

# BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

## SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Gustave Schreier has started the foundation work for a new house for himself on Pearl street. It will be of frame construction, arranged for two tenements, with furnace heat, electric lights and all improvements. John Stone has started the carpenter work for a new house for himself on Stone street. It will be of frame construction, two feet, and will be arranged for two tenements of six rooms each. Furnace heat, electric lights and modern plumbing will be installed.

Edward J. Holl has started the carpenter work for his new house which he will build on Cambridge street. It will be arranged for two tenements, provided with all conveniences.

Mrs. Nellie Boland has purchased a building lot at Fishguard and is having plans drawn for a two-family house to be erected on the site.

Dwight Blah has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new house on Cambridge street at the corner of Oxford street for Mrs. B. O. Rice.

Dr. R. W. Rice is to build a new house on Cambridge street. It will be of frame construction, two feet, and will be arranged for two tenements.

## STORRS.

The revised plans have been completed by Architects Unkelbach & Perry of New Britain for the new machinery building to be erected for the Connecticut Agricultural College. It will be a brick building 28x33 feet, two stories high, with artificial stone trim, concrete foundation and concrete floor for the first story, which will be of brick. The second story will be of mill construction. Alternate bids will be received hereafter, for tripod construction, galvanized iron conductors, steam or hot water heat, electric wiring, and hand power elevator.

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## BUILDING NEW HOUSES A OCCUM

**Gustave Lambert Has Erected Dozen in Past Two Years—Boynton Bungalow Well Along—Progress on Other Work About City.**

Gustave Lambert of Occum has completed plans for a new two and one-half story residence to be erected on the building within a few days. The house will contain eight rooms, four on a floor with pantry, bath and back yard, and will have flat roof. It will be of wooden construction and will be painted white. The floors will be of hard wood and modern conveniences will be installed as far as possible.

Lambert is at present working on another house on the Occum flats, and it is now being plastered. It is a 2-1/2 story high, of wooden construction and has a gable roof. There are eight rooms, four on a floor, and bath room. The interior is to be entirely finished off and the floors will be of hard wood. It is expected that the house will be completed and ready for occupancy by the first of February.

In the past two years Mr. Lambert has built a dozen or more houses in Occum and has disposed of them all.

Ready for Occupancy in January.

The new up-to-date residence that Fletcher Boynton is having erected on West Main street near the Fairgrounds is now well along and is all ready for occupancy. The house is a two-story high, of wooden construction, with the cobblestone top for the chimney will be placed this week. The windows are not yet in but will be in the near future. It is planned to have the house ready for occupancy by the last of next month. The construction work was started during October.

Nearly Ready for Roof.

The house being erected on Lincoln avenue for Mrs. Sarah McGee is now nearly ready to be roofed in, the frame

work having been erected to its second story.

**Foundation About Done.**

Work on the excavation and laying of the foundation for the residence that Henry Peck is having erected on Sacken street is now about completed and the frame will probably be soon started.

**Improvement to Property.**

A new piazza has been built on the front of the house on Lafayette street owned by the Mills company. The old piazza which has done duty for some years has outlived its usefulness and the new one makes a decided improvement in the appearance of the house.

**Fast Nearing Completion.**

The Thayer building on Franklin square is rapidly nearing the completed stage and the plate glass front of the building will be removed and a general cleaning up will take place. The section of cornice with the gilt letters "Thayer Building" has arrived and has been placed on the Franklin square side of the building. It adds greatly to the appearance of Franklin square.

**Changes About Done.**

The changes at the Shields-Thumm building on Franklin street are now nearing completion, and the work on the interior of the shop windows is being finished up. It is expected that within a short time the pouring of the cement sidewalk will be started. At present the workmen are busy excavating the old sidewalk foundation and are preparing to lay a much more substantial one.

## NEW LONDON.

**Plans Ready for Montauk Avenue Church—Y. M. C. A. Plans Nearly Ready.**

Contractors will be invited to submit estimates at once for the proposed new up-to-date residence that Montauk avenue for the Montauk Avenue Baptist Church Society, of which W. Brown, 447 Bank street, is chairman.

**Completing Plans.**

Architect Dudley St. Clair Donnelly is completing the plans for the new building for the Y. M. C. A. on Meridian street and estimates will be mailed in about a week. The structure will be of brick and steel, three stories high, with a flat roof, and will cost \$150,000. The building committee consists of G. S. Palmer, C. A. Green, E. D. Steele and F. W. Mercer.

