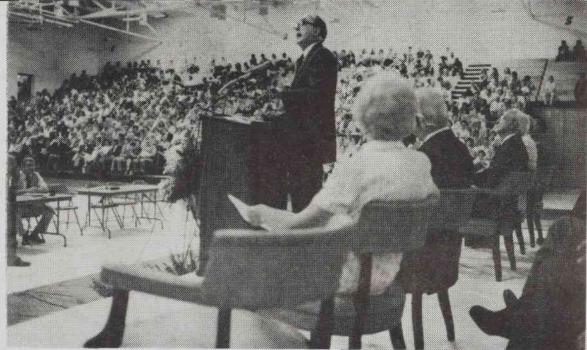
## Helms Center Dedication A 'Grand Day'



During his response to Sen. Harry Byrd's message Sen. Jesse Helms turned to the student section to thank them for their applause following the playing of the national anthem.



Dr. Cecil A. Ray, general secretary-treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, center, and President Whitaker, right, talk with Senator Helms following the dedication program.



President Bruce Whitaker, third from left, and several key leaders of the "Accomplishing Our Mission" campaign, Sen. J. J. "Monk" Harrington, left, of Lewiston, E. L. Hollowell of Edenton, right, talk with United States senators Harry F. Byrd of Virginia, second from left, and Jesse Helms, second from right, prior to the gym dedication. Harrington served as leadership gifts co-chairman and Hollowell was chairman of the gym campaign.



The Rev. Felix Arnold, left, of Enfield, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and President Whitaker listen as Mrs. Texie Camp Marks of Boykins, honorary chairman, talks to Senator Helms and Senator Byrd.



After the dedication program, many people pressed around Sen. Helms to talk to the North Carolina Senator and receive his autograph.