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DOINGS IN THE REALTY WORLD – Not Many New Contracts Let During the Past Week, But Plenty of Work, But Plenty of Work at Present

While no big contracts were let the past week, the builders and mechanics are busy as can be with work in hand, which will keep most of them busy for the remainder of the summer. One of the bids to be given out in the near future is for a new church at Ridley Part to cost \$25,000 and one for an addition to the public school in the same borough.

Building Inspector T. T. Williams had quite a busy week with new permits, several being taken out for two-story brick houses to be built in different parts of the city. The new operation in the Second Ward, and the large one in the First Ward, have not been started, but may be in the near future. Just as soon as City Council completes the passage of an ordinance now going through that body, establishing grades and fixing streets on the First Ward tract, the details of the proposed operation will be made public. It will be in operation of some magnitude and with dwellings in that section of the city.

Although moving slowly work on the A. O. Deshong Memorial Building is progressing. The foundation walls have been completed and in a short time the building will be ready for the marble workers to start in. Much of the material to be used in the construction of the future home of the costly paintings left by the late A. O. Deshong is on the ground and other parts of the building will be received each day for some time to come.

In connection with this splendid gift to the city by Mr. Deshong, work was started this week on the drives and walks and a large force of men is engaged. By fall, much of this work should be completed and the people begin to see what changes are to be made to the land which will make it one of the most attractive parks in this section of the county. It will require but few artificial changes, added to the natural beauties of the land, to make it an inviting spot, as a breathing place for the people of this city and vicinity.

SOME CITY OPERATIONS – The Berman Building at 612 Edgmont Avenue will be one of the finest business houses in this city when the alterations and improvements which are being made are completed. The first floor of the new building will be devoted wholly to the clothing department. The second and third floors will be devoted to fancy and valuable library and parlor furniture while the cheaper grades of furniture will be stocked in the basement, which will be improved and made larger. The building will be ready for occupancy about September 10.

Contractor Samuel Lax will have the two stores and apartments at Seventh and Welsh Streets finished in the course of a few weeks. The plasters will finish roughing the buildings today and the white coat will be applied next week. The buildings are attractive and will be ready for us soon.

Contractor Horace Jackson will finish the work to the Reder cigar store at Seventh and Welsh Streets in a few weeks. He will have a force of workmen at the store on Monday and will push the work rapidly.

The old Theatorium building on Edgmont Avenue near Seventh Street is undergoing a number of improvements. Contractor Amos Sheaff has a force of workmen tearing up the old floor and putting hard wood down in its place. The building was recently purchased by the Miller Drug Company.

Rapid progress is being made on the foundation for the proposed new home of the Young Women's Christian Association at Seventh and New Market Streets. Workmen have nearly completed the excavations for the swimming pool which will be installed in the building.

Frazer Brothers will complete the work on the additions to the residences at 714-716 East Eighth Street in a few days. The additions to the dwellings allow a greater amount of floor space on the first floor and the second floor will contain a bath and bed room.

Contractor Loeper is rapidly pushing the work on thirty-four houses in the Parvin operation at Twelfth and Chestnut Streets. The roofs have all been finished and lathers are lathing the first of the

dwellings. The foundations for the remaining seventeen houses have been built and will be ready for the first floor joists the early part of the week.

The Beaumont Bungalow at Eighteenth and Hyatt Streets will be ready for occupancy in a short time. The carpenters have about finished the interior work, and have commenced to put the finishing touches on the outside of the building.

The Arthur Mackin Company of Philadelphia will erect six two-story dwellings on the east side of Madison Street between Twenty-Second and Twenty Third Streets. The ground for the buildings will be broken sometime next week.

Nolan Brothers have finished the galvanized iron garage in the rear of the residence at 717 McIlvaine Street for Edward McGinley, the well-known grocer of the Fifth Ward.

William B. Marker will in a very short time be receiving an income from his block of three story stores and apartments on West Third Street below the bridge. The painters and decorators are putting on the finishing touches and in a few days Chester's middle business section will have a big addition. One tenant has already moved in.

Oliver Brothers have nearly completed their dwellings on West Sixth Street near Butler. The painters are at work and little more remains to be done. Neat front approaches of a unique design and a comfortable interior plan add greatly to the attractiveness of the houses.

Horace Witsil is making good time upon his dwellings on West Eighth Street near Pennell and on West Ninth Street near Howell. These houses will be small but modern dwellings and should prove a good investment for the builder.

Contractor Sidwell have nearly completed his houses on Seventh and Howell Streets. The roofs are in place and the painters will be set to work next week.

