

New Industry

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To Open Plant At Brocton

Compan Makes Therapy Equipment For Palsy Treatment

BROCTON—A unique new industry is coming to this community as the result of the sale this week of the Brocton Furniture Company property here to the Owmarr Realty Corporation, a subsidiary of the Niagara Manufacturing and Distributing Corporation of Adamsville, Pa.

The company, which manufactures therapy equipment made in the form of toys, plans to operate a manufacturing plant on the property here, according to John Lupback, advertising manager of the company.

The Brocton Furniture Company, a subsidiary of Kling Factories, Inc., has not been operating since October, 1954, when the main plant of the company was destroyed by a \$400,000 fire. The site of this plant, and a nearby warehouse which escaped damage, are the properties which were sold to Owmarr, at a reported price of \$42,500.

The Adamsville firm, headed by Owmarr K. Murphy, is a pioneer in its field. Its products are electrical devices used by hospitals and clinics for the administration of "cyclotherapy," described by the company as "circular stimulation of body tissues." It is used in treating victims of cerebral palsy and crippling diseases.

Mr. Murphy and Dr. Edward Connor, a pediatrician, operate a free clinic, called "Fairylane Village," near Meadville, Pa., where the devices are being used to treat crippled children. The clinic is unique in that its atmosphere is that of a playroom rather than a hospital, and the equipment is made in the form of toys.

It could not be learned this morning whether the Adamsville firm plans to build on the Brocton site, or merely to use the present warehouse building as its plant. In either case, the coming of the company will be a real boon to the community, where 125 men lost their jobs as the result of the fire in 1954.

Since the fire, the village government and civic groups have tried to interest the Kling firm in rebuilding the plant, and have also sought to interest new industries in coming to the community.