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CW Santas In Nearly 30 Departments Fill Yule Baskets

Nearly thirty CW departments with some 800 employees are playing Santa Claus this year. Busily gathering clothes, toys and staple foods, they are making Christmas brighter for needy families with young children, and elderly persons and disabled individuals through the Yule Basket Program, an annual project of the Williamsburg Community Council.

The Yule Basket campaign at CW was coordinated through the Personnel Relations office which kept in touch with Miss Martha Barksdale, co-chairman of the community-wide project. Some departments, such as Inn Food and Beverage, and the Hostess Corps, adopted large families. Others, including AARFAC, Merchandising, Accounting, Audiovisual, and the President's Office, took small families. In addition, some departments, like Development, Hotel Sales, and Interpretation, filled baskets full with food staples for the Council to distribute at its discretion.

CWers from some of the many participating departments are pictured on this page as photographer Chuck Kagey snapped them at work on their baskets the week before Christmas. On December 23, volunteers from the Community Council delivered the CW baskets along with baskets prepared by other organizations and individuals throughout the Williamsburg area to those in the community who might otherwise have had a cheerless Christmas.



EVERYTHING FROM SOUP TO CHILDREN'S BOOKS GO INTO THE YULE BASKET FROM THE INFORMATION CENTER.



BUILDING MAINTENANCE SET THE HOLIDAY MOOD WITH THEIR BRIGHTLY PAINTED RED BASKETS FILLED WITH ALL SORTS OF STAPLE FOODS AND CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.



OFFICE MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT FILLED THEIR BASKET WITH FOOD AND TOYS FOR A FAMILY OF FIVE.



CWERS FROM THE LODGE FRONT DESK FILL THEIR BASKET TO THE TOP.



HOSTESS CORPS ADOPTED TWO FAMILIES WITH A COMBINED TOTAL OF FIFTEEN PERSONS.

AARFAC Holds Christmas Show

Gulliver would feel right at home at the Abby Aldrich Rockefeller Folk Art Collection, which opened its annual Christmas show there on December 15.

"The Big and Little World for Children" provides both a Lilliputian and Brobdingnagian view for visitors young and old daily through January 5.

The entrance gallery of the Collection features AARFAC's traditional Christmas tree, decorated with nineteenth-century ornaments, and a display of nineteenth-century toys both from the Collection and from outside lenders.

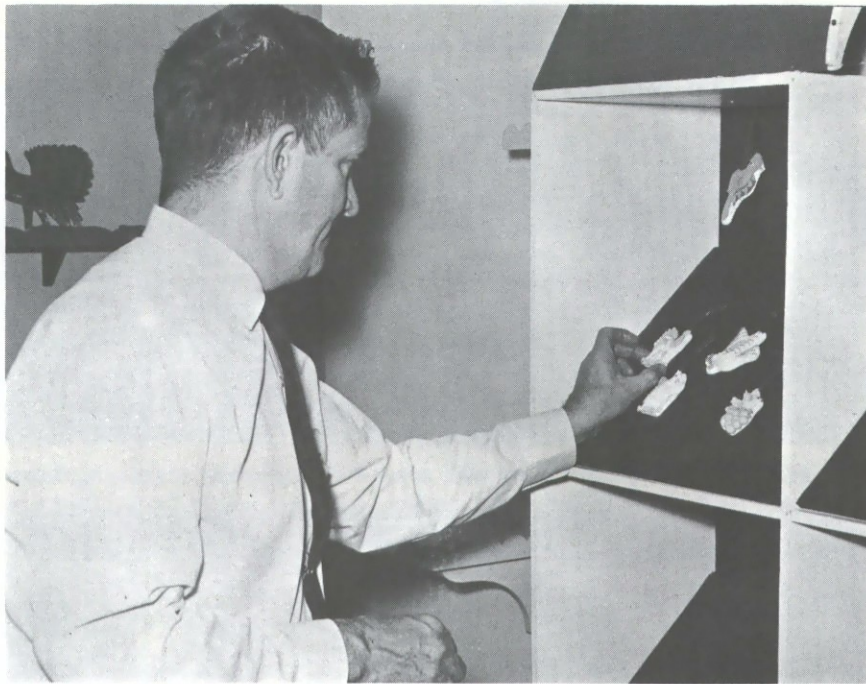
Of special interest in this gallery is a collection of Schaum Confekt (foam confection) Christmas ornaments. These traditional German ornaments are made of a sugar mixture resembling cake icing, and take many exotic shapes and forms. They are exceedingly delicate and fragile. Ninety-one of these decorations, made in the 1940's by a baker near St. Louis, were given to the Collection recently by Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Broadbent of Washington, D. C.

