



point of view

BY BILL NIXON

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We all do our fair share of complaining and listening to others complain. Almost daily we hear someone say, "If I could just move to a better neighborhood," or "If I could just change jobs..." "If, if, if..."

Just the other day, I heard such a complaint and I was reminded of the young man who complained to his father that things were pretty rough and that he felt sure they'd be better somewhere else.

His father looked him straight in the eye and began to tell this story:

"Long ago, in the early 1800s, lots of eastern folks were dissatisfied with their lives and began migrating west. There was an old Missouri farmer who was too old to farm so he passed the day sitting on his fence watching the settlers travel down the road in their covered wagons. These folks were moving west with all their

worldly possessions in tow, looking for new lands to settle.

The old farmer would watch the wagons go by day after day. One day a wagon stopped and the travelers hollered out to the old man, "We're movin' west and looking for a good place to settle. This looks like beautiful country, but tell me, how are the folks around here?"

The farmer slid down off the fence and came over to the travelers and asked, "Well, how are the folks where you come from?" The settlers replied, "Well, that's the reason we decided to leave. The folks in our town were the rudest, most unfriendly people that we have ever known. How are the people around here?"

The old farmer just shook his head and said, "Oh, about the same." With that the settlers moved on down the road.

A few days later another wagon came by, stopped, and the driver asked the farmer the same question. Once again the old farmer asked, "How are the folks where you

came from?"

The settlers said, "Why, they are the greatest people in the world. Every one of them is friendly, warm, and giving. It broke our hearts when we had to leave them behind. The most we'd ever hope for is to find good people like that again. How are the folks around here?"

The old farmer replied, "Oh, about the same."

More often than not, that's the way life is. No matter what the set of circumstances, wherever we are dealing with people they are "about the same." About the same we perceive them, and about the same as we treat them."

The wise old farmer was passing on the simplest form of wisdom by telling those who passed that life is about the same wherever we go. It's up to each of us to make our life the way we wish it to be.

Do you believe man was created by God or in the theory of evolution? In a recent Gallup poll,

nearly half of those surveyed - 44 per cent - said they favored creationism, or the belief that an act of God brought the earth and its life forms into existence.

Only a small number, nine per cent, said they were strict evolutionists, believing today's life forms developed over millions of years without assistance from a godly source.

A large number - 38 per cent - said they favored a combination of creationist and evolutionist theory. Religious leaders see no contradiction in combining these two views. Many feel a Christian can believe in both. Accepting the information that science gives us doesn't have to indicate a conflict with the teachings of the book of Genesis.

I suppose what is being said is it doesn't really matter what you believe in as long as you believe in something. What do you believe in?

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

The sight of so many congregating in Swain Auditorium recently to hear the magnificent North Carolina Symphony was heart warming; a credit to those responsible. Strike one for the arts in our community.

For me it could have properly been called "Strothers' Night". Shelby Strother and her talented husband have brought to Edenton in the field of music a degree of excellence, professionalism and dedication uncommon in the largest of metropolitan areas.

They have created among us an awareness and appreciation of beautiful music. Without this, there may have been no symphony. I am grateful to them.

John Gilliam Wood



About 14,000 martyrs are listed in the records of the Roman Catholic Church.

The Carolina Review - Investigation Of Jimmy Green

TAR BABY... Attorney General Rufus Edmisten may appoint, or ask the governor for the appointment, of a special prosecutor to carry out an independent investigation of Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green.

Word rumored around town last week that Edmisten and others on his staff were frantically pursuing state statutes, looking for the legal means for such an appointment. One source said Edmisten's chief deputy assistant, Andy Vanore, was "not exactly happy when the newspaper called him about it (the special prosecutor)."

Vanore, in fact, would not confirm or deny original inquiries about the possibility. Later, the attorney general's information officer, Mike Carmichael, confirmed that a special prosecutor was under consideration.

"This leaked out. It's not something we would have liked to get out this early. But it is under consideration," Carmichael said.

One source close to Green indicated the lieutenant governor, while he might rather have an independent investigator, still felt "special prosecutor" was a misnomer. "They're just investigating him (Green), not trying him," the source said.

No doubt Green would prefer no investigation whatsoever.

The controversy erupted a couple of weeks ago when Green found out the SBI was checking his telephone records. The SBI is under the attorney general's jurisdiction, and the attorney general is running for governor in 1994, like the lieutenant governor. Green demanded, in a meeting attended by ten senators, that Edmisten tell him why he was being investigated by the SBI. He apparently suggested that the investigation smelled of gubernatorial politics.

Friends of Edmisten were quick to point out that the

most recent investigation was obviously Colcor related.

One source in the attorney general's office, who asked not to be identified, insisted that the local district attorney in Columbus County had requested the latest SBI investigation. The source said too, that he would prefer "remanding it back to the local district attorney" for investigation.

Now retired, former local District Attorney Lee Greer answered questions forthrightly from his cottage at Long Beach last Friday. "When all of this stuff was breaking (Colcor), I called and then wrote a letter (to Edmisten). The letter stated...any person who had been suspected of violations in

Colcor, that I would appreciate the SBI investigation for me. I was very careful not to name any names. I wanted 'all people' (investigated) who it appear might have violated state law."

Green's name on the Colcor tapes qualified him. Names mentioned on the Colcor tapes apparently include other "name" politicians people Green probably fee should be under investigation too, if he is to be investigated. One of those politicians was Congressman Charlie Roe reportedly not being investigated.

"Looks like Rufus is pulling a tar baby these days, commented a Green friend smiling.

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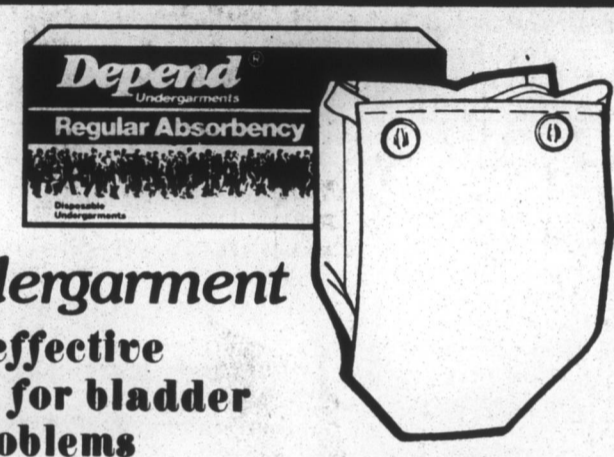
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