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## Rotary Club Hears Head Of Keyser's New Tractor Plant

Members of the Keyser Rotary Club heard about this city's newest industry at their regular noon luncheon-meeting yesterday when John F. Somerville, Jr., president and general legal counsel of the Piedmont Tractor Division of Inexco Corp., spoke.

The firm, which is located in the Marshall Building on East St., is assembling garden tractors at the rate of one per day at the present time. Somerville said he hoped that production would be stepped up in the near future.

Seven persons are now employed at the assembly plant, but Somerville said others would be added to the staff as production increased.

"We like Keyser and we want to expand here," he told the Rotarians.

Called "America's finest small tractor," the product is a versatile machine that is guaranteed to plow nine inches deep, cultivate, disc harrow after plowing, cut grass, hay or heavy brush with a sickle bar, rake—hay, plow—snow—haul—loads up to four tons, do light terracing and bulldozing, pull grain drills and seeders and run other power driven implements.

It has an overall length of 64 inches an adjustable width of from 26 to 40 inches and is 35 inches high to the top of the steering column. It is powered by a Briggs-Stratton five horsepower, air-cooled engine.

Somerville, who is a resident of Cumberland Md., is head of the local industry. He served in World War II in special groups of intelligence agents working in the U. S. A., Panama, England France, Germany, Scandanavia, Austria and Switzerland.

Somerville was decorated on at least six different occasions for outstanding work with the intelligence service, one of his awards being the French croix de guerre with orders of the division.