

# Baumritter Corp. Still Seeking More Plants

Nathan S. Ancell, president of Baumritter Corp. of New York City which last week purchased the Kling Factories, Inc., Mayville, says he is still looking forward to buying additional furniture manufacturing companies.

"We are always looking," Mr. Ancell said on his arrival by plane yesterday from New York City with three other company officials to meet Kling Factories officials and salesmen at the Kling exhibit booths at the Jamestown Furniture Mart Spring Show. The five day show opened yesterday.

Mr. Ancell did not indicate where he is looking for new additions to his furniture empire of 16 plants.

He said that Baumritter is presently engaged in a \$1,250,000 expansion program in three plants. It is part of an overall \$3-million expansion project.

One plant is situated at nearby Eldred, Pa.

## Enlarge Eldred Plant

A total of \$750,000 has been allocated to expand the Eldred unit, which will have two large one story brick and steel buildings with a total of 60,000 square feet of productive areas to boost the manufacture of urethane foam and six new production lines for the

organization's institutional furniture business.

Presently, more than 400 people are employed there. Employment will be increased by at least 25 per cent when the buildings are completed in 90 days, Mr. Ancell said.

He said \$250,000 is being spent to build a 20,000 square foot addition to the company's Bridgewater, Va., plant, which will enable the company to expand its pine furniture collection.

## North Carolina Addition

A similar amount is being spent for a 20,000 square foot addition at the organization's Old Fort, N.C., plant.

"That addition," Mr. Ancell said, "will double our pine furniture volume of tables for the Ethan Allen group."

Mr. Ancell met with Chester E. Helgran, Kling's new president and treasurer; George H. Dudley, the firm's sales and advertising manager and then conferred with company's salesmen, who are here for the furniture show.

Mr. Ancell was accompanied by Dan C. Brown, vice president of Baumritter, in charge of advertising and sales promotion; Robert L. Ficks Jr., vice president in charge of sales, and Stanley J. Fennessy, vice president, in charge of administration.