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# Ben Lomond's Historic Wee Kirk Sold

Purchase of historic Wee Kirk of Ben Lomond, a San Lorenzo Valley church dating to the 1870s, was announced Monday

## Valley Business Group Plans Open Art Show

An outdoor art show in August will be discussed by the Boulder Creek-Brookdale Businessmen's Association Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Boulder Creek Recreation Pavilion annex.

The show is the second of two summer events sponsored annually by the business group to stress Boulder Creek's growing importance as an antiques and arts-and-crafts center.

The recent antiques show attracted an estimated 2000 persons, according to Bob Slawinski, association president.

by contractor Edwin Peterson. Terms were not disclosed.

Peterson recently was granted a rezoning to permit development of a medical center and drug store on the property. Many Ben Lomond residents supported his rezoning request, which was granted by the county board of supervisors.

Peterson has said he will "make every effort" to find a new site for the church structure.

The church was built in pioneer days as a community church by James Pierce, a lumber man. Services were conducted sporadically there by circuit riders, but the church had hard times in the latter 1880s and finally was sold to the San Jose Presbytery in the early 1890s.

Renamed the Wee Kirk of Ben Lomond, the church structure was used by the Ben Lo-

mond congregation until it merged with the Felton congregation to form the United Presbyterian Church of Felton in early 1968.

The Wee Kirk is one of two San Lorenzo Valley landmarks registered as an historical structure with the Library of Congress (the other is the Felton Covered Bridge).

Peterson said Monday that his development schedule is uncertain at this time.

"I want to study the matter very carefully," he said, "before I take any action."

The church and its land finally were offered for sale \$75,000 by the United Presbyterian Church of Felton.

There was short-lived talk of Ben Lomond of preserving the structure on its present site but no community offer was made for the property though the asking price was lowered substantially.

## L AFC Slates Two Hearings On Sanitation Annexations

Two Capitola Sanitation District hearings are the only agenda items to be heard Wednesday by the County Local Agency Formation Commission.

The two hearings are for an-

nexation of Victory Lane Mesa Drive to the district known as annexations 173 and 175. The L AFC meets at 10 a.m. in supervisors' chambers county center, Ocean and Victory Streets.