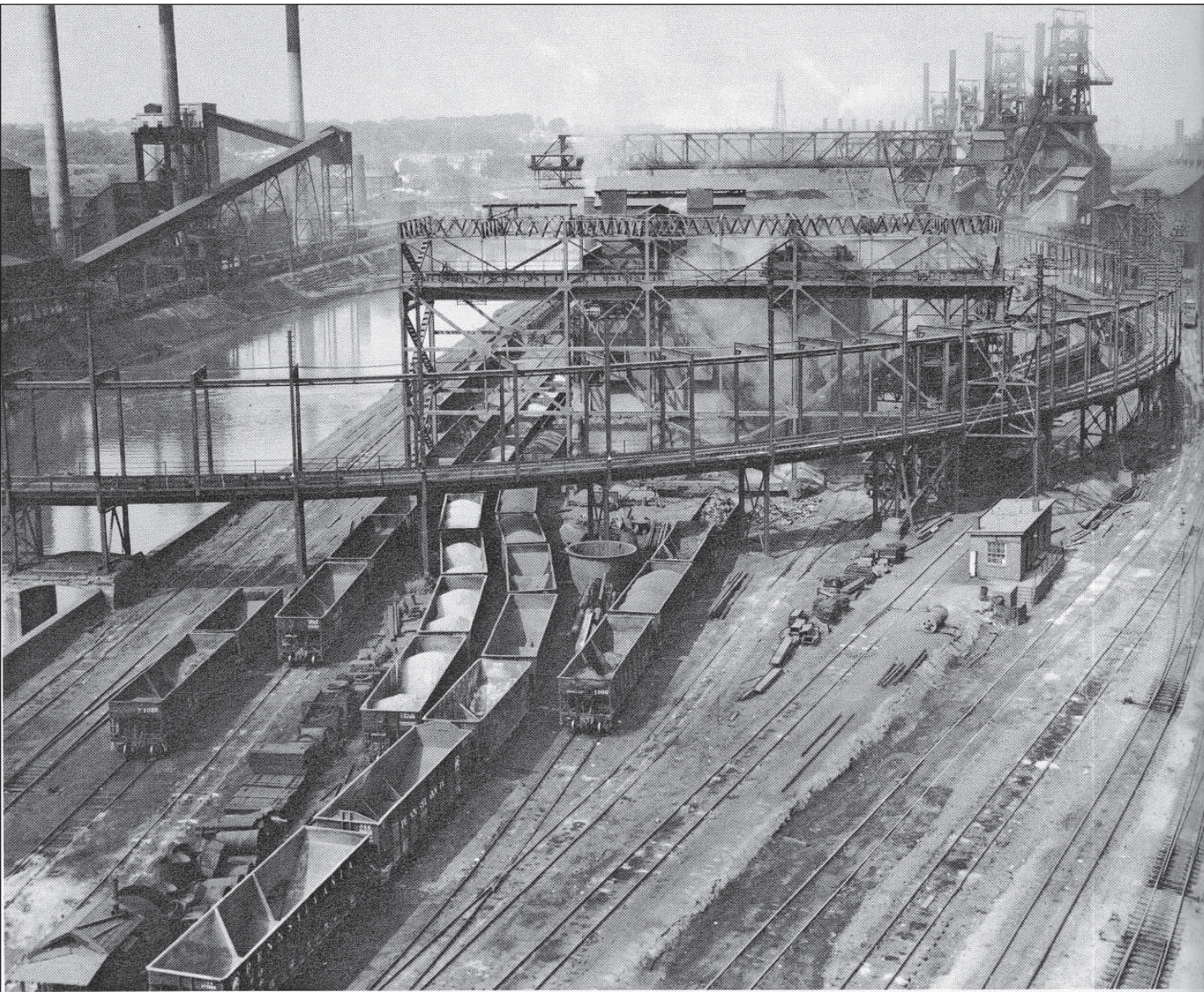


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YOUNGSTOWN



View of the Campbell Works of Youngstown Sheet & Tube during the mid-1960s. Note the Mahoning River flowing through the middle of the plant.

This photograph from the mid-'60s shows the Campbell Works of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Co. MAHONING VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Steel-industry stalwart lives on in consumer goods

By Jordyn Grzelewski
The Vindicator

For decades after its creation in 1900, the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. embodied the link between city and steel.

A home-grown operation, Sheet & Tube was founded by industrialists who wished to retain local control of the city's manufacturing industry. In its prime, the company did so with remarkable success, eventually ranking among the country's top steel companies.

Then came the industry collapse in the late 1970s, and the S&T name languished along with its abandoned mills.

Then, in late 2013, a group

of Youngstown natives discovered that Sheet & Tube's trademark, name and logo had expired, so they acquired the rights. Justin Mistovich, Ron Mistovich and James Berry today operate www.sheetandtube.com, which sells consumer goods featuring the historic company logo and encourages visitors to add to a community historical record.

Their aim is to keep the memory of the steel era alive and contribute to the local economy.

"What have we learned over the past decades? Economics can crush a town but can't kill the spirit of its people. Youngstown survived. Hardened, wizened, smaller, but the blue-collar

grit and determination, the hometown pride and humbleness could not be quieted. In this spirit, we bring back the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company," reads a blog post on the website.

Eventually, the company's goal is to set up shop in the city and manufacture metal products and branded apparel there. For now, it's starting small with an online shop where visitors can purchase items such as T-shirts, tote bags and mugs emblazoned with the black-and-rusty-orange S&T logo.

Once the company turns a profit, the plan is to pour some of that money back into the community with donations to local organizations dedicated to economic

revitalization.

For its founders, the project is personal.

Justin Mistovich, 35, a surgeon who now lives in Cleveland, recalls growing up in the Youngstown area in the years after the steel industry's collapse. The family connection to S&T is ingrained in him; one grandfather worked in the mailroom at company headquarters; his father and uncle worked at the mills for a time; and his other grandfather owned a bar across the street from one of the plants.

"The whole community was kind of united around the industry," he said. "We decided this would be an easy way to try to keep some of this stuff alive."

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Illinois battery maker moving works to Ohio

KETTERING — Xerion Advanced Battery Corp. plans to move its operations from Illinois to Kettering, creating 52 full-time jobs.

The company develops high-power lithium batteries at its Champaign, Illinois, plant. The planned move to Miami Valley Research Park should be completed this summer. Kettering is expected to provide an economic incentive grant of up to \$60,000.

Dayton Daily News

United cutting flights in Cleveland again

CLEVELAND — United Airlines is eliminating two more nonstop flights from Cleveland Hopkins, to Las Vegas and St. Louis, starting in early May.

The reductions will leave United with just 15 nonstop destinations from Cleveland, down from 58 two years ago, when the airline operated a hub at Hopkins. Cleveland travelers, however, have, or will soon have, alternatives to both destinations.

The Plain Dealer

Over-the-Rhine getting full-service grocery

CINCINNATI — A new urban grocery store plans to open near Findlay Market in September.

Epicurean Mercantile Co. will operate as a full-service grocery in the Over-the-Rhine neighborhood. The store is part of the \$24 million Market Square development in that area.

The Cincinnati Enquirer

Safety-equipment maker sold to Illinois company

WOOSTER — Wooster-based firefighter-equipment maker Akron Brass Holding Corp. is getting a new owner.

IDEX Corp. of the Chicago area has an agreement to buy the company for \$224.2 million. The company, which had \$120 million in revenue last year, makes safety and emergency-response products.

Akron Beacon Journal