

CHESTER TIMES – August 22, 1914 – GROUND SOON TO BE BROKEN –
Eddystone Borough's School to be a Handsome and Up-to-date in Character

The Times presents to its readers today a picture of the new public school to be erected in the borough of Eddystone. As seen by the illustration, it will be some substantial and imposing building to be added to the already many improvements made in that borough. The contract for the building was let this week to Mercadante & Sons, the builders of this city, as their bid of \$18,360. A number of Philadelphia contractors bid for this work but the local builders were successful in securing the work. Ground will be broken in the near future and work hastened as much as possible so that the borough may have the benefit of the improved facilities which the new school will contain.

The plans are about completed for the new school building for the borough of Lansdowne. It will be an addition to the High school and is to cost approximately \$50,000. It is to be constructed of brick, will be two stories high and will have a dimension of 160 by 65 feet. The building will have a slate roof, steam heating, gas and electric lighting. The School Board will advertise for bids today. The members of the School Board are anxious to award the contract at an early date, so that work can be started. The borough has need for more commodious and up-to-date quarters and no time will be lost in giving the children all the advantages of an advanced school building.

NEW INSURANCE BUILDING – The National Benefit Association of the city of Washington, D.C., the leading colored organization of the world, has awarded the contract to make some needed changes to the property at 1319 West Third Street, this city. This building at present is an apartment house and it will be changed about to suit the growing business of this prosperous colored insurance company. Upwards of \$5,000 will be expended on the building, which is constructed of brick two stories high and has dimensions of 30 by 66 feet. The contract has been let to W.W. J. Robinson of 1503 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, his bid being \$4,800. Work on the changes will be started at once.

Charles Barton Keen, the architect of Philadelphia will take bids the coming week for a new \$40,000 residence to be built in the township of Radnor for Paul Mills of Bryn Mawr. The house will be built of stone and plaster, will be two and one-half stories high, 138 by 77 feet in dimensions, tile roof, hardwood floors, and electric lights. The heating, lighting and plumbing are reserved.

WEST END OPERATIONS – Three of the nine houses being built in the vicinity of Eighth and Pennell Streets by J. Horace Witsil are now being roofed and the brick work has been started on three more dwellings.

The cellars for the two houses to be constructed by Bert Lee on West Third Street, above Norris, have been excavated by Contractor Thomas H. Collins. The dwellings will be of modern design.

A force of painters are at work on the six two-story dwellings built by Samuel B. Pennington on West Fourth Street, near Highland Avenue. The dwellings are graced with spacious front porches of ornate design.

Francis Downing has received the contract to plaster the walls of the addition that has been made to the property at Third and Palmer Streets. A two-story addition was made to the rear of the building and a third story, with mansard roof is Banner Nethery. A cement pavement is being laid about the property by the Dickerson Paving Company.

Simon Bruner is rapidly pushing his fifteen dwellings at Second Street and Central Avenue to completion. The majority of the dwellings will face on Second Street, with the store building on their corner.

Work is gradually progressing on the erection of the moving picture theatre which is being built by John J. Mahoney, on the south side of West Third Street near Central Avenue. A cement floor has been laid and brick layers are now at work on the erection of the walls.

A large lumber shed is being built in the yard of W. S. McDowell's place of business on the south side of Second Street between Reaney and Morton. The structure will be two stories in height.

Contractor Robert Jordan has broken ground for the erection of two 2-story brick dwellings on the east side of Edwards Street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth, and a one-story brick building at 405 Central Avenue.

Ground has been broken for the erection of two 2-story brick dwellings on the south side of Ninth Street, between Highland Avenue and Harwick Streets.

The eight houses being built at Seventh and Howell Streets by Contractor Sidwell for J. G. Milbourn are practically completed. It is reported that five more houses of the same design will be built by the same contractor for Mr. Milbourn.

Horace Witsil is nearing completion on his houses on West Eighth Street near Pennell and on West Ninth Street near Howell. These dwellings open up a new field for builders and a few years should find that section well populated.

Samuel Bell is making good timed on his dwellings at Fifth and Lloyd Streets. The roofs are set in position, and the painters are now busy.

Y. W. C. A. BUILDING – Work is rapidly progressing on the proposed new building for the Young women's Christian Association at Seventh and New Market Streets. The foundations are being laid and when the building is completed several months hence it will be one of the finest in this section of the state.

The stone masons have about completed the foundation for the proposed Odd Fellows' Building at Eighth and New Market Streets and the lumber is being brought to the site. The first floor joists will be laid in a few days and then the stone masons will again begin their work. The building will be completed in every detail and will be beautiful in design.

Carpenters have finished the work on the Harvey School building at Fifth and Welsh Streets. A new door has been placed in the rear of the building to allow the pupils to leave the respective rooms by way of the rear of the building. They were formerly obliged to leave the building by the front door and walk around the yard.

A number of improvements, including a one-story frame addition, are being made to the Massey residence at 605 East Seventh Street. Roofers are also making numerous repairs.

The work on the bay window on the building at 223 East Nineteenth Street, will be completed sometime next week providing the weather permits. The work is being done by Contractor S. A. Hewes.

Ground will be broken in a few days for the proposed six houses to be erected on Madison Street between Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Streets. The ground has been staked off and a force of workmen will commence the excavations on Monday.

The dwelling being erected at Twenty-Fifth Street and Edgmont Avenue for M. T. Ackerman, will be ready for occupancy in a short time. The building, which is of stucco and brick, will be one of the finest residences in that section of the city. It faces the Chester Park entrance and makes the surroundings attractive.

Frazer Brothers are rapidly pushing the work on the additions to the houses at 714-716 East Eighth Street and with weather permitting should complete the exterior work the early part of the week. The buildings are owned by Charles Morris and Mrs. Mary Hargreaves.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building Inspector T. T. Williams has issued the following permits:

C. B. Harper for J. W. Harper, owner, two 2-story brick dwellings on the north side of Seventh Street between Penn and Barclay

W. S. McDowell, lumber shed on the south side of Second Street, between Reaney and Morton

Robert Jordan, two 2-story brick dwellings on the east side of Edwards Street between Twelfth and Thirteenth

Matthew Morris, one-story brick building at 405 Central Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets

Ramson Wilgus, two-story brick dwelling at the northeast corner of Eighth and Pennell Streets and one-story brick building in rear of 712 West Front Street

Francis Moore for F. T. Quinn, the owner, two 2-story brick dwellings on the south side of Ninth Street between Highland Avenue and Harwick Streets