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THAT REACHES THE HOMES

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## IT LOOKS LIKE A REAL CONTEST

Friends Are Urging A. H. Brehman To Be A Candidate For Mayor.

With the announcement made by friends that Amer W. Brehman, retired resident of long standing, will be a candidate for Mayor at the fall election, the contest at the polls will become triangular if Mayor Godfrey seeks re-election, with Mulford T. Rose, realty broker, as the other aspirant, whose candidacy was announced last week.

Mr. Brehman, who has always been identified with the progressive element in this city, while active in campaign, has always avoided holding office. Besieged by voters in both factions, it is understood he has consented to become a candidate.

It looks as though the city is to have a lively election in many other respects. J. Harry Fulmer, at present a county detective, has announced that he will be a candidate for Freeholder. Mr. Fulmer served two terms in the county board, but was defeated by Claude Scull in 1918. Mr. Scull will also be a candidate to succeed himself.

In the Second Ward Freeholder Freeman N. Parker will be opposed for re-election by Taylor L. Haines, with the possibility of another candidate entering the lists.

Two members of Council will also be elected in each ward. The office of city treasurer is also to be filled, with Treasurer George Wingate being a candidate to succeed himself. So far there has been no talk of opposition.

## CARD

To Property Owners and Residents of Lower Ventnor.

There will be introduced in the Ventnor Council on Monday evening, April 12th, an ordinance to provide for constructing a series of jetties, bulkheading the beachfront, and reclaiming the land in the lower end of Ventnor. It is the duty of all interested to attend this meeting and insist upon the passage of same, which will be introduced by one of our progressive Councilmen.

The writer has resided at Ventnor during the greater part of each year for the past five years, and all of this time he has had the privilege of regularly paying the tax bill as presented, and received practically nothing in return,—no improvements. Beg pardon, I overlooked one school. Outside of this nothing has been accomplished toward building up this end of the city. At infrequent intervals there is a car sent down, and if we are fortunate enough to catch it, well and good; otherwise there is a long wait or walk to the loop.—You all know that the cars should run to Savannah avenue; this has been promised from time to time.

The oceanfront has been an eyesore and a disgrace to the place for years. Now the Good Lord has taken up the matter and worked such havoc that something must be done. I believe this was a direct visitation of Providence to awaken the slumberers of this section of Ventnor.

By all means see to it that the ordinance providing for bulkheading the oceanfront is put through and work started immediately. We should have a good wide boardwalk, with more than one pavilion. The two lower bathing beaches, which are and have been a further disgrace, should be improved, with amusements for children, etc. As a matter of fact, we should have open air salt water swimming pools at each bathing beach, such as are in vogue at other resorts not as well off financially as Ventnor.

A determined movement on the part of residents and property owners to assert their rights will result in securing much needed improvements. The building of bulkheads by the city and reclamation of the land on the front will result in a fine class of residences being erected. Under present conditions there is nothing to induce investment or settlement in this end of the city.

GEORGE G. OMERLY.

## NEW MANAGEMENT.

Meat Market at 8220 Ventnor Avenue, formerly conducted by Wm. S. Kamm, now under ownership management of Perry Bros. and to be known as Perry's Market. Your patronage solicited. Phone 7138.

## ENORMOUS YEAR FOR BUILDING

Records For Year Beginning April 1st Shows Permits For Nearly One and a Half Millions.

One cannot ride on a trolley car without hearing either some stranger or some one who resides here make some remark of the great number of buildings that either have been built or are now being built-in the city, yet very few people have any idea just how much actual work has been going on during the past twelve months.

The building permits that have been issued from the first of April, 1919, to the thirty-first of March, 1920, show that the amount of new building, without the usual extras, amounted to One Million, Three Hundred and One Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety-eight Dollars.

During the same period the permits for repairs for an expenditure of Fifty-eight Thousand, One Hundred and Twenty Dollars.

The month of November led in the period, the new construction work during that time calling for \$298,980.00, and the repair work was fairly well distributed during the various months.

People not only have the confidence of erecting handsome homes in our city, but those who do have their homes here believe in keeping them in the best of condition, as is evidenced by the large amount of repair work done, where the amount was of sufficient size to require a permit.

