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LOCAL EDITORIAL COMMENT

Needless Deaths

Four persons are dead in Columbus County that should not be. They were killed Sunday in an automobile accident. All were from the same family—a father, a mother and two children. They leave one nine-year-old boy without parents or family.

This family was traveling along a public highway, minding their own business when it fell their misfortune to meet a drunk, driving a stolen car, speeding and operating without a license. However, they are just as dead as if they had been the cause of the accident.

The General Assembly, after much discussion passed an automobile inspection bill in the last session. This, we were told, would cut back on highway deaths. To the contrary, more people have been killed to date this year than ever before.

Laws alone cannot prevent this slaughter. Public complacency is not helping. Had this young family belonged to us, we'd be more concerned with highway safety today.

Ironically, the driver of the stolen car, which had been declared a total loss, following a recent wreck, received only minor lacerations. He was treated at a local hospital and taken to jail, charged with four counts of manslaughter. Also significant, was a picture taken at the scene showing a bottle of

whiskey beside the wrecked car. Police were already looking for the stolen vehicle. They found it, but too late for four persons.

There is no reason why stricter laws should not be aimed at drinking drivers. This is a prime case. The driver of the stolen car has every reason to believe that practically nothing would have been done to him had he been caught driving drunk. The courts are far too lenient in these matters. It might be somewhat different in view of the terrible toll of life which has resulted in this case.

Much has been said lately about newspapers trying cases and no intention is meant here to judge this man. He will be tried and his peers will decide his punishment, if any. We are relating only to the charges filed against him as reported in the local newspaper there.

Something must be done to stop this useless killing. The innocent must be protected on our highways just as they are entitled to protection in their homes. To do this, somebody is going to have to get tough—real tough on drunken and careless drivers.

And a disturbing thought is that we have as many right here in Franklin County as any other place. The tragedy which occurred in Columbus County can happen here. The family could be your family.

"Oh, Oh! This Time It's For Real!"



Jenkins Has Backbone

by Jesse Helms

It speaks very well indeed for Leo Jenkins' backbone that he has been willing to endure the character assassination heaped upon him by the press, and others dedicated to total centralization of higher education at Chapel Hill. Many a lesser man would have buckled under the storm of falsehoods and misrepresentations. But not Leo Jenkins. He continues to fight like a man determined to win.

Dr. Jenkins, as president of East Carolina College, wants two things for his institution and for his section of North Carolina. One is a two-year medical school, upon which eastern North Carolina pins its hopes of getting, some day, enough physicians to serve the needs of the people of that area. The other is independent university status for East Carolina College, with emphasis on the word "independent."

In both instances, Dr. Jenkins and eastern North Carolina confront the loud and fatuous opposition of most of the large daily newspapers of the state, the "liberal"—no, leftwing—clique whose hearts bleed at the very thought of anybody's daring to suggest that higher education ought not to be completely controlled from and by Chapel Hill.

These past few days have disclosed the extent to which Leo Jenkins' critics are willing to go. Clearly they are willing to slander and repudiate, by misrepresentation and distortion, a man whose name has become almost synonymous with progress in eastern North Carolina. There has been a wild burst of reflections upon both his judgment and his integrity relating to the contents of a study performed by three out-of-state consultants as to East Carolina's academic needs. But when the truth about Leo Jenkins finally became known—the truth that he acted both in good judgment and with complete integrity—the press buried and camouflaged that development!

The truth, as one of the consultants candidly stated it, is that Leo Jenkins sought a thorough appraisal of what East Carolina needs in order to qualify for the medical school it seeks. Pull no punches, he asked of the consultants. Let us know our weaknesses and our strengths.

Very well, said the consultants, on one condition: That you make no

public disclosure of our findings. The consultants, understanding enough, had no taste for getting involved in what has obviously become a power struggle in North Carolina. They agreed to study East Carolina College because—and only because—they saw an opportunity to help North Carolina achieve a greater production in the field of good medical education.

So Leo Jenkins withheld the report because he had promised to do so. And he had promised it because he wanted a solid, useful, helpful report—not one of sweet generalities and meaningless platitudes. On both counts—his kept promise and his reason for promising—Dr. Jenkins is entitled to respect. Instead, he has been falsely portrayed by the press as designing and, in fact, almost evil.

