

The Carolina Review

TABLED . . . In recent weeks, there has been slightly more attention focused on North Carolina's death penalty law because of a bill introduced in Raleigh by Sen. Bob Davis, D-Rowan. Sen. Davis' bill would change North Carolina's method of execution from the gas chamber to intravenous injection. The injection, basically a solution of sodium penethol, would painlessly put the condemned person "to sleep."

In very simple, unexploitive terms, the change makes sense.

Objections have arisen, however, from some opponents of the death penalty who want the method of execution to remain "as ugly as possible." The ugliness could keep the number of executions at a minimum, opponents hope, and maybe even give rise to a public outcry for repeal of the death penalty.

Last week, freshman Sen. William N. Martin, D-Guilford, decided not to wait for that hoped for public outcry, and introduced a Senate bill that would have repealed the death penalty in North Carolina.

Se. Ollie Harris, D-Cleveland, in a seldom used point of parliamentary procedure, immediately called for a Senate vote to table (kill) Martin's bill. Normally a bill is first referred to committee for study before any final action is taken. Still, Harris' action was well within parliamentary bounds.

The Senate voted, 24 to 19,

in favor of Harris' motion.

With that, a controversial bill with great emotional value and headline opportunities—but no chance of passage—was easily aborted.

Those were the pertinent facts.

Others suggested there were more pertinent facts.

Martin is the only black member of the North Carolina Senate body. Since proportionately more blacks in the past have been sentenced to the death penalty, it is suggested (perhaps rightly) that

proportionately more blacks disfavor the death penalty.

After the tabling motion and successful vote, Sen. Russell Walker, D-Randall, the state chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party, called for a short recess to allow the Democratic membership to caucus.

In the caucus, Walker called his fellow senators onto the carpet over the action against Martin's bill, and told them the vote was a "direct slap" against the black voters of the state. During his several minute harangue, Walker singularly connected the Martin bill and black voters, reported calling the bill's defeat "a disgrace."

Walker wanted the tabling motion reversed.

Harris responded, "This isn't a black-white issue," the senator said, "this is a moral issue."

The tabling motion stood.



DEAF AWARENESS WEEK—Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has proclaimed May 1-8, as Deaf Awareness Week in North Carolina. In his proclamation the governor stated that this special observance is designed to inform the citizens of the state about the problems of hearing and speech defects and of local sources of help. An estimated 600,000 North Carolinians suffer from some form of hearing or speech defects, many of which could be prevented by early immunization, detection, and treatment.



The star nearest to earth is four light years away; that's 25 trillion miles.

Letter To The Chowan Herald Editor

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the recent advertisements placed in most of North Carolina's newspapers by the Helms for Senate Committee. I am also writing in the interest of accuracy and truthfulness about the purposes and goals of the North Carolina Campaign Fund.

We are now a full eighteen months away from the November, 1984 election, but deceitful political advertisements are already beginning to appear as Senator Helms and his Congressional Club gird for 1984. The handwriting is not only on the wall, it is also on the radio and in the newspapers, in the form of thousands of dollars already spent—on negative advertisements against our Governor and the Democratic Party. The Helms for Senate Committee has started holding "news conferences" to peddle their distortions, innuendos, and untruths, no doubt in the cynical hope and expectation that the truth will fail to catch up with the falsehood.

For example, a spokesman for the Helms Committee reported the "news" that it was costing the taxpayers \$66,000 a year for me to teach at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The truth is that the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation provided a foundation grant to endow the professorship I hold. Furthermore, my activity with the North Carolina Campaign Fund has not taken one minute away from my

responsibilities as a teacher. Involvement in the process of politics and government is a duty of every North Carolinian. If I were interested only in a place on the public payroll, I would not have resigned a lifetime appointment as a federal judge to run for public office in 1964.