Excavation of stone for the foundation of the new Union and Cross streets will be completed in about a week, provided the weather does not interfere. During the past week great deal of stone has been broken out and except on one corner of the cellar excavating is down to the necessary depth. Concrete and stone foundation walls will be started at once.

## GALES FERRY.

**Progress Being Made on New Yale Boathouse—Description of Building.**

Good progress is being made on the new boathouse here for Yale crews. The structure is a long, narrow building, 35 feet in length. Special attention has been given to facilitate the launching of the building. The boat house will be supported on piles, a platform will be constructed at one end with large spruce and a 40-foot float, extending over the water, so that the shells may be quickly and easily launched. The boat room takes up most of the first floor and contains ample room for extra shells in addition to the oar racks. The inside woodwork is to be of pine and the exterior of Georgia pine. At one side of the room a work bench will be made the room will be lighted by glazed sliding windows.

On the same floor with the boat room there will be dressing and shower rooms for the use of the crew. Servants will have separate accommodations on the second floor. A stairway in the entrance hall leads to the first floor and contains ample room for opening on a small balcony which overlooks the water. The architect's specifications call for double swinging windows in the bedrooms.

The exterior of the boat house will be painted white. The roof will be of shingles, which will be stained a suitable color. The piles and all exterior work will be painted with creosote. The appearance of the building as a whole will be in keeping with the other buildings in the vicinity.

Plans for the new structure were started in the fall of 1913. In order to put these through, a victory on the Thames was necessary. The result of the vote last spring made the new boathouse a reality, and the Graduate Rowing committee appointed a committee to go ahead with the work.

## DEEP RIVER.

The arch concrete bridge on Spring street, authorized at the last annual town meeting, was completed this week by Contractor Holbrook of Westbrook.

The old office building occupied for some years past by Attorney R. U. Tyler has been placed on wheels and taken to Tyler's. Attorney Tyler recently erected a new office building and the old building was sold at auction to Emil Schutte of Tylerville, who will locate it at Camp Bethel and remodel it into a cottage.

## BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND

The statistics of Building and Engineering operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company, follow:

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1914. | \$152,499,000 |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1913. | 161,042,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1912. | 188,312,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1911. | 154,500,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1910. | 151,800,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1909. | 137,000,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1908. | 109,596,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1907. | 82,813,000    |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1906. | 117,888,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1905. | 102,967,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1904. | 124,500,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1903. | 95,250,000    |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1902. | 111,695,000   |
| Contracts to Dec. 2, 1901. | 102,967,000   |
| Contracts for Nov. 1914.   | 11,900,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1913.   | 13,841,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1912.   | 11,829,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1911.   | 22,100,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1910.   | 14,011,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1909.   | 12,429,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1908.   | 9,286,000     |
| Contracts for Nov. 1907.   | 9,382,000     |
| Contracts for Nov. 1906.   | 12,043,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1905.   | 8,478,000     |
| Contracts for Nov. 1904.   | 11,400,000    |
| Contracts for Nov. 1903.   | 7,810,000     |
| Contracts for Nov. 1902.   | 6,786,000     |
| Contracts for Nov. 1901.   | 15,979,000    |

## FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Need of Cooperation with Authorities to Stamp It Out.

The people of the state, says Professor G. C. White, professor of dairy husbandry at the Connecticut Agricultural College, are by this time quite aware of the existence of the foot-and-mouth disease within its borders. Many do not realize, to the full extent, however, the extreme importance of combating it with all the skill available, and particularly the necessity for cooperating with the authorities in stamping out the disease.

The disease is not often fatal but occasions great loss, because of a greatly diminished milk flow and loss of appetite, and because it attacks all cloven-hoofed animals as well as others at times and the human family occasionally. In the human family

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## BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

**Increase Shown in Work for Which Estimates are Being Received.**

Real estate sales as shown by the number of warranty deeds recorded in the towns reported by The Commercial Record for the past week numbered 596, with mortgage loans of \$80,117, which compares with 567 sales and mortgage loans of \$97,318, filed in the like week of last year.

During the past week there were six bankruptcy petitions filed in the State, with assets of \$77,943 and liabilities of \$65,062, a record about the same as that of the like week in the two previous years.

Building permits were issued last week in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford and Stamford to the number of 65 for buildings costing \$219,245, the largest number being shown in New Haven, where several buildings have been started at the Winchester, where 180 permits for buildings costing \$245,500 were granted, and in 1913, 25 permits were granted for buildings costing \$200,000.

