

CHESTER TIMES – September 7, 1912 – BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Swift and Company to Build Beef House Here – Many Dwellings

Building activity continues, for while the number of new operations are comparatively small, there are many under way at present. This season will do more to enhance the value of Delaware county real estate than any season for many years past. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being invested in new buildings of various kinds this year. New factories, schools, mills, residences, and stores have sprung up all over the county this year. The realty market has been quiet and no transfers of note have been made. There has been considerable routine business, however, of which has been duly recorded at Media.

Probably the largest of the contemplated operations announced during the week was that of Swift and Company of Chicago, Ill., which concern is going to build a large beef house on East Second Street, east on Market. A couple of \$25,000 residences are also planned for the county. Several other prospective smaller building movements have also been announced.

The Union Petroleum Company, Marcus Hook, the Primos Chemical Company, and Dr. B. C. Giles of Haverford, all of whom were suffers by recent heavy fires, will rebuild. The principal buildings of the Union and Primos plants were destroyed and Dr. Giles' home was gutted.

Marcus Hook has grown more rapidly within the past year than at any time during its history. In the way of new industries, all of which at the present time have commenced building plants, are the new million dollar plant of the General chemical Company, the new plant of the United Roofing and Manufacturing Company of Marcus Hook, the new barrel factory of the Sun Company. The big addition to the plant of the American Viscose Company has been started and preparations are now being made to commence work on the proposed 66 dwellings. Several other houses have been built here this year.

IN THE CITY – Probably the largest contemplated operation in the city that developed during the past week was that of Swift and Company, who will build a beef house on East Second Street between Market and Welsh Streets. The owners are taking bids on the work, which are due Thursday of next week. The building is to cost \$30,000, to be of brick and concrete, fireproof, two stories, 99 by 74 feet, with slag roof, refrigeration, steam heat, elevators, etc. William Provost, Jr., is among the bidders.

Contractor William J. Hewes of 1102 Highland Avenue, who is building six two story, modern, brick dwellings on Highland Avenue, near Twelfth Street, has two of them well finished, two are about ready for the plasterers and Mr. Hewes is preparing to start upon the third pair.

Samuel A. Hewes, a contractor of Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets, who is building ten dwellings of brick on West Sixth Street between Ward and Wilson Streets, has them all under roof. He is progressing nicely with the work. The ten dwellings that he is building on Jeffrey Street near Sixth are being finished.

Francis J. Moore of Marcus Hook, a builder, who is building a pair of two story, brick dwellings, on West Fourth Street, east of Palmer Street is now laying the second story joists. The two dwellings on the lot adjoining this operation, recently erected by Moore, have been sold by him.

William L. Devinney, a contractor of 2519 West Third Street, has put the finishing touches to the three two story, brick dwellings, he erected at Third and Booth Streets. He is now devoting his energies to the dwelling on West Fourth Street, between Palmer and Ward Streets.

Two of these are ready for the plasterers, the bricklayers are working on four and an additional pair will be commenced soon.

William J. Wiser, a contractor, of this city, has broken ground at Tenth and Edwards Streets, for a dwelling. James Babe, a West End builder, also broke ground for a building at Eleventh Street and Central Avenue.

John G. Humphries of Front and Jeffrey Streets, has purchased the three brick dwellings on Concord Avenue, which he will tear down to make room for the Franklin Street school improvements.

The new two-story brick addition to the office building of the American Dyewood Company at the foot of Howell Street, for which William Provost, Jr., has the contract, is under roof and ready for the plasterers. It is a substantial and convenient structure and will afford this busy industrial concern increased accommodations for the clerical force and officers of the company.

Contractor George D Hewes is finishing the last two houses of his building operation on Pusey Street, near Second and they will soon be ready for occupancy. Contractor Hewes has made good progress with this desirable improvement which adds much to the general appearance of that residential section of the city. The same builder yesterday commenced the erection of a dwelling house at Leiperville, a modern home for a resident of the growing suburb.

