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Denison Welcomes J-M Officials

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The former Texan who will manage the $10 million Johns—Manville plant now under construction here was welcomed to Denison at an informal dinner held Monday night at Hotel Denison.

Jack E. Hesse, who will assume his duties here June 15, was joined by the other Johns-Manville representatives, headed by T. R. Turnbull, vice president in charge of Transite Pipe Division production, as guests of honor at the banquet.

Extending the welcome in behalf of Denison were some two score Denisonians, consisting mostly of heads of local industries and city officials. The event was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Presented to the group by Vice President Turnbull, Hesse disclosed that the plant would be in full operation by March of next year.

"We plan to get the first pipe-making machine in operation in November and another in January," the future plant manager said.

"This experience of returning to Texas is wonderful," beamed the native of Port Arthur, adding that "I have been very favorably impressed by Denison."

Hesse said he was looking ahead to a lot of help from Denisonians in the manufacture of asbestos-cement pipe, "and from what I already have seen, I think we're going to show the other J-M plants how to make asbestos-pipe."

The group was welcomed by Lynwood Massey, Chamber of Commerce president, who presented Turnbull, one of J-M's key men in locating the plant in Denison. He commended the Chamber of Commerce for its services in bringing the new indusry here and paid a special compliment to Manager Freeman Carney as "a most wonderful fellow."

Recalling the ground - breaking ceremony for the new plant last November, Turnbull said "We decided then that we would pick our very best man to come to Denison to be in charge of the plant. We wanted to pick a man that you here in Denison would appreciate as much as we do."

Turnbull said that Johns-Manville is coming to Denison "with the intention of being good neighbors. We are not going to try to run your town or do anything else other than carry our load. You wouldn't want it any way other than that. We aren't going to pay more or less than others or do

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JOHNS-MANVILLE VISITORS honored at a Monday night dinner here include (front row) G. C. Eggleston, New York, Chet Sulewski, project engineer here, T. R. Turnbull, vice president and Transite Pipe Division production manager, Jack E. Hesse, Denison plant manager, and T. R. Burns, New York; (back row) Joe Mahaffey, Dallas, W. H. Waring, Houston, James C. Bradley, industrial relations manager for Denison plant; and Joe Manley, Houston.

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any proselyting. We want to carry our own weight.

"We're happy to come to Denison," Turnbull emphasized, "because we think Denison wanted us."

Also presented was James C. Bradley, second man to be assigned to the Denison staff. A native of Waukegan, Ill., he will be industrial relations manager.

"I have been very favorably impressed witih Denison," Bradley said, "and am looking forward to living here and being a citizen of this great state of Texas."

Other Johns - Manville representatives attending the reception included T. R. Burns, work analysis manager, and G. C. Eggleston, senior methods engineer, from the New York headquarters; W. H. Waring, regional sales manager, and Charles Manley of Houston; Joe Mahaffey, sales representative from Dallas; and Chet Sulewski, resident engineer in charge of plant construction here.

The meeting closed with Hesse showing a motion picture depicting the manufacture and various uses of asbestos - cement pipe such as will be manufactured in Denison.

Hesse and others from New York plan to return Wednesday to J-M headquarters there.

Meanwhile another group of J-M representatives were due to arrive today for a two-day inspection visit at the plant site, including A. C. Smith, chief plant engineer, George Wilson, assistant to the vice president in charge of production, W. E. Maloney, in charge of all J-M construction, and Mark Seim, in charge of technical service.



WELCOMED TO DENISON—Two newest members of Denison's industrial family, Arthur Gavrin (second from left) of the Arthur J. Gavrin Press, Inc., and T. A. Tredway (right) of the Diape: Jeans firm welcome to Denison the first two men assigned to the Johns-Manville plant now under construction. They are Jack E. Hesse (second from right), who will head the new $10 million plant, and James C. Bradley (left), industrial relations manager.