Contracts have been awarded for factory work in New Haven and Bridgeport, and for many more during the past week. In New Haven, Waterbury, Hartford, Meriden and Bridgeport, schoolhouses in Norwalk, bakery buildings in Danbury, two and three-family houses in New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, Waterbury, Meriden, church and building for the Y. M. C. A. in New Haven, and a number of other buildings in Meriden, Norwalk, New Haven, Hartford and Bridgeport, machinery buildings in Danbury, and a number of other buildings in the State, there being a decided increase in this class of work over the same week of last year.

Norwich had twelve real estate sales last week, with mortgage loans totaling \$5,200 and \$11,200.

In New London there were four sales last week, with mortgage loans in that city being \$10,500 and \$9,500 respectively for the two weeks.

## SHORT WINTER COURSE IN AGRICULTURE.

To Be Conducted at Storrs From January 4 to March 2.

Farmers and others interested will be pleased to learn that an eight week course in Agriculture has been planned at the Connecticut Agricultural College at Storrs which runs from January 4 to March 2, 1915. This course is of a practical nature touching upon some of the most important agricultural topics and is designed to meet the needs of those who have not the scholastic preparation for admission to the regular course of the college for those reasons find entrance to them impracticable.

This course is open to young men and young women without examination and is designed to give the largest possible amount of practical information in the shortest time. Courses will be given in dairying, stock raising, diseases of the dairy cow, poultry husbandry, fruit raising, vegetable growing, control of insect pests, farm crops, soil fertility and farm sanitation.

The College gives free tuition to residents of Connecticut. The expense for the eight weeks of the course, including books, room and board, will not exceed \$65.00. Registration will be accepted in order to be admitted upon application to the Extension Service.

## COUNTY IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE.

By DIRECTOR MURRAY D. LINCOLN

The annual meeting held Saturday, at which the reports of officers, election of officers and new business was taken up, proved to be one of interest and shows that the movement is growing. Over 20 new members were taken in. This brings the membership up to considerably over 800 members. Hampden County league in Massachusetts at the end of the first year had just about the same number. This year they have 844 members and the league is growing rapidly.

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## INCREASED PRODUCTION SHOWN EVERY WEEK

Most Pleading Results in Fifth Week of Egg Laying Contest.

The Fourth International Egg Laying contest at Storrs has shown increased production every week since it opened on November 1st, and since the second week at a constantly increasing rate. The production for the fifth week is 144 eggs better than the first week and relatively 44 eggs better than for the corresponding period last year. Ed Camp's Whites, Wyandottes won the week with a production of 43 eggs. A pen of White Leghorns owned by M. P. Peasey of Westbrook, captured second place with a total of 40 eggs. Third place went to a Connecticut pen of Leghorns owned by M. P. Peasey of Westbrook, this pen having laid 37 eggs. Windswep Farm's White Leghorns tied for fourth place with a pen of White Leghorns and Hillview Poultry Farm, each pen having 35 eggs for their credit.

## SPREAD YOUR MANURE NOW.

Occasionally we see manure put out on the streets, and it is a pity that there left for weeks and perhaps months. Now if one will give it but a moment's thought to do it right, the matter will soon be brought to the attention of our newly elected representatives and senators for their action.

**Plan Next Year's Rotations.**

The winter months, when all work ceases, is the best time to plan for your work for the next year. Make a rough map of your farm and decide upon the plan to be followed for the year. It takes so many acres to fill your silo, you need so many tons of hay to carry the stock through, you need so many tons of corn for the crop. All of this can easily be planned now, so that the year will be a success. Time and energy will be saved by doing this.

## AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

### FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

It is more apt to occur among children through the milk supply, or if it may affect the human family, the supply can be made safe by pasteurization at 145 degrees F. temperature for 30 minutes. A convenient method of pasteurizing is to use a one-gallon pail or kettle, fill with water so that the water comes within one inch of the top of the pail or kettle, place same over heat until water boils, then at once remove the kettle, and shake the milk. Allow same to stand for a few minutes, place in ice-box and keep cool and temperature for half an hour then covered until used.

In case it is found in a herd the quarantine is placed and no milk can be sold. This also occasions great loss, but who, even when they are so unfortunate, would care to endanger the health of their men or their flocks and herds? The strict precautions of the federal and state authorities are wise. Five previous outbreaks have been reported out in this way. The dairy and beef cattle barns of the Connecticut Agricultural College are closed to all visitors and to students except those that work in the barn, and they are compelled to dip their feet in a 1 per cent solution of creolin, and to wash their hands in a 1 per cent solution of lysol before starting work; neither are they allowed to enter other herds.

### BEEES IN WINTER.

Now that the cold and dreary days of winter are upon us, we can do little if anything to add to the comfort and ease of our bees. They are in the midst of their winter sleep and will need little attention until the opening days of spring writes D. Everett Lyon.

