

Three Companies Announce Plans To Locate In Brunswick County

BY SUSAN USHER

Three new businesses that plan to locate in Brunswick County could create as many as 250 jobs within a year after opening plants here, according to Tom Monks, executive director of the county's Resources Development Commission (RDC).

The Brunswick County Industrial Facilities and Pollution Control Financing Authority was to meet Wednesday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the county complex in Bolivia to consider inducement resolutions and memoranda of agreement with The Northwest Company, Baker's Best Inc., and Taco (pronounced Tay co), Inc.

The resolutions would endorse approval of the firms for issuance of federal industrial revenue bonds, which can be used to cover purchase of land, buildings and machinery as well as renovations. The resolutions are endorsements or sign-offs from the RDC that the project would be of economic benefit to the county and would be welcome.

Under the federal program, inter-

est accrued to industrial revenue bond holders is exempt from federal and state taxes, so the holders are willing to accept a lower rate of return on their investment. In turn, they also expect to assume very low risk.

"Only very credit-worthy projects are approved," said Monks. "They must have a letter of credit backing the bonds. The people buying those bonds don't want to take any risks at all."

The Northwest Co., a New York-based textile firm, is seeking \$700,000 in bonds to acquire and renovate the former Freeland Manufacturing Corp. plant, a subsidiary of Perfect Fit Corp., at Freeland. The plant has been closed since last August.

The company makes primarily blankets and other emblem items for the National Football League, said Monks. "For the textile industry I think that makes them kind of recession proof."

Baker's Best Inc., a new enterprise, will manufacture fancy Euro-

pean-style cookies as its principal product. It is seeking \$10 million in bonds to purchase and equip a 48,000-square-foot shell building now under construction in the Leland Industrial Park.

The owner, a native of Holland, has worked in the bakery industry in America for more than 15 years marketing and distributing European-made cookies, said Monks. "He feels like they should be made and distributed from here."

The company expects to employ 50 persons within a year, increasing to 100 by the end of its second year.

Taco, Inc., of Cranston, R.I., makes heating, pumping, heat exchanger and control equipment. It is seeking bonds for a \$5 million project in Leland Industrial Park in an expansion of its 70-year-old business. It expects to provide approximately 100 jobs.

"They're in push to get rolling," said Monks. "I expect construction to begin in 30 to 60 days and expect they could be in production by the end of the year."

Monks credited Sandy Tate, regional economic development representative for the state, with assisting the county in its negotiations with Taco, Inc.

This brings the number of projects announced this month by the RDC to four. Two weeks ago, Monks announced that Telechron Inc., a Massachusetts-based timer manufacturer, will build in Leland Industrial Park.

During the 1990-91 fiscal year, Monks said last week prior to the Taco, Inc., announcement, his office has worked with nine projects. Eight were new locations and one a business expansion. Together they will create more than 500 jobs locally and add approximately \$17 million in capital investments to the tax base.

"I'm very excited about that, especially since it is just my first year on the job," said Monks.

The RDC office had worked with four of the clients for approximately two years and with another, The Northwest Co., about six months. The office has been working with one project since 1982-83.



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A Place To Play

Manager Anne Vereen and owner Fred Walker pose Thursday afternoon with special guest Grimace at the grand opening of the Ronald's Playplace at McDonald's in Shallotte.

Saying Farewell Not Getting Any Easier

BY SUSANNE D. SARTELLE, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT South Brunswick Islands Chamber Of Commerce

I've had a lot of farewells to say and do recently and they aren't getting any easier. And writing my final column for the *Beacon* certainly isn't an easy task.

As most of you know, I leave the South Brunswick Islands Chamber this week to move on to a new challenge as executive vice president of the Jacksonville/Onslow Chamber of Commerce. It is a good move for me career-wise and a good opportunity for my family. But that still doesn't make it any easier to say goodbye to a chamber, a community and special people I have grown to love.

The past three years here have been so rewarding. I have been a part of the most aggressive and successful organization I know of. I am so proud of our accomplishments as a team.

Tonight, at Business After Hours, is my final opportunity to say farewell to chamber members. Please join us at Brunswick Travel at 5:30 for a Hawaiian event to remember.

I want to thank the *Beacon* for allowing me to have this column each week and for the support. It has been a pleasure being able to keep you up to date with chamber happenings.

My staff—Mary, Kathi, Angela and Ouida—certainly deserve some praise for all their hard work. They are a major driving force in our chamber and they serve our members well. I am sure these ladies will keep the fires burning and will continue to be successful.

When I came here three years ago, I received support and encouragement from Past President Alan Holden and President Don Evans and the whole board of directors. Through the years, that support has remained constant with each president—Allan Dameron, Dean Walters, Annette Odom—and each board of directors. Annette and her current board have a great program going now and I am confident that positive growth will continue in 1992 with Terry Barbee. It does make it a little easier to know I am leaving the chamber in such capable hands!

To everyone who has been a board member, to all who have held offices, to all who have chaired and served on committees, I am grateful. You have made your chamber and your community proud.

And each day as I have worked to represent 425 members, I have known that I had 425 business persons backing me and cheering on the chamber. The membership is what it's all about. So, chamber members, keep your spirits high and always, always, work together.

I also have to get in a word for my husband, Vic. Without his support, my success as chamber executive would not have been possible. He has been a prime source of support and has been my motivator when rough times surfaced. He has helped me in my travels and in all facets of my work. We have made a home here and have accomplished many goals together. And he is supporting me again—this move, we make as a family.

And last, but certainly not least, there are a few of you out there and you know who you are—who are very, very important in my life. You have been my cheering section, my idea channel, my motivators, my listeners, my friends. And to you, my friends both professionally and personally, I do not say goodbye, only that I'll see you later.

