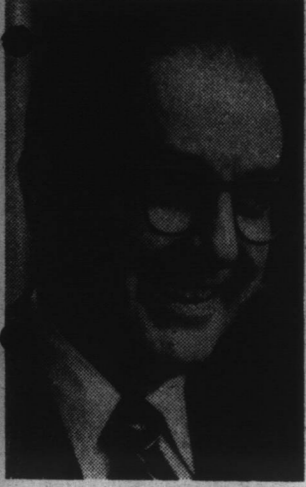


Jesse Helms Receives Award

Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) was presented the first Life Award for Outstanding Service by the "March for Life" Education and Defense Fund at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C. The presentation followed the annual January 22 rally when thousands of profile Americans participated in the tenth March for Life past the White House to the Nation's Capitol, where they petitioned Congress for a "Human Life Amendment" which will stop abortion in the United States.



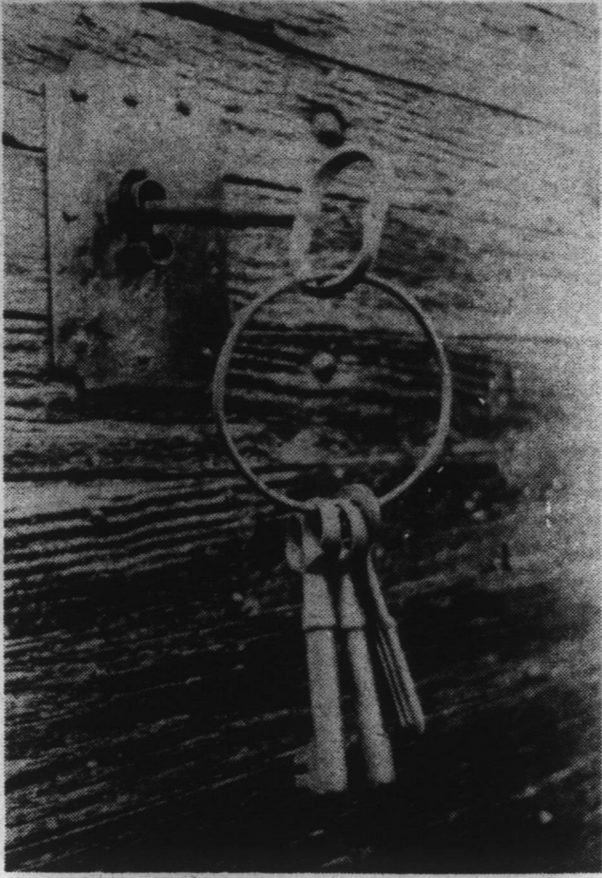
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Senator Helms has led the prolife work in the United States Senate for many years. It has too often been lonely work, with too little support from other Members of the Senate. It has always been outstanding work performed with professionalism, dignity, courage, diligence and principle. Senator Helms has earned the confidence and admiration of the grass roots proliferers, who return to Senator Helms their support and love. It is with great pleasure that Senator Helms is presented the first Life Award for Outstanding Prolife Service.

The occasion for this award service was the first Rose Dinner, Hyatt Regency, Washington, D.C., at which over 400 representatives from prolife organizations throughout the United States were present. Miss Gray explained that "the Rose Dinner" marks the end of a decade following the Supreme Court's infamous abortion decision in Roe v. Wade on January 22, 1973, and marks the beginning of "Prolife Action--Decade II, during which the "March for Life Fund" will undertake an important program of distributing materials to educate the American public about the innate value and dignity of each innocent born and preborn human being."

"Admonish your friends in private; praise them in public."
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HOLMES PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB WINNER—This month's winner in the Holmes Photography Club's Contest



was Danny Hogan. Danny took both first and second place with his pictures of keys and "the statue" respectively.

Contracts Drawn For Highway Improvements

RALEIGH—Sixteen of the 27 highway improvement contracts that the State Board of Transportation will consider in its next meeting involve resurfacing 372 miles of roads in a number of counties across North Carolina.

The meeting will be held Friday at 10 A.M. in the board room of the Highway Building, located in downtown Raleigh. Interested individuals are invited to attend.

"These resurfacing contracts, affecting 16 counties, are of our active and ongoing maintenance program," commented State Secretary of Transportation W.R. Roberson, Jr. "We are aware that North Carolinians have a great deal invested in their highway system and we are committed to protecting that investment through an effective maintenance program."

"Once again, we thank the 1981 General Assembly for approving Gov. Jim Hunt's "Good Roads" program.