The First Italian Presbyterian church building at the Southeast corner of Third and Fulton Streets, is now under roof and the carpenter work so far advanced that the plasterers can begin operations at any time. The new building is quite an ornament to the locality and Contractor Morris Plumley expects to have the new edifice completed and ready to turn over to the officials of the Church by October 1. Arrangements are being made for the pulpit and pews and the furnishing of the building in an appropriate manner. The Rev. Felix Santilli, the pastor, and members of his congregation are eagerly awaiting the time when they can hold the first service in the new place of worship.

The excavation for William Phillips new store and residence at Third and Parker Streets, for which Samuel A. Hewes has the contract, is completed and the work of erecting the foundation walls for the superstructure will begin next week. It is the intention of the owner to improve the entire lot fronting on Third Street, with modern store buildings.

With the exception of the porches the two cement houses of Lake B. Salmon, corner of Third and Pusey Streets, are practically completed. The paperhangers are at present busy on the interior and a number of persons have been looking the properties over with a view of renting them, as the location is a desirable one as a place of residence.

The substantial improvement of T. Brooks McBride, including residence, store and candy manufacturing establishment at Third and Lloyd Streets, is fast assuming shape and it will be completed before the fall is far advanced. Contractor Amos P. Sheaff is giving it his close attention and making hay while the sun shines trying to overcome the time lost in blasting and excavating a solid bed of rock for the foundation walls and cellars. In this particular instance the "house is built upon a rock."

Painters are busy repainting the exterior of the Church of the Immaculate Heart at Second and Norris Streets. A number of repairs and improvements are being made to this sacred edifice and recently Nolan Brothers completed a new kitchen addition to the rectory.

Repairs and improvements are being made to several of the stores in the Ladomus Block of West Third Street, near the bridge. A new tin roof is replacing the old on the cornices and the fronts are to be repainted and brightened in general appearance.

Robert E. Wallace of 1714 Walnut Street, a member of the firm of the Chester Manufacturing Company, has purchased the large yellow and white brick and frame residence at Eighteenth Street and Providence Avenue, formerly occupied by B. D. Wright, a Market Street merchant. Mr. Wallace is having a front porch built to the house and is also having the interior of work done by E. G. Bolton of 1915 West Third Street...

Progress on the construction of the big stone addition to the William Penn Theater, Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenue is rapid. The building occupies a spacious lot in the rear of the present structure and when completed will transform the playhouse into a theatre of no mean size. The Penn Moving Picture Company, composed of local men, is erecting the annex.

The store and dwelling at Tenth Street and Edgmont Avenue that is being erected by Contractor H. Louis Morris is about completed and will be in readiness for a tenant in several days. The building is three stories high and has a frontage of thirty feet.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams has issued the following permits during the past two weeks:

Amos R. Sheaf for the Farson Manufacturing Company, a two-story brick building at Ninth and Howell Streets

Francis J. Moore, four two-story brick dwelling on North side of Fourth Street between Palmer and Ward

W. J. McDowell, two-story brick addition to dwelling at 2112 West Third Street

E. Wilson, frame overhanging bath brick dwellings on Fourth Street between Morton and Jeffrey

Samuel Lax, one-story brick building on Second Street between Market and Welsh

W. L. Deveney, two two-story brick dwellings on Fourth Street between Townsend and Palmer

H. Louis Morris for H. E. Riley, frame addition enclosed with glass on Barclay Street between Eighth and Ninth

J. H. Phipps, an open shelter shed at Sixth and Barclay Streets

Howard D. Taylor, four two-story brick dwellings on Kerlin Street between Tenth and Eleventh

William Provost, two-story stone house with attic at Twenty-First Street and Providence Avenue for Robert Wetherill

John W. Harper, one-story brick stable on Broomall Street between Second and Third

Samuel Hewes for W. Phillips, two-story brick building on Third Street between Parker and Fulton

David T. Christy, two-story brick addition on Walnut Street between Seventeenth and Eighteenth

J. H. Phipps remodeling front of dwelling at 1139 Edgmont Avenue

William Deveney, two-story brick dwelling on Eighth Street between Pusey and Lincoln

IN THE COUNTY – James F. Gounley who is going to erect a residence at Cynwyd, has awarded the contract for its construction to the Carvan Construction Company of Philadelphia. The building is to be of stone and rough cast, two and a half stories high, 55 by 44 feet, with shingle roof hot water heat oak floors, etc.

