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Lightning Damage

Shalotte Volunteer Firefighter Joyce Land examines the charred wiring at the source of a small fire that broke out in a mobile home on Peoples Way in Brickland Friday morning. The homeowner was able to extinguish the fire before it spread into the trailer. Damage was minimal. Lightning was believed to be the cause.

SENT LETTER TO O'LEARY

Rose Joins Opposition To Local Port As Entry For Nuclear Waste

Congressman Charlie Rose is adding his voice to the growing chorus of opposition to the possible importation of commercial radioactive waste through either of two south-eastern North Carolina ports.

In a March 10 letter to federal Department of Energy Secretary Hazel R. O'Leary, the 7th District representative objects to use of either the U.S. Army's Sunny Point terminal near Southport or the North Carolina State Port at Wilmington. He urges the department to extend public comment an additional 60 to 90 days as a means of "helping restore people's faith in this process."

State officials indicated last week they think Sunny Point, which started out as an alternate port, may be the U.S. government's top choice for accepting highly enriched uranium waste from European countries for storage at the Energy Department's Savannah River Site near Aiken, S.C. The spent fuel would come mainly from reactors in hospitals and other research-type facilities. It is highly "enriched," the type of uranium that could be used to make nuclear weapons if not taken out of circulation.

Gov. Jim Hunt has advised O'Leary the state doesn't want any of its ports used for that purpose. Federally-owned Sunny Point, in particular, would put oversight and supervision of such cargo outside the state's control.

"As you are aware, the threat of a spill is not the only potential threat to affected communities," Rose wrote. "The motivation behind this

project is to protect this material from the possibility of theft or sabotage.

"Southeastern North Carolina does not have the capacity to any of these potential emergencies."

Rose also echoes state officials' concerns about bringing the nuclear waste into the munitions terminal, writing, "I cannot believe that any consideration, including lowest human population in surrounding area, would outweigh this serious and legitimate threat."

Rose reiterates other arguments marshaled by state officials:

- that the road structures surrounding both ports are unsuitable, with trucks likely to travel two-lane roads;

- routes would take the trucks through communities unequipped to deal adequately with a spill or other threat. If the trucks go through Brunswick County, the county's emergency management agency would have to beef up its capability to respond.

Rose was among federal, state and local government officials initially notified of the Energy Department's search for one or more ports to receive the radioactive waste, part of an international effort to reduce nuclear arms proliferation.

In his letter to O'Leary Rose states he had been under the impression the agency had "broadly publicized" the program.

"I am frankly amazed that, at the very least, it was not publicized in the communities that would be directly affected by importation," he said.

Eastern European Visitors To Attend CRC Meeting Here

A group of 17 Russians and Ukrainians will observe the first day of business when the state Coastal Resources Commission meets at the Jones/Byrd Clubhouse at Sea Trail Plantation next Thursday and Friday, March 24 and 25.

"They want to see how we do things here in North Carolina," said CRC Chairman Eugene Tomlinson of Southport. "And we want them to see what we're doing here in Brunswick County."

The visitors from the former Soviet Union deal with environmental issues in their countries and are clients of former CRC Chairman Jim Harrington of Bald Head Island and Raleigh, an environmental consultant. Most speak English, but the group is accompanied by an interpreter.

They are to spend Tuesday in Raleigh visiting state offices and Wednesday in New Hanover County before arriving at Sunset Beach.

Tomlinson said he would like to see a large turn-out of local residents to show the visitors there is interest here in environmental issues. A public forum will be held at 9 a.m. Thursday, during which people address the Commission about any coastal management topic not already scheduled for discussion elsewhere on the agenda.

To give the group a better idea of the range of issues the CRC deals with, the commission's Thursday

