

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Summary of Conditions in State During Past Week.

Real estate sales last week in Connecticut numbered 310, with mortgage loans of \$768,938, which compares with 296 sales and mortgage loans of \$751,961 last year, and 246 sales, with mortgage loans of \$554,432 in the like week of 1913.

Nine bankruptcy petitions, with assets of \$24,474 and liabilities of \$90,057 were filed in this state during the week. Last year in the first week of the month there were six petitions, with assets of \$10,245 and liabilities of \$17,510.

The 14 new incorporations last week have aggregate capital stock of \$650,000, comparing with 10 incorporations with total authorized capital stock \$310,000 filed in the same week of last year.

During the week in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury and Stamford 138 permits were issued for buildings valued at \$23,730, a record comparing favorably with the same week of last year, when there were 115 permits issued for buildings costing \$45,000.

Very few important contracts were awarded last week, the largest being for another five-story concrete factory at the Winchester plant in New Haven. Schoolhouse contracts have been awarded in Bridgeport, Branford and Hamden and a brick business and apartment block will be erected in Bridgeport, and other contracts for one and two-family houses are reported in nearly all the cities of the state. A church contract has also been awarded in Windsor.

Plans will soon be ready for figuring for fine residence work in New Canaan, Stamford, New Haven, Bridgeport and Greenwich. Factory work is reported in Stamford and plans are being figured for large bakeries in Bridgeport and New Haven. Other work reported during the week for which plans are being drawn or estimates include theater in Middletown, schoolhouse work in New Haven and Bridgeport, country club in Meriden, garage and warehouse in Hartford, nine-family apartment block in Hartford, ice cream plant in New Britain and several one, two and three-family houses in all the larger Connecticut cities.

Norwich had eight real estate sales last week to seven in the week before. Mortgage loans for the two weeks being \$9,000 and \$4,600 respectively.

In New London last week there were six realty sales to nine a year ago. Mortgage loans for the two weeks were \$12,750 and \$37,250 respectively.

CHANGES IN FRANKLIN SQUARE BLOCK

New Front For Chapman Building—Work on Cottages at Norwich Town—New House for Mechanic Street.

Peck & McWilliams have the contract for extensive alterations on the ground floor of the Chapman block on Franklin square, occupied as a confectionery and fruit store and by the Shore Line Electric road as a waiting room and starter's office. A small section of floor space just at the left of the waiting room entrance was for some years occupied by P. Nowatsky as a newsstand but his lease expiring on April 1 and he had to lease new quarters on the opposite side of Main street. The space occupied by Mr. Nowatsky is to be utilized by Mr. Seliass as a part of the store and the partition will be entirely removed thus throwing the entire ground floor into the exception of the starter's office, into one large store. By an agreement made with the Shore Line Electric the company will continue to use one end of the floor as a waiting room. A new tile floor will be laid and the ceiling will be of steel.

To provide additional support for the second story a steel beam will be placed just above the windows and doors and will run the entire length of the Main Street side of the building. In addition to the interior changes a new front is to be built. Modern plate glass show windows, three in number, will replace the present windows and there will be two vestibule entrances. The work which is now underway will require about a month.

Mechanic Street Cottage.
A barn on the property at 292 West Main street owned by C. B. Bromley is being remodeled into a 7 room cottage. A new cellar and foundation have been built and the barn is now being moved from its old location to the new site. The old driveway is to be closed up and main entrance to the cottage will be on the Mechanic street side. Modern improvements will be installed in the cottage. Mr. Bromley is personally in charge of the remodeling.

DEEP RIVER.

Mortuary Chapel in Fountain Hill Cemetery Completed.

The mortuary chapel which has been under construction in the Fountain Hill cemetery since last summer has been completed and is ready for use. The building, which is of Gothic architecture, is of native granite, every stone, something over 3,000 having been quarried and cut by Hugh Campbell, a local stone-cutter, in the quarry adjoining the cemetery grounds. The trimmings are of Ohio limestone, with slate roofing and copper trimmings.

The interior finish is most unique and particularly suitable for a building of this nature. The walls are finished with tapestry brick, the panel oak ceiling, together with the benches and other woodwork, having what is known as the old English finish.

The main auditorium has a seating capacity of about 100. At the left of the square vestibule is a small reception or waiting room, while at the right is a lavatory and toilet room. The furnishings in both rooms are rich and in keeping with the rest of the building. It is the gift of the late Miss Mary Mc C. Wooster.

GROTON.

The Cheney house in Monument street, given to the Congregational church for a parsonage will probably be moved back from the street about 10 feet and have a cellar built under the whole of it, the one there now only being about half the size of the building. A veranda will be built on the front, west end and south side running as far as the ell. The ell will be raised to two stories and a kitchen built on the back of it, this also running two stories. Hard wood floors are considered, bath room will be added and sewer connection made, electric lights will be installed and some of the rooms inside will be changed by the removal of partitions. The work will be started soon.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.

