

ENTRY DEADLINE NOV. 26

## Christmas Parade Is Just Two Weeks Away

The Shallotte Christmas Parade is just over two weeks away—a sure sign that the holiday season is upon us.

Clowns, horses, fancy cars and other entries will fill Main Street for the parade on Saturday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m. As always, Santa Claus will bring up the rear on a Shallotte Volunteer Fire Department truck.

Parade coordinator Phoebe McLean had signed up 25 entries as of last week, including several beauty queens and Sudan groups.

The town has already rented all 12 of the parade floats. West Brunswick High School's football team will occupy one of them.

The parade will follow the same Main Street route as last year, starting at the south-end traffic light and proceeding north to the Smith Avenue intersection.

Non-profit groups such as churches and civic clubs may enter the parade at no cost. The fee for beauty queens is \$25, while businesses may enter for a fee of \$35.

For the first time this year, all parade participants must fill out an application at Shallotte Town Hall. Rules will be given to each participant at that time.

The deadline for entering is Friday, Nov. 26, at noon. For information, call 754-4032.

## BEMC Offers Mini-Grants To Meet Classroom Needs

Teachers in Brunswick and Columbus counties can apply now for educational mini-grants offered by Bruns. Electric Membership Corp.

Twelve "Partnership for Solutions" grants of \$250 each are available. The grants are awarded based on applications that communicate a specific need that cannot be met with conventional school funds.

Principals at all schools will have application forms for those interested in applying.

The deadline to submit applications is Jan. 15, 1994. Recipients will be notified by Feb. 1, a BEMC news release indicated.

This is the second year the mini-grants have been offered.

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AS WILLIAM VAN STEEN learned last year, the Shallotte Christmas Parade is usually a lot of fun for kids.

## Tree-Lighting Set For Dec. 3

The South Brunswick islands Chamber of Commerce and area towns will welcome the holiday season when they sponsor the lighting of the area Christmas tree on Friday, Dec. 3, from 6-7 p.m.

The community event will be highlighted by Christmas carol performances by several local singing groups and individuals. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck, also.

The event will take place at the intersection of N.C. 179 and U.S. 17 Business in Shallotte. The public is welcome.

## Chicken, Spots On Seaside Menu

The Committee of the Seaside Community will hold a dinner Saturday, Nov. 20, starting at 10 a.m. at the corner of N.C. 179 and N.C. 904.

The menu will offer a choice of fried spots or barbecued chicken served with fried sweet potatoes, coleslaw, hushpuppies and onion rings. Cost is \$4 per plate.

Proceeds will go to the Seaside incorporation effort.

Another fundraising effort includes a 12-gauge Remington shotgun, an .870-caliber Magnum and a \$50 cash prize that will be awarded in drawings Saturday night at the Coastal Auction House.

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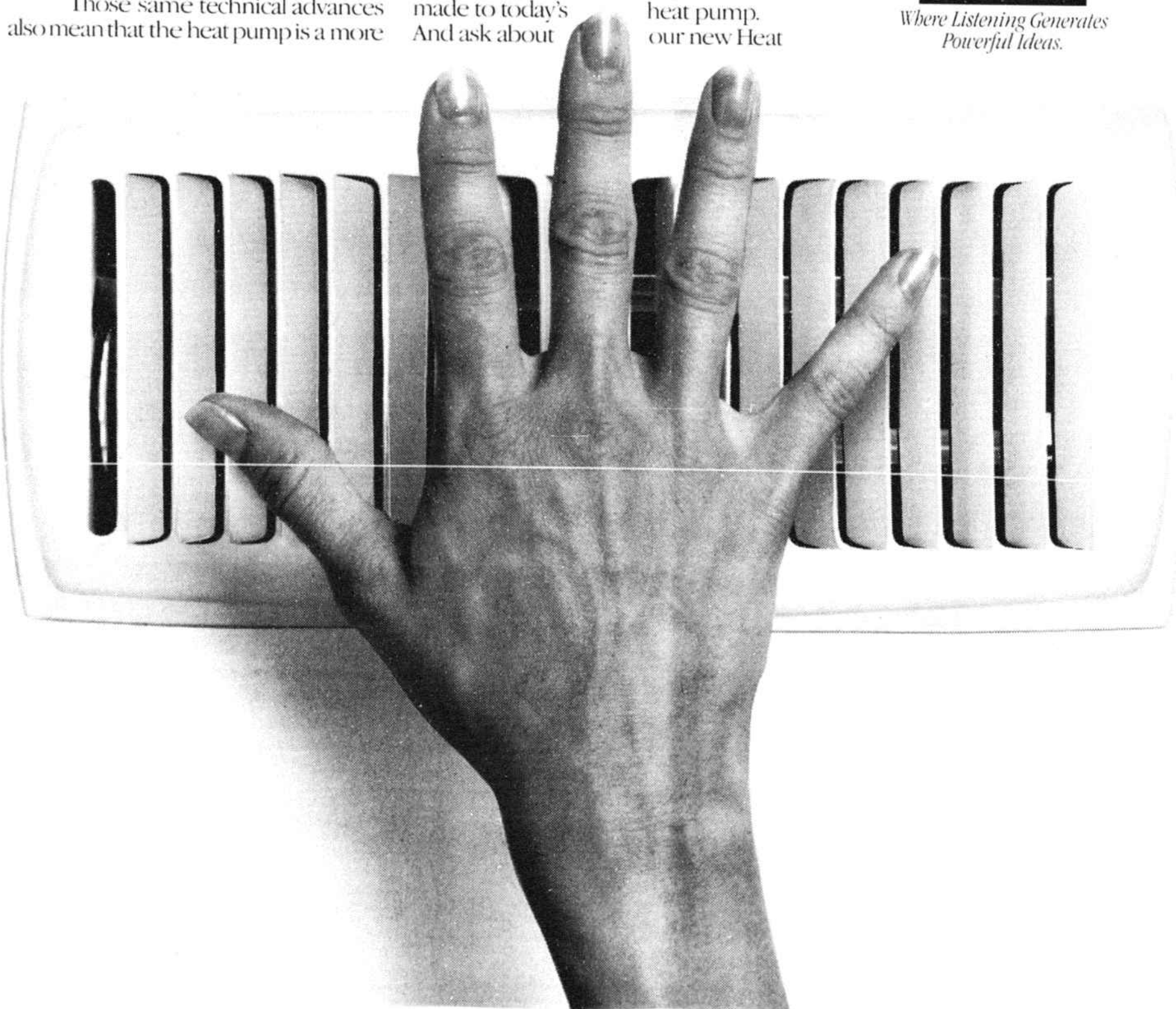
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