

'Nature's Best' Processed At Maryland Dairy

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 FREDERICK, Md. — Five days a week, the tractor trailers carrying milk from dairy farms throughout Maryland roll into the receiving bay at Dairy Maid

Dairy, unloading more than two million pounds of nature's best a week.

It is at this processing company in Frederick, one of five such dairies in the state, that the milk is processed, packaged, and then distri-

buted throughout central Maryland, Northern Virginia, and into Washington, D.C.

In 1946, Dairy Maid's owner Joseph Vona purchased what was

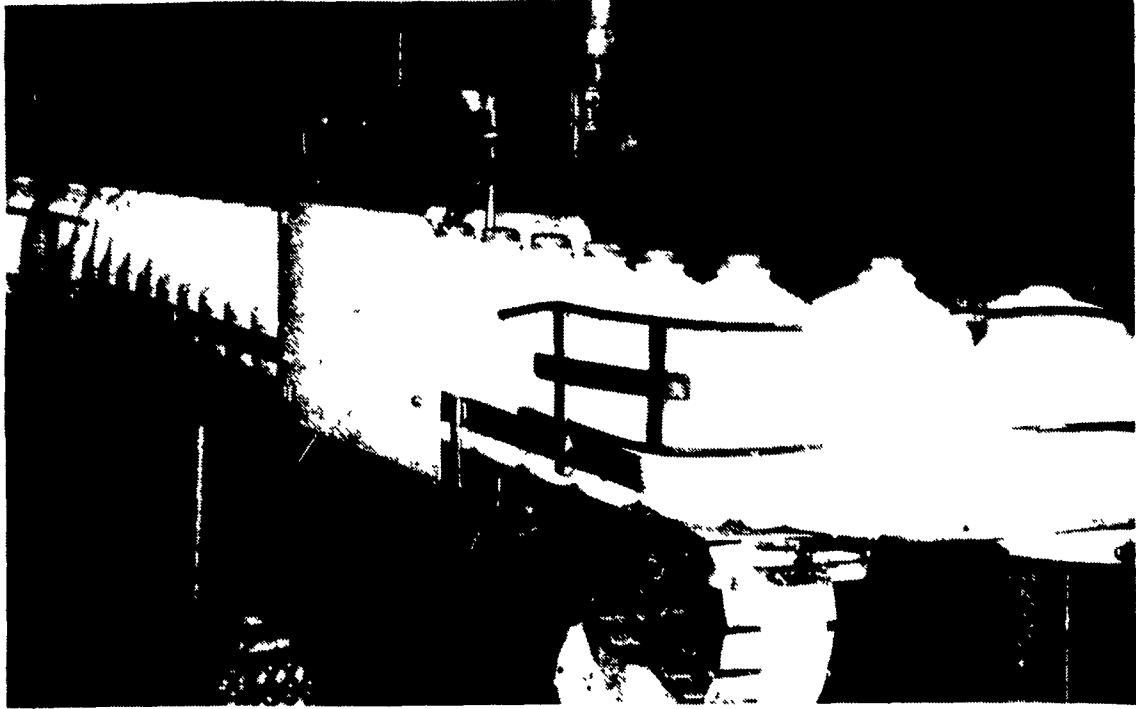
at that time the old Excelsior Dairy on Vernon Avenue. Vona was from Pennsylvania, and he married a Frederick girl. Vona operated Excelsior until in the early

1960s, when he combined it with several other small dairies and formed Dairy Maid. The company has continued to grow, and today

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A second generation of the Vona family now runs the dairy. From left, Jimmy Vona, Plant Manager Jeff Flora, and Jody Vona.



This machine fills and seals 110 half-gallons per minute. The jugs are manufactured in-house through a blowmold procedure.

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