Gustave Schreiber has the contract for two four-family frame houses to be erected on Wall street, east of the armory, for the Manchester Real Estate Co. Foundation has been started on one of the houses. They will be provided with furnace heat and other modern conveniences.

NEW LONDON.

Contract Awarded For Changes in Cronin Building.

A contract for extensive alterations and improvements to the Cronin building in State street, involving the expenditure of several thousand dollars, was on Wednesday awarded by the owner, J. D. Cronin, to H. R. Douglas, Inc. Changes of a material character will be made at once in the exterior and interior of the structure, upon the completion of which the Woodruff Candy Kitchen not taken up by the new entrance will be turned over to the Woolworth Co.

The main wall passing through the center of the building will be removed, thus giving one continuous place of business without partitions to the Woolworth concern. A small addition in the rear formerly used by the candy kitchen will be removed and a larger one erected in a location where it will still further increase the floor room of the five and ten cent store. Other changes will be necessitated on the second floor as a result of the alterations.

MIDDLETOWN.

The contract has been awarded for a frame addition to Dr. J. T. Mitchell's residence on Broad street. The addition will be 26x30 feet.

Architects have the plans nearly complete for a new theater to be erected in the rear of 284 Main street for Salvatore Adorno. The present store will be used for the entrance to the theater, which will be constructed in the rear. The building will

be 56x30 feet, 40 feet high, of brick construction, with a basement under the stage, seating capacity 1,000. It will have a seating capacity including the gallery, of 1,150. The bids will be received by the owner and the contracts for the interior, including seating, etc., will be let separately.

C. O. Stone & Son are finishing the addition to Dr. S. A. Lord's residence on Mount Vernon street. E. C. Smith has the electrical work.

Angelo Calozzo is building a frame addition on his house on Grand street.

RECONSTRUCTED DWELLING.

Last fall it was planned to have improvements made in the house at No. 47, East Town street. After work was begun it was decided to completely change the interior. The walls were taken down, hardwood floors laid, plate glass windows put in the middle chimney removed and the house raised. The new interior is being finished.

PORTLAND.

J. B. Young has been awarded the contract for the residence to be erected on Main street, Portland, by Dr. J. L. Burnham. The house will be of frame construction and will be provided with all modern conveniences.

SOUTH WINDHAM.

From the plans of Engineers Greenwood & Noerr of Hartford bids are being received for a two-story brick addition to the Guilford Smith hall. It will have asphalt roof.

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

THE ROSY APPLE APHIS PEST.

Government Expert Calls it One of Most Dangerous Plant Lice. Measured by its immediate effects, the rosy apple aphis is the most dangerous of the plant lice, according to Prof. A. L. Melander of the Washington Agricultural Experiment Station. The presence of this species in the spring of the year results in a worthless crop of stunted and gnarled fruit. The aphis is a pest which is increasingly prevalent in the irrigated orchards of the Northwest and already many millions of boxes of fruit have been destroyed through its working. Fortunately it is that control of the species is easy if undertaken in time.

Unlike the common, but less dangerous, green apple aphis, the rosy apple aphis neglects the new growth to work in and about the blossom clusters. It is the most common pest of the apple and the future fruit, and later in the season it attacks the fruit, giving birth to lice which finally become pinkish in color. In June blackish winged individuals appear and fly upon the apple trees which then are free of aphids until the return migration in the fall. In the meantime the poisoned apples grow little and run early as dwarfs, irregular, tasteless caricatures of fruit, hanging on to the branches until they are ready to drop. Several other contractors submitted estimates on the contract.

Contract for College Building.
H. R. Douglas, Inc., have been awarded the contract for the erection of the temporary heating plant for the Connecticut College for Women. It will be 55x23 feet, of native stone and concrete.

GOOD SEED.

Increase of at Least Ten Per Cent in Production Can Be Expected. An increase of 10 per cent in production can be expected from well selected seed over the ordinary seed which the farmers are usually using. This is especially a clear profit, earned by little cost of labor, time or money. Every corn grower and every potato grower who has a choice of seed should have a clear profit, earned by little cost of labor, time or money. Every corn grower and every potato grower who has a choice of seed should have a clear profit, earned by little cost of labor, time or money.

YOUNG CHICKENS.