James Shropshire sees the early completion of his ten houses on West Seventh Street near Pusey. The rough exterior work has been painted and the interiors are receiving the attention of the decorators.

James G. Milbourn contemplates building five more houses in the rear of his eight houses now nearing completion at Seventh and Howell Streets. Contractor Sidwell will do the work.

Samuel Bell is making progress on his dwellings at Fifth and Lloyd Streets. Last week the roofs were set in position and the tinsmiths set to work.

WEST END OPERATIONS – The six new two-story dwellings erected on Highland Avenue above Fourth Street are about completed and will soon be ready for occupancy. Each house is graced with a front porch of neat design.

Contractor William G. Richardson has started work on the remodeling and enlargement of the building at 1819 West Third Street for the National Benett Association. The brick addition will be made to the rear of the structure.

Bert Lee of the Ninth Ward has awarded the contract for the erection of two 2-story brick dwellings on the south side of Third Street between Broomall and Morris to Thomas H. Collins, a West End contractor, who broke ground for the new operation yesterday.

J. Horace Witsil, a real estate operator of Third and Flower Streets, has commenced operations on the construction of two 2-story brick dwellings on the north side of Sixth Street between Flower and Reaney. The houses will be equipped with all the up-to-date conveniences and will be of modern design.

The floor of the moving picture theatre being erected by Contractor Thomas H. Collins for John J. Mahoney on West Third Street near Highland Avenue will be constructed of cement. The brick walls for the structure are now being built.

Frederick Evans of the First Ward has been awarded the contract to convert the old Sodom property at Rockdale, which was recently purchased by William J. Thornton into four modern dwelling

houses, which will be three stories in height. The roofs will be covered with asphalt shingles, a material that is greatly used for this purpose in the west. The houses will be part stone and part frame.

Work is being rapidly pushed to completion on the six new two-story brick dwellings built by Samuel B. Pennington on Fourth Street near Highland Avenue. The tin work is being done by Dougherty Brothers. The ornate porches are supported by Colonial posts and concrete piers.

BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED – Building Inspector T. T. Williams has issued the following permits:

Joseph Damaski store front at 3130 West Third Street

M. T. Ackerman, two-story, brick and stucco dwelling with attic on the west side of Edgemont Avenue between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Streets

Henry E. Baton for Y. W. C. A. three-story brick building on the northeast corner of Seventh and New Market Streets, the dimensions to be 53-3 in front and 118-9 in depth

Arthur Machine Company, Fred Brown, treasurer, six two-story brick dwellings on the east side of Madison Street between Twenty-Second and Twenty-Third Streets

Nolan Brothers one-story frame building, covered with iron in rear of 717 McIlvaine Street

John N. Richards, six two-story brick dwellings on the north side of Seventh Street between Penn and Barclay

S. A. Hewes, bay window on side of house at 322 East Nineteenth Street for George B. Harvey, owner of the property

George H. Hart, green house with concrete base on the south side of Seventh Street between Edgemont Avenue and New Market Street

Bert Lee, two two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Third Street between Broomall and Norris Streets

Harry Keel for Augustus Miller the owner one-story frame building covered with corrugated iron, on the west side of Dock Street, between Second and Third Streets, and a one-story frame building, covered with corrugated iron on the north side of Mary Street between Penn Street and Concord Avenue for A. H. Pike, the owner

J. Horace Witsil, two 2-story brick dwellings on the north side of Sixth Street between Flower and Reaney Streets

H. Louis Morris, one 2-story brick dwelling on the north side of Eighth Street between Barclay Street and the Chester River for E. Goff, the owner

William G. Richardson for the National Benefit Association the owners, brick addition in rear of 1819 West Third Street and remodeling the front

Horace Taylor, one-story frame building in rear of 120 East Third Street

T. W. Scott for Mary E. Nuttle, owner, two 2-story brick dwellings on the west side of Pennell Street between Second and Third

REAL ESTATE – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby:

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to David J. Timmons of same place. Three lots on Penn Avenue, Drexel Hill, \$1350

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Alfred E. Hutchinson of New York. Four lots on Kenmore Road, Brooklyn, \$1430

Tinicum Township – Hugh P. Murray of Philadelphia to Harry B. Lewis of same place. Lot with buildings on Long Hook Creek, Lester, \$125

Haverford Township – Samuel B. Conver of Montgomery County to Jennie D. Frey of Philadelphia. Two lots on Sagamore Road, Brookline, Nominal