



## Gorges Appreciation

The staff of the Gorges State Park held an appreciation day Saturday to thank the people who have helped make the Gorges State Park possible. Park Superintendent Dave Pagano, above, offered his thanks to approximately 200 people who attended a dinner held under tents on the park property. Sapphire businessman Bill McNeely below left, was given the Division of State Parks Service Award for his willingness to donate material and labor to build the Gorges State Park parking area. Presenting the award was Lewis Ledord, superintendent of state parks for North Carolina. Pagano said people contributed just over 4,000 volunteer man hours to the state park last year. (Times photos by Leigh Wills)

