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L-R Norman Johnson, Weyerhaeuser; Jim Nay, Texaco; Tony Hooper, New Bern City Mgr.; Mayor Paul Cox, New Bern; J. Harold Talton, Swiss Bear President, Board of Directors.

Major Downtown Project Revealed

New Bern-A downtown tourism development project involving two industrial corporations was unveiled last Wednesday by J. Harold Talton, Chairman of Swiss Bear, Inc.

Texaco, Inc. and Weyerhaeuser Company announced proposals which would contribute substantially to tourism development in New Bern and Craven County.

Texaco, Inc. donated property located on the Neuse River to the City of New Bern and Swiss Bear, Inc. "We knew Texaco wanted to be part of the facility which would provide information and be a major resource to the community," says Talton. "They donated this property to further this effort."

Norman E. Johnson, Regional Vice President of the Weyerhaeuser Company, announced its support for the concept of a visitor and river center to be located on this waterfront property. "We recognize water resources as our most important asset in coastal North Carolina. Weyerhaeuser desires to be a part of this project which contributes to the understanding of our river systems," Johnson says.

The waterfront property is located prominently on U.S. 70 beside Union Point, a city park. It contains 2.4 acres where bulk storage tanks and an abandoned service station are now located, both of which will later be removed.

"This area is a focal point for visitors coming into New Bern" says Marvin W. Davis, Executive Director of Swiss Bear, Inc. "Downtown waterfront development gives a special flavor to New Bern".

Swiss Bear, Inc. will form working groups to explore how the facility can best be developed and solicit funds to construct the facility.

"This center will draw tourists to New Bern and Craven County giving them exciting things to do when they arrive," Mayor Paul Cox said. "The more sites tourists have to visit the longer they will stay here and contribute to our economy," he says.

This announcement is the most recent in a continuing series of projects in downtown New Bern. Two million dollars of low interest funds are now available for downtown renovation. The recent celebration and parade honoring Pepsi's

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Memorials Presented



Left to right: Janis Cannon, Rev. Hill, Lela Barrow, Ralph Tucker, Donald Witherington.

In a short service at the Chapman's United Methodist Church near Vanceboro a dedication was made by descendants of the Chapman Family.

A memorial book of family member names was presented by Ralph Tucker in memory of his mother, Carrie Chapman Tucker, and a plaque in memory of the Furniford Chapman family; Polly, Sallie T., Jesse, Everilda, David Simeon, and David; buried in the old cemetery nearby was placed in the vestibule. Those participating in the service were Lela Barrow, Ralph Tucker, Donald Witherington, and Janis W. Cannon, all descendants of the Chapman Family.

Mrs. Barrow told of her recollections about the church 90 years ago; Mr. Witherington told about attending the church as a boy, he was reared in the community; he also stated their reason for the presentations were "we are proud of our heritage". Mrs. Cannon read from her grandmother, Jennie Roach Witherington's diary which told of who preached and some of the church activities of 90 years ago.



Preparation for the service has been in planning for several months. There were cleaning up the cemetery, buying the plaque, and getting the family book.

The old Chapman Cemetery now on the Heber Cox Farm, formerly Chapman land, was cleaned up by Mr. Heber Cox and Mr. Hubert Cox. Billy Ray Coward cut and hauled out the large trees. Mrs. Ruby Miller was instrumental in getting the plaque and having the names placed on it. Mrs. Kathleen Carawon has worked with taking pictures, helping pay for cleaning of cemetery, and cleaning the tombstones. Mr. Ralph Tucker was in charge of getting the family book.

Vanceboro Youth Club Fund

By R.L. CANNON, JR.

In order to give our youth in the area a place to go for recreation, parties, and movies funds are needed to keep the Youth Center operating. The Lancaster Lumber Company Building on Farm Life Ave. is being used for the Youth Center. This is a non-profit organization with Mrs. Opal LeFever in charge of the activities. Mr. Tony Moye is Youth Center Assistant.

An effort to get interested citizens to donate one dollar a month for this worthy project is underway. If you are interested in being a supporter of the Vanceboro Youth Center, send your check for \$12 made out to Vanceboro Youth

Center c/o Highlights, P.O. Box 404, Vanceboro or to Mrs. Opal LeFever Rt. 1, Box 210, Ernul, N.C.

We will list those who contribute \$12 or more during the month of July in the Highlights. Plans are underway to recognize contributors with a card and a "Vanceboro Youth Center" bumper sticker.

Those who have contributed \$12 or more to date are: Joe Thomas, Martha Ballenger, Jimmy McLawhorn, Robert Baysden, Janice Jordan, Linda Lee, Blanche Pollard, Elsie Whitford, Jimmy Morris, Milton Wiley, Bobby Adams,

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