L. B. Rothschild, an architect of Philadelphia, is receiving bids on the proposed new residence at Lansdowne for H. C. Berry. The building is to be of stone and frame, two and a half stories in height, 36 by 26 feet, with slate roof, hot water heat, hardwood floors and other conveniences.

Dr. B. C. Giles of Haverford is contemplating alterations and an addition to his home at that place and the Pomeroy Construction Company of Philadelphia, is bidding upon the work. The residences was recently damaged by a severe fire, which raged in it. When improvements are completed it will be of brick and shingle, three stories in height, and 63 by 38 feet. Bids are due.

Thomas M. Longcope of Lansdowne, will build a residence at that place. It will be of plaster, three stories high, 30 by 50 feet, with shingle roof, electric light, hardwood floors, hot air heating, etc. James Lowden, R. H. Anderson and George Riley all of Lansdowne, submitted bids which were due Thursday.

A residence that will cost \$25,000 will be erected by A. G. Rosengarten of Philadelphia, at St. David's. Bids were due yesterday. Several contractors were figuring. When completed the building will be of stone, two and a half stories in height, 32 by 62 feet with a wing 14 by 24 feet. It will have four bath rooms and be equipped with electric light, hot water heat, shingle roof, etc.

Another \$25,000 residence is contemplated at Haverford by Granville D. Montgomery of Philadelphia. Bids are due on Tuesday of the coming week and among the several contractors figuring is included Gray Brothers off Rosemont. The residence is to be of stone, two and a half stories in height, 116 by 27 feet, with four bath rooms, shingle roof, white oak floors, modern heating, etc.

The dwelling on Main Street, Trainer, which is going to be erected by W. I. B. McCleanhan for Marshall W. Ash has been started. The foundation has been completed and the brick work will be started today.

The Primos Chemical Company, Primos is rebuilding the portion of its plant, which was recently visited by a disastrous fire. H. H. Ward, a contractor of Chester, has the contract for furnishing and placing the corrugated iron portion of the buildings.

Paul Holl of Leiperville is erecting two brick houses on Eddystone Avenue, Eddystone, and has already got his masons at work on the foundations. These will be for himself and his parents. Two houses on Fairview Road, Leiperville, erected by Richard Wolfe, have been completed and are now occupied. Contractor George Hardy will start bricklayers Monday on two houses for John J. McCoy on Fairview Road, while another house for the same party on McCoy's Terrace, is about completed.

Ground has been broken this week for two houses on Maddock Street, Leiperville for Mrs. Kate Flynn, the work being done by Contractor William Campbell of the village. Contractor George D. Hewes of Chester has also broken ground for a house on Holland Street for Mrs. Neuman. The excavation for the new school house being erected in Fairview by Contractor H. Louis Morris, is completed, and masons will shortly begin their portion of the work.

There has been no new work started in Upland during the week, and work has been progressing steadily during the week on the various operations now under way. The heavy steel beams which will support the roof girders of the new Athletic Association hall have been placed in position, and some of the rafters have been placed. Bricklayers are at work on the Hulmes houses at Upland, and other houses being erected are nearly completed.

THE MARCUS HOOK BOOM – Many operations are underway and some are being completed at Marcus Hook, which borough has seen a building boom this year never witnessed before. Five new manufactories have been started in this place this spring and summer, in

addition to a number of houses. Real estate here has been enhanced several hundred thousands of dollars this season.

Foundations have been completed for the main building of the new plant of the United Roofing and Manufacturing Company of Philadelphia, which has decided to build in Marcus Hook. This building is to be of brick, two and three stories in height, 200 by 60 feet. The second and smaller building of the plant will be started soon. It is of brick and will be 160 by 43 feet. The bare buildings of the plant will aggregate \$20,000.