Two of the four remaining galleries on the first floor are devoted to exhibits of miniature buildings, designed and built by Roy Woodall, CW's exhibits designer. To give the children a giant's-eye view of things, a castle, a church, a Victorian house and a circus wagon are arranged along a village green.

The other galleries have huge replicas of nineteenth-century toy building blocks, with magic doors which permit visitors to see antique toys, dolls and other objects displayed inside them. These blocks, some as large as four feet square, are stacked and form a walk-through exhibit. They were constructed by employees in CW's Building Maintenance Department.

AARFAC director Peter Brown, who planned the show, indicated that two special treats are in store for all visitors to "The Big and Little World for Children." There'll be a homemade cookie for each, made from a nineteenth-century recipe, and the souvenir gift this year is a cardboard copy of one of the old building blocks. A window in the block reveals an interior scene of the miniature village featured in the Christmas show. This souvenir is designed for use as a Christmas tree ornament.

AARFAC is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from noon until 9:00 p.m. on Sunday and Christmas Day.



PETER BROWN ARRANGES A DISPLAY OF SCHAUM CONFECT, TRADITIONAL GERMAN ORNAMENTS WHICH ARE MADE OF A SUGAR MIXTURE RESEMBLING CAKE ICING.

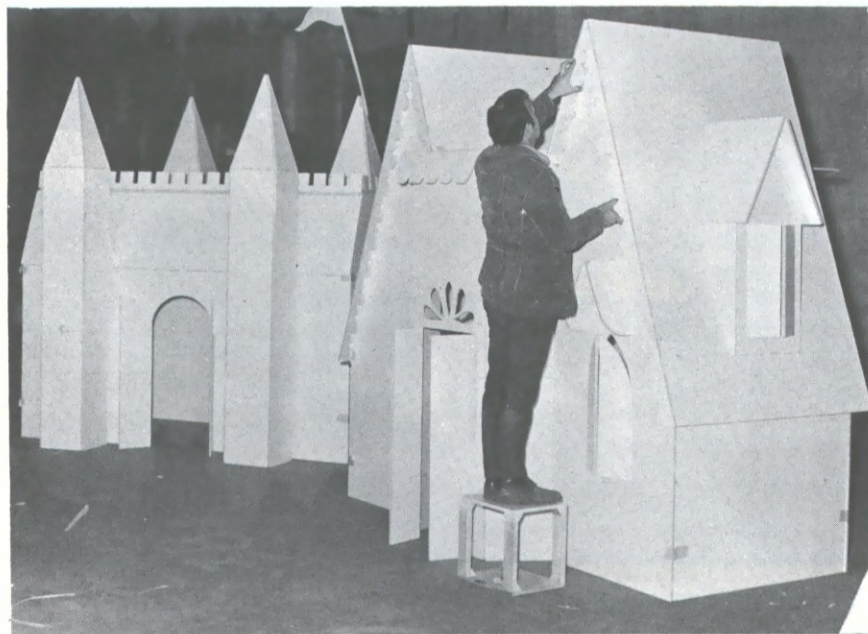


ROY AND CARROLL FREEMAN ADD FINISHING TOUCHES TO THE CIRCUS WAGON.

Photographs by Chuck Kagey



PHILIP MOORE, JOURNEYMAN SIGN PAINTER, LETTERS ONE OF THE TOY BLOCK REPLICAS FOR THE SHOW.



ROY WOODALL ADDS DECORATIVE TRIM TO ONE OF THE MINIATURE BUILDINGS HE DESIGNED AND BUILT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SHOW.



AARFAC GUARD OSBORNE TAYLOR VIEWS ONE OF THE DISPLAYS INSIDE A HUGE REPLICA OF THE 19TH-CENTURY TOY BUILDING BLOCKS.



Ernest M. Frank

Ernest M. Frank, assistant vice president and resident architect of CW, passed away at his home here on December 7, following a long illness.

Mr. Frank first worked on the CW staff as a draftsman prior to World War II. After service with the Navy as a commissioned officer, he returned to CW in 1946, becoming designer in 1948, assistant director of Architecture in 1949, and director of Architecture in 1957.

After serving a year as project architect with the Bethlehem Steel Company, he rejoined the organization as director of Architecture in 1958. He was named resident architect in 1964 and in November of that year he was elected assistant vice president by the CW Boards.

