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Editor
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Dear Noel:

I am always interested in reading The Shore Line and appreciate the time and efforts of those involved in its publication. Now, are you ready for the "however"?

I feel that when some people in an article are so glowingly described that others be given equal treatment. After all, fair is fair. For example, if Edith Pierce is singled out as a woman attorney and statuesque blond then surely we should see Bill Ballentine described as our tall, dark, debonair, male building inspector or Ken Kirkman as our town's man attorney with his serious, boyish appeal.

These are only examples but I'm sure you get the point. I look forward to subsequent issues and seeing equal treatment for all. On the other hand, perhaps omitting descriptions when not necessary to the content would be the better part of valor.

Again, many thanks to you and your staff for a fine contribution to the community.

Respectfully,

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A Duke University expert said recently he feels the time has come for folks on Bogue Banks "to begin a retreat from the shore line.

EXPERT SAYS "Any way you look at this, you must abandon your property if it is ocean front property," said Dr. Orrin Pilkey to an audience gathered at the auditorium of the Duke University Marine Laboratory on August 24.

BEACH HOMES
ARE DOOMED "There is no economically feasible solution that can save your property that won't damage the recreational beach," he added.

Pilkey, a professor of geology and author of several publications dealing with coastal development including "How to Live with an Island," "Coastal Designs," and "From Currituck to Calabash," said that the shore line is eroding mainly because the sea level is rising, and that Bogue Banks is eroding both on the ocean and sound side.

"In 50 to 100 years it is going to get very narrow," he said. "Then it will begin to migrate. Barrier island migration processes are very rapid under the right situations."

Pilkey said Bogue Banks "is potentially one of the safest (barrier) islands in America because of its elevation, high dunes and maritime forest." And since it is in the early stages of development "There is still time to do something."

"The island must work as an island," he said. "Communities must get together and make a plan. I know that's difficult. But if they can get together, they can plan rather than react to crises."

He said officials of Bogue Banks communities should visit other areas and talk to officials about problems and how to prevent them. In addition, he suggested that the communities should hire a geological consultant who could tell them what is happening to their island.

"If you are a homeowner on Bogue Banks, you want to stop the shore line retreat," he said. He said that beach replenishment (pumping sand on the beach) is a possible