARS AGO—A determined youngster, Agnes Kavanagh of Georgetown has been chosen as Halton region's Tammy for 1979. As Tammy, Agnes will represent crippled children at fund-raising events throughout Halton.

The Sunday evening concert "Spring Song-Spring Wind", performed jointly by the Action Citizens Band and the Georgetown Choral Society, brought a breath of summer to a cool, damp spring evening.

Confronted by a gallery packed with hockey and figure skating fans Monday night, council refused to abandon the ice rental rate hike scheduled for September.



By PAT WOOD
Herald Columnist

Saturday, May 26, is the wheelchair repair clinic. It is important, however, that you register by Friday, May 18 in order that we can know how many are coming and how many will require transportation.

You may still come without pre-registration, but as each chair is given a thorough free assessment, you may find scheduled repairs delaying your stay.

Victoria Wheelchair will provide free minor repairs and the loan of a new chair if yours requires major repairs. The March of Dimes will have applications for assistance on request at Capital Ford which is providing space for this project. If you wish to attend, call 877-1436 or 877-3415. Please do not call Capital Ford.

I have had inquiries about shoe, wheelchair, and crutch exchanges. In order to assess the demand for these, please call me at 877-1436 so that I may pursue this matter.

Disabled students often incur additional expenses as a result of their handicap. The IMASCO Fund will again assist university students at the undergraduate level by awards of \$1,500.

Applications must be submitted by June 1, 1984. Write to: The Awards Officer, Canadian Awards Section, AUCC, 151 Slater St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 5N1.

The March of Dimes have now received over 900 names of "post-polio people". A committee has been established with four polio survivors and two others. It will be responsible for providing direction and structure of future programs.

Several interested physicians have formed a working group and have started collecting data with full day assessments of willing post-polios.

If you have had polio and have not registered and wish to do so, you may contact the March of Dimes or leave your name with me and I will forward it for you.

Lincoln and Kennedy: Just a coincidence?

By MARK RUSSELL
Herald Special

In the Centennial grade 8 program, we have been learning about the Civil War. In doing this research we were amazed at the similarities we found in both Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy, in regards to their assassinations. Here are 14 similarities we found in Kenneth Weber's book "Read and Think".

- Lincoln and Kennedy were both concerned about civil rights
- Lincoln was elected to power in 1860, Kennedy in 1960
- Both were shot in the head
- Their successors, both named Johnson, were southern Democrats, and were both in the senate
- Andrew Johnson was born in 1808, Lyndon Johnson in 1908

- John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839, Lee Harvey Oswald in 1939
- Both Booth and Oswald were killed before going to trial
- Both presidents' wives lost children while in the White House
- Lincoln's secretary's name was Kennedy and told Lincoln not to go to the theatre. Kennedy's secretary's name was Lincoln and told Kennedy

- not to go to Dallas
- Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre, ran to a warehouse. Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse, ran to a theatre
- Both Lincoln's and Kennedy's names contain 7 letters
- The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson both contain 13 letters
- The names John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald contain 15 letters