Since 1950 Mr. Frank had been involved in and instrumental in the designs for all CW architectural projects. He prepared many renderings and presentation sketches of proposed work in the Historic Area, and performed important architectural research in connection with the Magazine and Guard House, including much of the military collection. He also did the drawings for the Bryan, Ewing, John Crump, and Dr. Barraud Houses in the Historic Area.

Mr. Frank assisted in the preparation of most of the illustrative charts, maps and graphs used in the 1948 study, when the master plan for the development of future CW visitor facilities was being prepared. He also had a leading part in the design and furnishings of the Information Center and the Motor House, opened by CW in 1957.

Mr. Frank is survived by his wife, Nannie, a son, Ernest, Jr., his father, Adam Frank of Lansford, Pa., and two sisters.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, December 10, at Bruton Parish Church, with a private interment service at Cedar Grove Cemetery.

Proud Parents

Moses Armstead, gardener in Landscape, twin sons, Ray and Roy, born October 22, 4 lbs., 10 oz., and 5 lbs., 5 oz.

Wallace B. Gusler, master gunsmith, a son, John Frederick, born October 30, 1968, 8 lbs., 11 oz.

Milestones

OCTOBER

Twelve employees celebrated their fifth anniversary of service with CW in October. They are: SHIRLEY ASHBY, assistant head pantrywoman; MILTON L. COOKE, kitchen supervisor; JEAN HILDRETH, registrar; MOSES JOHNSON, storekeeper; EDDIE LEMON, commissary helper; G. ALAN MORLEDGE, director of Planning, Architecture; ROBERT PRITCHETT, janitor; THOMAS TUCKER, janitor; ADELL TYLER, assistant head counterwoman; GEORGIANA WASHINGTON, maid; MAUDE WASHINGTON, maid; PHYLLIS WHITECOTTON, group reservations supervisor.

In October, there were twenty-five employees who completed one year of service. They are: SANDRA ARMSTEAD, counterwoman; MARY BOND, spinner; PETER BRANCHE, houseman; CLARETHA BROWN, pantrywoman; DORIS J. CAMPBELL, junior secretary; CONNIE CHEATHAM, secretary; WILBUR DAVIS, shipper-packer; FREDDIE ELLIOTT, janitor; SUSANK. GIBSON, librarian; VELVEAT HAWKINS, cook; JAMES JACKSON, commissary helper; RICHARD H. JACKSON, janitor; TONY JOHNSON, kitchen helper; WILLIAM LAWSON, kitchen helper; ELIZABETH LINDLEY, saleslady; ANN MCGILL, waitress; BARBARA RECCHIA, cashier; BARBARA RICH, kitchen helper; GERALD WARREN, banquet waiter; CAROLYN WEEKLEY, managing editor; ESSIE WHITE, maid; SONG HO YU, baker; KYONG HO YU, seamstress.

NOVEMBER

Last month, four employees reached their fifth milestone with CW: SALLY BARNES, conference service manager; MAXINE LOCKARD, inspectress; ROBERT WEIR, still photography manager; CLYDE WHITTED, supervisor.

Completing one year of service with CW in November were: RUBY ALBERT, room clerk; PAULINE ALPHIN, secretary; FRANCES ANN BOROUGHS, secretary; FRED B RASTED, gaoler - guardsman; BETTY L. BROWN, waitress; MADELINE CHEATHAM, secretary; HAROLD DALES, kitchen utilityman; LISA KEEHAN, junior accountant; LELIA MATTHEWS, presser; ANTHONY NOTARAS, electronics technician; GEORGE PETTENGELL, master cooper; MOSES PRETLOW, waiter; HELEN WILSON, pantrywoman.

Linwood Williams, gardener in Landscape, a daughter, Cleo, born November 11, 8 lbs., 8 oz.

Four Employees Retire From CW In January

Jeanette Morris

Jeanette Morris, assistant to the director of Special Events in the Division of Public Relations, will retire from CW after more than thirty-eight years of service on January 1.

Jeanette began her long career here in 1930 when she first worked with Perry, Shaw and Hepburn as a stenographer. Several years later she was transferred to the Architecture Department. In 1937 she became a secretary for Public Relations and assumed her most recent position in 1955.

Jeanette has been largely responsible for the handling of annual passes for the public and for the College. She has also assisted with registration for the Garden Symposium.

She is a member of the Presbyterian Church and of the church circle for business women. She especially enjoys fishing and gardening in her spare time.

