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BUILDING BOOM AT CLIFTON HEIGHTS – Jordan Brothers Secure Contract for the Erection of Several New Houses – Other Improvements Being Made

A building boom has struck the borough and it will mean erection of a number of houses before the cold weather sets in, or at least getting them under roof. The latest is the letting of a contract to Jordan Brothers, builders of the borough, for the erection of four handsome dwelling houses for Real Estate Broker, Arthur Blake, of Washington Avenue. These new houses will be erected on a plot of ground on Springfield Avenue between Broadway and Berkley Avenue. The new dwellings are to be built of brick, two stories high and will contain eight rooms with all modern improvements. Mr. Blake said yesterday that ground would be broken in a few days and that he will offer them for sale. He also stated that as soon as he disposes of these houses he will erect two more on Broadway.

Mr. Blake Said that he was anxious to see the town grow and that he believed the only way to help the borough progress is to do something in the way of building dwellings, which are at this time in great demand in this town. Together with the houses which Mr. Blake will erect, Harry Hasaleman is building two handsome dwellings on Broadway; Mrs. Mary Griffith is also erecting two of the same thoroughfare and William Prendaville is also breaking ground for two houses on Walnut Street.

Mr. Blake sold the Devine block on North Sycamore Street to E.E. Barry, cashier at the First National Bank of Clifton Heights. This block contains five houses and one store.

CO-OPERATIVE GROCERY PLANNED – A movement is on foot in this borough and in Morton for the conducting of what is termed a cooperative grocery and provision store. For a long time an effort has been made for the operating of such an establishment, but the project received little encouragement. James V. Kane, a local real estate broker, who is interested in the movement, said yesterday that he believed that a cooperative store will be established in this borough as well as in Morton. He said that under the cooperative store plan, people will be in a position to buy their groceries and provisions at cost. He said that a party would be formed with 100 persons who would contribute 25 cents per week, which would be used to pay the wages and cost of conducting the store. The person who operates the store would be under bond and if bread is worth 4 cents a loaf wholesale, the consumer would not pay any more. He then showed that housewives would save many dollars by the new plan.