Lane Brothers and Waters of Alta Vista, Va. have about completed their work of excavating for and laying the foundations of the twenty-one brick and structural iron buildings, for the new million dollar plant of the General Chemical Company. The brick work on three of these buildings have been about completed and work will be started upon the others as soon as possible. Work has also been commenced on the new 400 foot smoke stack on this plant, which will be the tallest in this part of the country.

The barrel house of the Sun Oil Company near Marcus Hook Pennsylvania Railroad station has been about completed at a cost of \$25,000. The brick work on the machine shop at the main plant of the company in this borough has also been about finished.

William Provost, Jr., a Chester contractor, who is erecting the large brick and structural iron annex to the plant of the American Viscose company, is progressing with the work. The foundation has been laid and the brick work commenced. Work of preparing the ground for the 66 new dwellings of the viscose Company for its employees has been started. Trees are being up-rooted and other preparations made.

The Union Petroleum Company, which had its main buildings destroyed in a million dollar fire that swept the plant several weeks ago, is about to start to rebuild. From what could be learned this morning, the operation of reconstruction will be commenced within a few days.

Ground was broken yesterday for the new residence of Thomas Hayes on Boothwyn Road, Linwood. It will be pushed to completion.

The two frame bungalows for Alfred Richardson of Marcus Hook, which have been erected at Linwood Heights, are about finished and ready for occupancy.

The new brick modern dwelling being built by W. L. B. McClenahan Terrace and Post Road is almost completed. Two other new brick houses are being built by this builder across the road.

The four new dwellings on Church Street between Seventh and Eighth Streets have been completed by William Galbreath, a builder.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Boothwyn – Alfred C. McCartney, et al, of Chester, to Edward A. Grinwell of Boothwyn, frame house and lot 50 by 110 feet, \$1000

Chester – James H. Newill, et al, of Delaware County, to George V. Buck, Sr., of Chester, right, title and interest, being one half part of frame house and lot 17 by 100 feet on north side of Second Street. Subject to \$700 mortgage. Nom.

Brookline – Robert Ward of Philadelphia to Thomas Weidman of same place, lots Nos. 4 and 5, Nom.

Collingdale – John Singleton of Collingdale to High Roberts of Philadelphia, house and lot 25 by 208 feet, subject to \$1400. \$1850

Darby Boro – Harry W. Doak and wife of Darby Boro to Hugh Cox of Collingdale, lot 109 by 118 feet, \$1500

Media – Frank B. Rhodes of Media to Letitia C. Field of Media, house and lot 150 by 150 feet, at northeast corner of Fifth and Edgmont Streets, Nom.

Collingdale – John Gongleton of Collingdale to Ambrose W. Straub of Philadelphia, brick and shingle house and lot 50 by 1258 feet, Nom.

Swarthmore – E. Irvin Scott of Swarthmore to Ellen M. M. Holman of Philadelphia, house and lot 50 by 16 feet, \$7250

O. W. Van Artsdalen, master of Pa. to Howard E. Young of Philadelphia, lot 80 by 234 feet, \$1700

Norwood – The Charter National Bank of Media to Anna E. Brill of Norwood, lot 71 by 155 feet, \$600

Morton – Irwin G. Benkert of Morton to Andrew C. Whitehead of same place, house and lot 50 by 200 feet, \$1500, subject to \$1,000 mortgage

Chester – John D. Moore of Chester to Harry L. Pieninek and wife of same place, brick house and lot 16 by 120 feet on northwest corner of Fourth and Palmer Streets, \$2000

Marcus Hook – W. I. B. McClenachan of Trainer to Juan C. Canet of Lower Chichester, brick house and lot 20 by 110 feet \$2350

Sharon Hill – Sharon Bldg. Association of Delaware County to Robert B. Beith of Philadelphia, improvements and lot 100 by 315 feet, \$3800

Lansdowne – John H. Kramer of Philadelphia to Emma V. Clothier of Lansdowne, stone house and tract of 1 376-1000 acres, subject to \$40000 mortgage \$4000

Anna M. Marshall, et al, of Lansdowne to John H. Kramer of Philadelphia, stone house and tract of 1 376-1000 acres, subject to \$5000 mortgage \$8000