

CHESTER TIMES – September 19, 1914 – WORK STARTED ON BIG PLANT –
Foundation Walls for the New Collapsible Tube Manufactory well Advanced

Work on the new H. M. Wirz & Co. collapsible tube works at Fourth and Palmer Streets in this city, is well under way. H. B. Hughes, a concrete contractor, has received the contract for the foundation and flood work from Nolan Brothers, the contractor for the building. This industry will employ more than two hundred men when all machinery and equipment is in place for operation.

The foundation walls are about one-third completed. If placed in a straight line the walls would extend for a distance of about two hundred and fifty feet. At the base they are three feet wide, offset four feet from the base line to a two and one-half foot wall. With the footings for the column piers this work will require many hundred feet of concrete. Contractor Hughes, with a force of men at a large rotary concrete mixer, is placing footings as rapidly as the work will permit.

It will be many weeks before the operation is completed. The building will be a two-story brick. The floor will be of recent design, having a concrete base with wood block topping, and is considered of better service for the employees and for the machinery.

NEW \$100,000 RESIDENCE – Dr. Archibald G. Thomson of the stock exchange building, Philadelphia, will shortly erect a new home in Haverford Township to cost \$100,000. H. Brooks Price of New York City is the architect and the bids are to be in hand by September 25. The building is to be three stories high, built of hollow tile and stucco, fire proof, 115 by 67 feet and 57 feet by 27 feet, tile and copper roof, vapor heating, electric lights, enameled brick, metal lath, water proofing, kalamon doors, with twelve baths.

NO CONTRACT LET – The lowest bid received for the new public school in the borough of Lansdowne was that of W. J. Elliott of Coatesville, whose estimate was \$42,264. The board did not award the contract at these figures and it is understood will ask for new bids in the near future. The building is to be two-stories high, 120 by 68 feet, slate roof, steam heat, gas and electric light, metal lath, damp proofing and waterproofing.

The contract for the new Sunday school building to be erected at Broomall, this county, has been awarded to L. O. Lobb of Llanerch. The structure is to be built for the Marple Presbyterian Church and is to be of stone, one story high, 40 by 50 feet, shingle roof, steam heat and electric light. Work will be started at once. The price the building is to cost was not made know.

Davidson & Sons, of Llanerch, were the successful bidders for a residence at Drexel Hill for Nelson Kershaw, the well-known manufacturer. It will be constructed of stone and frame, two and one-half stories high, 35 to 55 feet, shingle roof, hot water heating, electric lights, oak floors and will cost \$6500.

NEW STORE HOUSE – The Builders Guide, a journal devoted to building generally, says that plans have been prepared for a storage house in this city having a dimension of 96 by 150 feet to cost about \$25,000. No location and the name of the owner is withheld. Peuckert & Wunder of Philadelphia are the architects and engineers who have the plans in hand.

Plans are being drawn for a two and one-half story residence for L. Stauffer Oliver to be built at Moylan. The dwelling will be 60 by 80 feet. A number of well-known contractors are bidding for the work.

Joseph Slaw is having plans prepared for a bungalow to be erected in the town of Drexel Hill. It will be two stories and will be built of stone and frame. The R. C. Ballinger Company of Philadelphia are estimating on the cost of the structure.

NEW MILL ADDITION – The Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company of this city, have plans prepared for a new one-story brick addition to the large plat at Fourth and Morton Avenue.

Nolan Brothers have finished the improvements to the store occupied by the Cross Company on Edgmont Avenue and the buildings are very attractive. The interior of the stores have been enlarged and afforded a much greater area of floor space, which was needed for the growing business of the Cross Company.

The Berman Building at 612 Edgmont Avenue will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. Lax has added a several more men to his force. The large freight elevator will be installed in the rear of the building the early part of next week.

Rapid headway is being made on the proposed home of Upland Lodge of Odd Fellows at Eighth and New Market Streets. The bricklayers are nearing the two-story mark and the frames have all been set in their proper positions. It is expected that the building will be ready for dedication early in December.

The first story base stones on the Young Women's Christian association Building at Seventh and New Market Streets are being set in position and work for the bricklayers will be ready on Monday.

