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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – New Residences, Store and Factory for Chester – In City and County

Although the summer is now drawing to a close, the builders of Chester are still busy with many operations. Several now undertakings in the building line are also contemplated in this city, and county by Chester and outside contractors. In the realty market several sales have been consummated and recorded, although the local market is rather dormant.

George D. Hewes, a Chester contractor, is contemplating the erection of seven modern two-story brick dwellings at Seventh and Pusey Streets. William J. Hewes, another contractor, who has four two-story brick residences under way on Highland Avenue, near West Twelfth Street, is about ready to begin work on two more to be built on an adjoining lot.

Several large operations, including manufactories of various kinds, are about to go up in this city and county. John J. Buckley & Company, pork packers of west Second Street, near Edgemont Avenue will build a \$25,000 three-story brick, concrete and steel addition to be used in the manufacture of inedible products, such as lard, tankage and casings. Bids on the work were due yesterday. Work was also started on the post office annex Thursday.

In the county the Norwood School Board has awarded the contract for a ten-room stone school to a Philadelphia contractor. Two large residences will be erected in the county, one at Wayne and the other at St. David's.

W.W. Lindsay & Company of Philadelphia, have secured the contract for the building of the proposed plant of the United Roofing and Manufacturing Company at Marcus Hook. The buildings are to cost approximately \$20,000. The American Viscose Company has awarded the contract for 66 new dwellings near their works to Harry Brocklehurst of Philadelphia.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works will build an erecting shop at Leiperville in Ridley Township. The Glen Mills Reformatory will put in an \$8500 sewerage and disposal system. George D. Hewes of Chester has started two dwellings at Leiperville. A new laundry will be erected at Media for the Media Steam Laundry Company.

IN THE CITY – Kley Engineering Company of Philadelphia have been taking bids due yesterday on the proposed fireproof addition to the packing plant of the John J. Buckley Company, West Second Street, near Edgemont Avenue. The addition will be used in the manufacture of inedible products. It is to be 70 x 19 feet of brick, concrete and steel, three stories high, equipped with a slag roof, electric light and steam heat.

George D. Hewes, a contractor, on 900 Highland Avenue is contemplating the erection of seven two-story modern brick dwellings at Seventh and Pusey Streets. The operation will be started in about two weeks by which time the operations by Mr. Hewes, which are now under way, will be nearing completion.

Contractor George D. Hewes is also progressing with the work on the ten two-story brick dwellings that he is erecting on Pusey Street between Second and Third Streets. He expects to have these done within five weeks. Cellars were completed on two two-story brick houses yesterday that he is building at Leiperville.

Builder Francis J. Moore of Marcus Hook has four houses on West Fourth Street, west of Palmer, under way. Foundations have been laid for two and work has been

commenced on the other pair. They are to be of brick, two stories high, with front porches, tin roofs, etc.

Former Councilman William L. Devinney of 2519 West Third Street, who is erecting ten houses on West Fourth Street between Townsend and Palmer Streets, has the operation underway as follows: Floors in one pair, brick work commenced on two pairs, about ready to begin on the remaining two houses. He put the finishing touches to three two-story brick dwellings at Third and Booth Streets yesterday.

Samuel A. Hewes, a contractor, of Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets, who is erecting ten two-story brick houses on West Sixth Street between Ward and Wilson Streets, is progressing nicely. The brick work on all is far advanced.

William J. Hewes, a contractor, of 1103 Highland Avenue, is progressing finely with the four houses that he has underway on Highland Avenue near Twelfth Street. He is contemplating starting two more within a few days. Two of the houses underway are ready for the roof and the other two are ready for the bricklayers.

Ground has been broken at Twenty-third Street and Providence Avenue for the magnificent residence to be erected by Robert Wetherill, a local manufacturer for his son-in-law, Dr. J.P. VanJaren. The home will be a large one, modern and attractive in design, and will be another step in beautifying that section. William Provost, Jr., a builder, has the contract.

The store and dwelling now under course of construction on Edgmont Avenue, south of Tenth Street, is nearing completion. All lathing and plastering has been finished and carpenters will shortly commence to install the large bulk windows in the store front. Contractor H. Louis Morris has charge of the work.

The two small, one-story stores being erected on Seventh Street, in the rear of the Imperial Hotel, are about finished. They will be ready for occupancy as soon as a force of painters and decorators end their work.

The new bungalow of H.C. Duff of Ridley Park, which is being erected in the bungalow section of Park Place on Twenty-Third Street is rapidly nearing completion. The dwelling, when finished, will be one of the most attractive and picturesque homes in Chester. It is of a very unique design.

Ground was struck several days ago on Twenty-Third Street, Park Place, for the erection of a bungalow for Mrs. Lydia Simpson, of this city. The plans are similar to the usual run of Park Place bungalows. It is expected to be ready for occupancy before winter arrives.

Workmen are at work remodeling and improving the dwelling at 1139 Edgmont Avenue, the property of Walter Wood. Partitions are being torn out and new floors laid, while modern conveniences are being installed.

Every Saturday and Sunday large crowds of Chester people journey to the beautiful confines of Park Place to admire the attractive homes that have sprung up during the past several years. Recently that section entered into an era of bungalow building, scores of the modern and comfortable dwellings in that class being constructed. Many of the strolling residents of other sections of the city take cameras with them and snap the homes that forcibly appeal to them.

James T. Noden, proprietor of the Blue bell Hotel, Second and Market Streets, has started to make some expensive alterations to the dwelling next to his hostelry on Market Street, which was formerly occupied by Select Councilman William J. Farley. The

improvements under way are being made by Mr. Noden with the view of ultimately enlarging his hotel. The two buildings will be converted into one, and when the improvements are completed the hotel will be one of the largest and best equipped hosteries in this section.