This community and its special people, I will carry with me wherever I go, now and in the future. You made an investment in me and I made an investment in you. The returns are beyond explanation, beyond expectations. I treasure you, South Brunswick Islands. Keep striving for greatness.



SARTELLE

Planners Reject N.C. 130 West Project

A subdivision that would have created 335 lots west of Shallotte has been rejected by the Brunswick County Planning Board.

Planning Director John Harvey said there were "various factors" in the board's decision to deny the subdivision proposal, one being that it would likely cause traffic problems along N.C. 130 west if approved as submitted.

The unnamed project was filed by DMS Inc., whose principal partners are Jan Dale, Lloyd Milliken and Jim Stoffel. The subdivision would have consisted of 335 lots on the west side of N.C. 130 near West Brunswick High School, connecting to Wildwood Subdivision.

Sixty of those lots would have fronted N.C. 130 at a proposed width of 50 feet each, creating a string of driveway connections to the busy highway.

At the board's May 15 meeting, the proposal was tabled so the applicants could rework it to provide either reverse frontage lots or a marginal access street along N.C. 130.

Instead, the parties involved in

the project decided to place it on indefinite hold.

In other action last Wednesday, the planning board:

- Granted a variance to the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance to the N.C. Baptist Assembly at Ft. Caswell. Building 17 on the assembly grounds will be converted into a security office and first aid station with a first floor elevation to remain at 8 feet, 7 inches, instead of the required 15-feet above mean sea level.

- The Brunswick County Building Inspection Department denied a building permit for the project. The variance was granted because the building has been designated a historic property under the N.C. State Building Code by the N.C. State Preservation Office.

- Approved the creation of 27 lots for Tall Pines Plantation, Section 3, filed by Malcolm Grissett. The subdivision lies south of U.S. 17 across from Green Bay Road (SR 1317) near Grissett.

- Approved a master plan for the North and South Pearl subdivision, filed by Odell and Virginia Williamson of Ocean Isle. The vote will al-

low developers to proceed with earth work at the site, which borders Sea Trail Plantation on the west side of N.C. 904 at Seaside and the south side of Old Georgetown Road.

Plans call for the creation of two 18-hole golf courses with 451 lots proposed with water and sewer systems. A preliminary plat proposal detailing lot locations must be submitted for approval at a later date.

- Approved the creation of 140 lots along Lee Buck Road (SR 1519) near Town Creek, for Oak Hollow subdivision, filed by Stoneybrook Inc., Jack Stocks, president. Minimum lot size is 25,000 square feet.

- Approved the creation of 72 lots along Lee Buck Road (SR 1519) near Town Creek, for the Oakland Plantation Subdivision, filed by Stoneybrook Inc., Jack Stocks, president. Minimum lot size is 30,000 square feet.

- Reapproved two projects originally accepted in 1988. Stoney Creek Plantation and Snee Farm subdivision, Section 2, both filed by Jack Stocks, are two projects whose 12-month time limitation had expired.

Both lie on the south side of U.S. 17 near Town Creek.

- Approved the creation of 27 lots for Walden Creek Estates subdivision on the south side of Bethel Road (SR 1525) near Southport. Filed by George Inman, Kelly Lee, Jerry Sloop and Eric Warner, the project has a minimum lot size of 18,000 square feet along Walden Creek and Nancy's Creek.

- Granted a variance to Brantley Island Corp., Mack Hewett, president, for a 30-foot right of way between the Intracoastal Waterway and Goose Creek, east of Brickland Road (SR 1143) south of Shallotte. The variance was originally granted in 1980 for right of future development. The right of way was set aside in 1972 by court order.

- Took no action on a preliminary plat filed by Mayo T. Cameron to create five lots for Cameron Winds subdivision, on the south side of Old Ferry Road (SR 1121) near Lockwood Folly. An official agent did not attend the meeting. The item will be placed on the board's July agenda.

Tamar Named Hospital Chief

BY DOUG RUTTER

Earl Tamar, chief executive officer at North Clark Community Hospital in Charlestown, Ind., for the last 2 1/2 years, is the new administrator at The Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

Tamar replaces John Marshall, who recently left the Supply facility to become administrator at Crockett Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Tenn.

For the time being, Tamar is spending a few days a week in Brunswick County and a couple of days at the Indiana hospital. He expects to start full-time at The Brunswick Hospital within the next few weeks.

Like the local hospital, North Clark Community Hospital is owned by Health Trust Inc. The 34-year-old Tamar said his move to Brunswick County is basically a company transfer.

Tamar said North Clark is similar in size to The Brunswick Hospital, but it has fewer employees and a

lower gross revenue. The local facility has 60 beds and 210 employees.

Born in Massachusetts, Tamar said he lived in Pembroke for about five years before moving to Terre Haute, Ind. "Coming back into this area feels really familiar," he said of southeastern North Carolina.

He received an undergraduate degree from Indiana State University in 1979, graduating first in a class of more than 2,000 students that included pro basketball star Larry Bird.

Tamar has a master's degree in hospital administration from Indiana University.

Prior to his employment at North Clark Community Hospital, Tamar worked as an associate and assistant administrator at two hospitals in Illinois and Indiana.

He said last week he hasn't been at the hospital long enough to talk about a future direction for the facility. He said the hospital already has good employees and staff.

Tamar and his wife, Erin, have two children, an eight-year-old son, Mitch, and eight-month-old daughter, Hillary.

The family plans to rent a home at Holden Beach and eventually buy a house in the area.



TAMAR

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