The Howard Machine Company are making headway with their six houses on Twenty-Second Street near Crosby Street. The houses are of light brick and contain all modern conveniences. The bricklayers will top out three of the houses on Monday.

Contractor Horace Jackson is rushing the work on the Roder Building at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue. The old frame is being torn away and modern cases are being installed.

David Christy is making improvements to the residence at 412 East Broad Street. A new bay window will be placed in the second story and a new front porch will be erected.

The work of the handsome dwelling of J. Edward Goff on West Eighth Street below Barclay, is progressing nicely and the building should be completed in a short while. Two stories are of brick and a peaked wooden story is being constructed on top. The house is visible from both Seventh and Ninth Streets, being near Chester River, and is a great improvement to the neighborhood.

Bart Lee is having no trouble in the construction of his two dwellings on the south side of Third Street near Norris. The walls have been completed and most of the work from now on will be on the interior. The dwellings are of a neat two-story design, and will be easily leased or sold.

The finishing touches in the way of cement walls and lawns sodded have been made on the eight houses built by James Shropshire on West Seventh Street near Pusey. All that remains now is for the tenants to move in. Comfortable porches and spacious rear yards are attractive features of these two-story dwellings.

J. Harper has the walls of two of his dwellings on West Seventh street near Barclay completed and the roofs will be finished in a short time. The houses are two-story, flat roof structures of red brick material.

The ward Sheet Metal Company at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue are installing machinery and engine in their new plant. The engine will be a modern one and will use city gas for its motive power. The plant is now in operation, but when the machinery is in place will employ a considerable larger force of men.

Work on the Mahoney moving picture house on Third Street, between Hayes Street and Highland Avenue, is rapidly assuming a business like appearance. The contract for the building is under the direction of J. Leslie Taylor, who also made the plans and drawings for the structure. The plastering operation on the exterior of the building is completed and the lathers will be ready for the plaster work on the interior of the big building on Tuesday next. Frank Downey, a local plasterer, is doing the work.

Contractor W. L. Jacobs has about completed the work on the interior of the S. B. Pennington brick houses at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue. These houses, six in number have all modern conveniences. One of the houses has been sold and four are under option. The same contractor will shortly start work on two new two-story brick houses for S. B. Pennington to be erected near Engle Street on Second and on the improvements to Malta Hall, 1909 West Third Street, which will give the moving picture show house in that building a depth of 130 feet. The second story flooring of the building will also be elevated.

Brick work and second story joists are in place on the two two-story houses for Frank Quinn being erected by Contractor Frances Moore, on Ninth Street, west of Highland Avenue.

The house and store improvements and alterations to the Alban Oeser property. Third and Palmer Streets are nearing completion. The work is being done by Banner Netherly.

The dwelling adjacent to the Chester Brewing Company's plant and owned by that company is undergoing alteration. A new front addition and bay windows at the side and front are being added to the second story.

John Bilks has had a new roof placed on his place of business, 2706 West Third Street

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

Haverford Township - Minnie M. Harrison of Cranford, N. J. to Vernon F. Fleck of Narberth, two lots at Ardmore Park, Nom

Lansdowne - Horace F. Griffith of Lansdowne to Mildred D. Rosecrans of same place, lot on Plumstead Avenue, \$500

Lansdowne - Horace F. Griffith of Lansdowne to William E. Pearse of Philadelphia, lot on Albermarle Avenue, \$900

Radnor Township - Henry V. Massey, Jr. of Philadelphia to Norman P. Sinclair of Wayne, lot on Bellevue Avenue, Wayne, Nom

Collingdale - Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to Lavinia C. Schoeller of same place, house and lot on Cherry Street, \$2500

Collingdale - Milton L. Staley to Vilas H. Burns of Collingdale, house and lot on Rhodes Avenue, \$2500

Collingdale - Milton L. Staley to Leonard E. Elverson of Collingdale, house and lot on Rhodes Avenue, Nom

Collingdale – Leonard E. Elverson of Collingdale to Milton L. Staley of same place, house and lot on Pusey Avenue, Nom

Norwood – Samuel McClure of Norwood to William M. Green of same place, two lots on Delaware Avenue, Nom

Chester – Mary Horan of Chester to Bannon Wilgus of Chester, house and lot on Ninth Street, west of Morris Street, \$400

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