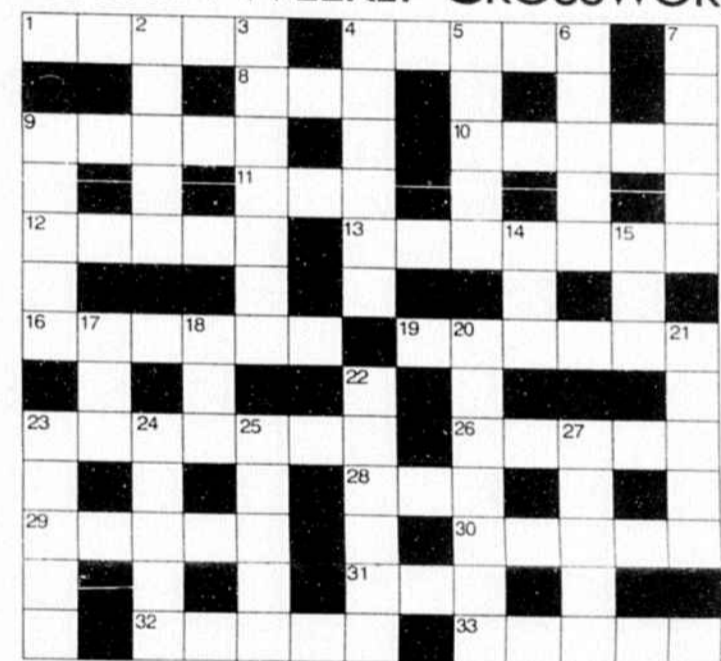
schedule will be altered to include several business items usually handled on Friday. These will include a major contested case hearing and a request from the Mining Awareness Committee of Brunswick County to establish an area of environment concern (AEC) at a site where Martin Marietta Aggregates proposes to operate a quarry between Boiling Spring Lakes and Southport.

If the area is declared an AEC, Martin Marietta would have to obtain a CAMA permit to operate its mine.

The Russian and Ukrainian visitors will also be guests at a reception hosted by Sea Trail for local government officials, business and community leaders.

The CRC will begin meeting at 8:30 a.m. both days, with all sessions open to public observation.

BEACON WEEKLY CROSSWORD



CLUES ACROSS

1. Bay
4. Keen
8. Brick carrier
9. Farewell
10. Musical Instrument
11. Seize
12. Loosened
13. Restricted
16. Endeavor
19. Adage
23. Nursed
26. Not to be mentioned
28. Impair
29. Pulsate
30. Valued possession
31. Motor organization
32. Male duck
33. Rendezvous

CLUES DOWN

2. Scottish landowner
3. Loud rumbling noise
4. Eatable
5. Stable lad
6. Correct
7. Possessed
9. Entertain
14. Creeping plant
15. Period of time
17. Distant
18. Peculiar
20. Allure
21. Crow
22. Esteem
23. Ensnare
24. Bitter
25. Zodiac sign
27. Domineering

(Answers are on Page 6-C)

Harry Johnson Resigns

Dr. Harry L. Johnson Jr., head of the emergency room at the Brunswick Hospital and medical director for the county's Emergency Medical Services program, announced his resignation from the Brunswick County Board of Health Monday night.

Johnson, the only doctor on the panel, cited "increasing responsibilities and seemingly less time in which to carry out these responsibilities" as his reasons for leaving at the conclusion of the board's regular monthly meeting.

"I sincerely appreciate having had the opportunity to serve on the board and hope that I have been able to contribute in some small way to the solution of some of the many, and at times difficult problems facing the board while I was a member," Johnson said in his letter of resignation.

The letter addressed to fellow health board member and County Commissioners Chairman Don Warren "strongly recommends" that Dr. Roger Nelson of Calabash be named as his replacement.

Johnson described Nelson as a "skilled and knowledgeable" family practice physician who recently joined the emergency room staff at the Brunswick Hospital. Johnson said he has asked Nelson about his willingness to serve on the board and was told that he would.

After the meeting, Johnson said he had contemplated stepping down from the board for several months due to increasing responsibilities. In addition to his emergency room duties, Johnson said he has been named vice president of the hospi-

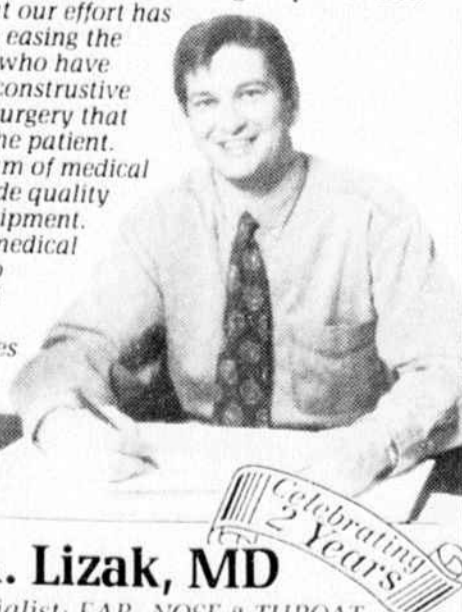
tal's medical staff and will serve as president next year.

Johnson was appointed to the board in November, 1992.

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- US Army Reserve 107 Training BN : 1971-75
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