

# Union National Buys Former Davis Plant

## Nord Expresses Confidence in City's Stability



Allan M. Nord, president of Union-National, Inc., said today the company's purchase of the former Davis Furniture Corporation was based on the firm's "confidence in community stability."

Union-National bought the Davis plant, located at Scott and Cheney Street, for \$60,000 at a public auction yesterday in the Hotel Jamestown.

Mr. Nord said Union-National plans to use its facilities for expansion of its Burns Case Goods Company, a subsidiary of Union-National.

Details of the expansion have not been worked out but Mr. Nord, who also is president of Burns Case Goods, said

"We are going to need more room and felt this was the opportunity to purchase the necessary space."

In a statement today, he added:

"We are pleased to utilize this formerly idle plant, thus filling an industrial vacuum.

"We hope this will prove a beneficial move for all concerned—our customers, the community, our employes and the company.

"In the highly competitive furniture industry, our purchase of the Davis plant represents a decision based upon our confidence in community stability and a continuance of the quality craftsmanship for which Jamestown has been traditionally famous.

"We hope the move will add to the continuing importance of Jamestown as a furniture center."

S. A. McDonald, vice president of Joseph P. Day, Inc., New York City auctioneers, said the cash transaction was approved by the directors of Sterling, Inc., which bought the plant from the estate of Waters C. Davis in 1954. Jules Y. Levinson is president of Sterling.

The former Randolph Furniture Works, Jones and Gifford Avenue, also owned by Sterling and a part of the former Davis-Randolph concern, was offered for sale at the same time Thursday.

Mr. McDonald said several bids were received but no official decision on the sale has been made as yet.

The former Davis plant, acquired by Union-National, has approximately 85,000 square feet of floor space and is located on 1½ acres of land. It is five stories in height. The brick structure has a property frontage of 195 feet on Cheney Street and 279 feet on Scott Street with 533 feet along the Erie Railroad tracks.

Jamestown Attorney J. Russell Rogerson represented Union-National in the transaction.

Sterling, Inc., bought Davis-Randolph early in 1954 following the death of Mr. Davis, the local firm's president, the previous year.

Burns Case Goods which will utilize the new facilities produces bedroom furniture.