

Former Jamestown Industry Returning

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Alliance Plant Under Tillotson

Return of a former Jamestown industry to this city has been disclosed by James D. Tillotson, III, president of Tillotson Furniture Manufacturing Corporation.

Mr. Tillotson this morning revealed formation of the Alliance Furniture Division of Tillotson Manufacturing, to be headed by Stanley T. Anderson as manager. The division will manufacture, merchandise and market the Alliance line of bedroom furniture.

"Alliance is coming back to Jamestown bigger and better," Mr. Tillotson commented. "Mr. Anderson, my associates, and I believe the return of Alliance to Jamestown is a concrete move in the campaign to keep industry in the City and to attract new business to our area."

"Further, it is a natural step in the growth of Tillotson Manufacturing: We have been manufacturing radio and television cabinets for a number of years, and expansion into the dining room furniture line is a logical move."

The sales organization of the Alliance division will be the same as the former furniture company had. A plant operated by the firm at Sheffield, Pa., since January of this year has been completely closed down, according to Mr. Anderson, and the plant has been sold.

Plans call for development and manufacture of the complete Alliance line at Tillotson's plant here; Mr. Tillotson said the division will have a line to show at the Chicago furniture market on Jan. 4, 1954.

Alliance Furniture Company was organized in 1905, and through a number of expansions reached a size which required use of a four-story brick building. The building was destroyed on the morning of July 16, 1952, in one of the most dramatic industrial fires in recent years.

Last January, the firm moved to Sheffield, Pa., and began operations with a 20-man work force. At that time, all stock in the company had been purchased by Mr. Anderson, former secretary-treasurer and general manager, and Axel Norberg, former superintendent.