

# Mobley's Carolina Review

Senate Race (Maybe) ...The U.S. Senate race between incumbent Republican Jesse Helms and his Democratic challenger, John Ingram, seems to be gaining momentum after several months of relative quiet. Even the traditional Labor Day "official" beginning of the campaign for both men brought little attention.

Perhaps much of the inattention has been because of the apparent huge lead that Helms has held over North Carolina's maverick insurance commissioner.

Events of the past couple of weeks, however, have at least heightened Tarheel awareness of the race even if the gap between the two men has not lessened.

Foremost in the news last week was Ingram's rejection of the insurance industry's request for a 9.1 per cent increase in homeowner's insurance rates. His action drew

criticism that the rejection was politically motivated. Ingram also was catching flac over his attendance at regional hearings he had scheduled concerning the proposed rate increases. Ingram supposedly attended only one of the four hearings around the state.

Ingram, for his part, seemed to be defending his actions reasonably well but the controversy caused still more calls for Ingram to step down as insurance commissioner.

The resignation request brought a timely defense of Ingram from fellow Democrat, Gov. Jim Hunt.

In a letter to a Greensboro attorney, Gov. Hunt said he approved of Ingram's decision "not to resign as commissioner while conducting his U.S. Senate campaign."

The governor carried the debate a bit further by pointing out that Sen. Helms should not be expected to resign his incumbency

either while managing his campaign.

Meanwhile, the Helms' campaign was distributing literature accusing Ingram of taking part in expensive junkets while in public office.

The accusations brought quick response from the insurance office that the trips in question were taken as part of Ingrams' role as insurance commissioner and were not paid for at taxpayer expense.

Ingram in turn, continued to ask about questions about the huge campaign chest of Jesse Helms (now around \$5-million).

At week's end, Ingram was in Asheville with President Carter (Carter's second N.C. trip in as many months to help Ingram is not over yet. And with approximately 76 per cent of the state's registered voters being democrat, anything can still happen.

Ask Luther Hodges.

Hunt-Hobby...Gov. Hunt recently escaped what could have been a very uncomfortable meeting with AFL-CIO members in Charlotte. The governor spoke to the group only days after his Commerce Secretary, Lauch Faircloth, called the state's anti-union climate a "selling point" with industry.

Needless to say, the union members were quite upset.

But union leader, Wilbur Hobby, introduced Hunt as the "Best friend of the working man in the governor's mansion since Kerr Scott — and coming up fast."

From there it was roses — at least until the next crisis at the state ports...

PCB...According to Hunt press secretary, Garry Pearce, a new site for temporary storage of initial road-shoulder scraping of PCB will probably be found rather than engage in a court battle with the city of Warrenton (the original site).

If a new site cannot be found, however, the governor is prepared to go to court.

Surprise...The most surprising development in the liquor-by-the-drink competition is the rather one-sided lead held by the mixed-drink proponents — referendums now stand at 4 to 2 in favor of mixed drinks. Dare County defeated the issue.



'PICKIN' FOR SANDHILLS — Russell Powell is a popular mandolin player and owner of the Pinedene Jazz Center in Southern Pines.

## Mandolin Player In Golfing Kingdom

SOUTHERN PINES — There was the Pied Piper of Hamelin!

Robert Preston made it as "The Music Man".

And, there's Russell Powell of Southern Pines. The Southern Pines area is world famed for golf and horses.

But Powell's big thing is the mandolin.

He got his first one out of a Montgomery Ward catalog in 1936 and learned to play from a little book enclosed with the instrument.

Powell does not read music.

He is owner-operator of the Pinedene Jazz Center.

"You should have been here last Saturday. We had 10 people playing and even more standing around listening," Powell said.

He is a native of Southern Pines and takes great pride in his town. "Actually it's a village," he said. "It was more or less laid out like a little English village."

It is this "village" concept that gives Southern Pines that special touch. It is not the typical "little sleepy Southern town" that Hollywood portrays. Southern Pines is alive.

