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Pepsi's 85th Anniversary Celebration

Fireworks will light the sky, flowers and art will burst with color and marching bands will fill the air with music when this historic port city hosts a gala spring festival April 29-30, it was announced by Swiss Bear, Inc., the non-profit organization for the revitalization of downtown New Bern.

Among the highlights of the weekend celebration will be a Friday night fireworks display over the Neuse River and Saturday's annual downtown art show, walking tours of New Bern's historic district and a parade through the city's center sponsored by Pepsi-Cola. The Festival coincides with the soft drink company's commemoration of the 85th anniversary of its birth in New Bern.

North Carolina Governor James Hunt, Jr. is scheduled to appear at the celebration, which is expected to attract 10,000 visitors to the city. Creating a dazzling backdrop for the festival will be the thousands of tulips in bloom here this month, 30,000 of which can be viewed at Tryon Palace, where a press conference will kick off the event Friday night.

"We expect this festival to be one of the biggest events ever in New Bern," said J. Harold Talton, Chairman of Swiss Bear. "We all take pride in the heritage of New Bern and its people, and we look forward to showing our hospitality to the thousands who will be here that weekend."

Also scheduled are an appearance by Suzanne Asbury Oliver, who will demonstrate the art of skywriting in an authentic 1929 open cockpit biplane, and the unveiling of an historic marker at the building in downtown New Bern where North Carolina native Caleb Bradham produced Pepsi-Cola at his pharmacy in 1898.



Jelly Beans (3-5 year olds) take instructions from dance teacher at the local Y.M.C.A.

Be a part of Spring Arts '83. Have fun face painting, being caricatured, browsing, eating and buying! Be on Pollock St. at 11:00 for the Pepsi parade . . . hear the NBCT Showboat Singers and Washington Community Band. Don't miss it. Saturday, April 30 in downtown New Bern.



Jimmy Spruill explains the job of the conservation people to the Vanceboro Rotary.



Ready on the right, Ready on the left, Ready on the firing line — West Craven FFA Students take aim at targets at their local rifle range.

Spring Arts '83

Arts, crafts, music, demonstrations, sales, displays, children's Create-In, hot dogs, and 5¢ Pepsis: The Spring Arts '83 festival will have something for everyone to enjoy. There will be a judged showing of the works of amateur and professional artists and craftsmen at the O. Marks Building and across the way the Merchants Mart & Club Bazaar will have booths at Bear Plaza. Arts and Crafts demonstrations and booths will line Middle Street from Tryon Palace Drive to the Bank of the Arts. Pollock Street will be closed from the Saax Bradbury Theatre to City Hall.

Hot dogs, potato chips and 5¢ Pepsis will be available at the concession stands at three locations on Middle and Pollock Streets so you and your family can spend the whole day seeing the displays, watching the Pepsi Parade just before noon and then stay for the entertainment that will take place on center stage on Middle Street. Leading off with the Washington School Band there will be performances by the Pepsi Girls, a troupe of belly dancers and the singers from the New Bern Civic Theater's production of Showboat. The circus paintings by Robert E. Weaver on display at the Bank of the Arts offer yet another facet to the Festival's activities.

Citizens Ask For More Protection

The Little Swift Creek citizens turned out Saturday night in large numbers to hear Sheriff Pete Bland explain some of the problems that he and his forty deputies face on a day to day basis. He stated that on a three shift watch he only had five deputies on duty at any one time. He further stated his men were serving 1200 to 1400 papers per month with an average of two hours per paper. "It is necessary that warrants be served within 25 days", stated Sheriff Bland, "and this is a must for my men".

The final outcome of the Crime Watch Meeting was that Sheriff Bland said "I'll try to get more patrolling done in this area and we will run license checks on suspicious vehicles in the area."

The citizens seemed satisfied with Sheriff Bland's promise and decided the Crime Watch would have to be more observant in the community.

The next Crime Watch Meeting is June 11 at Caton Fire Station.

Aldermen Meet

The Vanceboro Board of Aldermen held their regular meeting, April 11, 1983, in the Town Hall at 8:00 p.m. The following were present:

Aldermen: Richard Bowers, Abe Cleve, Lee Johnson, Howard Tyre and A.F. Whitley.

Mayor Pro Tem Whitley called the meeting to order. Prayer was led by Alderman Tyre. Minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Bell of Cable T.V. advised the Board that they were doing as best possible due to the bad weather, but hoped to have at least part of the Town hooked up within 30 days.

Michael Hodges, of the Vanceboro Boy Scouts asked the Board's approval on his Eagle Scout Project. The project consists of numbering individual property including College and Farm Life Avenues and adjoining streets. Alderman Bowers made a motion to approve Michael's project. Motion was seconded by Alderman Johnson and carried.

Cash receipts, disbursements and current bills were reviewed. Alderman Cleve made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Tyre and carried.

The land in front of the Sewer Plant was discussed. Alderman Cleve is to talk to Bill Cleve concerning this.

Earl Lewis is to check the ditches here in town to make sure they are draining properly, and the manhole at the corner of College and First Avenue.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.