



NCNB Donates Funds

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Calabash NCNB banking officer Dianne McRainey (left) and banking representative Pauline Lewis (right) present \$250 checks to Calabash Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jerry Prince and Calabash Volunteer Emergency Medical Services technician Nancy Riedinger. The gifts were the bank's annual donations to the two emergency agencies.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compassion, Consideration Shown

To the editor:
On behalf of residents of Seaside Station and Shoreline Woods, I want to express our sincere appreciation to Paul Dennis and Ed Gore of Sea Trail Corp. for the compassion and kind consideration shown us on Christmas day when we were virtually paralyzed by the worst snow storm in the history of southeastern North Carolina.

Realizing the seriousness of the situation, they tried to get assistance from the State Department of Transportation, but to no avail.

They did not give up but rented roadway equipment, contacted operators, organized work crews and went to work scraping snow from miles of Highway 179, Sunset Beach and many roads in residential areas, including the nine miles in Seaside Station and Shoreline Woods, thus making it possible for those who needed medical treatment to use their cars and opening the roads to emergency equipment such as fire trucks and rescue squads.

Above all, by scraping the roads they also removed the fear and anxiety we felt when we realized we were unable to negotiate the snow-filled roads if an emergency occurred.

Zane Winters, President
Sea Trail Property Owners
Association, Inc.

An Opportunity To Teach Again

To the editor:
The column last week by Doug Rutter, "Driving In Sludge? What Next?", will not be used to comment on two transplanted Northerners and their criticism of the use of the word "sludge" in the *Charlotte Observer* editorial the week before.

But I'm not about to let any opportunity to teach, once again, slip through my frozen fingers.

My 2059 page, 1966, Unabridged First Edition of *The Random House Dictionary of the English Language* defines "sludge" as follows: n. 1. mud, mire, or ooze; slush...5. broken ice as on the sea. Item no. 7 and beyond deals with the treatment of sewage and other meanings. Enough said?

Robert H. Sellers
Retired Teacher
Shallotte

Retirees To Meet

The Brunswick County Retired School Personnel will meet Monday, Jan. 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the county government complex near Bolivia.

All members are urged to attend. Retired teachers who are not members of the organization are also invited.

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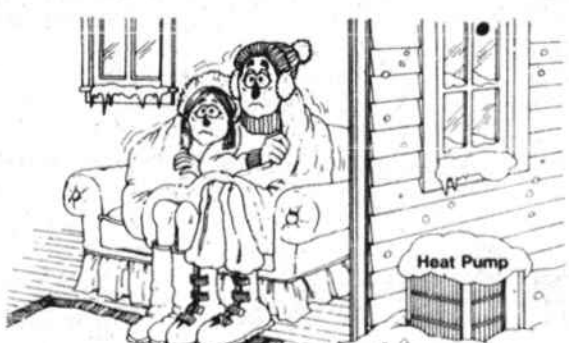
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