The following table gives you an idea how this work was distributed throughout the year:

April, 1919:	New building, \$157,100;
Repairs, \$7722.50.	
May, 1919:	New building, \$10,500;
Repairs, \$3130.	
June, 1919:	New building, \$69,450;
Repairs, \$6080.	
July, 1919:	New building, \$61,600;
Repairs, \$2705.	
August, 1919:	New building, \$91,300;
Repairs, \$1730.	
September, 1919:	New building, \$114,500;
Repairs, \$3951.	
October, 1919:	New building, \$127,700;
Repairs, \$5671.	
November, 1919:	New building, \$298,980;
Repairs, \$7384.	
December, 1919:	New building, \$147,500;
Repairs, \$6328.	
January, 1920:	New building, \$62,300;
Repairs, \$4109.	
February, 1920:	New building, \$58,500;
Repairs, \$3065.	
March, 1920:	New building, \$102,550;
Repairs, \$6245.	

## Personal Chat

Mr. and Mrs. George G. Omerly have opened their house on Philadelphia avenue for the Spring Season.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Sperring, of Cynwyd, Pa., have opened their cottage at 12 Derby avenue, south, for the Easter season. They have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Teale, Miss Teale, Miss Ferris, Miss Haney, Miss Vandiver, Miss Newman, Miss Sperring, Mr. Raymond J. Creamer and Mr. Nathan S. Sperring.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Fry and son Billy are spending several weeks at their cottage, 3 Somerset avenue, south.

Mr. Marion E. Smith has opened his shore cottage at 15 Surrey avenue, south.

Mrs. L. H. Henry has removed from 105 Suffolk avenue, south, to Atlantic City.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Dulin have opened their cottage at 17 Lafayette avenue for the Easter season. They have as their guests Mr. and Mrs. W. Drew, of Philadelphia. Their daughter, Miss Edwina, will entertain several of the members of The Mask and Wig Club over Sunday.

Mrs. Annie Carter, of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., is spending some time at her cottage, 18 Newark avenue, south.

A. C. Gant and family, of Pittsburgh, have opened their cottage at 16 Somerset avenue, south.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Blaess and daughter Lillian and son August, Jr., are spending Easter at their cottage, 19 Richards avenue, south.

Mr. Lewis W. Van Pelt and Miss Reina A. Worthington, of Bucks Co., Pa., are the Easter guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Peters at their home, 22 Baltimore avenue, south.

## NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

After successfully conducting the grocery business at 822 Atlantic avenue, Atlantic City, for twenty years, I wish to announce the removal of my business to 4901 Ventnor avenue. Phone 7420.

H. MAULICK.

## COUNCIL AWARDS WALK CONTRACT

Sutton and Corson, of Ocean City, Given Contract To Rebuild the Boardwalk.

At the meeting of City Council on Monday evening, the contract for the rebuilding of the Boardwalk was awarded to Sutton and Corson, of Ocean City, who were the lowest of two bidders for the work.

This firm also gave the city a guarantee that they would complete the work in one hundred and twenty working days.

According to the figures submitted by the contractors and the approximate estimate of the engineer, the cost will be in the neighborhood of \$115,000.

Edward L. Bader, of Atlantic City, also bid on the contract, but was considerably higher on every item than the successful bidder.

After the bids were received, members of the councilmanic body took a recess of fifteen minutes to go over the two bids with the city engineer, so that there might not be any delay in getting the work started, and upon their return to the council chamber, Councilman I. B. Sweigart moved that the Mayor and City Solicitor be authorized to enter into a contract in the name of the city with the successful bidder.

The approximate amount of walk that will have to be laid is 300 feet with old material, 1200 feet with new material 2x4, with twenty-eight foot pilings, and 2800 feet with new material 2x4 with thirty-four foot pilings. Oregon Fir was selected for the material to be used on the decking.

## MANY COTTAGERS HERE

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Timanus are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Roland Pollock of Chestnut Hill, over the holidays at their home on Swarthmore avenue, south.

Mr. A. S. Arnold, of Philadelphia, is staying at his cottage, 5108 Winchester avenue for the Easter holidays.

Mr. Chas. W. Reppenhagen has opened his attractive residence at 103 Sacramento avenue, south.

Mr. Geo. B. Messick, of Philadelphia, was a recent visitor here.

Mr. Milton F. Stevenson, Jr., and family, formerly of this city, but now residing in Trenton, are spending Easter with Mr. Stevenson's parents in Atlantic City.

Mr. Warren J. Buzby has taken possession of his shore home at 108 Jackson avenue, south.

Mr. H. A. Nathans is now residing at 11 Cambridge avenue, south.

Mr. E. S. Jones has opened his Margate home at 9314 Ventnor avenue.

Mr. Lewis McCarter, of Norristown, has opened his cottage on Buffalo avenue for Easter.

Mr. J. A. Schwartz will occupy the cottage at 21 Vassar avenue, south.

