

Wood To Head Chowan County Lighthouse Drive

RALEIGH — Gov. James B. Hunt and U. S. Sen. Jesse Helms, who are serving as state co-chairmen of the Save Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Committee, have announced that local committees are now at work in more than 90 of North Carolina's 100 counties. Hunt and Helms ex-

pressed their pleasure that the Lighthouse drive in Chowan County is being headed by J. Gilliam Wood. The Senator and the Governor said they are grateful that a committee has formed in the county to support North Carolina's voluntary drive for funds to

prevent one of the nation's most historic coastal landmarks from being toppled by beach erosion.

From Washington President Ronald Reagan provided encouragement for Cape Hatteras Lighthouse and members of the local committees with the following statement: "I

sincerely respect the efforts of those who, because of their keen appreciation of its history, continue to work to preserve Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in our country."

In a ceremony in the President's office at the White House Reagan received a Keeper of the Light certificate from Senator Jesse Helms. The title of Keeper of the Light is being awarded by Helms and Hunt to those who give significant support to the preservation drive.

Hunt and Helms also announced that Avery County has become the first county in the state to exceed its county goal in the statewide drive to raise at least \$1,000,000 to preserve the lighthouse. County goals

are based on last year's sales tax returns in the respective counties. Avery County's goal is \$2,500 and the local group has already raised \$2,771, with the assurance of more to follow from county Lighthouse co-chairmen Charles VonCanon and J. Eugene Penland.

The successful Avery County Lighthouse team of Penland and VonCanon bears at least one similarity to the statewide co-chairmanship duo of Helms and Hunt. Gene Penland is a Newland banker and prominent Democrat and Charles VonCanon is the Republican Mayor of Banner Elk.

Gov. Hunt and Sen. Helms said that the selection of County Lighthouse Chair-

men in all of the State's 100 counties should be completed in a matter of days, and that they are extremely pleased by the quality of the leadership making up the committees. "When you have good people, and we certainly do, a good job is going to be done," Gov. Hunt said.

Dr. Rance Henderson, who heads N. C. School for the Deaf in Morganton, has been highly successful in involving the schools of Burke County in the Save Cape Hatteras Lighthouse Campaign. School support of the Lighthouse is in the hands of individual school systems across the state, and the State Board of Education has passed a resolution in behalf of the drive.



NO. 1 KEEPER OF THE LIGHT — President Ronald Reagan boosted the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse campaign by saying: "I sincerely respect the efforts of those who, because of their keen appreciation of its history, continue to work to preserve Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, the tallest lighthouse in our country". Reagan is pictured with a model of the endangered lighthouse during a ceremony in which U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms awarded him a Keeper of The Light certificate in recognition of the President's interest in the project. Helms and Gov. James B. Hunt are heading North Carolina's drive to raise \$1,000,000 to save the historic structure from erosion.

Sermon Topic Is Chosen

"The Perpetual Light" is the sermon topic selected by Rev. R. R. Blankenhorn for the worship service on December 13, at 11 A.M. at the Edenton United Methodist Church. The text for this message is John 1:5. A special children's program for the making of Christmas crafts will be held each Wednesday afternoon until Christmas from 3:30 until 4:30 at the church. This program is for children from age four through grade six.

A special choir practice will take place on December 15. Basses are asked to come at 7 P.M., altos at 7:30 P.M. and sopranos at 8 P.M.

Church Holiday Revival

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District, Assemblies of God in 1968.

For two years, 1968-69, Mr. Morris was youth and Sunday School director of the N. C. District. From 1970-74 he was pastor of Trinity Assembly of God, Charlotte, N.C. The church grew from an attendance of only 22 to 350 during his pastorate.

His next pastorate was Bethel Full Gospel Church (Assemblies of God), Rochester, N.Y., 1974-75. He then pastored Evangel

Temple Assembly of God, Columbus, Ga., 1980-81. Both churches showed substantial growth during his ministry.

Mr. Morris is married to the former Glenda Shows, who attended Evangel 1961-63. Mrs. Morris served as music director of the churches in Rochester, Charlotte, and Edenton, while he was pastor. They have three daughters, aged 9, 11 and 13.

His ordination is now with the Georgia District of the Assemblies of God.

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