How to Overcome Some of the Common Complaints. At this time of year there are two common complaints among the growers of early chickens—leg weakness and muck. The first may be caused by forcing too rapid growth, from confinement under too high temperature, or from too close confinement under any conditions. Too picking is especially common among the Leghorn varieties and may result in very serious cases of muck. The second may be caused by forcing too rapid growth, from confinement under too high temperature, or from too close confinement under any conditions. Too picking is especially common among the Leghorn varieties and may result in very serious cases of muck. The second may be caused by forcing too rapid growth, from confinement under too high temperature, or from too close confinement under any conditions.

NORWICH TOWN COTTAGE.

Edwin Smith has the contract for a two-story five room cottage for Mrs. L. Smith and the cottage is now approaching the completed stage. It is being built on what is known as the Gulliver property in Norwich Town. The interior finish is to be of imitation oak with fibre board and there will be beam ceilings. Modern conveniences will be installed as far as possible.

WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

To become a Boy Scout, a boy must be at least twelve years of age. Scout officials in filling out registration blanks should be absolutely sure on this point. No Scout should be allowed to receive his membership certificate or Scout badge until he has successfully passed the tenderfoot test. Likewise he should not be permitted to wear the Scout uniform before becoming a tenderfoot. The proper position for wearing the tenderfoot badge on the uniform is just above the button on the upper left hand coat pocket. The second class badge is worn on the left sleeve at the side, just below the elbow bend. The first class badge is worn on the left sleeve, about three or four inches below the shoulder seam. Any of these badges may be worn on street clothes in comparatively the same positions.

Scout Night at Y. M. C. A.

The scoutmasters of the city have accepted for their troops the invitation of Secretary Edwin Hill of the Y. M. C. A. to be present at a reception to their parents and adult friends on Tuesday evening, April 13. The program is to commence with a strain parade headed by "Tubbs" band and followed by the "Scouts" band. The program is to commence with a strain parade headed by "Tubbs" band and followed by the "Scouts" band. The program is to commence with a strain parade headed by "Tubbs" band and followed by the "Scouts" band.

ITALIAN WARSHIPS HAVE BEEN CONCENTRATED.

They Are Now Within a Few Hours of the Adriatic. On the Italian Frontier, April 7, via Paris, 3.55 p. m.—The warships of the Italian fleet departed suddenly on Monday from the Mediterranean naval stations at Spezia, Gaeta and Maddalena Island. They concentrated at Augusta, Sicily and at Taranto. They are thus within a few hours of the Adriatic.

OATS, PEAS, GRASS SEED.

Should Be Planted Early for Best Results. Oats and peas do best when seeded and grown under cool climates. The ripening of oats in summer means usually if they are late that the rust will attack the oats and lessen the yield, both in the growing and forage, consequently every effort should be made to get this crop in as early as possible. Most of our soils are free enough now from frost to allow one to seed his lands peas to be followed a few days later with the seeding of the oats. Those fields which are to be seeded to grass this spring and in which a heavy moisture for the grass crop has been seeded early and caution be taken not to use too large an amount of seed of the nurse crop, otherwise the moisture for the grass crop will finally result in a partial loss in the grass seeding. One bushel to 1 1/2 of oats per acre when used with grass seed is sufficient unless the soil has a large amount of moisture and is well supplied with available plant food.

LAMBS.

Some Good Advice For Those Starting Sheep Raising. Lambs will do better when the mothers are rather closely confined after lambing. Otherwise the young lambs take more than the necessary exercise, which interferes with maximum growth. Small yards may be provided for the necessary exercise. At that time the ewes should be fed plenty of succulent food such as legumes, rape and turnips. The concentrates may be made up of one-fifth cracked corn, two-fifths whole oats, one-fifth wheat bran, one-fifth linseed meal, by weight. The amount of this mixture to feed will depend on the condition of the ewes. Heavy milking ewes may require from 2 to 3 pounds of the above grain mixture daily. Much depends on plenty of succulent food for the ewes at this time, because of the necessity for plenty of milk. When the lambs become about two weeks old, a creep should be built in one corner of the trough, where the lambs may enter to eat grain from a trough, but which prohibits the ewes entering. In order to get these lambs to commence eating from the trough, sprinkle over a very small quantity of brown sugar in the clean trough, and after they cultivate the habit of eating this it is a good plan to commence feeding them small quantities of the following mixture: two-fifths cracked corn, one-fifth whole oats, one-fifth wheat bran, one-fifth linseed meal, by weight. They should also be encouraged to eat fine clover or alfalfa, rape, or other forms of nitrogenous roughages at the time their mothers are fed. Feed both grain and roughage so as to keep within the lamb's appetite. Feed in the troughs at all times is wasteful.

MUCK.

Muck deposits which are not suited to the direct production of crops may be used to reform manure, either by composting or as a stable litter. In this way the manurial value of the muck is increased while the valuable elements of the mixture may be materially enhanced by the addition of phosphatic material.

