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non-metallic gaskets; braided packings; asbestos textiles; ceramic fiber products; woven glass fiber textiles; Teflon specialties; and woven asbestos brake linings. Pars has expanded its facilities to include large-press capacity for small and medium run, non-metallic, die-cut fabrications and the ability to fabricate unique, high-temperature gaskets. Maximum cutting capacity is six feet outside diameter.

ETERNIT BUYS CALZONI PLANT

The *Eternit Bagnoli Factory*, located near Naples, Italy, is replacing one of its plants that makes 5-meter-long, asbestos-cement pipes. Eternit has placed an order for the necessary equipment with the *Calzoni Factory of Riva Calzoni S.p.A.*, Bologna. The machine was designed by the supplier according to modern techniques and exacting specifications. It will be capable of producing pipes in sizes with inside diameters as low as 100 mm to maximum outside diameters of 2500 mm.

PRODUCT LIABILITY COMMITTEE FORMED

In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-63, and after consultation with OMB, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the *Advisory Committee on Product Liability* is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed by law on the *U.S. Department of Commerce*. . . . The Committee will advise the Secretary on issues relating to product liability, review findings of the research staff of the Interagency Task Force on Product Liability, review data and analyses prepared by or for the research staff and prepare critical comments. The Committee will also propose potential remedies and review other proposals and their impacts and advise the Commerce Department as to the views of particular interest groups on proposed remedies. [Federal Register 6/7/76]

ASBESTOS-FREE JOINT COMPOUND

United States Gypsum Company announced it is eliminating asbestos fiber from all of its nine basic joint compounds and six basic texture products, without adversely affecting quality. The compounds are used to form drywall panels into wall and ceiling surfaces in single-family homes and apartments.