

Kling Offered Randolph Furniture Plant

Company Plans to Make Changes After Factory Fire

RANDOLPH — A proposal that the Kling Furniture Company take over operation of the Randolph Furniture Works plant here, idle for several weeks, was presented to Chester Helgren, Kling general manager, by the Twin Village Junior Chamber of Commerce Wednesday.

Kling Factories No. 2 were destroyed in a \$400,000 fire Monday afternoon. It was one of five plants operated by the concern.

Oliver Hurd, chairman of the JayCees industrial development committee, was told that at the present time Kling plans to absorb the loss of production facilities in its other plants at Brocton, Mayville, Frewsburg and Falconer.

However, he expressed interest in Randolph as a possible future site. The Junior Chamber of Commerce meanwhile started a survey of the available potential manpower and skills in the Randolph area, for presentation to future prospects.

The Davis-Randolph Furniture Company plants here and in Jamestown were purchased last spring by Sterling, Inc., of New York City. Work already started at the Randolph plant was completed, and since then employes were then gradually laid off. Recently, lumber supplies have been moved out, and small machinery has been removed from the plant and shipped out.