This latest episode, it seems to us, tells a great deal about the critics of Leo Jenkins and of East Carolina College. It is, in fact, almost a measurement of character—or a lack of it. To castigate a man falsely for doing his best to achieve a worthwhile dream is not merely an un-sportsmanlike act. It is, purely and simply, dirty pool.

We have to presume that the state legislature will be able to put the matter in perspective quickly. For, in trying to destroy Leo Jenkins, his critics are actually aiming at the jugular of a great section of North Carolina which for too long and too often has been by-passed in matters of creative progress. The East Carolina College fight, then, is really a fight for a region, a battle to lift the opportunities of vast numbers of North Carolinians into the happy sunlight of greater hope.

In our view, they have a right to this hope. And particularly so since it is evident that all North Carolinians stand to share the profit. The character assassination aimed at Leo Jenkins ought to stop. A man who has already done so much for this state ought not to be restrained from doing even more, let alone suffer personal destruction in a vendetta born of jealousy.

At the very least, he is entitled to the truth, and the whole truth—something which has been largely denied him thus far. He is fighting fair; let his critics do the same.

"... one way of looking at it"

TO SHARE is to love... and by reversal, to love is to share. Simple?—and yet profound in its application and responsibility if man is to 'love his neighbor as himself' as the Good Book tells us to do.

It is hardly conceivable that 'sharing' was ever intended to include such proposals as 'Share the Wealth' plan... by taking from those 'who have' and giving to those 'who have not'. The story of the 'Talents' in the Bible clearly shows that those who buried their talents received no return for their lack of efforts... while those who used their talents shared in the profits.

And so it is today... for it is still true that "God helps those who help themselves" and there is no reward for those who shy away from honest work, but instead look to others for their support and charity. To help one in real need not capable of actively supporting himself—is an act of kindness and love. But to support one who is capable of supporting himself hinders rather than helps that individual from awakening to his own responsibility—and manhood.

Everyone has something to share, regardless of their worldly possessions—for real values lie not in the world's gold or material things, but in love, joy, friendliness, compassion, confidence, stability, faith and hope. These are divine qualities that need to be recognized and exercised by 'sharing' if they are to be enlarged.

—Katzenberger

34,000,000 Individuals Get Federal Government Checks

"Nearly one out of every three adults has come to depend for his or her income on a regular check from Uncle Sam.

"Once or twice each month the federal government makes out checks to 34,000,000 individuals, according to U.S. Treasury Department disbursing office.

"Social Security recipients, federal payrollers, veterans, retired civil servants are a growing army of Americans whose sole or partial support comes from the banks of the Potomac River.

"Also to be added to this vast army are other millions who are direct and indirect beneficiaries of federal funds spent for various projects for poverty and slum elimination.

"Truly the United States worker and employer is the modern ATLAS."—from the Weekly Labor Forecast and Review.

GRASSROOTS OPINION

RIVERTON, N. J., ERA: "A former eyesore in the suburbs of our nation's capital has become something of a thorn in the side of some federal bureaucrats. While agents of the Federal Urban Renewal Administration have been traipsing all over the country setting up one project and another, private investors and builders slipped into the community of Rosslyn, a section of Arlington, Va., just across the Potomac River from Washington, and transformed some 37 acres of run-down slums into a multimillion dollar assortment of office buildings, apartments and quality motels... Which is a pretty good illustration, we think, of the basic difference between private enterprise and government planning."

ROCHESTER, N. H., COURIER: "Unless a far greater majority of Americans wake up and fight for the freedoms which were guaranteed under the Constitution for the majority, as well as for the minority, we might as well kiss the wonderful nation goodbye. Better think this over, for a while."

FINDLAY, OHIO, REPUBLICAN-COURIER: "Congress seems destined to take a step shortly that endangers the Grand Canyon area in Arizona. The project involving construction of two hydroelectric dams in the Grand Canyon area of the Colorado river has been described as a 'monstrous boondoggle' that would desecrate one of the nation's most precious scenic, educational and recreational assets... It's all part of the Great Society program, the cost of which is already so astronomical it staggers us."

