

VIEWPOINT

Dr. Leo Jenkins, being of sound mind and possessing a remarkable sense of timing, undoubtedly is aware of the magnitude of the goal he has set for himself in launching a campaign to achieve the status of an independent university for East Carolina College, which he serves so ably as president.

Many a lesser man in Dr. Jenkins' position would let well enough alone, and be content to serve as head of one of the fastest-growing and most dynamic educational institutions in the land. But Leo Jenkins is no lesser man. Already he has astounded friends and skeptics alike with his ability to get things done. He regards the difficult as something to be done right away; when he faces the impossible, he asks only a little time.

Dr. Jenkins was just the man to set the tone for the meeting of citizens who gathered here to launch what is called "Farm-City Week in North Carolina." We surmise that the group wanted to hear some ideas about how to bring substantial prosperity to the rural sections of North Carolina. Since Eastern North Carolina is vastly more rural than urban, Dr. Jenkins surmised correctly, in preparing his suggestions, that if he could disclose a way to establish a stable economy in the East, he would be fulfilling his mission. So, let us provide for the people of Eastern North Carolina a means of elevating their sights and their opportunities.

It was natural that he should regard the further development of his East Carolina College as an important means to this end. And he did not misplace his emphasis when he called attention to the fact that this is the state's third largest and fastest-growing public institution. "Here already stands a university," he said of East Carolina College. "Why not then declare it so?"

Only those with closed minds and fidelities limited to what is erroneously called "The Consolidated University of North Carolina" will try to argue against Dr. Jenkins' proposal. In the United States there are presently 35 state universities having smaller enrollments than East Carolina College. Twenty-nine are smaller than East Carolina in terms of what they offer in education.

East Carolina this year admitted the largest freshman class ever enrolled in a North Carolina college or university. It is anticipated that in 1970, East Carolina will have an enrollment of more than 15,000.

For so long as those who presently control politics and higher education in North Carolina insist upon limiting East Carolina to a college status, the institution which Dr. Jenkins heads will be deprived of millions of dollars which it would otherwise receive in private and public grants. It is a fact that 94 per cent of research funds, provided by various grants go to 100 universities around the nation. Barely one per cent go to institutions limited to college status.

Everywhere it is acknowledged that education is the key to a sounder economy. It is senseless, then, it seems to us, to discount Dr. Jenkins' proposal for Eastern North Carolina. What he is saying, in effect, is: Let us provide more in the way of education for that section of our state which is acknowledged to be most in need of it.

No doubt Dr. Jenkins' proposal will now be beset by the protests of those who wish to continue to concentrate the functions of higher education in the Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill complex, with off-shoots at Charlotte and Greensboro in the Piedmont. This would continue to vest control in the hands of a few. It will also deprive Eastern North Carolina of its chance to achieve its place in the sun.

Leo Jenkins is a dreamer, yes. But one gathers, from watching him, that his dreams involve the hopes and the future of the section of our state which most needs an uplifting of its opportunities as well as its morale. If politicians and other educators really wish to help Eastern North Carolina, they can best do so by giving Leo Jenkins encouragement in his latest dream.

It will be interesting to note who says what in reaction to Dr. Jenkins' proposal.

Sen. Gilmore At White House

State Senator Volt Gilmore was a participant in the White House Conference on International Cooperation at Washington during the past week.

At the invitation of President Johnson, Gilmore assisted in the drafting of recommended government programs in transportation and travel. Between 1961 and 1964 Gilmore was Director of the United States Travel Service.

Several hundred Americans were invited to the Conference, including six North Carolinians. Participants examined and discussed this country's international policies in such fields as science, space exploration, medicine, communications, food, commerce and the arts.

Vice President Humphrey was keynote speaker at the meeting. It ended with a presidential reception at the White House.

Jones Reports Tax Revenue

Harnett county Tax Collector W. Earl Jones has submitted the report of his office containing the receipts for the month of November.

According to the report current taxes now total \$110,772.36 with delinquent taxes of \$13,751.10, for a sum of \$124,523.46.

Other revenue listed is as follows: General County Fund, County School Fund, A. F. D. C. Fund, Harnett Co. Special School Fund, Old Age Assistance Fund and A. P. T. D. Fund total \$155,972.62, for a grand figure of \$280,220.08. 1965 collections to date include: collections through Nov. 30, \$735,343.74 for 53.7 percent; and balance uncollected Nov. 03, \$663,944.30 for 46.3 percent. The original charge is \$1,369,238.04.

GUERRILLA FILM
David Wolper will film "The Devil's Brigade," based on an elite corps of guerrilla warfare specialists.

Senator Sam Ervin

WASHINGTON—Congress, only weeks away from the next session has a backlog of proposals that failed to win approval at the last session. Thus, even before the President submits his suggestion for legislation in the State of the Union Message there is legislation to be considered.

Suggestions to revamp the Congress, Electoral College reform, and government reorganization are already on the calendar. Controversial labor legislation awaits further Congressional action. Repeal of Section 14 (b) of the Taft-Hartley Act, and measures to increase minimum wages and revision of Federal-State standards for unemployment compensation programs fall in this category.

Crime legislation and a Constitutional amendment to permit the States to apportion one legislative house on a non-population basis are already before the Congress before the President's proposal arrives to impose federal standards on jury trials.

