



## FOCUS: NO TURNAROUND

In the April-May, 1982, issue of Fotofax, I commented on job security at Brevard and made reference to five facts that were worth calling to your attention. While I am not going to repeat these, I do want to elaborate further on several points.

The prolonged duration of the current recession has impacted our business in several ways. One factor relates to continued high unemployment. Laid-off workers around the nation eventually lose medical benefits resulting in postponement of needed medical attention. The demand for our products has declined moderately which, in turn, affects production volumes throughout the plant. This, coupled with increased competitive pressure, lower NDT demand, and a reduction in base for sale, is the reason for overtime curtailments and modified production schedules. As long as the current economic conditions prevail throughout the United States, job security will continue to be a major concern. Several DuPont plants in North Carolina and Tennessee are experiencing alternating work weeks and layoffs. As of this date, the situation at Brevard can be summarized as follows:

Assuming sales forecasts for the 4th quarter of 1982 are accurate, the demand for our products will continue below normal. The need to control inventories will require scheduled unit downtime in both casting and coating; however, employment should remain steady between now and year-end.

The continuing recession exerts tremendous financial pressure on all industry, and DuPont is no exception. The need for cash conservation is very important which means minimizing all but essential expenditures. The deferment of such things as the planned Open House, cancellation of the Supervisor-Dinner Dance, and delayed salary increases are all part of this effort. While some may disagree with the priorities used in this program, I am sure all will agree there is much to be thankful for—especially at Brevard.

*John Golden*

## DUPONT UP FOR AN "OSCAR?"

A DuPont film, "Solar Challenger—A Sun Flight Odyssey", has been awarded the "Golden Eagle" by the Council on International Nontheatrical Events. It is the Council's highest award. The film will now represent the United States in selected international film festivals abroad and will automatically be eligible for submission this fall to the American Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, Hollywood, for the 1983 "Oscar" judging, documen-

tary category. Winners will be announced at the "Oscar" presentations in the Spring of 1983.

Powered only by energy from the rays of the sun, "Solar Challenger" flew from France to England on July 7, 1981. The unique aircraft, made of DuPont fibers and ultralight DuPont engineering plastics, is currently on display in the U.S.A. pavilion at the 1982 World's Fair in Knoxville.

## SAFE AT HOME? FIND OUT THIS MONTH!

Area safety meetings are being held in September on Home Safety Audits. A slide presentation is available from the Safety Office on this subject.

This slide show, called "What's Your Home Safety I.Q.?", quizzes employees on home hazards. Then ways of preventing or reacting to hazardous situations are discussed.

For home use, there is a pamphlet titled "Open the Door to Safety." It has an extensive checklist of room-by-room home

hazards. You are encouraged to make a home safety inventory of this checklist with family members assisting. Your home and the actions of your spouse and children should be safer after you complete this inventory.

Note: a copy of the pamphlet is enclosed with this FOTOFAX issue in case your copy didn't make it home.

Please take time to make the inventory. It's one of the best home safety educational tools to come along.

— Mel Everingham  
for The Off-Job Safety Committee



"THE WAY WE WERE", cramped and crowded at the Credit Union, has given way to spacious new facilities. Jack Hall and Office Manager Linda Gillespie are handling some of the last paper work in the old office, before moving to their "on-line" computer service.

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