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Mayor Morris, Mrs. Coward cut ribbon at dedication

Richard Cannon photo

Dedication Showcases New Center

Volunteers, Government Thanked For Assistance

The newly refurbished Vanceboro Community Center was dedicated Saturday amid reminders—physical and spiritually—of what it took to give the center a new look.

Speakers noted the time and efforts given by numerous and tireless volunteers, the help provided by local and state government and others in the community.

The services provided at the center include congregate meals for senior citizens provided by United Tri-County Senior Citizens and craft and literacy classes provided by Craven Community College.

The dedication began with a musical note as the New Bern

Senior High School Band under the direction of Alexander Williams performed. The presentation of the colors was made by Bud Williams and Marvin Wall of the United Tri-County Senior Citizens. The Rev. Slover Edwards gave the dedication prayer, followed by dedication spirituals.

Arlene Coward, president of the Vanceboro Community Association, delivered the welcoming speech. She, along with John L. Bryan and Tony Moye, received certificates of appreciation from the state.

Bryan, chairman of the association's board, recognized the

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Special Basketball Issue Previews '88-'89 Season

West Craven Faces Rebuilding, Other Coastal Teams Seek Title

Cleared Land Another Source Of Rivers' Pollution

If point-source pollution is that which enters a river from a pipe or other identifiable outlet, it follows that "non-point source" pollution enters over widespread, unspecific areas. Cleared land—such as that for agriculture, developments, and paved areas—is the main culprit for non-point source pollution.

For example, rainwater normally must flow through forests and across densely vegetated areas and wetlands before it reaches a river or lake. As it does,

the water and whatever substances it picks up from the ground can be absorbed and filtered through the natural growth, and therefore kept out of the river.

But water that flows unchecked across totally cleared lands has no such chance, so the water and whatever it picks up goes into the river as well. This means pesticides and herbicides, fertilizers and other nutrients, automotive fluids and other toxics, animal wastes, and plain dirt and freshwater, go straight into the

Analysis

river rather than being cleaned and slowed through natural systems.

As research has shown, toxic substances such as pesticides and automotive fluids can do both immediate and long-term harm once they hit the river. In large enough amounts they kill aquatic life directly, or they can

build up gradually within the river until the food chain is severely affected.

Perhaps more significant in the Neuse River system now, however, is the effect of nutrients and fertilizers. Non-point source pollution contributes heavily to this problem, especially as regards the nutrient nitrogen. According to some studies, as much as 80 percent of the nitrogen loaded into the river comes from non-point sources, mostly

from fertilizer running off of fields and farms in the basin.

Though not as directly toxic as pesticides, nutrients cause growth in aquatic vegetation just as they do in field crops. This can prompt algae blooms or other nuisance growths that put an extreme demand on the water's oxygen as they die and decay underwater. That, in turn, deprives fish and crabs of oxygen they need and can lead to massive kills.

The nutrient effect in the Neuse River is increased by septic tank leaching and the run-off of animal wastes from the growing number of livestock operations in the basin. Animal waste, like human waste, is filled with nitrogen and bacteria, and poorly controlled run-off from livestock operations has been a serious problem in the basin on occasion. Scientists are also looking at the direct effect of nutrients on

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Chamber, Board Pick Educators For October

The New Bern Area Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the New Bern-Craven County Board of Education has selected the Educators of the Month for October. They are Joan Hughes, Alma Lovick and Hope Swanson.

Ms. Hughes is a kindergarten teacher at Havelock Elementary School. Mrs. Lovick is a fifth-grade teacher at F.R. Danyus Elementary School and Ms. Swanson is a ninth-grade health and physical education teacher at J.T. Barber Junior High School.

Ms. Hughes has been a kindergarten teacher at Havelock Elementary School for the past 10 years. She is a graduate of East Carolina University where she

earned a bachelor's degree in education. She is certified in early childhood education and reading.

She has served as grade-level chairman and was an advisor for the yearbook. She is a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators, the International Reading Association and Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honor society for women educators. Ms. Hughes believes strongly in open communication with parents, co-workers and students. Ms. Hughes resides in New Bern and attends First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Lovick has been teaching in the New Bern-Craven County

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First Woman Rotarian Visits Vanceboro Club

The Vanceboro Rotary Club had a surprise visit last Thursday by four visitors from New York, including the first woman Rotarian to visit the local club.

The visitors were Virginia Dent and Tom Dent of Flushing, N.Y., and Frank Paul and his wife, Virginia. The Dents and Paul are Rotarians. Mrs. Dent is the first woman Rotarian to visit the Vanceboro club and Dent is Past District Governor of Dis-

trict 725.

Each of the Rotarians brought greetings from their home club. Paul presented Vanceboro Rotary President Richard Cannon a flag from his home club. Dent shared some of his experiences as a district governor with the Vanceboro Rotarians and Mrs. Dent shared her experiences as a woman Rotarian.

Rotary only recently

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River Wandering

By Corrie photo

Sometimes a fall day is a perfect excuse for a little wandering on the river. These two boaters seem to be taking their time on their scenic cruise, as the lack of a big wake seems to indicate. A

steady hum from the motor, warm sunshine beaming down and a leisurely pace make for a peaceful and quiet ride down the river.

Legislator Discusses Area Needs

By MIKE VOSS

Editor
WILLIAMSTON — Environmental, educational and highway concerns will be leading issues in the 1989 Legislature, Rep. Howard Chapin says.

Chapin, one of several legislators at the annual Mid-East Commission Legislative Dinner Thursday night, said he believed those issues would be at the forefront of legislative agendas of several groups. "It seems like something's going to happen in Raleigh this time," said Chapin, a Democrat from eastern North Carolina.

Chapin indicated the state Senate would probably curb the duties it gives the lieutenant governor. "I don't believe the Senate will allow 14 Republican senators and a Republican lieutenant governor to make appointments," said Chapin. Under the state constitution, the lieutenant governor presides over the Senate, and the Senate decides what other duties he will perform. Traditionally this has included committee appointments.

But the Senate is dominated by Democrats, and for the first time this century a Republican, Jim Gardner, has been elected lieutenant governor.

Chapin said most of the potential legislation to be considered

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