

CHESTER TIMES – April 3, 1915 – FORTY HOUSES FOR LINWOOD – John Keegan of the Silk Mill Has Let Contract for These Fine Dwellings

While no big contracts were let in this city during the past week for new buildings the suburban districts of the county seem to give promise of much building this spring and summer, John Keegan, superintendent of the American Viscose Company, at Marcus Hook, has given the contract for the erection of forty two-story brick dwellings at Linwood. These houses will contain every convenience and will be part of the general plan which ultimately make Linwood a thriving place like Marcus Hook borough. What the American Viscose Company has done for the borough of Marcus Hook, in the way of putting up cozy and comfortable homes for its people, Mr. Keegan and others will do for Linwood. There is much desirable building ground in close proximity to Marcus Hook, and it will be but a short time that it will be but one contiguous town from the city line to the Delaware State line. Mr. Keegan would say little this morning in relation to his building enterprise except to confirm the statement that he will build forth houses of the American type.

Right in this same vicinity the Boothwyn Farms Company will soon start the erection of six fine bungalows at Boothwyn.

AT RIDLEY PARK – There will be considerable improvements made in the borough of Ridley Park Colonel G. F. Hamlin, has plans out for alterations to his residence and the erection of a garage and expects to let the contract in a short time. The building will be of brick, one and one-half stories high, 20 by 28 feet, slate roof, electric light, hot water heating and gasoline storage.

Mrs. J. D. Shattuck is receiving bids for some alterations and additions to her residence in the same borough. She will erect a one-story brick and frame building.

Bids are being taken for a new residence in the borough of Lansdowne for J. H. Shaw. The estimated cost is not given but the structure will be up-to-date in every way. It will be constructed of stone, will be one and one-half stories high, 34 by 48 feet, will have a slate roof, hot water heating, electric lights and oak floors. Work will be started just as soon as the contract is awarded.

In the same borough a new home will be built for Thomas Satterthwait. The material will be stone and frame, two and one-half stories high, 38 by 76 feet. It will have a slate roof, hot water heating and electric lights. A number of contractors are bidding for the work, among them a number from Philadelphia.

CONTRACT AWARDED – Faraday Lodge, Knights of Pythias of Morton, awarded a contract this week to the Greim Wood Working Company of Morton, for a two-story hall and moving picture theater. The price for the construction of this building is \$8000. Work will be started next week.

Oakmont Fire Company of Oakmont, Haverford Township, have started the work of building a fire house and town hall.

Henrietta G. S. Jaquette of Swarthmore has awarded a contract for a stone dwelling at Elm Avenue, Swarthmore to J. W. Meckert Co. of Ridley Park. Price \$8000

Contractor Wilfred Staley, Jr. of Collingdale has been awarded a contract for the erection of four brick dwellings on Amosland Road, Holmes, for Richard Purdy of Darby. Price \$6000.

P. Hollingsworth Morris of Villanova has awarded a contract for alterations to his residence at Villanova to Gray Brothers, builders to cost \$4,750.

A metal manufacturing company of Philadelphia has purchased a tract of land on North Wycombe Avenue, Lansdowne near Wycombe Station of the Newtown Branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad for the purpose of erecting a factory 50 x 146 feet. The name of the concern is not given out, but Charles Yearick of 23 North Millick Street, Philadelphia is secretary of the corporation.

W. T. Conrad of Clifton Heights is asking for bids for the erection of six two-story dwellings to be erected on Penn and Berkley Avenues, Clifton Heights.

Stewart & Weaver, builders of Aldan, have started the erection of two eight-room bungalows in Aldan to cost \$4500 each.

**KENT IMPROVEMENTS** – The receivers of the Thomas Kent Manufacturing Company have been making improvements to their Rockburn and Union Mills which are situated on Darby River along the route of the Clifton and Collingdale trolleys. The work is being done by J. J. Taylor of Clifton Heights.

Carpenters, bricklayers, masons, slag and slate roofers and other mechanics have been busy placing new roofs on their picker house, drying house, engine house, and pump house and on their beaming and wool room. Fifteen feet was added to the old stack of the Union Mill and the entire stack was treated and colored with a waterproof preserver.

A new 76-foot stack was placed in position to replace the one worn out. The walls of the Rockburn Mill were reinforced and new concrete foundations were built for the columns in the basement. The old roof of the stair tower was replaced by a more modern covering. An Oregon pine flag pole was placed on the top of the tower.

New dressing rooms were built in each mill to comply with the factory laws, also iron guards were placed on all machines in both mills to protect the workers, as required by the factory inspector.

A two-story building of corrugated steel with steel girders and concrete floors was erected and connected to the Union Mill to be used as a dressing room for women. All the dressing rooms have sinks supplied with Springfield water and were placed from plans drawn by Mr. Taylor, architect and superintendent of the operation.

The brick, stone and plaster work was done by Rudolph Korn; the painting by Charles Cunney; plumbing, Charles Donovan; slate and slag roofing, John DeFlager, and the carpenter work by James Taylor, all contractors of Clifton Heights.

**NEW WAREHOUSE** – Walter Connard has finished unloading 28 cars of different kinds of lumber and ten cars of sewer pipes, blue linings, slag and sand. Mr. Connard is having built along the siding a two-story warehouse, 80x80. He also purchased the lot on Pennsylvania and Berkley Avenues from Arthur Blake. He gave J. J. Taylor the commission to draw plans for an up-to-date residence. Mr. Taylor also has on his board's plans for improving several houses and plans for a manufacturing building, which is to be built in the borough. This will be constructed of concrete and steel.

Builder Thomas Manley has the contract for an addition to the plant of the Primos Chemical Company.

Harry Stewart, Jr., is breaking ground in Aldan for an up-to-date dwelling.

**PLAYHOUSE IMPROVEMENT** – Andrew Vogler, proprietor of the Pastime Theater has completed improvements to the theater which make it one of the most up-to-date and attractive playhouses in the country. The most essential changes are in the size and the ventilation. Mr. Vogler built to the rear end of the building, which constitutes the stage end of the playhouse, an addition which gives twenty-five feet additional room. A

commodious stage, with accompanying dressing room and toilet rooms, and furnished with attractive curtains, occupies a part of this addition, while there is space left for about eighty more seats. This increases the capacity of the playhouse to about 500 persons.

The ventilating system is thoroughly modern, and is adequate for the building even in case it is overcrowded. At the front of the building is a large fan which pumps fresh air through pipes to outlets in the room, while ventilators in the ceiling remove the foul air as it arises. The system will entirely change the air of the room every two minutes when it is worked to capacity. Mr. Vogler is receiving many congratulations upon the changes, and he anticipates even more of them when hot weather makes the perfect ventilation more noticeable.

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