A. C. Buzby is spending Easter at his home, 108 Baton Rouge avenue.

Mr. Eugene J. Hogan and family are enjoying a few weeks at their cottage, 4 Nashville avenue, south.

Dr. William J. Bricker, Jr., has opened his cottage at 102 Cornwall avenue, south.

Mr. Jas. L. Wilson is spending a few weeks at his cottage, 105 Suffolk avenue, south.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rosenberg and their two children, of Philadelphia, are spending the Easter holidays as the guests of the former's mother at her home on Hillside avenue.

Mr. A. M. Wilson is now residing at 5 Cambridge avenue, north.

Mrs. Emily Caff, who resides at 128 Dover avenue, south, has taken possession of her Longport cottage, 25th avenue and Bay.

Mrs. W. E. Cooper, of Willow Grove, is spending a few weeks at 17 Hillside avenue, south.

Dr. Wm. J. Spiller, of Philadelphia, has opened his cottage at 15 Derby avenue, south.

Mrs. A. J. Jewell has taken possession of the cottage at 187 Cambridge avenue, north.

Mrs. A. B. Longworth and son, R. D. Longworth, are spending Easter at their cottage, 5501 Winchester avenue.

Deliveries at any time desired daily and this insures Ventnor householders the best service for all kinds of sea foods, if orders are given to the CHELSEA FISH MARKET, 2707 Atlantic Avenue. Phones—Bell 2180 and 2181.

## APPROVE PLANS FOR WATER WORKS

Bids Will Be Asked In Very Short Time For Needed Improvements To Plant.

Members of council at their meeting on Monday evening approved the plans as prepared by former city engineer W. I. Risley for the new waterworks. These plans call for large additions to the present plant, which will soon be inadequate to fill the wants of our city, owing to its rapid growth.

The land for the improvement has already been secured by the city, and they shall invite bids for the work just as soon as the details of the plans adopted can be worked out, as it is desired to push the work to completion as speedily as possible.

The present standpipe will be removed and a reservoir will be installed in its place, and after the new machinery and equipment has been installed the city will have a plant that will adequately care for its needs for centuries.

There was only one bid received for the laying of sidewalks and curbs in various parts of the city, and when this was opened, much surprise was expressed at the increased cost, and it is more than likely that council will readvertise some time later.

The engineer was authorized to give notice to the property owners to grade and gravel the driveway, set curbs and build sidewalks on 6th and 7th avenues from Avenue A to Avenue B, gravel and grade the driveway of Grand Avenue from Avenue A to Avenue C, set curbs and build sidewalks on Avenue B, from Fifth avenue to Seventh avenue, and Avenue C, from Fifth avenue to Grand avenue.

This will be a decided improvement to that section of Ventnor Heights and will encourage those who own property in that section to erect homes. It is predicted that many homes will be started in the near future.

## DR. DAGER TO LECTURE FOR LOCAL BOY SCOUTS.

Dr. Forrest E. Dager will deliver his famous lecture, "Stung", at the St. John's-by-the-Sea Church on Thursday evening, April 29th, at eight o'clock. The lecture will be under the auspices of Troop 17, Boy Scouts, and will be for the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial.

## Seen and Heard

Miss Ruth Miller, of South Paris, Maine, who is attending the School of Design and Art in Philadelphia; Mrs. William Stewart and Miss Mary E. Stewart are guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Westcott, at their home on Ventnor avenue.

Mrs. E. F. McHale has been confined to her home on Wyoming avenue on account of illness.

Mrs. H. P. Horner and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Roland are spending Easter at their cottage, 7 Rosboro avenue, north.

Miss Helen Carr, of Philadelphia, will spend Easter as the guest of Miss Mary Cranmer, of Little Rock and Ventnor avenues.

City Recorder of Atlantic City Clarence Goldenberg has opened his cottage in Longport.

Mrs. E. S. Seeley has taken possession of her cottage at 109 Portland avenue, north.

Mr. E. P. Oberholtzer has opened his Longport villa and is spending Easter there.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan S. Jamison, of Philadelphia, are enjoying the Easter season at their cottage, 6 Newark avenue, south.

Mrs. G. B. Getz has opened her cottage at 5011 Ventnor avenue.

Mr. Geo. H. Earle, Jr., and family are occupying the attractive cottage of Mrs. Delmont, 115 Victoria avenue, south.

Mr. Milton W. Off has taken up his residence at 19 Little Rock avenue, south.

Mr. Edward Mulligan will spend the week-end at his home on Troy avenue, north.

Mrs. and Mrs. S. George Levi returned to their home, 2 Nashville avenue, south, Wednesday, after spending the winter in Miami, Fla.

