Inflation Spurs Increased Volunteerism

volunteers.

For years, the traditional attitudes about who voicineers and why they give their time to help others have been very narrow. But in North Carolina the rising cost of services, the emphasis on education, energy cost, and spirialing inflation have given rise to an increased

New Volunteer," published the High Point city school in Ladies Home Journal, system. The Naegele April 1979, Mary Scott Outdoor Advertising Welch cited four myths:

unemployed. -Volunteers work in

patients' hands. -Volunteering is a luxury painters. of the upper-class, a case of a sense of obligation.

lead anywhere. In North Carolina, the

trend has been toward a greater variety of activities under the umbrella of volunteerism. Rev. Richard Styles takes time out of his pastoral responsibilities at church to spend time with a fatherless child. The need for Citizen Volunteers business community of High in every aspect of society. Point supplies volunteers to In an article entitled "The all 11 elementary schools in Company regularly con--Most volunteers are tributes ten percent of its housewives, otherwise gross volume to worthwhile causes.

Such a volunteer effort hospitals, mainly holding a includes the time of executives, artists and

The volunteer is the the overpriviledged helping citizen who voluntarily the underpriviledged out of participates in identifying and solving community

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upper middle class. -Volunteering is not directionless. It promotes a sense of community, proving that the individual counts and that human

beings care for each other.

coaches the neighborhood

baseball team are all

In the same article, Welch

-Homemakers, still a

responds to the myths:

who hold full-time jobs.

media, social services,

health-care, religion.

The early pioneers, who could raise a barn or build a house for a neighbor in a matter of days, knew about community. The readiness of the settlers to join together to better themselves was dramatically illustrated in North Carolina during the War of the

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ikely to fit a much broader centered in Hillsborough. definition. Board members. Leaders in this " scout leaders, persons who area violently protested take the time to attend a against the taxes imposed public hearing, fundupon them "by the East." raisers, the parent on the

Beginning about 1810, block who carpools the neighborhood kids or almost every rural and urban church in North Carolina had its official board composed entirely of volunteers. One-hundredseventy years later, religious work in North Carolina still thrives vital component of the through the efforts of thousands of volunteers. volunteer force, are now

out-numbered by volunteers In early days, it was left to women to organize -Today's volunteer is charitable societies to care for the sick and the poor. involved in every conceivable aspect of American The first was the New Bern life - environment, politics, Female Charitable Society in 1812, followed by the Fayetteville Female Orphan Asylum Society. -Today's volunteer force represents a variety of Movements for court socio-economic back- reform, relaxation of the punitive criminal code, grounds - not just the custodial care of the mentally ill, as well as the temperance movement and the Bible Society were supported by volunteers.

> Several major developments in the field of marked the changing face of volunteerism in North Carolina during

seventies. Forty people from across the state met together in 1974 to form the North Carolina Association of Volunteer Administrators (NCAVA), to promote professional development and enhance the status of the volunteer. Today more than 125 professional administrators volunteer working through are NCAVA to develop educational opportunities, rural volunteer programs, statewide training conferences, and legislation to benefit volunteers.

Another process, Community Education, brings people together to increase citizen involvement. It gained attention in 1977 through the Community Schools Act passed by the North Carolina Assembly. Through this legislation,

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more than 100 local school systems have been able to courage maximum use of the public schools. The North Carolina Association for Community Education (NC-ACE) was formed in 1978 to promote citizen involvement and participation in community and self improvement. NC-ACE has sponsored three state conferences to help develop partnerships between the community and education process.

Community partnerships are also a focus of the United Way efforts in North Carolina. Even in an era of inflation, United Way volunteers were able to generate increasing pledges in support of essential community services. According to Dwyer Sump, Executive Director, North Carolina United Way, the 76 United Way campaigns conducted in North Carolina in 1979 pledged \$23,360,000, an 8.5 per cent increase over 1978. This represents the volunteer leadership higest increase ever recorded by that agency.

> Volunteer initiative today still provides a means of meeting society's needs. It reflects the tradition of community 'service which has shaped our nation. Perhaps most importantly, a long history of volunteering in North Carolina has preserved what is sometimes lost in the changing, complex, technological society of our time - the sense of community.

Sermon Topic Is Chosen

The sermon topic selected by Rev. R. R. Blankenhorn for the Sunday morning worship hour, April 27, at the Edenton United Methodist Church is: "The Emancipating Power of Obedience." The text for this message: John 8:31-32.

FITNESS VOLUNTEER — Penelope Walker teaches an exercise class at the Gates County Community Center. She volunteers her talents as an ex-model to conduct the class twice a week for ladies between the ages of 26 and 60. Penelope Walker is one of forty volunteers featured in "Visions", a photography exhibit at the State Capitol during National Volunteer Week, April 20 - 26, 1980.

Death Claims Mrs. Sullivan

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Williford-Barham Funeral Chapel for Mrs. Catherine Holmes Sullivan, 59, of Whitehurst Trailer Park, Tarboro. Rev. E. C. Alexander officiated and burial followed in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Sullivan, a native of Tyrrell County, died Sunday in Edgecombe General Hospital in Tarboro.

She was the daughter of the late Martha Twiddy Holmes and the late James F. Holmes, and she was the wife of James Sullivan of Tarboro, who survives.

She is also survived by a sister, Mrs. Addie Bunch of Edenton, and three stepgrandchildren.

Pallbearers were Fred Ashley, Sr., Thomas Harris, Preston Cayton, Ed Owens, Sam Sawyer, and Shelton

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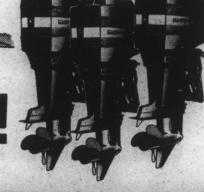
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