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New York Firm Buys Out Kling

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MAYVILLE—Baumritter Corp., whose offices and showrooms are located in New York City, has purchased the Kling Factories plants in Mayville, Frewsburg and Falconer, Nathan S. Ancell, president of Baumritter Corp., and Chester E. Helgran, executive vice president of Kling Factories, announced today.

Mr. Ancell said the move, which he described as a major industry consolidation, was occasioned by Baumritter's need for expanded facilities for the production of Early American cherry and mahogany furniture as additions to its Ethan Allen collection.

Broader Program

"These excellent facilities also will permit us to broaden our Early American program under the nationally famous Kling brand," Mr. Ancell said.

The Kling Factories, which last year marked 50 years of business, are the largest in the Jamestown area and are leading manufacturers of solid maple, cherry and mahogany furniture and constitute a major source for leading retailers throughout the country.

The firm was established in 1911 by John A. Kling and later was operated by his two sons, A. J. Kling, who retired in 1955, and Denold D. Kling, who died in 1961.

Mr. Helgran, whose association

with the company began in 1912, has served as executive vice president and treasurer for many years. Under the new management, he will serve as president and treasurer of Kling Factories Inc.

Baumritter Corp. was established in 1922. The firm's offices and showrooms occupy six floors at 145 E. 32nd St., New York City.

The firm operates 14 factories in Vermont, Maine, New York, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina and Pennsylvania, all located close to sources of supply of hardwood and skilled labor.

The company uses two hardwoods at present: hard maple and birch.

The firm's plants are entirely specialized, for greater efficiency and economy. Four plants make occasional tables only, one plant produces dining room sets, one plant makes buffets and dining sets, four plants make bedroom furniture, three plants make upholstered furniture and one plant makes metal furniture.

The Baumritter factory in Beecher Falls, Vt., converts hard maple and birch into Ethan Allen furniture, ready for shipment to retail dealers. The plant is equipped with modern woodworking machinery to produce high quality furniture at low cost.

Hardwood Magazine describes the firm as "one of the leading

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