

Scurlock Students Pick Up 25,000 Waste Cans

Scurlock School's 625 students boosted the fund being raised to save the historic Cape Hatteras Lighthouse by collecting about 25,000 cans from roadsides and around their homes in just four days last week.

The cans were bagged at school, then left in Raeford to be picked up by Reynolds Aluminum Co., which contracted to buy the cans for recycling. The Hoke County Save the Lighthouse Committee, headed by chairman Kay Thomas, made

the arrangement with Reynolds. Scurlock Principal George Wood guessed that the cans would bring the Lighthouse fund about \$100.

The students, competing as school bus groups, picked up the cans in their spare time, from Tuesday through Friday.

The winner was Bus 25, driven by Jane Hart. The students who ride that bus collected 6,380 cans.

The runnerup was Bus 22's riders, with a collection of 3,662 cans, and Bus 32's students placed

third with 2,463 cans picked up.

Rose Chavis drives Bus 22, and Karen Hammons, Bus 32.

The students who ride the seven school buses participated in the contest.

The results of the contest were the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse campaign got about \$100 about what the cans were sold for and Scurlock community got much cleaner roadsides.

On Thursday, the school was presented a Keeper of the Light

Award, a plaque given by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., and Sen. Jesse Helms to groups which make substantial contributions to the fund. The presentation was made by Mrs. Thomas.

The money is being raised statewide to pay for stopping the sea erosion of the land on which the lighthouse stands. The erosion has been cutting back the site gradually for many years so that now the lighthouse itself is threatened.



Twins Ronnie and Lonnie Smith, Scurlock School students, are shown with the bag of cans at left they collected in the school's contest last week. The other bag contains some of the cans the other students picked up. [Staff photo.]



WINNERS -- These children won the Save the Lighthouse trash can-collecting contest last week for their Bus 25 at Scurlock School. With them is Mrs. Mary Scott, a reading teacher, in the right rear. The boys and girls of Bus 25 won by collecting 6,380 cans in four days. The 15 bags behind them contain part but not all of their collection. Scurlock students picked up about 25,000 cans altogether during the contest. [Staff photo.]

Noble Announces For Reelection

State Sen. Sam R. Noble announced this morning that he will seek re-election for his third term in the North Carolina Senate. He filed officially Friday.

A native of Lumberton, Noble has served Robeson and Hoke counties since July 1978, when he succeeded the late Luther Britt, Jr. Before joining the Senate, Noble represented the Lumberton District Robeson County Board of Commissioners for 10 years, of which the last six years he served as the chairman being unanimously elected by his fellow commissioners.

In 1976, Noble was honored by the State Association of County Commissioners in being elected the association president.

In his four years in the Senate, Noble has been listed as a "friend of education" by the North Carolina Association of Educators for his work on behalf of education in North Carolina. He was also the Highest Ranked Freshman Senator in effectiveness in the 1979 session by the North Carolina Institute for Public Policy Research.

"It has been a very busy three - and - a - half years, but I think that my most effective years in the Senate are yet to come," Noble said. "It takes a year or so to gain the influence needed to become a truly potent member of a legislative body like the North Carolina

Senate."

Noble stated he has been trying to keep North Carolina government from growing in the manner that the federal government has: "Saying 'no' to the growth in programs and taxes does not get the same headlines as saying 'yes' to proposed spending."

As a result of legislation introduced, he is now serving as co-chairman of a committee to investigate the growing regional offices. Noble stated, "Nobody in state government seems able to give exact figures on how many state employees are out there or what they are doing."

"The best way to reduce state taxes is to reduce the spending of tax money," he added.

Noble has supported Rep. Dan Lilly's legislation to increase personal deductions in North Carolina State income tax. This will give a small reduction in taxes across the

board to everyone, while at the same time opposing the total elimination of taxes for powerful special interest groups. Reduction in taxes should be shared by everyone. He said, "I worked hard as a Commissioner to enlarge industrial growth so that the job opportunities would be increased and help reduce personal property tax; while at the same time continued to support agriculture which is still our leading industry. As a State Senator I've continued that effort for the entire District. With the impending recession, this growth becomes even more important. Any time we can help one person get a job, we're helping all of us."

He added: "I've always been available to the citizens of the 12th District and that will continue. My office doors in both Lumberton and Raleigh will always be open."

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