

CHESTER TIMES – September 5, 1914 – NOT WAITING FOR DECISION – Morton School Board Going Ahead With Plans for New Public School Building

The Board of Education of Morton Borough is going ahead with its plan to build a new school house, notwithstanding the fact that the courts have not yet handed down an opinion as to the legality of the methods used in raising the money, and on Monday evening will hold a meeting at which the plans for the building will probably be adopted. The members of the board do not anticipate an adverse decision, but believe that their methods have the sanction of the school date upon which practically all school matters are founded.

Some weeks ago a building committee composed of Charles B. Bishop Willard Stoever and Crosby P. Morton, was appointed by the school board, and this committee has brought up the question of an architect and plans due have engaged Louis Moore, a Lansdowne architect, who has presented a plan to the committee. This plan is satisfactory to the members of the committee and as there are three members of the committee and but the members of the school board, there is little doubt but that the plan as presented will be adopted.

This plan is for a stone building of bungalow type containing four rooms and it will be so constructed that it can be enlarged to sixteen rooms without detracting from its appearance or giving it an enlarged appearance. The size contemplated is ample for the present needs of Morton and will be large enough to accommodate quite a decided increase in population. The building will cost, it is estimated, close to \$20,000 and if erected, as it is probable it will be one of the most attractive school houses of its size in this part of the State.

**BUILDING AGREEMENT** – Five building agreements have been filed at the office of the prothonotary for dwellings, town hall, and a factory building in Delaware County, and work aggregating nearly \$40,000 is to be done as a result of the agreements, which are as follows:

Agreement between J. W. Meckert, contractor, and the borough of Ridley Park owner, for additions to the town hall. Work to be done according to plans drawn by Rankin, Kellogg and Crane, architects, and to be completed by November 22. The price is \$3026.

Agreement between Arthur S. Frezinger of Norwood, contractor, and Evan T. Moore of Philadelphia, owner, for a dwelling to be erected on Thirteenth Avenue, Prospect Park, according to plans drawn by the owner. The price is \$2000.

**BIDS TO BE IN TUESDAY** – Bids for the proposed new \$60,000 school building for the Borough of Lansdowne, are to be in by September 8. The plans and specifications have been in the hands of the proposed bidders for two weeks. A large number of builders are figuring on the work both in this county and the city of Philadelphia. The School Board may consider the bids at the next regular meeting, as there is a desire on their part to get the work started as soon as possible.

Victor A. Hengst of Llanerch, is preparing to build two dwellings at Highland Park, this county. They will be two and one-half stories high 32 by 36 feet, shingle roofs and hot water heating. Some of the bids have already been received by the owner.

Paul Mills has given directions that bids must be in by Tuesday next on the \$40,000 residence which he intends to build in Radnor Township. This building will be 138 by 77 feet, with tile roof and hardwood floors. Mostly Philadelphia contractors are figuring for the work.

**RAILROAD'S BIG SHED** – Work was started yesterday on a \$40,000 shelter shed at Wayne Junction for the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. It will be built at the passenger station at that point and will be used as a passageway between Germantown Avenue and Wayne Avenue. It will be 16 feet wide and 580 feet in length. The walls will be of concrete and stairways will connect with the train shed.

IN THE CITY – Nolan Brothers are transforming the buildings at a618-620 Edgmont Avenue into one modern business house and when the building is completed it will be a great attraction to the street. The building will be occupied by the Cross Company who will now have ample room to display their large stock. New fronts have been placed in the building and they are artistic in design. The top of the windows are of bronzed copper while the frames are of a mahogany like timber and finished in the same manner. Vari-colored glass ornaments the top of the windows.

A new front is being erected in the building at 612 Edgmont Avenue which will be occupied by Frank Berman the local businessman about the middle of this month. The plasters are busy at the present time on the interior and will finish their work on Monday.

The copper sheathing is being placed in position over the girders of the canopy on the Roder Building at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue. The glass which will be of a heavy plate specially designed will be inserted the latter part of the week. The little store will be quite attractive when completed.

The front of the new building which is owned and to be occupied by Dr. George Howard Cross, opposite the Pennsylvania Railroad Station, on Welsh Street has been placed in position and the glass is expected to arrive the early part of the week. The front is being finished in a mission style giving it the appearance of “Ye Tabard Inn” of long ago. Dr. Cross expects to occupy his new offices in a few weeks.

Carpenters are about finishing the work on the Theatorium Building at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue which was recently purchased by the Miller Drug Company. The building will be modern in every detail and will be an ideal business place.

Work will shortly begin on the old Ayres Building at Eighth Street and Edgmont Avenue, which was recently purchased by the Lincoln Beneficial Society. The building which is at present one story, will be made three stories and be an ideal office building. The home office of the company will be located in the building.

E. G. Bolton, 1915 West Third Street, is adding several coats of paint to the store property of Mrs. Thomas Doyle, 1720 West Second Street. The same contra contractor is painting a number of residences near Sixth Street and Central Avenue and Seventh Street and Highland Avenue.

With the ending of the week the block of eight two-story brick houses, store and garage on Second Street, just east of Central Avenue, will be nearly completed. Seven of them will be entirely finished this week and the remainder will probably be finished in a few days. The block which is being built for Simon Bruner, former proprietor of the Steamboat Hotel, is the work of contractor Elmer Dempster of Trainer. Two of the houses are already occupied and all are leased as soon as finished. D. Polsky, 1523 West Second Street is doing the paper hanging and decorating work. The cement walks around this property are completed.

Repairs and improvements are being made to the porch and front of the Mrs. Mary Cornwall house, 617 Highland Avenue.

Considerable improvements and additions are under way to the barn and stable of S. Pancoast James 613 Highland Avenue.

Francis Moore, contractor for the double 2-story stone and brick houses, on Ninth Street, west of Highland Avenue for Frank Quinn of 412 Wilson Street, has completed the foundations, and will soon be ready for the brick work.

Contractor Francis J. Moore has his four two-story brick houses on Fourth Street, below Palmer, ready for occupancy.

Nolan Brothers will break ground for the new lead tube plant, building to be 40 feet by 100 feet at Fifth and Palmer Streets on Monday or Tuesday. Stakes for the building were set by survey on Thursday.

The dwelling property adjoining the Chester Brewing Company's plant on Second Street, west of Palmer, is undergoing general repairs and improvements at the direction of Contractor H. Lewis Morris. The entire front has been torn out and a bay window, porch and other additions will be placed.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – These real estate transfers were recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby, yesterday.

Ridley Township – Alexander D. Chiquoine of Philadelphia to St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church of Crum Lynne, lot with building situate at Crum Lynne, Nom.

Marcus Hook – Sarah L. Jones, et al., to Ernest R. Roberts of Marcus Hook, frame house and lot on west side of Green street between Sixth and Seventh, \$500