

LETTER TO THE EDITOR, Lancaster Intelligencer Journal/New Era

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Marietta plant: the real story

I would suggest to Eugene Mummau and all other union- haters that they get some facts before blaming the demise of companies and corporations, such as Armstrong World Industries, on organized labor.

I see in your letter, Mr. Mummau, that you cited a few companies who have moved or closed. Do you walk around with your eyes closed? There are plenty of manufacturing facilities in this area that didn't have organized labor and have closed their doors.

Before you make your vain attempt to tell the story of the Marietta Ceiling Plant, I would suggest you read the book.

I spent over 32 years of my life working in that facility, almost since the inception of the manufacturing that goes on there. I do know the tale. I know the lifestyles of the people who are the real backbone of the plant. I know what the management has done in manners that were totally unfair and very dishonest.

Anyone can pick up a newspaper and read some of the particulars offered in a contract and assume that it is a very good offer. The people who are negotiating know all the details.

Please don't opine if you don't know what you're talking about.

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