

The Carolina Review: Edmisten, Green Feud Still On

PROBLEM...We've got a problem here.

If the old saying about "Where there's smoke, there's fire" was an absolute truism, then North Carolina's

two-term lieutenant governor would be a walking inferno.

In the past couple of years, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green has been publicly connected to a convicted bidrigger and a

activity has occurred.

Still, we can at least thank Green for calling the problem to our attention last Thursday in a "not secret" confrontation with Edmisten.

The confrontation was touched off by a memo sent to Green by Secretary of Administration Jane Patterson. Patterson supposedly "routinely" notified Green

'83 Head Start Applications Are Available

The Chowan County Head Start program is presently accepting applications for the 1983-84 school year.

If there is a child in your household that will be four (4) years old before October 15, 1983, you may obtain an application from the Chowan County Head Start Center at Walker School, Health Department or EIC Resource Center.

The application must be completed and returned with the child's birth certificate, immunization record (shots) and verification of income, (pay stub, W-2 Form or letter from Social Services Dept., etc.).

The deadline for accepting these completed applications will be March 11, 1983. The applications may be returned at one of the above locations.

For more information call 482-7330 from 8:00 A.M.-3:30 P.M.

that the SBI was checking his telephone records.

The notification was anything but routine, however, since sources say only two state elected officials' telephone records have been checked in two years.

Did you guess Insurance Commissioner John Ingram? Anyway, an angry Green called and asked an unsuspecting Edmisten to drop by the legislature for a meeting.

Attend Circuit Assembly

The Edenton congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has made plans to attend a circuit assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses that will be held Saturday and Sunday, at the Martin County Auditorium in Williamston. More than 1,000 Witnesses and interested persons from nine other congregations are expected to attend.

The theme of this assembly, according to Fletcher Gardner, local minister, is "Be Rich Toward God, Not Covetous." "Faithful Christians are encouraged in the Scriptures to be rich toward God. This involves a course of life that results in spiritual treasures and an improved relationship with Jehovah God. The world is pursuing every sort of covetousness, which is a form of greed. We can be affected by all sorts of covetousness now manifest, and we must guard against it!

Then the lieutenant governor retired with ten senators to wait.

Why 10 senators? "So that whatever he said to Edmisten couldn't be misrepresented later," answered a friend of Green.

What did Green say to Edmisten?

The senators aren't talking out loud, and Green and Edmisten aren't talking.

Edmisten reportedly said he knew nothing about the SBI

telephone records check.

"The state's most powerful law enforcement officer didn't know about his own agent's investigation of the 2nd highest elected official in North Carolina?" wondered one observer.

Green did make reference to "all that he and his family had been through," and that he was just about fed up. Apparently, the confrontation amounted to a "put up or shut up." Green to Edmisten.

That could be tough on the Lieutenant Governor if the Attorney General is able to "put up."

Week's end speculation was that the SBI wasn't ready for that. Advantage, Green. Edmisten's serve.



Jimmy Green
Lieutenant Governor



Rufus Edmisten
Attorney General

convicted arsonist. The arsonist, of course, was accused of being a "torch man for Jimmy Green," by yet another arsonist—who later recanted that accusation. Since Colcor surfaced, Green's name has bounced all over the FBI undercover scheme like a rubber ball. But those are Jimmy Green's problems, problems that he must solve before he can make a meaningful run to become governor of this state in 1984.

Our more serious problem is who's blowing this smoke, and who's looking for the fire? The State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) is part of the Attorney General's office, and as attorney general, Rufus Edmisten is the boss of

the SBI.

Rufus Edmisten is running for governor in 1984. So is Jimmy Green. Both see the other (rightfully) as a source of major opposition.

Not surprisingly, all of the hints of investigation and the suspicion surrounding Green have effectively hogtied his gubernatorial campaign—while Edmisten's effort has (relatively, at least) blossomed.

Whether it has happened or not, one elected official, Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, has been in a position to do irreparable harm to another, Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green, in the race for governor in 1984. Note that no evidence yet exists that such

Little Theatre Is Praised

By H. E. Mallinson
"It was certainly worth coming to see," was a comment heard Tuesday night, Feb. 15th, after an "earnest" performance by the Edenton Little Theater of Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Earnest." The play itself is full of typical British humor so one has to be listening and ready for a laugh at all times. The cast made the humor work doubly by a slight mixture of Yankee and southern accent with a good rendition of the British.

entertainment. Good, clean family affair, although children under 15 years of age might have trouble understanding some of the sly, humorous lines that could go over their heads.

If you missed this night out, sorry. We the public look forward to additional and different ways of presenting classic drama by this group. Well done, Edenton Little Theater.

When one sees actors move around a stage with scenery and furnishings, little is left to the imagination. But to just hear the words of the play spoken by the players makes continuity and comprehension more difficult. The mind has to fill in all that is missing. The cast did a superb job of conveying a three dimensional effect with a minimum of body movement, but with some hand and plenty of facial movement and voice inflection.

When Algernon Moncrieff (John Becker), and John Worthing (Ross Inglis), the two vying for being Ernest, are having a go at it, the audience nearly came out of their seats to get in the act. One word spoken by Ross Inglis, DEAD!, was done so effectively that it must be mentioned. He was describing the health of his mythical brother Ernest.

A very delightful evenings

Auction Sale Is Slated

The Chowan Ruritan Club met January 31, 1983, at the Chowan Community Building. Sheriff Troy Toppin, President, called the meeting to order by the Chowan Extension Club Ladies.

President Toppin, brought to the club's attention, that there was a severe problem with deer hunters parking on the highway, during hunting season. He and County Manager Cliff Copeland have been working on the problem. A motion was made and second, that the sheriff and county manager meet with all hunting clubs' presidents to try and solve this situation.

For other business, the club voted to sponsor a new Ruritan Club in the Rocky Hock section of the county.

The Chowan Ruritans annual auction sale will be March 12, 1983. The public is invited to buy and sell at this event.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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