



*This three story dollhouse is one of Chuck Holcomb's most unusual woodworking jobs. He built it for Betty Marvin of Hendersonville, who has been planning it and collecting furnishings for several years.*

## R & D's Holcomb Discovers Small World

"Scientist" is a title often seen, seldom considered by many people. It somehow conjures up visions of a man in a white coat, a plotter for world domination or the guy who gets the girl at the end of the monster movie.

Chuck Holcomb of R & D is a scientist who is working toward a career as a woodworker, and for the last several years he's been moving into that second career as he looks forward to retirement. Over the years he has collected the tools of the trade, and his basement shop is well equipped.

He has built a sizeable clientele as he has built cabinets and chests; one person tells another and the business grows. That's how Betty Marvin came to call on him to build her dollhouse, and how Chuck discovered a small world he had never suspected.

"It's odd," says Chuck. "You would never think about all the things people do unless something like this dollhouse job comes along and makes you take a look. It's a whole new world of its own."

The job looked simple enough when he started; after all, a doll house is just a box, isn't it? But things got tougher as problems arose.

"A house this big is going to need some domestic help," said Betty. "There are going to have to be some rooms added on to accommodate the cook and maid, and there will have to be some way for them to get into the house without going outside. We need a door to connect those rooms with the main house — allowing for privacy, of course."

"After a few changes like that," says Chuck, "I realized that this was not your

ordinary woodworking job. She was talking about it as though it was a real house, and before I really noticed it, I was in a lifestyle that's one inch to the foot."

It was necessary that the house be wired, of course. The function of the rooms had to be considered in order to place outlets for the greatest convenience; Betty had lamps in various styles and sizes which would need to be plugged in after her furniture had been arranged.

There were changes, additions and new ideas. Slowly the project took shape; at last it was done. A special cabinet had to be built in Betty's home to accommodate the toy. Chuck called on his son Brett and friend Bill Lowe to help him load and deliver the structure. Then he asked a couple of neighbors to bear a hand, also.

"That thing is heavy," said Chuck. "There are almost four full sheets of half-inch plywood in it, along with the other stuff! I built a special 'stretcher' for it to ride on, so we all could get a hand on it."

The dollhouse was three stories high, over seven feet long. Betty Marvin watched as the housemovers put the basic structure into a long bed truck; the front porch and other parts went in another vehicle.

"It's going to be good to have my house at home," she said. "I can hardly wait to start decorating!"

"We got it moved OK," said Chuck the next day. "Had to wrap it in polyethylene; it started to rain . . ."

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## DuPont Quits Dye Business

Du Pont announced June 5, 1979 plans to withdraw from the Dyes business by mid-1980 and to discontinue manufacture and sale of its Isocyanate products in the United States. The Company said both businesses had become unprofitable.

The Company said it has been losing money on the Dyes Business for five years and recent studies offered no promise of turning the business around. The Isocyanate Products Group has not been profitable during eight of the last ten years.

Du Pont manufactures Dyes and Isocyanates in the United States at the Chambers Works, Deepwater, New Jersey, and Dyes at Manati, Puerto Rico. The Company is seeking buyers for the Dyes Business including the Manati Plant, which is owned and operated by Du Pont Puerto Rico, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary.

In Mexico, Du Pont operates Colorquim, S.A. de C.V., a subsidiary that produces dyes primarily for the Mexican and Latin American Textile, Paper and Specialty Industries. This operation is profitable and will be continued.

In the Isocyanates business, Du Pont has negotiations under way to license patents and technology relating to the undistilled Toluene Diisocyanates and Aliphatic Isocyanates businesses.

Du Pont employs approximately 1,650 people in the manufacture and sale of Dyes and Isocyanates. The majority of these employees will be transferred to other assignments or will leave through normal turnover during the phaseout period. However, it is expected that it will be necessary to terminate in 1980 about 200-250 employees at the Chambers Works and about 250-300 at Manati. The Company will make every effort to assist these people in finding employment.

The Company will absorb a charge of \$35 million against second quarter 1979 net income based on the currently estimated cost associated with withdrawal from the Dyes Business. This is equivalent to 24 cents per share of common stock after the three-for-one stock split which was effective May 30. The Isocyanates action will have no significant impact on 1979 earnings.



**STATE GOLF CHAMPIONS:** *This DERA golf team finished first in this year's Industrial Golf Tournament. Left to right, they are Gary Gillespie, Volney Tinsley, Jim Farley and Dick Hensley. (story, page 2)*

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