

NEWS



The House Organ of
THE NORTH BRITISH RUBBER CO. LTD.

Affiliated to UNITED STATES RUBBER COMPANY

Managing Director of North British *E. A. Martin succeeds Foster M. Stewart*

FOSTER M. STEWART has announced his retirement from the position of Managing Director, effective 31st December, to be succeeded by E. A. Martin. Mr. Stewart (55) remains as a Director and will continue to reside in Edinburgh.

Our new Managing Director is E. A. Martin, who since April last has been Works Director. We take this first opportunity to welcome Mr. Martin to his new post, and to assure him of the fullest co-operation in every phase of our business to further the high reputation which our Company enjoys within the industry and commerce generally.

In the eight months since Mr. Stewart invited Mr. Martin to join us we have realised his sterling qualities as a Production chief, and we look forward to years of further progress. Mr. Martin, who is 41 years of age, holds a B.Sc. degree in Chemical Engineering. He is married with two children, and resides at North Berwick.

Time for other interests

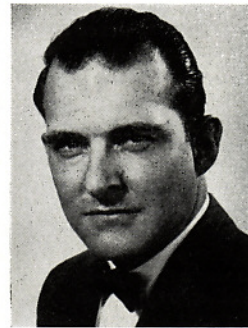
The retirement of Mr. Stewart follows the completion of the £3 million modernisation programme which he planned, his introduction of new advanced rubber and plastic products and the upgrading of the quality of existing products to the highest standards in the industry. Now he turns over to the Management team he organised the future objectives of the Company.



FOSTER M. STEWART

Mr. Stewart has stated that he desires more time to pursue a variety of other business interests. A young 55, we feel sure that Mr. Stewart's analytical approach to modern business will continue to make its contribution. Away from the exacting day-to-day demands of modern business there exists broad scope for his talents. His long experience of the Rubber Industry is still available to us, as he remains a Director.

Mr. Stewart has asked to use this issue by way of appreciation of his five years as Managing Director—a request we are delighted to accord.



E. A. MARTIN

Mr. Stewart's message

"In retiring from the position of Managing Director may I thank all those who have assisted me in laying the foundations of a greater North British Rubber Company and who have done so much to bring the Company to the commencement of another period of profit and prosperity.

"I look forward to continuing my association with North British as a member of your Board. I also look forward to remaining in Great Britain and living in Edinburgh. Mrs. Stewart and I have always admired your country and have come to enjoy your warm and genuine friendships. In the case of the writer these have developed in times of peace and times of war over the last 30 years.

"Residing in Great Britain, I shall accordingly have the happy opportunity to observe the progress of the North British organisation as it carries forward the programme we undertook together. I know it will move the Company forward to that position in the British Rubber Industry which it so rightfully deserves.

During a visit to America and Canada last month, Lord Provost J. Greig Dunbar was greeted in the New York City headquarters of United States Rubber Company by H. E. Humphries, Jr. (right), Chairman of U.S. Rubber and North British. On the left is George R. Vila, President of U.S. Rubber, who takes over as Chairman of North British next month.

Our New Chairman

H. E. HUMPHREYS, JR., Chairman of the Board of United States Rubber Company, has resigned as Chairman of North British Rubber, effective 31st December.

At a meeting of our Board of Directors, George R. Vila was appointed his successor as our Chairman from 1st January next. Mr. Vila is, of course, President of United States Rubber Company.



GEORGE R. VILA

"Yours is a splendid Management team, headed by a worthy captain, E. A. Martin. Give him the support you gave me and you will be proud of the results.

"In closing may I say, 'Thanks for the opportunity of working with you and God Bless'.

"FOSTER M. STEWART."

Noting Mr. Stewart's remarks concerning his long association with Great Britain in terms of peace and war reminds us of his Scottish background which, together with frequent trips to Great Britain, brought him to Edinburgh the first time in 1930. It was then that the Union Canal, adjoining Castle Mills, was still operational, terminating at its basin on Lothian Road where Lothian House now stands.

The war provided Mr. Stewart further experiences in Great Britain, where he had a distinguished Air Force career. He came to Britain in early 1942 with the U.S. Air Force, serving initially with the R.A.F. When his country's B.26 Marauder bombers arrived in England he acted as Asst. Chief of Staff of the U.S. 9th Bomber Command, participating in operational missions in the European and Mediterranean theatres. After serving on General Eisenhower's staff, Mr. Stewart operated during the last months of the European campaign as "Head of the American Air Component of the S.H.A.E.F. Military Mission against Occupied Norway", in association with Scottish Command.

Mr. Stewart is a member of the Royal and Ancient Club, St. Andrews, Bruntsfield Golfing Society, Edinburgh, Caledonian United Services Club, Edinburgh, and the American Club, London.

Edinburgh's Lord Provost in New York

