

A unique Christmas

The 150 employees of Hayward Pool Products have been getting ready for Christmas for nine months.

And their creativity took the sights and sounds of Christmas everywhere.

Employees used scrap products to create everything from Santa to fantasy land, children's toys, a castle, and "12 Days of Christmas" with their own words and music.

"They have all worked hard and it was really difficult for the judges to pick winners this year," said Vicki Light, who said the two first place departments would be treated to a steak dinner with all the trimmings.

Tying for first place award were employees of the Maintenance and Shipping Departments. Second place went to the Assembly Department and the Molding Department won third place.

The unique "12 Days" featured parts for each day, including sand-filter on a base, voided skimmers, leaky multiparts, stripped elbows, bent metal rings, burst gauges, smashed hose clamps, torn plastic bags, broken laterals, warped wier windows, stretched O-rings and stopped-up drain screens. The idea came from Andy Owens, who used the familiar tune with different words and called the department's version, "12 Days of Christmas My Boss Gave To Me."

Santa's Castle featured a gold castle for a miniature King and Queen with a drawbridge, toy sol-

diers, reindeers and an ice skating rink.

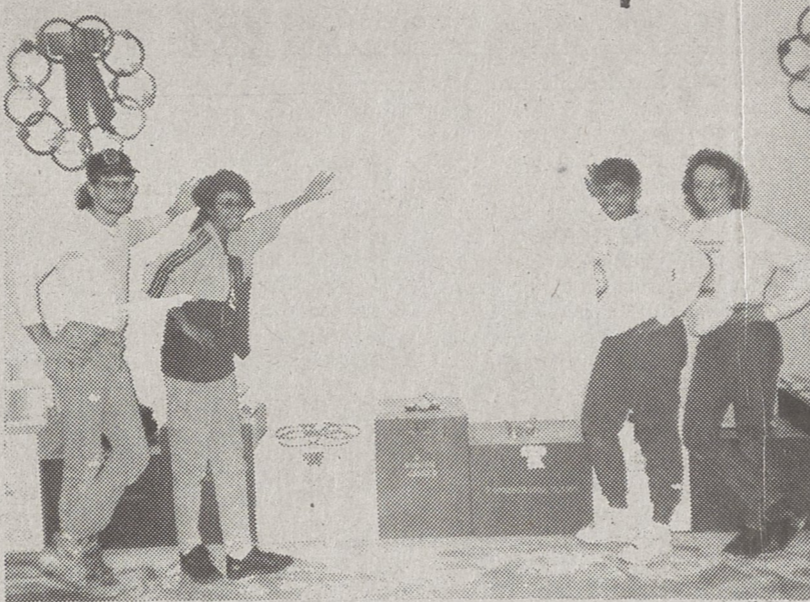
Lois Carpenter and members of the Maintenance Department created a fantasy land complete with swing sets, a trampoline, candyland, a fishing pond, a house topped with a banana pudding roof and all the good food associated with Christmas, including cherry pie and confections, all assembled from scrap products.

"Santa's Last Stop" was the Shipping Department's decorative exhibit which focused on Santa relaxing in a chair before the fireplace with the list of "wants," including a microwave oven, jambox, floor lamp, all assembled from parts, a cat asleep on the rug and much more. Creating the exhibit were Nancy Cobb, Pam Walker, Joe Bryant, Lewis Stroud, Valerie Canova, Larry Yarboro and James Adams.

