

### Award Is Presented

Rebecca Wood Drane of Edenton was honored recently in historic Halifax for her continued contribution to the field of historic preservation. The "Halifax Resolves Award", presented each year since 1954 as a part of the special ceremonies of Halifax Day, was given to Mrs. Drane by the chairman of the Historical Halifax Restoration Association, Ray Wilkinson. Present for the ceremonies were Secretary Sara Hodgkins of the Department of Cultural Resources; William Price, assistant director of the Division of Archives and History; the Honorable Joseph Branch, Chief Justice of the N. C. Supreme Court and guest speaker for the occasion; and almost two thousand visitors. Mrs. Drane was commended for her help in the continuing restoration of the extraordinary Cupola House (C. 1725) in Edenton, she has been, for a number of years, an enthusiastic member of the Cupola House Association, which her father, in 1916, helped to organize. She has served both the Edenton Historical Commission and the Roanoke Island Association since the early days of their founding.

She represents the sixth generation of her family to live in the Homestead (C. 1770) which she and her husband, the Reverend Frederick Drane, have beautifully restored. The house is traditionally open to visitors during the Edenton spring pilgrimage. Recently, Mrs. Drane sponsored two archaeological digs on the grounds of the Homestead. The artifacts discovered at the site will greatly contribute to our knowledge of the china, glass, and domestic ware of the early nineteenth century.

In addition to her work for Historic Edenton Mrs. Drane was recognized in Halifax for her interest in and support of Somerset Place in Washington County, and Stagville, just northeast of Durham in Granville County. Somerset, now a state historic site, was built in 1810 by her maternal ancestors, the Clooins family. Stagville, now a learning center for historic preservation, was the 18th century home of the Bennehans, from whom she is also descended.

The first settlement at San Francisco, called Yerba Buena ("good herb") was established in 1776.



**ALUMNI WEEKEND SET** — Pictured above is the Chohan High School graduating class of 1942. It is hoped that many of this class, as well as members of other classes from 1922-1980 will participate in the Alumni Weekend to be held April 25, 26, and 27 at the school. Persons who attended Chohan High School but did not complete the twelve years there are encouraged to attend and renew friendships.

### Letter To The Editor

Edenton is losing two very fine young people. Your loss is our gain. However, we are losing something, too. My husband and I have become very fond of Edenton and of all the friendly, lovely people we came to know there, and we are truly going to miss our visits. Nowhere have we ever been made to feel more welcome and at home. Even if we don't get back as often as we might like, we will never forget all of you.

Those young people as you well know, Mr. Editor, are our son, John, and your sweet daughter, Missy, who

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We would like to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who remembered us with flowers, cards, gifts, food, visits, prayers, phone calls and acts of kindness while in the hospital and since my return home. May God bless each of you.

Harold Hurdle & family Pd.

have come to Wilson to live. Glad as we are to have them near us, I know they will be missed in Edenton just as we will miss visiting there. Keep us in fond memory as we shall you all.

Sincerely,  
R. C. and Jean F. Smith  
Wilson, N. C.

### Fashion Show Is Held

By Connie Sherrill  
Asst. Home Economics Ext. Agent  
Fashion Inspirations was the theme of the 4-H Fashion Revue on Tuesday, April 14, 1980. Fourteen youth participated in the event which was held in the Chowan County Courthouse.

Each person modeled a garment they had made either in a workshop or at home. Garments were judged on workmanship and appearance by Mrs. Paige Underwood, Home Economics Extension Agent, Perquimans County, and Mrs. Norma Stearns, Chowan County Extension Homemaker.

The following awards were presented. Preteen division - Wanya Rountree, red ribbon; Karen Stalls, 2nd place blue ribbon; and Nicole White, 1st place blue ribbon.

Early-Teen Division - Sandra Rountree, red ribbon; Holly Johnson, red ribbon; Cindy Dunn, blue ribbon; Carol Voigt, 3rd place blue ribbon; Pamela Albritton, 2nd place blue ribbon; and Tommy

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### Jewelry Jottings

Those who would be more ambitious may obtain help from an emerald. It was once thought to sharpen the intellect and cure laziness of all kinds. The emerald, May's birthstone, was also once believed to be capable of detecting thieves.

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## Veeco Promises \$5 Million In Fuel Savings

Virginia Electric and Power Company will begin conversion of Chesterfield Power Station unit 4 from oil to less expensive coal six months earlier than planned, if state and federal approval can be obtained. Veeco customers should realize an excess of \$5-million in fuel savings in 1980 as a result of the earlier conversion.

The 166,000-kilowatt unit was scheduled to be converted late this fall. Veeco will begin the conversion to take advantage of an unscheduled period when the unit will be out of service because of a fire March 28.

Jack H. Ferguson, Executive Vice President for power, said, "The extensive fire damage at Chesterfield unit 4 means the unit would have to remain out of service until late summer for repair."

"Rather than make the necessary repairs, return the unit to service burning oil, and then take the unit out of service again in only a few weeks, we have decided to make both the repairs and the conversion at the same time."

Before the unit can begin burning coal, Veeco needs approval from the Virginia State Air Pollution Control Board and The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"After we amend our application to the EPA, we believe the plan will be acceptable and we hope for a prompt decision from the agency," Ferguson said. Veeco has already submitted an amended ap-

plication to the state. Conversion of Chesterfield Unit 4 will save about \$21-million per year in fuel costs and will conserve about 1.4 million barrels of oil each year.

Repair of the fire damage and conversion of the unit to burn coal will take approximately four to five months, Ferguson said. The conversion will cost an estimated \$725,000. The design and engineering of a new dust collection device began in 1979 and construction will be completed by the end of 1982 at an estimated cost of \$10.6-million.

Veeco converted two units from coal in 1975 and another unit in 1979, for a total of more than 1,200,000 kilowatts. This is the largest

conversion of generating capacity from oil to coal by any utility in the United States since 1973.

A new dust collection device of Chesterfield Unit 5 will begin operation in June. The new device costs approximately \$11-million and will greatly reduce

emissions from the unit.

Ferguson said the fire at Chesterfield Unit 4 occurred when a pipe that supplied oil to the boiler leaked, spilling oil onto a hot surface. Estimated costs to repair the damage is approximately \$2-million.

### Boyce Card Of Thanks

The family of the late Clifton Edward (Red) Boyce wishes to take this time to thank their many friends and relatives for every act of kindness shown them during the illness and passing of our loved one.

We thank you for cards, flowers, food, money, visits, calls and most of all your prayers. A special thanks to

Dr. O'Leary and the nursing staff of Chowan Hospital for the loving care they gave him.

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The family Pd.

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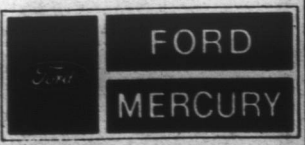
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