

Uxbridge.

Rtn.—JOHN D. SUTER.

Classification :—DRAPERY.

Inducted.—1934.



John D. Suter, Senior Vice-President, was unanimously elected as the new President of the Club at the Annual Meeting. He is an enthusiastic member, having served on the Vocational Service Committee continually from 1934 until his call-up for service in 1942 ; been Council Member from 1940 to 1941 and in addition to other service is at present responsible for the Club's National Savings Group, and a representative on the District Council.

John, now a Director of Messrs. Suters Ltd., of Uxbridge and Slough, was born in 1907 ; educated at the Russell Endowed School, Ledbury, Herts., Tenterden Hall School, Hendon, Colet Court, Hammersmith, and St. Paul's School, West Kensington. After leaving school, he entered the services of Messrs. John Barker and Co., where he served two years, later he spent two years with Messrs. Lister and Stevens, of Great Portland Street, and finally joined the family business in February 1927. He married in 1932 and there was born to him three boys and one girl ; the baby boy born in March 1947 succumbed to a serious illness in the early part of this year. In June 1942 he joined the ranks of the R.A.F. and served a disciplinary course at Great Yarmouth and Rutland, and whilst stationed there did a considerable amount of harvesting work, after proceeding to Cranwell No. 1 Radio School, where he passed out as a Radio Operator. In April 1943 he was selected for commission in the Equipment Branch of the Service, and eventually passed out at Glasgow as an Embarkation Equipment Officer and was posted overseas in 1944 ; proceeded to New York, U.S.A. where he visited many parts of America and Canada. He flew from Miami to Nassau, Bahamas on a visit to the R.A.F. Station there. While in America he made further contact with our sister town of Uxbridge, Mass. where he was given a royal reception by the Rotary Club there. In Spetember 1945, he flew home for a refresher course in a B.O.A.C. flying-boat via Newfoundland, and returned to New York via Prestwick, Scotland, to the Azores, and on to Montreal, then to New York and closed down the Embarkation Unit in June 1946, and returned home by the Queen Mary and eventually demobbed into civil life in July 1946. Hobbies : Gardening and Motoring.