The Congressional Club and the Helms for Senate Committee denied that they plan to spend millions of dollars in out-of-state political contributions on their 1984 re-election campaign. The truth is that Senator Helms and his Club raised over \$7 million in 1977-78 to run against an opponent who spent less than \$250,000. They raised over \$9.7 million in 1981-82. The truth is that since 1977, the Helms political money machine has raised and spent over \$18 million in its efforts to make the baneful influence of the

radical right felt in the political life of our state and country.

If that richest of all political money machines intends to act any differently in 1984, why did it promptly and flatly turn down our committee's offer to cease raising out-of-state campaign funds if they would do the same?

The North Carolina Campaign Fund would prefer not to solicit any out-of-state political contributions. We have no choice, however, if we are going to be able to compete and to marshal the financial resources that will be necessary to tell the truth. We stand for quality in the political life of our state, for educational and economic opportunity for all the people, for fair play, and for simple decency and honesty. Our committee is determined that the state not lose to the kind

of leadership offered by those whose only real political experience has been in appealing to prejudice, fear and ignorance, instead of to our better instincts.

Sincerely,
L. Richardson Freyer
Chairman

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For Allergy Relief
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\$28,000

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On Woodland Drive...
Real comfort and quality, quietly among the pines of Cape Colony. 1979 "Oakwood" mobile "Montibello" home...14' x 68'...total electric heat and air condition. Two bedrooms, two baths, living room, kitchen/dining combination, with washer/dryer and dish washer included. Located on 100' x 150' lot. Has carport & porch deck...also 12' x 15' storage outbuilding.

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\$48,000

8 Acres Off Paradise Road Between Dillard Ave. And Radio Station WCDJ

Excellent open field for development into needed house or mobile home park! Immediate possession!

\$32,000

Reduced!



At Arrowhead!

ON SHAWNEE TRAIL... 50' x 150' lot among the trees and only a block from the park area. 2 bedrooms, living room - kitchen, bath and screened porch with refrigerator, range and air-cond., also storage shed. Small pier on canal leading to Chowan River, on county water system.

\$22,500

On the Albemarle Sound at Chowan Golf & Country Club...home building lot, already bulkheaded and landscaped.

\$40,000

On the Albemarle Sound at Chowan Golf & Country Club...home building lot among the pines, already bulkheaded and well cleared.

\$42,000

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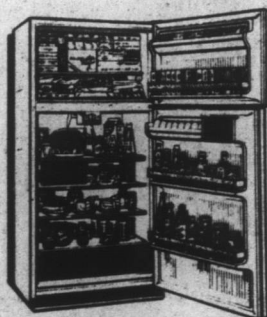
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Kelvinator Major Appliances at Factory Authorized PRICES!

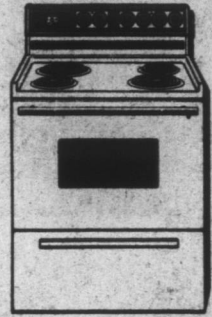
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- Big 4.8 Cu. Ft. Freezer
- Adj. Shelves
- 2 Deep Door Shelves

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\$650.00

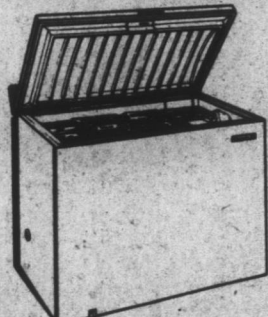


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30" Electric Range Continuous-Cleaning Oven

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- Oven Bottom Foil
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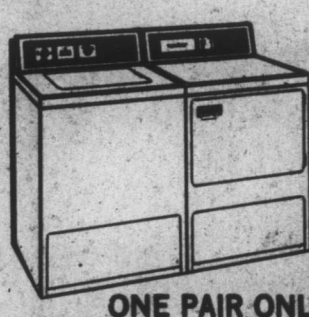
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- Balanced Lid
- Removable Basket
- Built-In Lock
- Defrost Drain

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Heavy-Duty Automatic Laundry Pair

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