

Mr. Levinson stated this morning that present management in Davis-Randolph will be retained. Officers and directors are expected to be named soon. The addition of the three plants are expected to give Sterling a wider expanse of facilities for both modern and traditional furniture.

Mr. Levinson said that he plans to use his staff of designers of the Weiman Company of Rockford, Ill., which Sterling also owns, to start immediate designs for Davis-Randolph.

The Sterling president said the Davis-Randolph line of furniture is scheduled for immediate display at One Park Avenue, New York City, which is showroom of Sterling.

In addition to owning the Davis-Randolph and Weiman Company, Sterling also owns Robert W. Irwin Company of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Sun Glow Furniture Industries, Inc., of Logan, O. Mr. Levinson said Sterling also operates 18 furniture stores, known as the Pearson Company, in Indiana.

The Sterling Company also maintains showrooms at Merchandise Mart and Furniture Market in Chicago.

Mr. Davis emphasized today that operations at the plants are running smoothly and all orders will be completed with a minimum of trouble. "Plans call for continuation of our present quality lines of furniture," he said.

The Davis-Randolph line will continue to expand in the direction of solid cherry, it was noted. After modern cherry furniture is added to the line, however, it will be in natural red finishes rather than "sea-foam" veneer.

It was also learned that a contract to purchase the Davis Estate stock had earlier been signed with the Jamestown Royal Upholstery Corporation, but that this contract was later cancelled under its terms when Sterling, Inc., made a higher offer. The provisions of the will are understood to require the sale at the "best price" with a committee of local furniture men to pass on the terms as "best."