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Our thanks to Mary Balko for passing along the following to us. You'll agree that in this instance, at least, history has a way of repeating itself.

Both Presidents Lincoln and Kennedy were concerned with the issue of Civil Rights.

Lincoln was elected in 1860; Kennedy was elected in 1960.

Both were struck in the head from behind by bullets. (And The Mirror might add, both were seated at the time.)

Both were slain on a Friday, and in the presence of their wives.

Their successors, both named Johnson, were southern Democrats, and both were in the Senate.

Andrew Johnson was born in 1809 and Lyndon Johnson was born in 1908.

John Wilkes Booth was born in 1839. Lee Harvey Oswald was born in 1939. Booth and Oswald were southerners favoring unpopular ideas.

Booth and Oswald were both killed before going to trial.

Lincoln's secretary, Kennedy by name, advised him not to go to the theatre.

Kennedy's secretary, whose name was Lincoln, advised him not to go to Dallas.

Both President's wives lost children by death while in the White House.

John Wilkes Booth killed Lincoln in a theatre and ran to a warehouse.

Oswald killed Kennedy from a warehouse and ran to a theatre.

The names, Lincoln and Kennedy, each contain seven letters.

The names Andrew Johnson and Lyndon Johnson each contain thirteen letters.

The names John Wilkes Booth and Lee Harvey Oswald each contain fifteen letters.

Fate, or something, certainly gave us similarities to ponder.

The Mirror disagrees with any New Bernian who contends that one vote in an election doesn't count for much. Aside from the satisfaction of exercising your right to cast a ballot, you might just change the course of history.

Thomas Jefferson was elected President by one vote in the electoral college. So was John Quincy Adams. Rutherford B. Hayes was elected President by one vote. His election was contested, and it was referred to an electoral commission. Again he won by a single vote.

The man who cast the deciding vote for President Hayes was a Congressman from Indiana, a lawyer who was elected to Congress by a margin of one vote. And that one vote was cast by a client of his who, thought desperately ill, insisted on being taken to the polls to vote.

Just one vote gave statehood to California, Idaho, Oregon, Texas and Washington. Today all the millions living in those five states are Americans by just one vote. So who knows, one of these days the one little vote of yours may make a whale of a lot of difference.

Tell the truth now, do you know a very important difference (and we don't mean size) between a honey bee and a bumblebee? We didn't until we go to reading on the subject.

When a honey bee stings you, the bathed stinger and venom-

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**EAGERLY GRASPED**—Creed Mills loses little time accepting the Stuart Flythe Memorial Award that proves that he was the most valuable National Leaguer in New Bern's Babe Ruth Leagues this season. Guy Hamilton, Jr., makes the presentation at Fort Totten Park. Ruth

at the height of his career enjoyed visiting New Bern, and hunting at Camp Bryan east of here where many another celebrity found relaxation along woodland trails.—Photo by Billy Benners.



**THRILLING MOMENT**—Glenn Ipock will remember this occasion as long as he lives. Less than a minute before this picture was snapped, he learned that he had been chosen the most valuable American League player in the Babe Ruth Leagues here. Guy Hamilton, Jr., long active in the program, presents to him the Stuart Flythe Award. Flythe, deceased, starred for N. C. State and New Bern's Coastal Plainers, and hurled for the Philadelphia Athletics.—Photo by Billy Benners.

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