

# No Layoffs Yet At Union Carbide

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VIEW STAFF

"We don't anticipate any layoffs at the Shelby plant," a Union Carbide spokesman said Tuesday, four days after layoffs became effective for about 100 workers at a company plant near Greenville, South Carolina.

"The recession has not affected the Shelby plant as adversely as some others," said Glenn Spears, employee relations manager for Union Carbide in the electronics division at Greenville. The Greenville division is headquarters for the Shelby plant.

The Shelby plant has been spared layoffs to date because of the ultimate use of its product. Both the Shelby plant, located a few miles outside Boiling Springs, and the Union Carbide plant south of Greenville manufacture capacitors, a ceramic device widely used in electric circuits.

The South Carolina plant manufactures capacitors specifically for automobiles and household equipment, and has been especially hard-hit by the recession. In addition to the 100 layoffs there last Friday, the plant had already laid off 500 of its employees in Feb., 1981.

The Shelby plant manufactures capacitors for computers, heart pacers, and calculators, and Spears attributed the lack of layoffs here to continued demand for these products.

"We can't anticipate how far this recession will go," Spears said. "We don't know what areas of the economy will be affected adversely, and our employees in each division understand that. We operate by supply and demand."

Spears said there is a freeze on hiring at the Shelby plant, and that due to a sales drop the plant here has not grown as

rapidly as expected.

Union Carbide began operations at Shelby in August, 1981, and currently operates with a work force of 440. Full capacity would mean 700 to 800 employees, Spears said.

A spokesman at the national headquarters in Danbury, Conn., told the View that nationally many of the larger Union Carbide plants have had to lay off workers due to the recession.

"Layoffs have been very spotty," said Ralph Leviton, a corporate communications director for Union Carbide. "They mainly occur in plants producing products related to automotive parts or housing equipment where both those industries have been already hurt by the present economy."

Leviton also said Union Carbide plants in Arkansas and Ohio which manufacture to a market of steel and other metal industries are suffering from the

economic slowdown.

In other business news: Artex East, an industry

was to hire a work force of 60 employees, some of which are currently in a nel. plications are then screened by Artex East personnel.

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specializing in producing table and napkin linens, opened Monday, June 14, near Boiling Springs off Highway 150. Currently there are 10 employees.

General Plant Manager John Barnhill said the projected goal of the industry

training program required by the company. The training program is sponsored through Cleveland Technical Institute.

Applicants should apply at the Employment Security Commission in Shelby at 503 N. LaFayette St. Ap-

For Fiber Industries employees and personnel, the recession has resulted in hundreds of layoffs and transfers

By August 1, Fiber Industries will be operating with a work force of 775 people.

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## Proud As A Lion

Taft Wilson, at left, was named "Lion of the Year" by the Boiling Springs Lion Club last Monday week, June 7. Wilson was cited for his expert salesmanship during the Lions Club broom sale and the club's calendar sale. His attendance record at the club is excellent.

## Street Dance Next Week

They'll be dancing in the street next Friday week, June 25, at Boiling Springs' annual street dance at the crossroads of Main and College.

The town's recreation chairperson Jean Putnam has booked the band, "Our Grass Is Blue," for the dance, which is scheduled between 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.

Boiling Springs Rescue Squad will be selling home-

made icecream at the dance.

In other town news: Boiling Springs' proposed budget for next year is available for public inspection at the town hall between 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

After public inspection, there will be a public hearing on the budget June 29 at 7:30 p.m., and the council at that time will vote on final approval.

## Keeping It Wild

They're lovable, cute, and amusing. Give them six months and they'll be irritable, a nuisance, and in some cases downright dangerous.

During the next few months, many "abandoned" wild animals are apt to be found and brought home by children and adults. However, anyone attempting to raise a young wild animal to adulthood isn't doing himself or the animal any favors. It is also illegal to hold a wild animal in captivity without a permit from the N. C. Wildlife Commission.

