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10 ACRES OF ROOF ON EDDYSTONE PLANT – Baldwin's New Shop One of the Biggest Under Cover in the United States

The roofers have about completed their portion of the roof of the new erecting shop at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and are now engaged in placing the finishing touches to this portion of the work. Few persons have any ideas of the magnitude of this work. The roof is of terra cotta, and is laid in sections twenty-six inches by fifty-nine inches, and weighing on an average one hundred and twenty-five pounds. There were 39,000 of these sections, and a little figuring will show that the total weight of these is \$4,875,000 pounds, or 2,437 1-2 tons. This gives an idea of the weight supported by the steel framework of the building irrespective of the cranes. Each sheet covers 10 3-4 square feet of space, and a little more figuring will show that the entire covering will measure 419,250 square feet, or a space nearly equal to 10 acres. The amount of ground covered is not as extensive as this, the slopes of the roof amounting to considerable in measuring.

Frank Thomas, one of the boys of the borough, is walking around like a corporal in the army with a back as straight as it is possible to get it. The reason for this is that the boy was climbing a tree in the woods back of his home on Saville Avenue several days ago, when he fell. He has since complained of pains in the side, and yesterday, his father took him to Chester Hospital where it was found that he had suffered a broken rib. His body was put in a cast, which makes it almost impossible for him to bend.

A dog catcher paid a visit to Eddystone yesterday morning, and in making a circuit of the borough he gathered in a number of dogs which were not protected by the little brass tag denoting registration. These dogs were confined in the pen which has been prepared at the borough hall, and unless the owners pay the registration fee and the prescribed fine the animals will be killed. One exception of the general rule occurred however as one of the dogs which were captured is registered but lost his registry tag from his collar.

A few slight repairs are being made at the local post office by W.W. Johnson, owner of the building.

The weekly prayer meeting will be held this evening as usual in the Eddystone Methodist Church.

John Thomas, a well-known young man of the village, has gone to Ocean City, N.J., where he will enjoy his annual vacation.

Earl Hewlings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hewlings of Ninth Street, is spending some time as the guest of friends in Camden, N.J.