



RETIREMENT BRINGS AWARDS—Two Structural Group employees, Harry L. Ganey, left, a Shop 26 special welder, and Allen B. Roughton, a Shop 11 shipfitter, both honorees at a recent Production Department ceremony in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, display retirement certificates indicating a combined total of 41 years and seven months of government service. Ganey recorded 12 years and Roughton served for 29 years and seven months. Ganey lives in Edenton and Roughton lives in Elizabeth City.

Fairgrounds To Host Needlework Show

RALEIGH—There's a lot of activity going on in Raleigh's historic Mordecai House this month that will culminate in the second biennial Needlework II exhibition March 18-21. The show will feature the works of hundreds of North Carolina men, women and children as well as entries from across the Southeast, New York and California. It will be held at the Crafts Pavilion of the N.C. State Fairgrounds.

R **HERPES VIRUS NOW A COMMON VENEREAL DISEASE**

Little known ten years ago it has become almost as common as syphilis and gonorrhoea. And, genital herpes can have serious consequences. Children born to mothers suffering from this type of herpes can develop Neo Natal herpes which is most often fatal. Also, there appears to be evidence that women with herpes run a greater risk of developing cervical cancer.

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Executive Mansion Renovated

North Carolina's Executive Mansion is the home of the state's first family once again, following the most extensive renovation in the mansion's 85-year history. The renovation took 18 months and cost \$845,000. During the final seven months of the renovation, the First Family lived in a rented house in northeast Raleigh. First Lady Pat Holshouser emphasized that the money appropriated by the 1973 and 1974 session of the General Assembly was used for the renovation of the building itself.

"This is a renovation, not an interior decoration," Mrs. Holshouser said. "The appropriations have been put into things like waterproofing, fireproofing, electricity or new electrical wiring, plumbing and a central heating and cooling system. "These things will lead toward the preservation of the building for the next 85 to 100 years," she explained. When the renovation was begun, the mansion was found to be in sound overall condition, with most of the deterioration due to water damage.

In cases where items within the mansion had to be replaced because of water damage or other deterioration, great care was taken to see that the replacements resembled the original decorations as much as possible. Mrs. Holshouser cited two examples of reusing the mansion's structural material rather than buying new material. "In redoing those areas where some of the woodwork had deteriorated, we are using the wood that we found when we started taking things down in the building. In addition, the brick that the state removed from the Old Blount Street was used to make a modern, functional kitchen with an appearance that is in keeping with the 'gingerbread' architectural style."

The only visible evidence of the renovation to the exterior of the building is a new enclosed fire escape on the southeast corner of the building. In replacing carpets and drapery in the mansion, Mrs. Holshouser turned to the state's textile firms for assistance. "We are trying to keep the mansion as an example of North Carolina products, since our state is right in the heart of the world's textile and furniture industries," she said. "We want the new furnishings that are required to very clearly depict North Carolina products very much the same as Gov. Jarvis did when the building was first envisioned," she said.

T. J. Jarvis, Governor of North Carolina from 1879 to 1885, made a strong effort toward constructing the mansion at 200 North Blount Street. However, the mansion was not completed during Gov. Jarvis' term, and Gov. D. G. Fowle became the first governor to occupy the state's Executive Mansion in 1891.



EXECUTIVE MANSION AFTER FACELIFTING—North Carolina's First Lady, Pat Holshouser, stands on the staircase of the state's Executive Mansion following an extensive renovation of the 85-year-old building. Several layers of paint were removed from the heart of pine staircase to reveal its natural wood and intricate designs. After March 1, the Mansion will be open for public tours from 10 A. M. until noon and from 1 P. M. to 3 P. M. Tuesday through Friday.

Mr. Bembridge Dies Following Lengthy Illness

John Pete Bembridge, 76, of Route 3, Edenton, died Tuesday morning in his home after an extended illness. A native of Martin County he was a son of the late James Johnson and Mrs. Lula Carthene Hardison Bembridge and was a retired farmer. He is survived by one brother, William Bembridge of Edenton; two sisters, Mrs. Harriett B. Riddick of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Mary Sawyer of Silver City. A funeral service was held Thursday of last week at 3 P.M. in Swindell-Bass Funeral Home Chapel by the Rev. Charles Ledford with burial in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

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