

CHESTER TIMES – September 12, 1914 – NEW SCHOOL CHAPEL READY – Building Completed for St. Gabriel's Parish at Norwood Will be Dedicated Tomorrow

The new school-chapel building recently completed for St. Gabriel's parish, Norwood, of which the Rev. William J. McCullen, Ph. D., is rector will be dedicated by Bishop McCort on Sunday next, September 13. The celebrant of the Mass will be Rev. Michael J. Rafferty, deacon, Rev. Thomas F. Ryan, and sub deacon, Rev. Patrick D. Houston. The sermon will be preached by Rev. William J. Lallou. Rev. Thomas McNally will be Master of Ceremonies. St. Madeline's choir under the direction of Mary Dolores McEntee, as organist, will render Hayden's Third Mass, with the following soloists: May Farley, Mary J. Comerford, David Griffin, J. Aloysius Smith and P. McQuade.

This building is another of the many buildings erected in this diocese serving the two-fold purpose of parish church and auditorium. In the future it will become the parish school when the present chapel will be converted into class rooms, and another floor added.

The style of architecture is that of the late English Gothic and due consideration has been given to the present building in order that it will harmonize with the future group of buildings to be erected on this property.

The new building is located on Mohawk Avenue and is situated 100 feet inside the property line, elevated on a broad terrace, permitting a splendid approach. Grey Fox-Croft stone has been used in the construction of the walls, and the trimmings are of light buff, radiant limestone, which blends with the face work admirably. The character of the masonry and the soft color of the stone has produced a very superior effect. All steps and platforms are made of light eastern granite.

At this time only the basement and first floor have been completed. The basement is equipped for parish entertainments, and has an auditorium seating between 500 and 600 persons. The stage is large and a number of dressing rooms have been provided in connection with the same. There is also a kitchen, besides cloak rooms and lavatories on this floor.

The first floor is the parish chapel and though temporary has been designed to fulfill all its present requirements. The sanctuary is of generous proportions, and the seating capacity of the church proper is about 500.

The priest's and boys' sacristies have been provided adjoining the sanctuary and the choir loft is located at the extreme north end of the building.

The interior finish of the chapel is a dark English oak, and the altar rail, pews, confessionals and Stations of the Cross are in the same finish.

Both chapel and auditorium in the basement are excellently lighted and ventilated; and numerous exits have been provided for each floor.

The building covers a ground area of 57 feet by 100 feet. George L. Loveatt, A. L. A. of Philadelphia is the architect.

FIRST WARD IMPROVEMENTS – The First Ward has had a remarkable development this summer. Fully one hundred houses have been erected and at the present time there is at least thirty in course of construction. The majority of the new homes are being grouped in around Twenty Second and Crosby Streets, Twenty-Third and Crosby and Madison Streets, while many are scattered on other streets in the ward.

Most of these new houses are attractive and occupied at the present time. Among the contractors who contributed to the growth of the ward were William Provost, Jr.,

Howard Taylor, J. Irvin Taylor, Jacob Buchanan, Harry Krotee, Oliver Brothers, William Ward, Joel Phipps William J. Oglesby, David Christy and the Howard Machin Company.

The large estate adjoining the Elkinton Boulevard at Twenty Fifth Street and Edgmont Avenue, which is also a part of the First Ward, has been purchased by the Freihofer Brothers of Philadelphia, who will, with the opening of the spring months, erect a number of fine bungalows. Two new streets have been cut through. Blossom and Sunnyside Avenues and the front of the bungalows will fact the Elkinton Boulevard, which leads to Chester Park.

Contracts have been let for the erection of bungalows at Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets, which is also a part of the First Ward, while there are a number of houses to be erected at Twenty-Fourth and Howard Streets. This will also increase the population of the ward.

With the opening of spring there is to be forty houses erected on the vacant lots in and around Fifteenth and Upland Streets. The latter street was recently cut through and placed on the city map by order of council. This will add to the growth of the Second Ward. There is available land in this ward.

In the Fifth Ward, there has been at least fifty houses erected, some of which are still under construction. This ward was boosted by the large number of houses included in the Parvin operation at Tenth Street and Morton Avenue, and also running on Chestnut Street into the Second Ward.

An operation in the sixth Ward was the erection of the six stores and dwellings at Third and Dock Streets by William B. Marker.

ON THE WEST SIDE – The walls of the two dwellings being erected by Bert Lee on West Third Street between Norris and Broomall Streets, have been completed and the interior will soon receive the full attention of the contractor. The roofs have not yet been set in position but this will be accomplished in a short time.

J. Harper is making rapid progress upon the three large dwellings on the north side of Seventh Street, between Penn and Barclay Streets. After starting two of the houses, he decided upon the third and this was started to the immediate left of the other two. The houses are of the peaked roof, red brick design, with comfortable front porches, and rear yards and will be selective residences.