True, it is a resort town, but it has none of the hoopla that is found in many such areas.

But, don't get the idea that nothing happens. It does, but in a somewhat subtle manner.

"Years ago," Powell said, "you would see people getting off the train with their steamer trunks, and they would stay from the first of November until June. As an old-timer, you can now walk down the street and see many new faces, but you soon get to know them." He laughed

and said, "Us old-timers are a little outnumbered today."

Southern Pines is a people town, Powell pointed out. It has little town commons running throughout town, and the "faithful" still gather each morning at the post office, drug store or book shop to discuss important issues of the day.

"I think all the little shops uptown have really added something to Southern Pines", he said. He was talking about the interesting shops on both sides of Broad Street, Pennsylvania Avenue and Bennett Street.

Visitors can spend hours browsing in this five or six block area.

Powell also noted that the Arts Council has done an excellent job in this area.

Powell loves his work, and he loves his music. He has many followers, and has been called by them the "President of Pinedene College", "Mayor of Pinedene", "Conductor of the Pinedene Symphony", and "Commander of the Pinedene Irregulars".

Of course, it's all in fun, and that's the feeling you

get when you walk into his music center.

"My dad and I used to operate a service station and grocery store. We kept a few picks and strings around, and then a few instruments and it just sort of grew."

"What convinced me most that music was my thing was people coming around on cold days to get their cars washed," Powell added.

He says, "I would not trade jobs with anybody."

A stroll down a side street padded with pine needles puts you into the atmosphere and stream of Southern Pines living.

It would be difficult not to mention the golf and horse aspects of Southern Pines. These activities draw many people to the area.

Powell says, "I have never played golf. But then I wonder how many golfers play the mandolin?"

Southern Pines is a "special place".

Walk down its streets. Stop and say hello.

Like Russell Powell and his music...it gets into your blood.

## Strep Throat May Lead To Serious Rheumatic Fever

School days are here again — and so are increased chances for children to pick up infectious diseases from one another. A common contagious and potentially dangerous infection is streptococcal sore throat. It can lead to rheumatic fever, which damage the valves of the heart. Fortunately, prompt identification and treatment of a strep throat with penicillin or another antibiotic will cure the infection and remove the threat of rheumatic fever.

"You, Your Child, and Rheumatic Fever" is the title of a free pamphlet which may be requested from the North Carolina Heart Association, 1 Heart Circle, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514. It provides information which all parents should know about protecting their child's heart.

Not every sore throat is a strep throat. The only way to make sure is for a physician to swab the throat so that a culture may be made for microscopic examination. Sometimes the physician will prescribe medication or given an

injection without waiting for the results of the throat culture.

Here are the signs to look for if your child complains of a sore throat:

1. Does the child have fever? How much?
2. Does his throat hurt when he swallows?
3. Does it hurt under the angle of the jaw when you press gently? Do you feel swollen glands there?
4. Did the sore throat come on suddenly?
5. Does he have headache, nausea, or vomiting?
6. Does he sneeze, cough, have a runny nose, has his voice changed, or has he lost his voice?

Not all of these symptoms need be present for the child to have a strep infection, nor do they necessarily indicate strep, but they do mean that you should seek medical attention, so that treatment, if necessary, may begin without delay.



Never open the door automatically to a knock. Know whom you admit.

## NOTICE!

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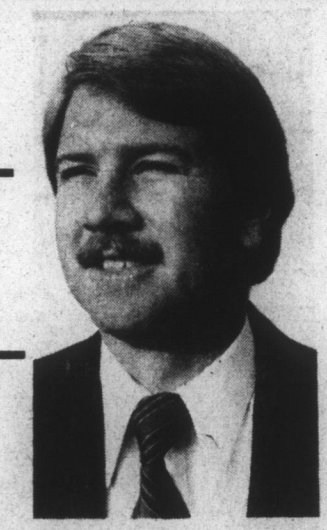
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