

Union Carbide To Build New Plant West Of Shelby

Union Carbide Wednesday announced plans to build a major manufacturing plant West of

Shelby. The plant will employ as many as 700 people when fully operational.

The Shelby plant, a part of the Electronics Division of Union Carbide, is scheduled to start

production in 1981. Another capacitor plant announced last year will start production in September in Greenwood, S.C.

In addition, the division has two plants at Greenville, S.C., which employ more than 3,000 people. Another capacitor plant is located in Columbus, Ga.

The new plant in Shelby will be Union Carbide's fifth capacitor plant in the United States. It will contain 100 square feet.

"The decision to build a fifth capacitor plant in this country," said Frank P. Holloway, president of Union Carbide's Electronics Division, "is in recognition of the constantly increasing demand for ceramic and tantalum capacitors both here and abroad, and reflects Union Carbide's commitment toward meeting the requirements of our customers."

Union Carbide is the world's leading supplier of solid tantalum capacitors and is one of the major producers of ceramic capacitors.

The capacitors are manufactured under the Union Carbide brand name KEMET. They are used in computers, communica-

tion products. They are also used in many United States space exploration programs such as Apollo, Viking and the Space Shuttle.

Besides electronic capacitors, Union Carbide also produces getters in Cleveland, Ohio, and is a leading maker of single crystal substrates and specialty chemicals for producers of integrated circuits and memory devices. The corporation is the worldwide leader in the growth of garnet crystals for magnetic bubble memories, which are expected to become the main line mass memory technology for computers in the 1980s.

Facilities for crystal and electronic chemicals production are in San Diego, California, Washougal, Washington and Bensenville, Ill.

The division also operates two capacitor manufacturing facilities outside the United States.

In addition to the facilities operated by Union Carbide's Electronics Division, the corporation has the following facilities in North Carolina and South Carolina:

In Charlotte, the Linde Division has an industrial gases plant and a coatings services plant, and the Chemicals and Plastics Divisions operate a regional sales office.

Battery manufacturing plants for Union Carbide's EVEREADY batteries are located in Asheboro and Greenville, N.C.

The Union Carbide Agricultural Products Company announced in April they will build a large technical center at Research Triangle Park, N.C.

And in Wilmington, N.C., the company operates a modern air separation plant, a part of the Linde Division, to produce oxygen, nitrogen and argon.

In South Carolina, in addition to the electronics plants, Union Carbide has two major carbon fibers plants. Also, the Carbon Products Division has a carbon brush and seal ring manufacturing plant in Greenville.

In Columbia, the Agricultural Products Company operates the eastern United States regional sales headquarters.

A Linde Division air separation plant is located in Lugoff, S.C., and a large Linde welding equipment manufacturing plant is located in Florence.

Governor James B. Hunt Jr. said, "The location of Union Carbide's electronics related manufacturing plant in Shelby is another indication of the expanding leadership role North Carolina has in that field. It is also an indication that the electronics industry can be spread across the state rather than just concentrated in one area."

"We are pleased that Union Carbide would call North Carolina home for one of its operations for the ninth time. This is the third major announcement by Union Carbide in North Carolina this year. Earlier the company announced a major expansion in Greenville. Also, in April, Union Carbide announced plans to locate its prestigious Agricultural Products Company technical center at the Research Triangle Park."

"Union Carbide is one of this country's great corporations. It has been of great assistance to the state in its effort to establish a more diversified economy."

"My special thanks go to the leadership in the Shelby area. Local attitude toward industry is of primary importance. Your assistance on this project will result in hundreds of jobs for your fellow citizens. Given the type of industry and the particular economic situation we are in, this announcement couldn't have come at a better time. It shows the great potential North Carolina has and the underlying strength of our economic future."

"We thank Union Carbide for this commitment which means so much to the Shelby area and to our state."



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Cleveland County from Cameron Ware of Kings Mountain. Vice Chairman of the Cleveland Soil and Water Conservation District.

Courses Set

The Continuing Education Department of Cleveland Tech has announced the following courses:

Microwave cooking begins Monday, July 7, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Burns High School. Cathy Cabiness will instruct.

Upholstery begins Monday, July 7, and will meet each Monday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Kathleen Wilson will instruct the class to be taught at the Old County School Bus Garage.

Interior Decorating begins Tuesday, July 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., at Tech's Uptown Annex, room 21. Chrystal Riviere will instruct.

CPR begins Thursday, July 10, from 7 to 10 p.m., at Tech's Uptown Annex, room 13. Johnny "Doc" Tallent will instruct.

Adults, 18 years of age and older, may register at the first class meeting by paying the \$5.00 registration fee. Adults age 65 and over may register free of charge.

For further information contact Tech's Continuing Education Department at 482-8351.

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