Then there are a number of programs that require yearly consideration and that body of legislation will be larger at the next session due to the newly created programs which came into being

this year. Overriding these concerns, however, may be problems stemming from the war in Vietnam, the principal one being money. How to find enough revenue to finance the war and a growing array of costly domestic programs could be the key background concern for the next session. If so, the money problem which has less effect on legislation at the first session of the 89th Congress could be a more potent factor in the second session.

The Presidential budget seems certain to break the \$100 billion mark for the first time in history, and deficit spending, acclaimed in some quarters, may put new strains on the dollar. This is a problem that cannot be ignored. Fighting a costly war, maintaining a growing volume of Federal programs with rising costs, and balancing all of the policies that

keep the economy going becomes a greater task each year. Spending burdens must be funded some time, and the problem becomes clearer when foreigners doubt the validity of our policies and draw heavily on our gold reserves.

Thus, notwithstanding the fact that more attention in the second session, the issue of the session and the legislative program could depend on the budget, the proposed deficit, and the obligation in Vietnam, and how the Administration plans to coordinate its programs which now involve both guns and butter.

If war and money become concerns of Congress, there could be a turn toward refinement of existing legislation and setting a new tone in governmental objectives, a task which has been neglected in the rush of putting new laws on the statute books.

Another dropout this past week was an outstanding political leader of Pitt, Charles Whedbee of Greenville. He is currently serving as Greenville City Judge.

But youngish Roger Jackson of Murfreesboro — on the extreme north side of the district — says he is a candidate. Jackson is giving up a business — from money standpoint — position to take on State Sen. Walter Jones of Farmville. There is a snaking feeling in Raleigh that Jones' strength may have been a contributing factor to the dropout situation now existing in the First.

Jones is a "outsider" referred to as a veteran legislator, ran once against Bonner, has lived north and south in the district (meaning each side of Albemarle Sound) is vigorous and a vote-getter, and is regarded as a mild conservative.

Contrary to some well-placed rumors, certain Raleigh individuals said to be pushing for Jackson or Jones are staying strictly out of it. Jackson having served as public relation man for the State Highway Commission, has friends here. But so does Jones — and Jones has been around longer, is better known.

In fact the surprise in Raleigh resulting from the dropping out of Oglesby and Spain is surprised only by the decision of Roger Jackson to make the run.

WOOD IN FIFTH . . . The big news break in the popular Fifth District — with a population of 54,361 compared to the First's 271,501 — is that State Sen. William Z. Wood has done about everything except actually file as a candidate to succeed retiring Congressman Ralph Scott.

Harold Thompson, who like Wood is a Winston-Salem resident, is running, too. Thompson has been administrative assistant to Scott. There have been two interest-

ing developments within the past month in this contest:

1. Wood has his tentative promise of strong financial support in Winston-Salem — something he lacked when he last ran for Congress.

2. Ralph Scott is playing no favorites in the contest, has told friends he will be strictly neutral. The gap between Democrats and Republicans in the Fifth has now become so narrow that the man who wins in the Primary next spring will have won only half his battle. In the fall, he must take on Republican Nab Armfield or some other worthy apostle of the GOP.

Thus it will be nearly a year before the story is told in the Fifth and, politically, hat is a long time.

SIXTH, TOO . . . The Durham Herald, the Bull City's morning daily, seems to have it in for Horace R. Kornegay of Greensboro, who was first elected to Congress in 1960.

The main thing they seem to have against Kornegay is that they would like to see Nick Galifianakis (pronounced Gally-fun-ackis) succeed him. Or perhaps it could be they got used to Carl Durham of Chapel Hill, who served as long and so well, and would like to have their Washington representative fight in their own circulation backyard.

Galifianakis has served three regular terms in the N. C. General Assembly as an attorney, is smart, and would like to go for greener pastures. He is an Assistant Professor in Business Law at Duke University.

Of Greek decent he can't help his name, but the test of whether you are a member of the General Assembly or a resident of Durham is whether you can pronounce it correctly first time around. A name like that used to mean certain defeat — but that was before

Ervinghaus. And, other than the editorial page of the Durham Herald, Congressman Kornegay seems to be doing all right.

BIG THREE . . . In October, it looked like old times again with new car sales of this State. The Big three were Ford, Chevrolet, and Plymouth — in that order.

Ford sales totaled 4,712, Chevrolet—3,868, and Plymouth—1,507. Plymouth was for many years crowded out by Pontiac, once or twice by Pontiac and Buick, and at least once it came by Pontiac, Buick, and Oldsmobile. This October Pontiac was fourth at 1,037, Dodge fifth—868, Oldsmobile sixth—805, Buick seventh—674. But in foreign cars Volkswagen had total sales of 766.

Total new car sales this October were 16,333, up about 1,000 from last October and about 3,000 better than this September.



THE DROPOUTS . . . Down in the First Congressional District they are getting ready for one last hurrah on December 16 when a primary will be held among the Democrats — the Republicans are cold-shouldering it — to find a man to replace the late Herbert Bonner in Washington.

With a showing of counties from district to district — Now knows as reapportionment — the old First will not be the same again.

That may be one of the reasons Jack Spain of Greenville, one-time Bonner assistant and now a found-

ation of strength to U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin, decided not to seek the seat.

Henry Oglesby of Grifton, secretary to the late Congressman Bonner and virtually the Congressman for the first during most of 1965 is another dropout. He said in time element, etc., caused him to make this decision. Each grateful candidate has promised to keep it.

While the future of the First is certainly uncertain, there was general surprise that neither Oglesby nor Spain — both really able men — decided not to run.

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