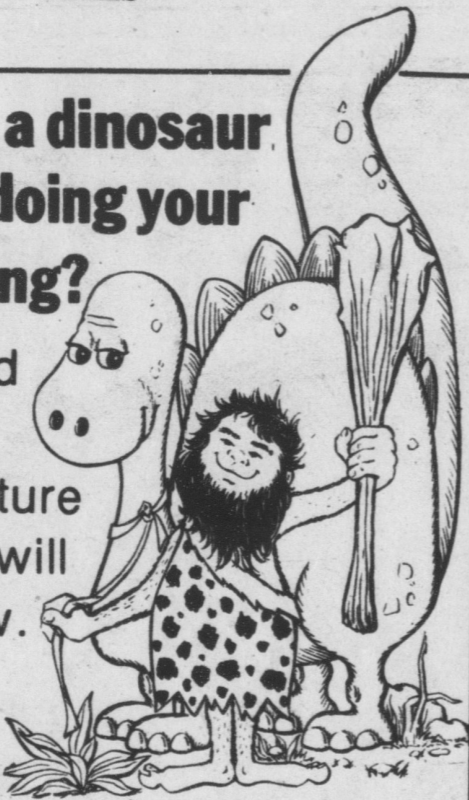


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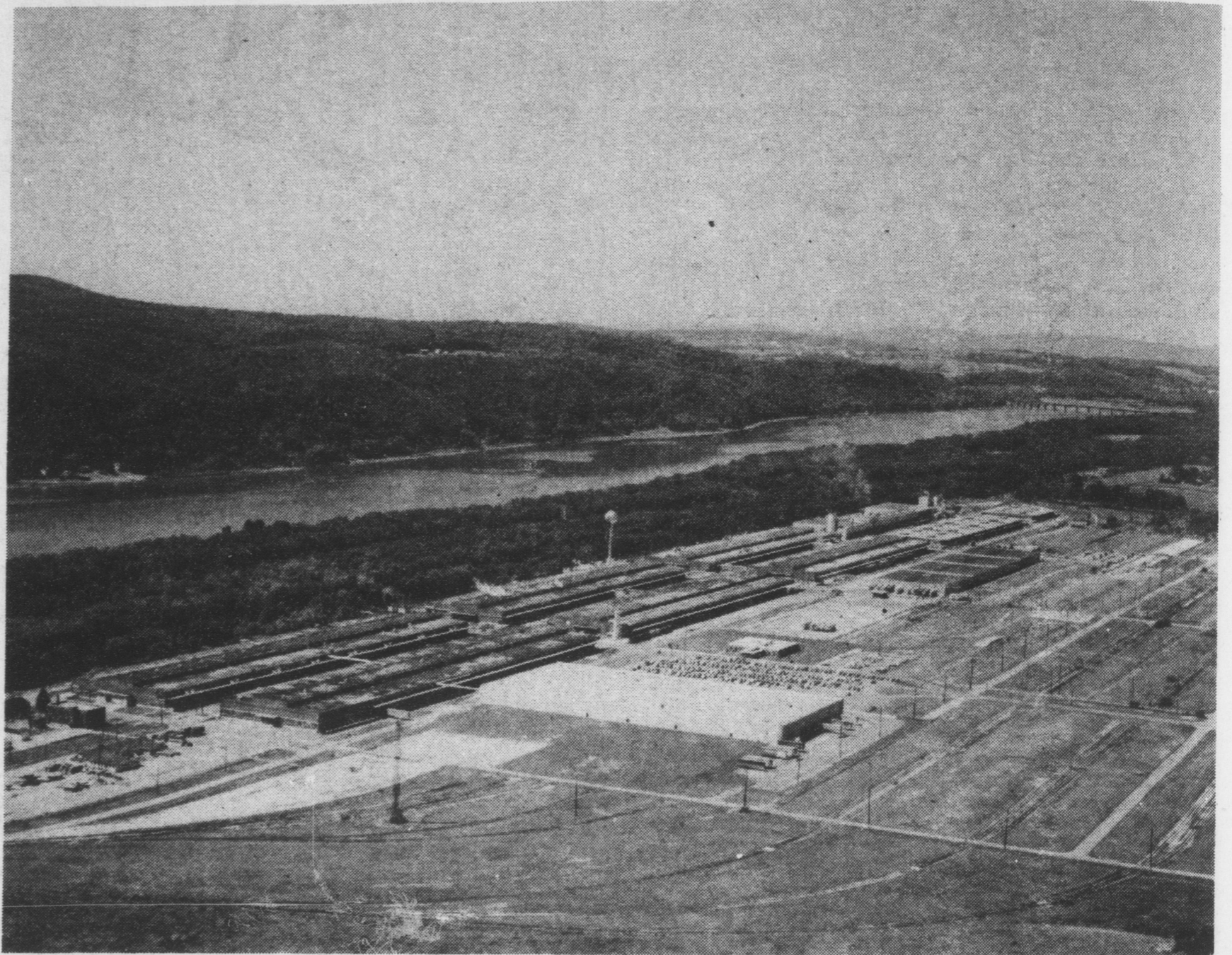
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Armstrong celebrates 50th anniversary of Lancaster founding