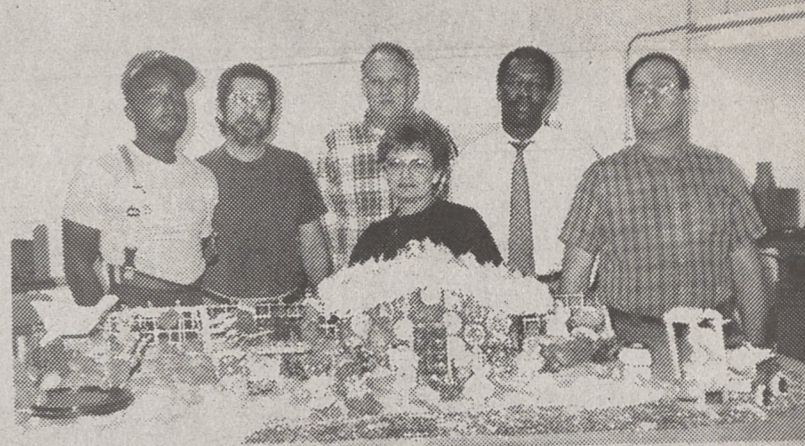
Santa atop a red chimney and a nativity scene featured the third shift Molding Department's exhibit.

"Christmas On the Farm" was the idea of the Receiving Department. Creating the red barn, a house, and farm animals were Connie Conner, Pam Oliver, Scott Ledford, James Huffstetler, David Meeks, Bryan Norris, Leonard Overton, and Flectia Degree.

Employees are also hoping to brighten the holidays for others this season. They are filling food baskets to give to the needy.



Second place went to the Assembly Department for their original "12 Days of Christmas." From left, Andy Owens, Sheila Gass, Dedra Hopper and Candy Peregory.



Maintenance Department employees created a fantasy land to tie for first place in the yule decorating contest at Hayward Pool Products. From left, Pressley Barrino, Dominick Barbieri, Paul Roper, Lois Carpenter, James Kinney, facility manager, and Bill Meeks.



"Santa's Last Stop" tied for first place and was the creative work of the Shipping Department. From left, Joe Bryant, supervisor, Sandra Walker and Nancy Cobb.



"Christmas On The Farm" was displayed by the Receiving Department. From left, Connie Conner, Pam Oliver, Scott Ledford, James Huffstetler, David Meeks, Bryan Norris, Leonard Overton, and Flectia Degree.

Notary Public School planned at Cleveland

The Continuing Education Department of Cleveland Community College will sponsor a Notary Public School Monday, Jan. 25 at 6 p.m. in room 1138.

The course is required for those who wish to apply for a notary public commission from the state. Those who wish to become notaries must reside or work in North

Carolina and be able to read and write English. Registration will be held at the first class meeting. The fee is \$35. North Carolina residents over age 65 may enroll free.

Participants must purchase the approved manual, "Notary Public Guidebook," which is on sale in The College Store for \$6.40. For more information call 484-4015.

Holiday travelers will find cheaper gas

Motorists on the road in the Carolinas this holiday season will get a real break on gasoline prices.

The two-state per gallon average for self-service regular gasoline is \$1.04 which is 9 cents per gallon less than the national average price for the same service.

South Carolina posts a self-service regular unleaded gasoline price average of 99.8 cents per gallon which is 4.6 cents per gallon under Thanksgiving holiday prices.

The Christmas-New Year travel activity will mark the busiest winter holiday period since 1989, according to the AAA Carolina Motor Club.

Sixty-five percent of the 124 stations surveyed will be open on Christmas and New Year's Day and 28 percent will be open 24 hours.



READY FOR SANTA - Michelle Dorsey, daughter of Debbie and Jeff Dorsey, smiles for Santa at Jane Campbell Dance Academy during a recent Christmas party.



CAREER CLUB OFFICERS - New officers of the Kings Mountain Middle School Chapter of Career Exploration Clubs of North Carolina were installed recently. Front row, from left, Jamie Eller, parliamentarian; Kathryn Champion, second vice president; Cookie Stokes, president and Lynn Quiram, historian. Back row, from left, Kim Murgita, treasurer; Cheryl Fisher, secretary; Molly Blanton sentinel; Debbie Dalton, Region 3-A Sentinel who stood in for Lorin Brown, reporter, and Wayne King, first vice president.

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