It is well, however, to sweep out from the hives the old bees that may have accumulated on the floor, and to give the place an occasional airing at night, especially where bees are wintered in cellars or special repositories.

In the case of bees wintered outdoors, we should be sure that they alone, as any disturbance of them will break up the cluster, cause needless chills, and may result in loss of colonies.

If during the winter the hives should be covered with snow, in fact, even if they should be buried from sight by drifting snow—we need not be concerned, for there is a porous

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When Norwich Citizens Show a Way.

There can be no reason why any reader of this who suffers the tortures of an aching back, the annoyance of urinary disorders, the pains and dangers of kidney ills will fail to heed the words of a neighbor who has found relief. Read what a Norwich citizen says:

Mrs. Mary Neff, 465 Main St., Norwich, says: "For many years one of my family was subject to attacks of kidney complaint. He suffered from pains across his loins and at times could scarcely get about on account of his back being so stiff and lame. The kidney secretions were irregular in passage and often contained sediment. Doan's Kidney Pills, procured at N. D. Sevin & Son's Drug Store, proved of benefit from the first and soon every symptom of kidney complaint disappeared. I willingly confirm all I said in praise of Doan's Kidney Pills in the statements I gave a few years ago. Nothing has occurred to change my high opinion of this remedy.

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### MORE THAN A "JOB" IN TRUCK FARMING.

New Haven Road Trying to Show This in Connecticut.

Although rich in agricultural possibilities, statistics show that Connecticut produces nothing from the ground in excess of what the State consumes. It is estimated that Connecticut consumers cannot get fresh vegetables in abundance and of good quality grown at their own doors, and that the average farmer produces only \$20,000,000. Enormous quantities of canned goods are consumed for the staple, and it is estimated that Connecticut consumers cannot get fresh vegetables in abundance and of good quality grown at their own doors, and that the average farmer produces only \$20,000,000.

These facts are stated in a pamphlet written by David Stone Kelsey, editor of the Connecticut Farmer, which the New Haven road is now distributing through its ticket agents in Boston and New York and throughout Connecticut in the hope of arousing people to the possibilities in Connecticut truck farming.

Says the pamphlet: "Hundreds of hillside are still growing potatoes, corn, rye and the like that ought to be transported to the market. These farmers are taking in a few hundred dollars a year; whereas they ought to be taking in thousands of dollars a year with more effort. The market is at their door."

"All this is not saying that the market-gardening and truck business also small fruits, is on the gain, but the consumption of these lines of food products is growing even more rapidly, and there is no better opening than in supplying the demand. No one is to be blamed for not taking to truck farming, but those who have with commission houses; no need to spend hundreds of dollars in packing and transporting the same. The State of New England for excellent roads, too. Every village and manufacturing town has a good road, and many of the families without a garden, and those who have are learning to eat many of the products of their own gardens or one equipped with glass can produce."

"The pamphlet points out that in these conditions there it not only a 'job' but a 'living.' Over 5,000 Connecticut farmers are raising distributed by the Industrial Bureau of the New Haven.

### CATTLE PLAGUE BRINGS COOP OF FAKIRS.

Federal Government Warns Owners of Stock Against Importing.

Reports are now beginning to come in from the department of agriculture at Washington from several of the states quarantined for the foot and mouth disease, and it is feared that no connection whatsoever with the department are attempting to pass themselves off as federal inspectors. There are several possible motives that might account for the existence of these impostors. In the outbreak of 1908 the government of men who obtained money from credulous victims who believed that in this way they would escape the inconvenience of quarantine and disinfection. This is, of course, a very simple form of extortion. Another motive may be the sale of some quick remedy for the disease.

Stock owners can protect themselves very easily against this fraud, for there is no specific remedy for the foot and mouth disease. Since the germ has never been isolated, it is impossible to make a vaccine, and any serum that would act either as a cure or a preventive, and the public may be quite certain that a man who says that he has an effective vaccine of the department of agriculture, and at the same time attempt to sell or import such a vaccine, is an impostor. For this reason stock owners are warned not to allow strangers to visit their stock without the department of agriculture's called cures by injections or otherwise.

There is, however, very great danger that such people might disseminate the disease. It is a well-known fact that the germs can be carried on clothing and on the hooves of animals. Therefore, it is quite possible that a man who has come in contact with stricken animals may bring the disease to a healthy herd. This also accounts for much of the spread of hog cholera.

The department, therefore, recommends all farmers to keep their animals from contact with all save those who have definite business with them.

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