"Young wild animals often appear to be abandoned, but that is seldom the case," said George Smith, a wildlife manager

for the commission. "The young animal's mother is usually hiding nearby, waiting for the human intruder to leave so that she can go about the business of raising her young."

Smith says there a number of reasons not to pick up or try to raise wild animals as pets.

It takes a tremendous amount of work to care properly for a wild animal, and also requires an extensive knowledge of the animal's specialized needs. Youngsters will soon tire of the work that goes into caring for a wild pet, and a wild animal that is raised as a pet will not have the skills it needs for survival when it is eventually released.

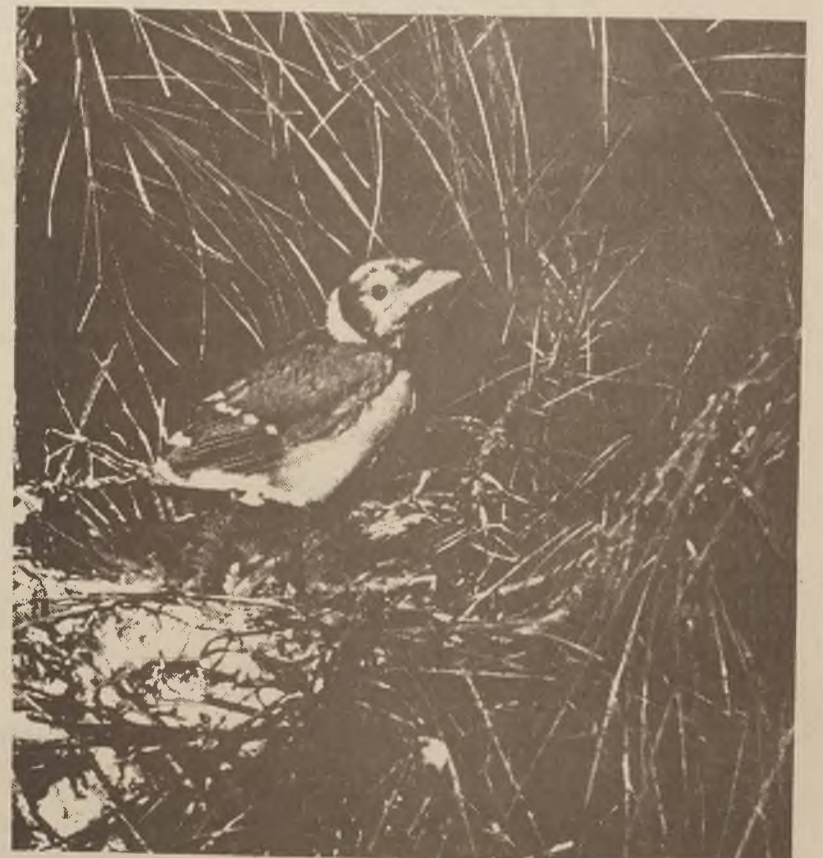
Wild things often become unmanageable as they grow older. Small mammals, for example, like to gnaw on things, and will soon destroy any furniture within reach. Larger animals, as they mature, often become mean and may injure their keepers. There are numerous cases of "tame" deer killing their keepers, and last year a Warrenton woman was badly hurt by a pet deer.

Few people can afford to build proper holding facilities for wildlife. A bear cub may be able to live in a house when it's a few weeks old, but it will need several acres of space with natural features when it grow older. The same is true for smaller animals on

a lesser scale. In addition, it is difficult to meet the special dietary needs of most wildlife species.

Wild animals are very susceptible to disease in captivity. In the wild, they have relatively little contact with other animals, and haven't developed the disease resistance common in domestic animals. Rabies — which is often found in foxes, skunks, and raccoons — is also a threat. Symptoms of the disease are often not readily apparent in wild animals, and anyone bitten by one of these animals should seek medical treatment immediately.

"Making pets of wild animals is a practice that we certainly don't recommend," said Smith. "Very few people have the facilities, knowledge, and commitment to care properly for a wild animal. Wildlife is best left in the wild."



Now is the nesting season, and youngsters are apt to bring home "abandoned" baby birds and other young wildlife.