

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PLANT?

ENGINEERING SERVICES... Boiler conversion for using No. 6 fuel oil has been completed... Engineering Services held their annual dinner party for husbands and wives at Etowah-Downtown... Bill Staudenmaier spoke on the new Du Pont Inventory Control Economics Program at Louviers... Jim Farley and Glenn Woodley attended an Instrument Application School in Philadelphia... Andy Brown will head the Plant United Fund Drive in 1974... Modernization of the Cafeteria was completed... Volney Tinsley of Brevard was hired as Designer Draftsman in Projects & Design... C. B. Branson is acting Design Group Leader.

CASTING... Jimmy Crane, Casting "B" Shift, was fatally injured in a head-on collision on Route 280 above Brevard on Dec. 11... Four new Casting Process Operator job openings have been created... Lloyd McJunkin has been detailed to Group Supervisor... Keith Harbin has joined Du Pont as a Casting Group Supervisor.

POWER... We began using No. 6 fuel oil to fire boilers on Nov. 17. All boiler systems were converted on Nov. 21 (ahead of the January schedule)... Leon Howard is on special assignment for training operators in No. 6 fuel systems... Long hours were spent by operating area personnel and support groups (Maintenance & Engineering Services, Construction, and ESD) to hasten this conversion prompted by the Energy Crisis... Ken Byrd has been detailed to Group Supervisor.

COATING... While his brother Guy Smith "beat the bushes", Roger Smith ("C" Shift Prep.) took aim on a 100 lb. "Cow Horn" buck and brought him down in the Grassy Creek hunting area on plant property.



Roger Smith with Big Buck

ACCOUNTING... The annual outing was held recently at the Hendersonville CC... Many hours are being spent working on the "Profit Plan" for 1974. This involves cost studies on the "1001" items that influence our plant operating budget... Cafeteria food fragrances are no longer a problem in Accounting thanks to engineering changes to exhaust ducts.

IDP... Blue Ridge Tech. School of Hendersonville "Introduction to Data Processing" classes visited our computer facilities on Dec. 5... Paul Sevenhuysen is the newly hired Programmer Analyst in Computer Systems. He has a BS Degree in Horticulture from RNTS in Boskoop, Holland (his native country) And a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Western Carolina University.

SHIPPING... Terry Rhodes was recently elected reporter for the Booster Club for Edneyville schools.

MAINTENANCE SERVICES... Kirk Hooper is a new papa with his first child, a girl... Many mechanics worked many hours to successfully accomplish necessary changes to No. 2 Casting Line — a **job well done!**... The annual Maintenance Christmas Tree is growing steadily. Come see the highlights... Several mechanics devoted lots of time to help develop facilities at the new lake for use by all employees. Special thanks goes to Randy Potts for use of his heavy equipment on building the dock and swimming area... Leo Petit, Control Mechanic, passed away on Dec. 15.

GROUND... Steve Praytor and Don Berkshire have no meat shortage at home. During the recent deer hunting season, Steve killed an 8-point buck at Mills River while Don bagged a 4-pointer at Davidson River... Carl Beddingfield is sporting a full grown beard — he says it's to keep him warm during the energy crisis.

R & D... New transfers from Parlin to Brevard are Allyn Bennett (Senior Research Engineer), Calvin Kuklinski (Engineer), Robert Morin, Sr. (Research Engineer), and Phillip Beighle (Research Engineer).

FINISHING... Jim Roper has been detailed to Group Supervisor on "B" Shift... No. 6 Chopper is being adapted to handle roll stock.

PURCHASING... Perpetual cost reduction efforts by Purchasing have resulted in an all-time high of \$200,000 yearly

savings. Cooperation and assistance by all plant operating areas in achieving this objective is acknowledged.

STORES... Nancy Goforth (Mal Goforth's daughter) is back at the Stores window while off for a month from school at Western Carolina University.

ERD... Jim White conducted a 4-day NRG Supervisor Training Course at the Ramada Inn of Hendersonville... The last of a series of employee seminars at the Ramada was in November... Dr. Leonard Lister will join our Medical Staff on December 31... The Medical Van has been "winterized" by installing a heater hook-up to warm the van while parked on standby.



Dr. Lister — New Plant Physician

PROCESS CONTROL... Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Martin Harris in the death of his 5-year old daughter after a brief illness... Ferrell Driskell and John Sheaman attended the Radiological Society of North America annual meeting in Chicago Nov. 28-30. Du Pont featured the new Daylight System and the Low-Dose Mammography System... Elliot Jaquith and George Beatty have attended computer training sessions at Maynard, Mass. under the Digital Equipment Training School program. Training is for development of rapid sensitometry testing the Lab and computer monitoring in Coating... Jose Lopez, native of Cuba, has attained U. S. Citizenship... Bruce Cook, newlywed on Nov. 24, was shipwrecked for 3 days on a sandbar off Port Everglades, Fla. on his way back from a Caribbean cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, St. Thomas of the Virgin Islands, and Nassau — **What a way to extend a honeymoon!**

HOSPITAL-SURGICAL-MEDICAL IMPROVED PLAN

Two significant improvements in our Hospital-Surgical-Medical coverage became effective 11/1/73. These are: **1-COVERAGE FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN TO THEIR 26TH BIRTHDAY...** An unmarried dependent child is now covered under a family or two-person certificate up to age 26 vs. age 19 with previous coverage. To be fully eligible, the child is limited to one of the following:

- A blood-child, stepchild, a legally adopted child, or in some circumstances a foster child of the subscriber and/or spouse ordinarily residing in the subscriber's household or a student living at school.

- A blood-child of the subscriber not necessarily living in the subscriber's household, but dependent upon the subscriber for support. For example, a subscriber's child living with the estranged spouse, but receiving more than 50% of the support finances from the subscriber.

Note: No action is needed on your part if you have children who are eligible unless they are foster children. In this case, a Certificate of Dependency form must be filled out. Contact Mary Bishop in the Personnel office.

2-EXPANDED OBSTETRICAL DELIVERY ALLOWANCE... Because of rapidly escalating cost of health services, the allowance for maternity care has been increased effective 11/1/73 to 80% of a physician's charge not to exceed \$265 vs. 80% of \$150 with the previous coverage.

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5TH YEAR FOR SCREEN NEWS DIGEST FILMS

Du Pont is sponsoring Screen News Digest Films for the fifth straight year for Transylvania and Henderson County Schools. These films show highlights of current events of national and world interest.

The first two 1973-74 releases, available at county education centers are "The Energy Challenge" and "The Return Of Juan Peron".

Civic or private groups may also request loan of these as well as 34 other documentary films supplied during the past four years.