Miss Ethel Virginia Maule, of Briar Crest, Villanova, spent the week-end with friends in this city.

## SEA FOODS.

Call Bell 7443 for Fresh Sea Foods. Every reasonable variety carried. Scallops, Crab Meat, Etc. Oysters a specialty. Shore Fish Company, Little Rock and Ventnor Avenues.

## PERMITS FOR PAST MONTH

Building Activities Continue In Spite of High Cost of Everything.—Many New Buildings.

During the month of March the Building Inspector has been kept active not only in his inspections of the building now under course of construction but also in issuing permits for many new buildings as well as repair work.

Thirty-eight were issued during the month, and it is surprising that so many of them call for new work, but those who have been disappointed in being able to rent a home for the summer, have either decided to try to have one of their own complete, or have persuaded some owner of unimproved land to endeavor to complete a home before the summer season begins.

The largest individual permit was issued to Miss Sarah Fullom, for the erection of four cottages on Oakland avenue. The cost of the four is reckoned as \$30,000. F. E. and S. D. Wagner also took a permit for the erection of a cottage at Cambridge and Ventnor avenues to cost \$12,500.

Mr. A. C. Sauter, prominent jeweler of Philadelphia and a large owner of property in this city, also took permits out for the erection of two corner cottages, one at Atlantic and Lafayette avenues and the other at Baltimore and Atlantic avenues. The price for these buildings alone is \$11,500 and \$11,000 respectively. It is understood upon good authority that Mr. Sauter will offer the cottages for sale as soon as they are completed, which will be about the middle of May.

F. J. Pedrick and Son are building at 8 Baton Rouge avenue, south, and J. G. Geyer at 7 Buffalo avenue, south. These cottages will cost \$11,000 and \$10,000.

The following is a complete list of the permits for the month.

F. E. & J. D. Wagner, cottage, Cambridge and Ventnor, \$12,500.00.
M. A. Hight, Wyoming, cottage, \$6,000.00.
U. D. Albertson, Sixth avenue, two bungalows, \$3,000.00.
L. D. Edmunds, Baton Rouge avenue, cottage, \$6,000.00.
Florence Jones, repairing, \$385.00.
J. W. Salmons, repairing, \$100.00.
James Nibbio, sun porch, \$800.00.
Florence Chambers, repairs, \$300.00.
Mr. Hicks, repairing, \$550.00.
Mrs. Fairburn, bath room, \$900.00.
Fred. Rogers, repairing, \$90.00.
Geo. Hartman, 6 S. Richards, cottage, \$5,500.00.
Allen B. Endicott, 107 S. Sacramento, garage, \$600.00.
Geo. A. Gumphert, Winchester and Dorset, garage, \$2,400.00.
Sarah H. Fullom, Oakland avenue, 4 cottages, \$30,000.00.
Wm. Zimmerman, alterations, \$500.
J. G. Geyer, 7 S. Buffalo, cottage, \$10,000.00.
W. K. Cavleer, repairs, \$50.00.
Richard Hemple, repairs, \$50.00.
A. C. Sauter, Atlantic and Baltimore, cottage, \$11,000.00.
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W. B. Stabler, repairs, \$500.00.
P. Cline, garage, \$250.00.
Louis Schmitz, Winchester and Sacramento, cottage, \$5,150.00.
F. E. Bauer, pipeless heater, \$325.00.
M. T. Rose, repairs, \$190.00.
C. L. Lake, repairs, \$75.00.
H. Tally, repairs, \$15.00.
Mary C. Freney, Wyoming avenue, bungalow, \$6,000.00.
Mr. Schmidt, 28 Avenue A, boat house, \$2,000.00.
G. B. Parsons, Newark avenue, bungalow, \$7,000.00.
A. P. McClure, repairs, \$100.00.
H. Jacoby, repairs, \$550.00.
A. Kellogg, repairs, \$450.00.
C. Luzeberg, garage, \$1,000.00.
F. E. Brown, repairs, \$600.00.
Wm. L. Morse, tin roofing garage, \$150.00.
F. J. Pedrick & Son, 8 S. Baton Rouge, cottage, \$11,000.00.

## BOARD OF TRADE

### TO PRESENT FLAGS

Members of the James Harvey Post, Number 144, of the American Legion, will be presented with a stand of colors from the local Board of Trade. It consists of a silk American Flag as well as a silk insignia of the American Legion, with the name and number of the post and the name of the city inscribed. Both flags will be forty-two inches by sixty-two inches, the regulation size.

The Board of Trade has already ordered the flags and will present them to the members of the post just as soon as they arrive, which will be in ample time for the boys to use on Decoration Day.