

## FROM THE PLANT MANAGER



### Jack Dense Talks About Our Future

Our Open House to commemorate ten years of progress at the Brevard Plant and startup of a new base manufacturing facility is now behind us. Based on reports from employees, their families, and our good neighbors in Western North Carolina, it was a huge success. Everyone found the plant very interesting and the housekeeping in excellent shape; and although we had our Plant Doctor, J. E. Foster, and Nurse, Jimmie Loftis, in attendance on Friday and Saturday, no one made more than a social visit to the "First Aid Station." Congratulations to everyone who played a part in this Open House. Now the crowds are gone, the tents down, and things are back to normal, we might reflect on what the future may have in store for us.

The Brevard Plant has made ten years of progress and growth to date. Starting with a site survey in 1956 made by a few planning engineers, the plant population has grown to approximately 700 people. Three major expansions have taken place, and our output of product has increased substantially.

Construction is currently underway on expansion of our finishing operations, control tests, cafeteria, offices, and power and service facilities. Also, advanced planning and preliminary construction is underway on a new coater. With the completion of these projects, the plant population will probably be in excess of 900.

Where we go from this point is almost entirely dependent on us. In order for a plant to continue operations and grow, it must produce a high quality competitive product with good customer service produced at a price which will provide satisfactory earnings for the stockholders. If we continue to work together with this objective in mind, I am confident that the Brevard Plant will enjoy further growth and will continue to provide job security for its employees.

Pride in our jobs, and concern for quality does not represent only concern for the Brevard plant; it is concern for ourselves. How well we do our jobs determines how successful we will be. Our future is Du Pont's future.

*Plant doctor, Jack Foster and nurse, Jimmie Loftis were happy that no injuries occurred during "Open House".*

## Summertime Fun on The Du Pont Property

The Du Pont Employees' Recreation Association members should be aware of the opportunities afforded for summer recreation on the Du Pont property. The many streams, waterfalls, trails, and scenic attractions present opportunities to fish, hunt, picnic, hike, or sight-see. The farmhouse on the Guion property is also available for parties and gatherings. All of these benefits are available to D.E.R.A. members at no charge except hunting and fishing. For a payment of \$1 per day, members may fish (during open season). Hunting fees are modest and vary with the type of game. The money collected from hunters and fishermen is used to restock the streams so that fish may continue to be caught, and to plant grain and game cover.

The Guion farm may be reserved for employees' use by contacting Lena Saunders. A deposit of \$10 is required. The deposit will be returned if the property is left in good shape; otherwise, it will be forfeited to pay for cleaning of the house and grounds.

In addition to these benefits, D.E.R.A. also sponsors Easter and Christmas parties for the employees' children, and parties and dances for the adults. All these benefits are available to each employee for a membership fee of \$2 per year. Mary Bishop, secretary of D.E.R.A., will gladly arrange membership and answer any questions you might have. D.E.R.A. is a nonprofit employee organization that provides recreation and opportunities for social gathering to the employees and their families.



Before beginning a hike, or going fishing or picnicking, employees should check in at the Gatehouse. The patrolmen have snakebite kits for loan, and for safety's sake, you should make sure that someone knows where you will be. Snakes are a threat to the outdoorsman and everyone should be alert to avoid them. Other things to watch for are: poison ivy, stinging insects, slippery rocks, and campfires. No firearms are allowed on the property except during hunting season.

With safety in mind, and a D.E.R.A. membership card in your pocket, summertime is a great time to have fun on the Du Pont property.

