

Signs of Times

Here are a few Signs of the Times, small items that often tell us more about where we are and where we're headed than the major stories of the day.

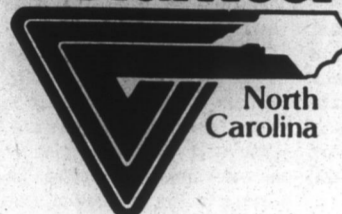
Sen. William Armstrong of Colorado reveals that the subway system in Washington, D.C., is costing the nation's taxpayers some \$10 - billion, about the total invested in all Western states water reclamation projects since the turn of the century.

The U.S. Department of Defense budget is just a billion dollars more for a single year of the Reagan Administration.

And the U.S. Department of Agriculture budget for four years is near the same - \$11 - billion.

Logic tells us that all the expensive defense measures won't be worth much if this country fails to maintain a healthy agriculture sector. This is an obvious sign of the times which is so elementary it doesn't command much concern.

Volunteer



Salute to Volunteers

Volunteers have always played a crucial role in the scheme of things along the Public Parade, throughout North Carolina and the United States. They have donated their God - given talents toward numerous causes, which have tasted success primarily because of the free hands on the wheel.

However, these generous people from all walks of life have never been adequately thanked for their labor of love. And even National Volunteer Week - April 18 - 24 - won't do the job, but it will help. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr., has built a political empire through successfully motivating the rank and file Tar Heels. No chief executive in that state's history has made better use of something money can't buy; the talents of people who are willing to share their lives with others.

President Ronald Reagan probably isn't aware of the great success of Gov. Hunt's program, but he is milking the people industry for all it is worth as he attempts to bring reason back into the federal bureaucracy. The president's efforts prompted a national survey by the Gallup Poll for the Independent Sector, a non-profit coalition of voluntary agencies, foundations and corporations.

The value of the time and cash Americans volunteer to worth causes ranging from free meals to drug rehabilitation tops \$111 - billion a year - more than the total output of some industrialized nations, according to syndicated columnist Sylvia Porter.

"But President Reagan thinks we can do more and suggests that the gap caused by federal budget cuts in social - welfare programs can be bridged by increased 'volunteerism,'" she wrote recently.

One of the findings of the Gallup Poll was that a total of 84 - million Americans volunteered about 8.4 - billion hours (\$64.5 - billion) for the year ended last October.

Many of these worked in the Cooperative Extension System which over the years has set the pace for citizen involvement in program planning, implementation and evaluation. In North Carolina, some 60,000 CES volunteers give more than 2 - million hours of their personal time each year for the well being of North Carolina. In addition, some 14,000 volunteers serve in positions on the statewide system of advisory councils.

This is multiplied many times over throughout the United States. Forty - one states participate in the National Extension Advisory Council and have several million laymen identified in leadership roles.

Volunteers make a great impact for their cause for at least three reasons. First, they have

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SYCAMORE HOUSE - The Sycamore House will be one of the houses open at the upcoming Sixth Biennial Edenton Symposium on April 28-30. Unique special features and top quality programming have already drawn a strong response to the Symposium.

Edenton's Biennial Symposium, April 28 - 30

A combination of top quality programming and unique special features is drawing a strong response to the Sixth Biennial Edenton Symposium, scheduled for April 28-30. The Symposium is under the direction of Mrs. R.N. Campbell, who reports that more than two-thirds of the maximum allowable number of registrations have already been received.

Administrative assistance by Dr. Worth Worthington of ECU's

Division of Continuing Education has been utilized this year, in view of the Division's extensive mailing list, news bureau, and successful conduct of symposia for such historic sites as Tryon Palace and Hope Plantation.

The subject of this Symposium is Southern Folk and Decorative Arts Before the Civil War. Those attending will hear such well-known lecturers as Carolyn Weekly of the Abby Aldrich

Rockefeller Folk Art Center in Williamsburg; and John Bivins of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, who will illustrate his talk on Furniture of the N.C. Albemarle with specimen pieces from Chowan County homes. Also on the schedule are Dr. Charles Zug of UNC-CH, whose subject will be N.C. Traditional Pottery; and the always popular Dr. Tom Parramore, who will entertain with A Vertical Tour of Edenton: 1672-1982.

In addition to two luncheons, Symposium registrants will be entertained at a cocktail-buffet at the waterfront home of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Vaughan. A limited number of local residents may join the group at this latter function: telephone 482-8811 for reservations at \$25. per couple.

To add even more spice to the menu, special arrangements have been made for tours of two of Edenton's choicest sites, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Crandall's Leigh House, and Dr. and Mrs. Richard Hines, Jr.'s Sycamore. Also, as a tie-in with Dr. Zug's talk, there will be a special exhibit of archeological artifacts recovered during digs at the Homestead, home of Mrs. Frederick B. Drane. These prolific operations were

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School Board Holds Meeting

The Edenton - Chowan Board of Education met April 5 at 7:30 P.M. in a regular session.

The "Good Things" happening in the school system were heard first. Health Occupations Education was noted and students from the class told of their feelings toward the program.

A Capital Improvements Resolution by the County Commissioners and also the Commissioners Resolution supporting the additional one - cent statewide sales tax were read.

It was noted that the Grand Jury had recently toured Chowan Jr. High, and intended to tour Holmes

High School in May.

Following a note of the time change for the May meeting to 8 P.M., the site plans for additions and improvements at John A. Holmes High School were discussed.

In the public speaks, Gil Burroughs presented an alternative plan to the School Board, which he said would make the hallways less congested and in general be of better use to those at John A. Holmes.