Without it we would have lacked a source of funding to carry out our maintenance plan," he said.

Other highway contracts to be included on the agenda for the board's consideration are three for paving the Nashville Bypass (US-64), paving part of the newly relocated US-421 Bypass near Siler City and extending part of Harris Blvd. in Charlotte. An additional contract specifies the construction of two rest areas on I-85 in Alamance County and another one calls for replacing the bridge on US-64 over the Yadkin River near Lexington.

In all, the 27 contracts total \$19.1-million.

Secretary Roberson serves as chairman of the board.



The autograph of Julius Caesar is reputedly worth \$2 million.

U.S. Fish And Wildlife Make Study Of Tagged Fish

A fish with plastic jewelry is supposed to someday tell a story. Right?

You read sometimes about fish being tagged, but very little about them later on. So here is a story of 1,500 returned tags.

The striped bass situation in the Albemarle Sound complex

(the major striped bass fishery in N.C.) looks worse than it did two years ago when state/federal efforts of stocking six to ten inch stripers (rockfish) began there.

Even though the experimental stockings indicate success, "no long-term recovery will occur until the various environmental problems are alleviated," according to a N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission assessment report.

For example, striped bass commercial landings in the Albemarle area were 8,000 pounds in November 1982, 69,000 pounds in November 1981, and 98,000 pounds in November 1980. The recreational catch, which is much less than the commercial, continues also on the downside.

With fishermen getting up to \$3.75 a pound, fishing pressure can only go up, and that is how it has been.

Hatchery fishes were never meant to reverse the numbers, yet that assumption is hard to put down.

Stocking fish that had a good chance of growing to spawning size was an experi-

ment to increase the number of spawners. The idea was that the hatchery fish could keep populations going through bad times until water quality improved. Six-ten inch males will mature in about two years, females in about four. The legal minimum size limit for fishermen is 12 inches.

Would the fish survive and would they spawn? The only way to keep track of them was to give some of them identification tags.

Marine Fisheries biologist Harrell Johnson said tagged stripers stocked in Cape Fear River have been caught there four years later. Some of the tagged fish have later been taken on Albemarle Sound and Roanoke River spawning grounds. "This indicates some degree of what we wanted to accomplish," he said.

Johnson said they will try to continue the tagging program to strengthen their data. Tagged

fish were only a percentage of the total number stocked. The 2,500 tagged fish put into the Pamlico River January 27 brought the number tagged to 20,000. A total of 282,000 six-ten inchers were stocked coastwide the past four years. The high numbers indicate the success of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel at the Edenton National Fish Hatchery.

During the last stocking phase of a four year cooperative feasibility study done by Marine Fisheries and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 100,000 six-ten inchers were placed in Albemarle Sound this past autumn through January, the last load January 25; and 79,000 were placed in the Pamlico River, the last load January 27.

Fishermen are again asked to return tags. A reward of \$1-25 is offered for each of them. Returned tags are the vital pieces to the puzzle.

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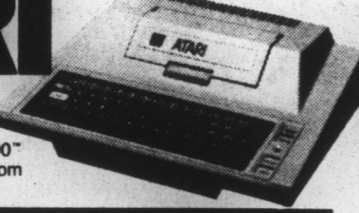
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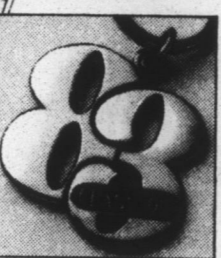
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Legislature Sessions

Lieut. Gov. James C. Green announced February 4, that he had requested Sen. Gerry Hancock of Durham to introduce a Senate Resolution calling for a study by the Governmental Operations Commission of the feasibility of limiting the length of legislative sessions.

"We are asking the Governmental Operations Commission to look into a number of facets of the legislative process, most notably, the limiting of legislative sessions," Green said. "The trend toward professional legislators in this State has become disturbing to many people, and shorter sessions would go a long way toward reversing this trend," he added.

"The other branches of government are being called on to limit their budgets, and I see no reason why the General Assembly should not examine its budget. It costs the taxpayers approximately \$24,000 each day that the legislators are in Raleigh, and judging by the experience of our sister states, we could conclude our business in considerably less time than we have been consuming. Virginia, for instance, limits regular sessions to 60 days and none has been extended in the decade since adoption of the law," Green said. He further stated, "I do not see the necessity for 1,400 new laws every two years as we have done in every session since 1977."

The resolution proposes that regular sessions of the General Assembly be limited to 60 days and extra session be limited to 20 days.



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