Wait'll He Votes



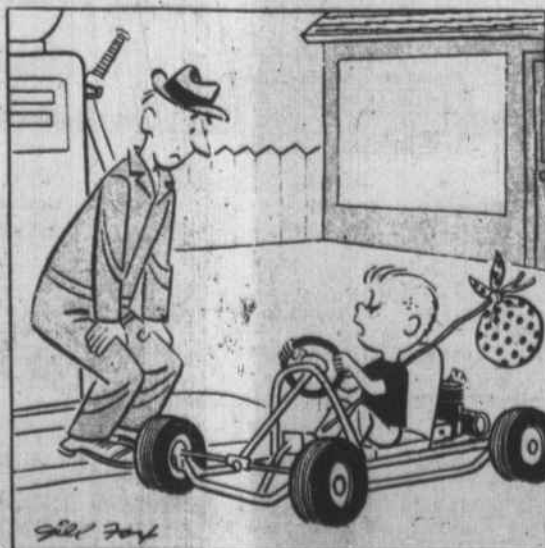
Women's Deans & Counselors To Meet At College

The Eastern Division of the North Carolina Association of Women's Deans and Counselors will meet on the campus of Lenoir College on Thursday, October 20. Registration and coffee hour will begin at 9:00 o'clock. The morning program begins at 10:00 o'clock in the library auditorium with Dean Louise Latham, of Women at North Carolina College of Durham, presiding. The group will be greeted by Dr. C. W. Robbins, president of Lenoir College. The program will consist of a panel discussion headed by Mrs. Ann

Shepherd, Dean of Women at Fayetteville State College. Other members on the panel will be Dr. Robbins; Dr. Marion Thorpe, Assistant Director of the State Board of Education; Mrs. Ruth White, Dean of Women at East Carolina; Mr. Norbert Watts, Housing Director of North Carolina State University; Miss Jean Smith, Educational Counselor for North Carolina College of Durham; and a student from Meredith College. After the morning discussion the group will have luncheon in the College Cafeteria where Dean Katherine Carmichael,

Dean of Women at the University of North Carolina, will preside. Following the luncheon there will be a question and answering period and the group work sessions led by Dean Louise Fleming of Meredith; Dean Elizabeth Coffield of Shaw University; Dean Ann Shepherd; and Mrs. Gladys Bailey, Lenoir.

There will be a general session at 3:00 in the AC Auditorium and adjournment will be at 3:30. Eighty-five to one hundred representatives are expected to attend the meeting.



"Going To Wake County Where I Can Try It Out"

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The Beams:

They Shared Their Gift

The Courier-Times
Roxboro, N. C.

When the Person County Historical Society begins its commemorative program this Sunday at Bethel Hill School, county residents will once more have the opportunity to learn of the people and personalities which made us as we are today.

Each community, no matter how large or how small, has its own distinctive history, ever present an abiding sector of life to look back upon, to study carefully and to carry into the days to come.

To fully comprehend our role in the present and to utilize our talents to the complete potential requires an awareness of the development not only as individuals but as a community.

The late Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Beam, who founded Bethel Hill Institute in 1888, through their untiring work have proven once again that there are no limitations to the influence of dedicated individuals. One word of

encouragement, one phrase, can so often be the turning point in young lives, a landmark to look back upon in later years and reflect that this is where it all began.

Rev. and Mrs. Beam, who instructed countless county residents in their earliest years of schooling, were a uniquely gifted couple, whose love of learning was exceeded only by a desire to share the rewards of scholarship with every student who passed through the doors of the Bethel Hill Institute.

It is to be hoped that the citizenry of Person County will join with members of the Historical Society in honoring both the memory and the continuing work of two pioneers in our educational system.

Such an opportunity is a privilege accorded to very few communities and an occasion we anticipate with pride as well as gratitude.

The New Cars

Americans are now enjoying the annual parade of new cars—1967—as they are introduced to the public in newspapers, magazine advertisements, on television, etc.

Only in the United States do manufacturers change styling each year and attempt to persuade the public new cars have "umpteen" improvements and new features.

To citizens of some other countries, where models change only every so often and where primary stress is placed on quality and long life, new-car advertisements in the United States sometimes seem comical. A new grill design, for example, is of little importance to them. What matters is what is behind the grill.

Nevertheless, the U.S. way is fun, if a bit weird. It's like a giant fashion show each fall. And manufacturers have conditioned John Doe to try to keep up with Mr. Jones and buy a new car every year, or every two or three years. And John Doe does just that.

And despite the high cost of changing models every year, U.S. cars are still the best buys in the world of motor transport.

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