A short distance from this operation, General William G. Price is building a set of apartments on the plot of ground between Penn Street west to the dwellings. The masonry work has been completed and the first floor nearly finished. This operation is one of the largest attempted in that vicinity for a long time and will completely change the appearance of that neighborhood. For a long time this plot has been all eyesore to the residents and the apartments are a welcome improvement. The Chester River is in the immediate rear, and the apartment area only a few minutes from the business center of the city. This section has suddenly sprung into favor with the real estate dealers and the near future will find more operations started.

H. Goff is having a fine three-story building built on West Eighth Street at the end of the street west of Chester River. The first two stories, which are of brick, have been completed and the dwelling will be ready for occupancy in a short time.

Horace Jackson is making good time upon the addition to the Nurses' home of the Chester Hospital at Barclay Street and Taylor Terrace. The walls and most of the interior work have been completed and the finishing touches will be applied as soon as possible.

This is a gift of Mrs. J. Frank Black, the donor of the home, and will go far to relieve the needs of the nurses who have found the original building inadequate to their needs. The structure is built of red brick in uniformity with the other building.

Ground has been broken and the trenches for the foundations started for the new two-story brick factory building for the Wirz & Company collapsible tube makers, at Fourth and Palmer Streets. Nolan Brothers, contractors of this city, have charge of the work. It will require some time for completion. The structure will be one hundred feet by seventy feet and so constructed that additions may be made on the western end when finished.

Work on the new house addition to the store property at Third and Palmer Streets is well under way. It will be several weeks, however, before the dwelling is ready for occupancy.

The two w-story brick houses being constructed by Contractor Francis Moore on West Ninth Street, west of Highland Avenue, are well under way. These houses are being built for West End citizens.

Contractor John Domiski has about completed the work for the new store front of the John Welsh property at Third and Trainer Streets, and is about through with the exterior work on the shoe store at 2720 West Third Street. The concrete walk in front of the latter place was laid yesterday.

The Mahoney moving picture theatre on West Third Street between Hayes Street and Highland Avenue, is being pushed to completion as rapidly as possible by Contractor j. Irvin Taylor. The roof of the big structure, which covers an area 140 feet by 60 feet is nearly finished. The new theatre is up-to-date in every detail, having passed the approval of the State censorship. It will be one of the largest of the moving picture houses in this portion of the State when completed.

Charles Pyle, a local contractor, has completed the work of roofing the Charles Palmer house on Third Street, west of Palmer Street. The new covering required several thousand shingles.

New tin roofs are being placed on the houses of George Hunter on Palmer Street between Third and Fourth streets.

The improvements to the two buildings which will be occupied by the Cross Company on Edgmont Avenue are nearing completion and are most attractive. The front is completed and will be in the hands of painters next week. The improvements will allow a much larger floor space for the display of stock.

The old Theatorium Building, on Edgmont Avenue, which was purchased some time ago by the Miler Drug Company, is nearing completion. The painters and decorators are busy on the interior.

Contractor Horace Jackson is making rapid progress on the Roder store at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue. The heavy stained glass which is to be installed in the iron canopy will arrive in a few days.

Samuel Lax is making rapid headway on the improvements to the Berman Building at 612 Edgmont Avenue. The building has been improved with a two-story addition. A new elevator is also being installed in the rear of the building.

RESIDENCE AT RADNOR – Bids have been received by Charles Barton Keen, architect of Philadelphia, for a \$40,000 residence at Radnor for Paul Mills of Bryn Mawr.

It will be built of stone and plaster, 2 ½ stories high 138 x 77 feet tile roof, electric lighting, hardwood floors. The heating, lighting and plumbing are reserved.

Contractors are estimating for a fine two and one-half story stone and frame residence for J. Miller Sinclair at Tome and Dupont Streets, Ridley Park. The dimensions of the house are 40 x 32 feet and will cost approximately \$6,000.

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

Chester r- Holstein H. Fleins of Chester to Daniel Strain of Marcus Hook, house and lot at 1710 Walnut Street, Nom

Chester – J. Irvin Taylor of Chester to Daniel Dougherty of Chester, lot at Brevenoth and Butler Streets, \$4000

Colwyn – Thomas J. Murray, Jr. and L. D. Dreyer of Colwyn to W. E. Ervin of Philadelphia, lot on Albert Street, \$200

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Henry e. Campbell of Philadelphia, two lots at Ardmore Park, Nom

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Frederick H. Walter of Philadelphia, two lots on Kenmore Road, Brookline, \$740

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Louis F. Geyler of Philadelphia, two lots on Kenmore Road, Brookline, \$850

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