The 1982 - 83 School Calendar, after much discussion, was not approved. The School Board opted

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GRAND JURY VISITS CHOWAN JR. HIGH - Reminiscent of days gone by, the Grand Jury in Chowan County has set an inspection of the schools as one of its goals during this year. On a recent visit to Chowan Junior High, Principal John Guard (l.) and Supt. Dunn (c.) greeted Jim Criddle, jury foreman, and other members of the group prior to a guided tour of the school.



LUNCHTIME! - Included in the tour was the opportunity for jury members to join with students for lunch in the cafeteria. The group, which visited all areas of the building, was interested in the general conditions of the buildings and made several comments on perceived needs. As time permits, the grand jury plans to visit other schools in the county. Observations made will be included in their general report. Prior to legislative action many years ago, the inspection of public schools was a mandated function of Grand Jurys.

Winslow Gets Membership In U.S. Collegiate Wind Band

Maria Winslow, who resides in Riverton, has been accepted for membership in the United States Collegiate Wind Band, a highly selective musical organization which will make a concert tour of England and seven European countries next July and August. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Winslow. She plays oboe in the John A. Holmes High School Band, conducted by Otis Strother.

The invitation to tour with the United States Collegiate Wind Band was received from Prof. Al G. Wright, Director of Bands Emeritus at Purdue University (Lafayette, Indiana) and conductor of all eleven of the previous United States Collegiate Wind Band Tours since they were started in 1971. The USCWB Associate Conductor, Gladys Stone Wright, is the founding president of the Women Band Directors National Association.

The United States Collegiate Wind Band will travel for three weeks (July 13 - August 5) in England, France, Germany, Austria, Italy, Holland and Switzerland. Among the cities in which concerts will be performed are London, Paris, Lucerne, Salzburg, Innsbruck, Lugano, Berchtesgarden, Chaux - des - Fonds, Munich, Andernatt, Verona, Cologne, Milan and Heidelberg.

Mrs. Gardner Is New President

Mary Rhea Gardner, president, heads up the list of new officers and board members recently elected by the Edenton Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony. Plans were discussed at the recent board meeting for the return of the symphony next year. Chief among the concerns expressed was the need to provide an additional educational concert so that more school children can take advantage of this opportunity. The board made the decision to provide the extra concert, and Mrs. Gardner expressed the hope that the entire community would support the local chapter's efforts as whole - heartedly as they did last year, as the increase in prices,

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The group will assemble in New York City for rehearsals prior to their departure from Kennedy Airport on July 13. While in New York City the USCWB will play invitational concerts at the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts and in the Plaza of the Americas at Rockefeller Center. Acceptance for membership in this highly talented group of student musicians is considered a musical honor of national importance. The members of the one hundred piece Wind Bands are



Maria Winslow

chosen from all over the entire United States once each year. Students from 47 of the 50 states participated in last year's tour.

Previous European concert tours made by the USCWB, were received with great critical acclaim. Standing ovations were the rule rather than the exception whenever they played. The UNITED STATES COLLEGIATE WIND BANDS annually receive more requests for concerts from European city officials than can possibly be accepted.

In addition to performing concerts, the Wind Band members will visit musical shrines, museums and places of musical interest including Richard Wagner's house in Lucerne, Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg and Beethoven's house in Bonn. They will also attend selected concerts and performances in various British and European concert halls and opera houses.

Volunteer Day In Recognition Of Community Support

ElderLodge Edenton is sponsoring a "Volunteer Day" Sunday, 18th of April at the facility with festivities beginning at 2:30 P.M. to personally recognize and honor those individuals and groups from our community that have provided their time and interest to our residents.

Volunteers play such an important role in the lives of nursing home residents that their special week must not go by without recognition. This is especially true in this area where upwards of 20

counties may be represented in one facility and families cannot visit as often as they would like because of distance.

The National Center for Voluntary Action sponsors National Volunteer Week to honor the millions of individuals who contribute their time and energy to make our communities and our nation a better place to live. In 1982 this week will be observed April 18 - 24.

Charles W. Andrews, is Administrator.

Tynch Qualifies As Finalist

Murray Joe Tynch, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tynch, Jr., of Edenton, and a senior at Albemarle Academy, has qualified as a finalist for the George Foster Hankins Scholarship at Wake Forest University. These scholarships, awarded to members of the Freshman Class, are made possible by the late Col. George Foster Hankins of Lexington, for residents of North Carolina or children of alumni residing in other states, with preference given to residents of Davidson County.

The scholarships are valued up to \$6,000.

Tynch, who is currently serving as Senior Class Pres., has been active in extra - curricular activities throughout his high school career. While attending Chowan Academy during his freshman and sophomore years, he participated in basketball, baseball, and soccer. He was named to the All - Conference basketball team his sophomore year and received the MVP award for basketball and soccer this same year.

During both years at Chowan he served as Student Government Treasurer and during his sophomore year was class president. That year also he was a finalist in scholarship competition for the North Carolina School for Mathematics and Science.

Since attending Albemarle Academy he has participated with distinction in football, basketball, and baseball. This year he was named to the All - Conference

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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - Coordinating principals in ElderLodge Edenton's "Volunteer Day" on Sunday are: (Left to right) C. A. Phillips, Chairman, Chowan County Commissioners, Mrs. Pat Storie, Chairman, Community Advisory Board, Miss Loita Lawrence, Activities Director, ElderLodge, and C. W. Andrews, Administrator of ElderLodge.