

Multihandicapped Classes Prepare Yule Float

One of the floats in the Christmas parade in Raeford Saturday will be the Hoke County multihandicapped students' classes, and

the decorations were being made this week by the students, with their teachers supervising. The float will bear the words

"Joy to the World" on the sides of its bed, and eight of the students will be in costumes of different nations, illustrating ways the countries celebrate Christmas. With them will be a large, handmade globe of the world.

On Tuesday morning, students in the classes of Miss Janice Brock, Miss Carolyn Ronalter, Mrs. Carol Pagan and Mrs. Gwen Reeves were preparing the "skirt" of the float, working in the old school maintenance shop building near Upchurch Junior High School. They were fixing newspapers to make the skirt, and later sprayed the papers with color.

Five inmates of Sandhills Youth Center at McCain came over Tuesday afternoon and helped them.

At Upchurch, meanwhile, the students of Mrs. Marsha Currin, Miss Vicki Woddell and Mrs. Debra Olson were building the globe.

A total of 25 students in the classes participated in preparing the decorations.



Students with some guidance from teachers working on decorations for the float of the multihandicapped classes Tuesday for Saturday's Christmas parade. [Staff photo.]

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE FRESH

Included in today's news article are often-asked questions about the handling and care of Christmas trees. The answers provided are to help you have a safe and attractive Christmas tree for a longer period of time.

QUESTION: Why do some cut Christmas trees shed their needles when brought indoors?

ANSWER: Experience and research indicate that species, genetic differences within species, climatic factors, when the trees were harvested, fertilization practices and probably the biggest reasons, moisture content of twigs and foliage are involved. Eastern White Pine and Virginia Pine along with true Firs including Fraser and Douglas Fir generally retain their needles without serious loss after harvest if the trees are properly cared for. On the other hand White and Norway Spruce can shed their needles prolifically after being indoors only a few days. All trees will normally shed excessively if allowed to dry out. Based on research conducted by university researchers in Connecticut and other institutions, needle loss can be minimized by placing trees in water as soon as possible and keeping a supply of water for the tree's use throughout the Christmas season.

Q: How much water will a cut tree use indoors?

A: In general the larger the tree and the warmer and dryer the indoor atmosphere the more water the cut tree will use or transpire. Research conducted on White Spruce and White Pine for a period of three weeks indicated that medium dense trees six feet in height can use from one to two and half pints daily. Initial water consumption was two to three times greater than the three-week average, especially for the larger trees.

Q: Is there anything that I can add to water to make my Christmas tree last longer?

A: Not really, a continuous water supply will maintain or increase the moisture content of twigs or needles and will help prevent needle loss. However, research conducted with

home remedies and manufactured products to date indicate none of the additives provided any clear cut benefits over use of water alone for needle retention or for maintaining moisture content of twigs and needles. The use of additives also dilutes the water.

Q: Are cut Christmas trees safe to use in the home?

A: We believe that cut trees properly stored outdoors and then maintained in a continuous water supply indoors present no real hazard.

Della Maynor Named To State Council

Della Maynor, Hoke County register of deeds is one of the 20 people Gov. James Hunt has appointed members of the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women.

Miss Maynor's team will run till next June 30.

Miss Maynor is a member of the Hoke County United Way Board of Directors and of the Hoke County Youth Task Force.

The governor designated Ruby W. Jones of Greensboro, a North Carolina A&T University supervisor, as chairman of the council.

The council advises the governor, General Assembly and state government departments on the education and employment of women in North Carolina and establishes programs to help displaced homemakers.

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