The two-and-a-half-story frame dwelling on Market Street near Second, which was occupied for several years by George Francis Williams, the colored political leader in the Third Ward, has been completely razed to the ground by Contractor H. Louis Morris, who will build a modern three-story brick dwelling with store front on the site. The new building when completed will add greatly to the architectural appearance of that locality.

The extensive additions and alterations under way at the J.J. Buckley Company's pork packing plant on Second Street near Edgmont Avenue, are being rapidly pushed by Contractor Edward Dickerson. An iron frame awning is being constructed along the entire front of the company's buildings.

Spacious and handsome display windows have been constructed at the Berman Clothing Company's furniture and clothing store on Third Street near Edgmont Avenue. Extensive improvements and alterations are also being made to the interior of the store.

A cement vault for the storage of coal is being built in the rear of St. Michael's parochial school on East Seventh Street near Welsh. It will be one of the most substantially built structures of its kind in this city.

The porches which were recently built to the front of the houses 932 and 933 Madison Street are being painted. The properties, which are owned by Henry Moore are occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boon, Jr., respectively.

The cellar of Thomas Birch's restaurant at 217 Edgmont Avenue was cemented during the past week.

The Beacon Light Company, which recently completed the erection of additional smokestack, 208 feet in height, at its plant on Second Street, west of Market, is making preparations for the construction of a coal conveyor which will extend over the tracks of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad.

Rapid progress is being made on the erection of an abattoir at Second and Bevan Streets for J. Jacobson, the butcher. Samuel Lax has the contract.

Carpenters are busily engaged on the new First Italian Presbyterian Church at Third and Fulton Streets. It is now being rapidly placed under a pitched roof. The woodwork for the roof is about completed.

The brickwork is up to the second floor on the residence and store, and adjoining candy factory which T. Brooks McBride is erecting at Third and Lloyd Streets.

Workmen are now finishing the interior of the two concrete two-story dwelling that L.B. Salmon is building at Third and Pusey Streets.

Ashner Paxson of 1904 West Third Street, who recently made extensive improvements to his home, will build a two-story brick store and dwelling adjoining his residence on the West. Work will be commenced as soon as possible.

Work was commenced yesterday on the alterations and the building of an addition, nearly the size of the present structure, to the Chester post office building. John W. Emery of Philadelphia is the contractor. The price is \$36,860. The work is to be done by September 1, 1913. The addition will be erected in conformity to the present structure and will be of buff brick. It will be two and a half stories high, with fireproof floors, electric light and steam heat.

IN THE COUNTY – The contract for the new school building at Norwood has been awarded to H.L. Brown, a Philadelphia builder. The building is to be of stone, two stories high, contain ten rooms with slate roof, heating, electric lighting ventilating, etc.

The United Roofing and Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, which is going to build a plant at Marcus Hook, has awarded the contract for the erection of the buildings to W.W. Lindsay and Company of Philadelphia. The buildings are to cost \$20,000. They will be of brick two and three stories in height, 200 by 60 feet and 160 by 43 feet. They will have congo roofing and be equipped with electric light.

The American Viscose Company of Marcus Hook has awarded the contract to Harry Brocklehurst of Philadelphia for the erection of 86 residences near the works of the company. They are to be 20 by 78 feet, two stories of brick, modern and to cost \$150,000. These are the first of the three hundred that this corporation proposes to build.

Newton Flounders, an architect of Media, has prepared plans for a new laundry for the Media Steam Laundry Company. J.B. Flounders of Philadelphia is now receiving sub-bids on the work. The building is to be of brick, two stories in height, have a slag roof and electric light.

Graham-Champion Company of Philadelphia are bidding on the alterations and additions to the Bryn Mawr residence of Walter B. McIlvain of that place. It is to be of stone and framed, three stories in height.

Plans are completed for a large, fine residence at St. David's for A.G. Rosengarten of Philadelphia. The structure is to be of stone and hollow tile and stucco, two and a half stories high, 75 by 33 feet, with a wing 30 by 25 feet. It will be equipped with a shingle roof, slate or tile roof, hot water heat, hardwood floors, and electric light.

Ira V. Hale will erect a large residence at Wayne. The building is to be of stone, two and a half stories high, 56 by 42 feet with a shingle roof, electric light. The heating specifications are reserved. Bids are due today. Delaware County contractors bidding include: J.D. Lengel, Wayne; Charles B. Palmer of Wayne; Millard N. Croll of St. Davids, and Gray Brothers of Rosemont.

The Baldwin Locomotive Works filed at the office of the Prothonotary at Media. Thursday an agreement under which Forgy and Wrigley, Philadelphia contractors, will erect an erecting shop and construct three large travelling cranes at Leiperville.

W.H. Ralston, a Philadelphia contractor, will build a sewerage system purification plant and absorbing system at the Reformatory at Glen Mills. The cost of the work is to approximate \$8,000. An agreement between the parties interested has been filed at Media.

Robert C. James, auditor of the United Gas Improvement Company, has purchased from the Haverford Development Company a tract of four and a half acres overlooking the new golf course of the Merion Cricket Club, at Haverford, on which he will build a handsome country house, the plans for which are now being prepared. The price paid for the site was close to \$30,000 or at the rate of a little over \$6,000 per acre.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Collingdale – William H. Collingsgrove of Darby Borough to Hugh Cox of Collingdale, lot 50 by 137 ½ feet, \$1250

Chester – Bertha F. Thompson of Chester to George O. Hunter of same place, house and lot 50 by 150 feet on south side of Third Street, subject to \$500, \$1500

Llanerch – Joseph P. Brinton of Devon to Fred Rapp of Philadelphia, buildings and lot, 110 by 160 feet, \$8500

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