Gertrude Manley

Gertrude Manley, maid at the Franklin House, retires from Colonial Williamsburg on January 1 after reaching her fifteenth service anniversary on December 12.

Gertrude began working for CW in 1953 as a kitchen helper at the Lodge, and later as a counterwoman in the Coffee Shop there. In 1957 she transferred to her most recent position as maid at the Franklin House.

Gertrude resides in West Point and has four daughters and two sons. She is a member of the Mount Nebo Baptist Church, the Garden Club, and the Jolly Ten Club.

Peter Brown

Peter D. Brown, dishroom attendant at the Lodge, will retire from Colonial Williamsburg on January 1 after more than fifteen years of service.

Peter has worked in the Lodge kitchen since 1963 when he was first employed here as a kitchen helper. He was named to his most recent position as dishroom attendant in March of this past year.

Peter and his wife, Carrie, have six sons and a daughter, Betty, who works for CW as a waitress at the Lodge. He is a member of New Zion Baptist Church and enjoys fishing and hunting in his spare time.

Ethel Nixon

Ethel B. Nixon, seamstress at the Laundry, will retire from the organization after more than seven years of service.

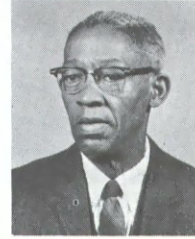
Ethel joined CW in 1957 as a seamstress at the Laundry and since that time, has worked during the busy season each year. In her job she has been largely responsible for the repair work of flatwork items for CW's restaurant and hotel operations.

Ethel attends the James River Baptist Church.

Yancy Spurlock Tops 25 Years With CW

Yancy Spurlock, houseman at the Motor House, celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary with Colonial Williamsburg on December 14.

Yancy first worked for the organization in 1937 as a dishwasher, then from 1940 to 1942 as a janitor in C&M. He was re-employed in 1943 as a bellman at the Lodge, where he worked until 1962.



He later worked as a janitor in the Building Maintenance Department and in 1963 he transferred to the Inn Golf Shop as a houseman and rack storage manager. He has worked in his present position as houseman at the Motor House since 1964 and as a part-time bellman there since March of this year.

Yancy and his wife, Sadie, reside here in Williamsburg where he is a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church and of the Elks. His hobbies include fishing and baseball.

Two Employees Mark 15 Years Of Service

Two employees celebrated fifteen years of service with Colonial Williamsburg during December.

Marking fifteen years of service and pictured here are Walter D. Nelson, maintenance carpenter in the Department of Building Maintenance, December 24; Percy L. Mason, baker at the Commissary, December 30.



January Paychecks Reflect Rise In Social Security Tax

CWers will notice another increase in social security taxes as they cash their first paychecks of 1969. Beginning January 1 the tax rate increases from 4.4% to 4.8% on the first \$7,800 of wages.

As you note the additional pennies deducted from your paycheck, remember that they go to pay for expanded benefits. Remember, too, that CW as an organization must match - dollar for dollar - the tax paid by each employee, and so will also be paying more in social security taxes this coming year.

Based on the 1968 payroll, it is estimated that CW will pay an additional \$84,000 in 1969 as its part of the increase in the social security taxes.

The 1969 increase in social security taxes is the third in four years and the tenth since the system was

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"20 Plus Club" Holds Fourth Annual Meeting



The fourth annual reception for the "20-Plus Club," whose members have served Colonial Williamsburg 20 years or more, was held November 26 at 3:00 p.m. in the Virginia Room at the Williamsburg Lodge.

Service awards were made to all employees who became eligible for 35, 30 and 20-year awards in 1968. They are listed below. Those CWers who achieved 25 years of service in 1968 were also recognized at the meeting. CW president Carlisle Humelsine presented the awards to this year's 18 new members to the club.

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

- Thomas G. McCaskey
- Curtis L. Tate
- Linwood Williams

THIRTY YEARS

- Duncan Cocke
- Robert H. Evans
- Thessalonians Judkins
- Harry Sutton
- Ethel Waltrip



TWENTY YEARS

- Jessie P. Bass
- Robert Bratcher
- Carrie Butler
- Anthony W. Conyers
- Justina Ford
- Richard E. Hollins
- Herbert Jacobson
- Loretha Johnson
- Linwood Jones
- Daniel Loudon
- Peyton Massie
- Roy Matheny*
- Fred W. Mayfield
- Eudelia Peoples
- William T. Reinecke
- Harold A. Sparks
- Richard Stewart*
- Hattie Thomas
- *not present



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