

CRC Delays Land Use Change

The Coastal Resources Commission has deferred a request to change the land use plan classification of Radio Island in Carteret County until a study in progress is completed of the environmental and socio-economic impacts of coal shipping facilities on the coast. This change would have allowed a coal handling facility on Radio Island.

The decision came during the Coastal Resources Commission's regular meeting held at the Duke University Marine Lab in Beaufort. The Department of Natural Resources and Community Development has proposed the study. In deferring its decision, the CRC requested that it be done as expeditiously as possible.

"There are implications for this proposed reclassification," said Art Cooper, chairman of the commission's planning and special issues committee,

"such as deepening of the channel, water pollution from spills and run-off, increased volume of shipping and train traffic, coal dust problems and track vibration. Faced with these effects, the commission felt it needed to have these implications analyzed and put before the public."

The reclassification was requested by Gulf Interstate Company which is planning a coal-handling facility on 77 acres it owns on the island. Radio Island is located near the Morehead City port.

"The Coastal Resources Commission is acting in an unusual role," said J. Parker Chesson, commission chairman. "Normally our commission reviews the land use plan amendments approved and submitted to us by the local government. Carteret County did not formally adopt the land use plan its staff prepared several years ago, so the CRC adopted it as required under state law.

Therefore, the entire process of amending the plan comes before us."

The commission held a public hearing on July 22 in Morehead City on the proposed change. The 30 individuals who spoke from among the 250 people present described the island's importance for recreation, fishing, boating, residential and commercial uses. Twenty-six people spoke in opposition to the change expressing concerns for the impact of a coal-handling facility on the nearby Newport River estuary, decline in tourism and retirement appeal and real estate development.

Morehead City Mayor Bud Dixon said town officials supported industrial development on Radio Island provided that there be no transportation of the coal through Morehead City. May Sue Noe, chairman of the Carteret County commissioners, supported the reclassification.

"I think the commission feels that the current classification of Radio Island does not take into account the varied uses of the island," said Chesson. "We want this study to help us plan for the best use of the island and adjacent resources which reflect the economic and environmental interests of the residents."

Land use plans are documents which coastal governments use to direct the development of their resources. Such coastal development permits as the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA) permit, the state Dredge and Fill permit and the Corps of Engineers permits must be consistent with the land classifications included in the plans.

Purchase Of Common Stock Is Approved

RALEIGH — Charles F. Merrill, president and chief executive officer of Bancshares of North Carolina, Inc., announced that the Board of Directors of Bancshares, at a meeting held on July 17 authorized the management of Bancshares to engage in a series of purchases of Bancshares Common Stock and Bancshares 6 per cent Convertible Subordinated Debentures due 1994.

The purchases must be made during the time period of July 17, 1981, to September 17, 1981, and may include purchases of either common stock, or convertible debentures, or both, but the combined purchases may not exceed an aggregate amount of \$200,000.

The purposes of the purchases are to make available treasury shares of common stock for issuance upon exercise of employee stock options and upon conversion of convertible debentures, to retire a portion of Bancshares' debt represented by the convertible debentures, and for other corporate purposes.



GYMNASTICS CLASSES — Forming a pyramid on the tumbling mats is easy sport for beginners in White Oak School's gymnastics classes being taught this summer. Pictured in the formation, left to right, bottom to top are Kristi Jordan, Penny Roberson, Melissa Bunch, Willie Spivey, Cale Ward, Phillip Jones, Jenny Monds, Van Hare, Linda Renner, Jan Hare, William Bass, and Stacey Williams. Not pictured are Natalie Phelps, Christina Rice and Ralph Harrell.



VARIATIONS APPEAR SIMPLE — Pretty and painful to see, advanced students Michele Parrish, Kelly Dail, Cyndi Byrum and Celeste Ward, left to right, make the splits and a backward roll variation appear simple, as Mrs. Renner graces her agile class. Not pictured are Chad Copeland, Lynn Lane, Nichole White and Mary Copeland.

Fishermen Hold Meeting

RALEIGH — Fishermen in the Currituck and Albemarle Sound area are invited to attend a public meeting concerning a proposed new fishing regulation for largemouth bass. Mr. Jerry Wright, Wildlife Resources Commissioner for the district, and fish biologists for the Commission will be present to explain the new bass size and limit regulation proposal. The meeting will



It took Da Vinci ten years to complete the Mona Lisa.

Gymnastics Class Big Hit

Gymnastic summer classes at White Oak School are proving to be most popular and fun for 22 Chowan County students living in that area. Co-sponsored by White Oak School and the Chowan County Recreation Department, the classes have been meeting twice each week in the cafeteria since June 22 and will continue through July 30. Mrs. Keith Renner instructs a beginner as well as an advanced class.

"Butch" Ricks, principal, stated that the classes came about through popular demand. He is happy to see the school's facilities, usually idle during the summer, being used to give children in the neighboring community an opportunity to participate in this type of educational - recreational program.

For Linda Renner, teaching the classes has been a mixture of business and pleasure. She feels that

the basic skills involved in gymnastics are the building blocks for all of life's activities, physical well being and recreational.

Instruction in the gymnastics course centers around tumbling and the trampoline. On the tumbling mats, emphasis is placed on the four basic skills of forward roll, backward roll, handstand and cartwheels. Many muscle strengthening and agility development variations on these skills are also taught. On the trampoline students have become adept in the basic bounce, seat drop, knee drop, front and back drop, swivel hips and variations from those basic skills.



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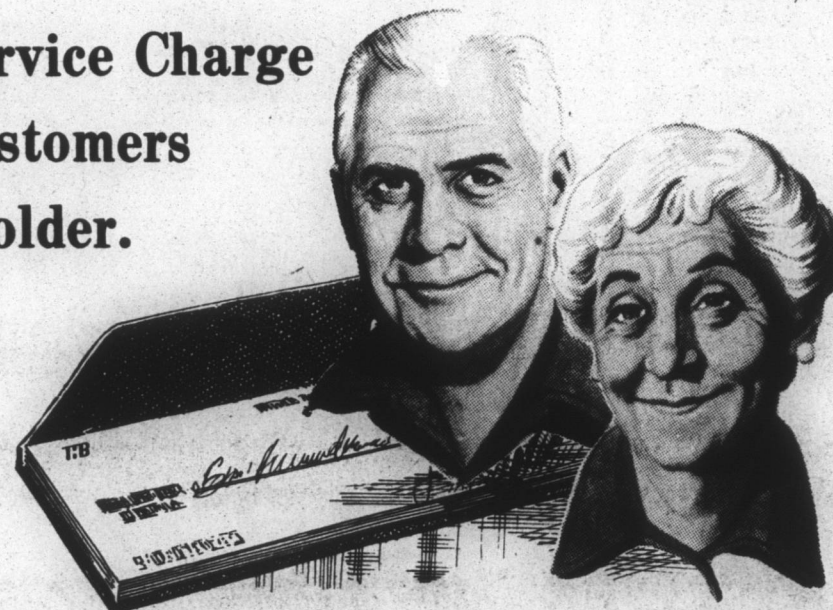
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