The Marietta plants

The Armstrong Cork Co. is not only a big part of the economy of Lancaster County, but of this local area as well. The Armstrong Ceiling and Carpet plants near Marietta hired hundreds of local people when they came here, giving our economy a big boost.

The Marietta Carpet Plant makes virtually every kind of carpet there is. The Ceiling Plant represents the biggest capital expenditure the company had ever made up to 1970.

About 6000 people in this county are employed by Armstrong.

This week, the company is celebrating the establishment of its headquarters here in Lancaster County 50

years ago.

The Marietta plants were opened only about ten years ago, but the company of which they are a part has been important in this area for a long time.

Armstrong Cork was founded in 1860 by 24-year-old Thomas Armstrong and John D. Glass. They bought a one-room shop for cutting bottle corks by hand. Armstrong put up his life savings of \$300 in the venture.

Despite a touch-and-go start, the two early on invested \$1000 in a cork cutting machine. This purchase was a wise one, as the company grew instead of dying. Up until around 1900,

Armstrong produced only things made from cork—the original bottle stoppers, gaskets, and acoustical materials.

It wasn't until 1908 that they began making the cork product for which they are best known, linoleum. Armstrong quickly captured a big share of the market by paying attention to visual appeal and resilience and advertising. Linoleum had been around for a long time before 1900, but it was considered a strictly utilitarian flooring since it was generally so ugly.

Armstrong had two main offices in the early 1900's: Lancaster and Pittsburgh. The management decided to move everything to Lancas-

ter in 1929. Armstrong began to diversify, especially after World War Two, into a great variety of flooring, ceilings, and other construction products. Today Armstrong makes can lids, adhesives, packages, etc.

Armstrong has always invested heavily in research and development. By 1970, more than 1/3 of Armstrong sales volume came from products of its own development that were not even on the market in 1960. The company has steadily moved away from processing raw materials into man-made compounds.

There are 57 Armstrong plants around the planet.

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Error in Times

The *Susquehanna Times* contained a particularly embarrassing error last week.

The story titled "Sgt. Englert's visit cut short by radiation release" said in the last paragraph, "I'm sure the parents, children, Mrs. Ronan (teacher) and myself will easily forget the

day Sergeant Englert came to school."

It should have read this way: "...will not easily forget the day Sergeant Englert came to school."

We apologize to article author Jennifer L. Douglas, Sgt. Englert, and all concerned.

Are you Dairy Princess material?

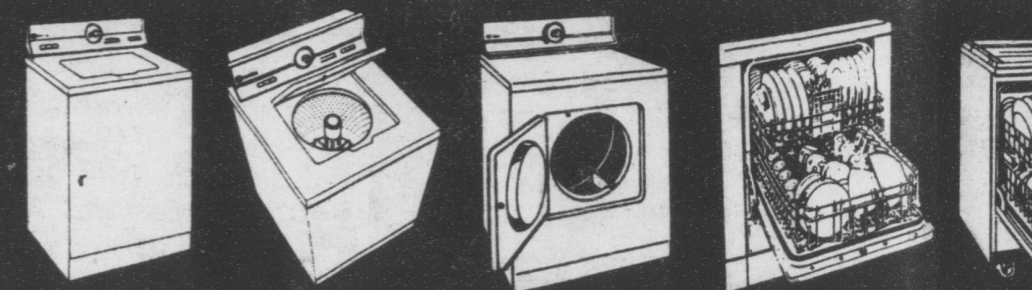
The county Dairy Princess Promotion Committee is looking for contestants.

If you are the daughter of a dairy farmer or farm manager, herdsman or

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