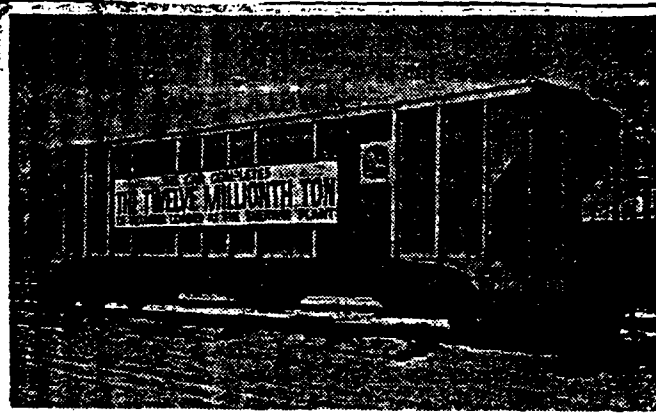




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12 Millionth Ton Marks Birthday Of Sherwin Plant

The Sherwin Alumina Plant, a division of Reynolds Metal Co., recently marked its 17th anniversary with the production of its 12 millionth ton of alumina.

When the plant began operations in June of 1953, it was the only installation in the United States where bauxite was delivered by ocean-going vessels. Today, Sherwin is the largest alumina plant in the world.

Sherwin supplies all of the alumina of four Reynolds Reduction Plants in the United States and to plants in Canada and Venezuela. More than three million tons of cargo go through the plant docks each year.

The 1953 the two-unit plant was rated at 1,000 tons of alumina a day and employed 300 people. A series of plant expansions and roundouts was begun in 1955 which ultimately increased the rated capacity from 1,000 to 3,250 tons of alumina a day.

Construction which began in

1956 and continued through 1958 doubled the size of the plant. Two digester units, three kilns and additions to all other process equipment were included in the expansion.

The second major construction program was completed in 1963 increasing rated capacity from 2,000 to 2,400 tons of alumina per day. The third and final major plant expansion was carried out in a three-year period ending in 1967. The five-unit plant with more than 200 precipitators increased rated capacity to 3,250 tons per day.

R. H. Featherston, 5414 Chevy Chase, is plant manager. R. W. Nix, 6937 Aswan, is assistant plant manager.

The plant employs 1,050 persons. Annual wages at the plant total 10 million dollars. The plant pays approximately one million dollars in local and state taxes each year.

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