**Roy Plunkett  
Teflon®, 1938**

Have you ever seen a frying pan coated with Teflon®? It keeps food from sticking to the bottom of the pan. This great product was invented accidentally by Dr. Roy Plunkett. Dr. Plunkett was a young research chemist at the DuPont Jackson Laboratory in Deepwater, NJ when he returned in the morning to the previous night’s experiment and noticed a white smooth waxy coating on the inside of the container. The material, which was trademarked as Teflon®, did not affect any other chemicals and was the most slippery material known. Teflon® is considered one of the most valuable materials ever invented. It is widely used in the space industry, electronic communications, industrial processes, and architecture.