

# Founders Of Union National, Nord Family Still Carries On

The Nord family started Union National, Inc., makers of dining-room and bedroom furniture as well as bookcases, and the Nord family still carries on.

It was in 1903 that three Nord brothers, Edward, August and Alfred, started building popular furniture. Today, Alfred is the only one left of the trio of brothers, and he still is active as chairman of the board of directors.

Carrying on are three descendants of the brothers: Alldor Nord, president and treasurer; Wesley Nord, vice president, and Gladys Nord, assistant treasurer.

The original firm was known as the Union Furniture Company. Its complete line consisted of diningroom furniture called modern at that time. Since then, the company has expanded to include bedroom furniture and bookcases among its products featuring craftsmanship.

There were only a handful of workers in that original plant, but the past 47 years have seen the number of employees grow to the present figure of 140 skilled workers.

## Finest Materials Used

Union National incorporated in 1939. By that time the plant had expanded to its present physical size. The expansion process included several additions to the plant proper as well as additions to the office building.

All Union National furniture is made by expert craftsmen using the finest materials available. The finish on the firm's products is more than a simple protective film; it is a series of color, sealer and lacquer coats, developed to reveal and enhance the beauty of the veneers and design. Fourteen separate operations are required before the last coat of lacquer is applied.

Gluing operations are carried out under careful supervision by the most modern and scientifically approved methods.

Displays of Union National products will be exhibited during the Made in Jamestown showing at Nelson's of Jamestown, 110 East Second Street, and the Jamestown Furniture Center, 109 North Main Street.

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