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WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

quarters was devoted to taking tests for second class grade. Scout Ralph Graham finished tests for second class Scout and Scouts William Aldrich and Harold Krohn passed triangular badge. Dale Aldrich passed tenderfoot tests, and was invested with tenderfoot rank.

Troop 3.

During the past week, Thomas Whit-tredge passed the tenderfoot test. Scouts Alton and Rasmussen succeeded in following a second class trail in Memorial park, while Scout Alton did excellent work on his cooking test.

Troop 4.

The troop of Scouts at St. Andrew's church have received their certificates from national headquarters and will hereafter be known as troop 4. The regular meeting was held Thursday evening at 7.30, the boys going through a few drills under the direction of Assistant Scout Master Albert Turner, after which a very enjoyable hour was passed in sports. Mr. Baker, the scoutmaster, also gave them a short talk on the Making of a Scout.

Clean-up Campaigns Started.

Reports are already coming to Boys' Life about "clean-up campaigns" which are being started by Boy Scouts. This kind of community service is becoming increasingly popular among Scout troops, and these early reports indicate that this year more Scouts than ever before will participate in such campaigns in all parts of the country.

TWO MEN FELL FROM CHURCH STEEPLE.

Swinging Ladder Dropped—Only One Fatally Injured. Southington, Conn., April 7.—John Glassburg was probably fatally injured and Charles Judd seriously hurt when a swinging ladder on which they were at work painting a church steeple, today, dropping them about sixty feet to the ground. Glassburg was taken to the Meriden hospital suffering from internal injuries. Judd was removed to his home. He has several ribs broken and may be internally hurt. One of the ropes holding the ladder parted, causing the accident.

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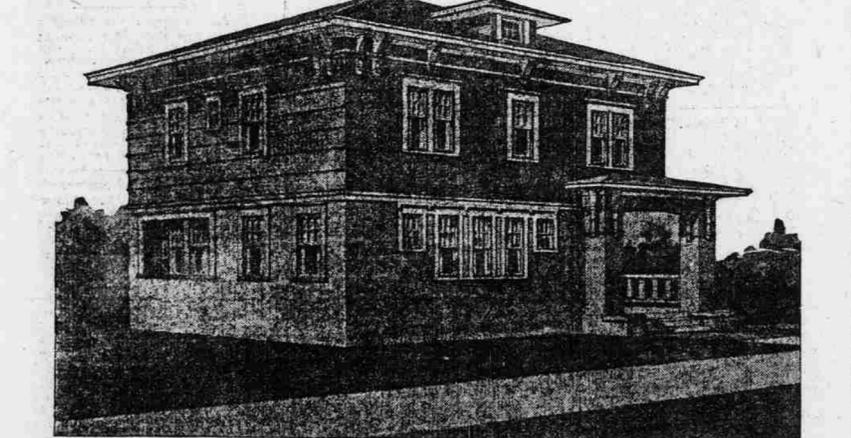
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AN 8 ROOM COTTAGE OF DIGNIFIED DESIGN



This is a square type of house of attractive design that has much to recommend it to the particular home seeker. Such a model is economical to build, and due to its straight lines gives the maximum of room for the money expended.

The design shows a plain dignified exterior that appeals to one looking for a harmonious house in good architectural taste. The first story is of rough cast stucco, with simple, effective above, ornamented with band moldings and about two feet apart. A less expensive though more commonplace treatment may be secured by laying the shingles the ordinary way, with a band of weather. The massive square entrance columns of stucco and broad cement steps leading to the piazza, the floor of which is of solid cement, are handsome

architecturally, and carry the impression of substantial worth. The first floor plan is designed to give the maximum amount of space for living room purposes. This is accomplished by eliminating the usual staircase hall, and making the entrance through a vestibule direct into the living room. A combination enclosed staircase leading from both the living room and kitchen provides access to the second floor for family and maid. The living room conforms fully with the accepted present day idea, extending the entire front of the house, the dimensions being 14 x 24 feet. A handsome recessed fireplace is placed as to leave this entire spacious room in the clear. Group windows on the front—three full windows and two half—as well as three others on the sides of the room, provide the maximum of light without curtailing wall space too much.

The second floor plan shows four chambers, all of generous size, a cosy little sewing room that is accessible from either front chamber, and that could be used as a dressing room, five ample clothes closets, as well as a well located bath room and linen closet. Provision is made on the third floor for a maid's room if desired. The basement extends under the entire house, except the recessed portion of the piazza, and gives ample room for heating plant, storage, laundry and vegetable room.

Arrangements have been made with the architects to furnish estimated cost of construction or any other information desired regarding the house they are building. They also invite readers to make suggestions for plans which they would like illustrated in the future. Please address all correspondence to Bulletin House Dept.

