

CHESTER TIMES – September 26 1914 – LITTLE DOING IN REAL ESTATE –
Few Sales Took Place This Week and But Few New Contracts Were Given Out

The real estate market for the week just closing showed very little activity. Few large sales were reported although there were a number of properties changed hands. Lines are out to bring to this city a number of new business enterprises, but there is nothing definite to report at this tie.

While no new large contracts have been awarded for several days, the builders and contractors for the most part have enough work on hand to keep them busy until the extreme cold weather sets in. For some reason very little is being done on the A. O. Deshong Memoria Hall at Eleventh Street and Edgmont Avenue. There is plenty of material on the ground, but little work has been going on. Several shipments of marble have arrived and are on the ground waiting to be placed in position.

The new home of Upland Lodge of Odd Fellows at Eighth and New Market Streets, is fast assuming proportions, and if good weather prevails this structure will be ready for the roof in a comparatively short time. Contractor Mercadante has lost no time since he received the contract and few buildings have gone up with greater speed.

One square away, at the corner of Seventh and New Market Streets, work is progressing on the new central building for the Young Women's Christian Association. The cornerstone was laid a short time ago and since that time much has been accomplished.

Work on the other improvements about the city is going along very rapidly and most of it will be under roof and the exterior work finished before freezing weather sets in.

NEW OPERATIONS – Charles A. Bitchley, architect of Philadelphia, has received bids for alterations to be made to the boiler house at the mill of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company at Third Street and Morton Avenue. It is proposed to erect a new one-story building to be constructed of steel and brick 35x35 feet with slag roof. The contract is expected to be let in a short time for this work.

All of the bids have been received for the \$100,000 residence to be built in Haverford Township for Dr. Archibald G. Thomson of Philadelphia. All the bidders but one are located in the city of Philadelphia, the outsider being a New York builder. The bids are to be closed early next month.

Plans and specifications are in course of preparation for a new \$25,000 dwelling to be erected at Rose Valley, this county, for L. Stauffer Oliver. The building will be two and one-half stories high and will have a dimension of 80 x 61 feet. It will be constructed of hollow tile and plaster and will have a tile and composition roof, with composition floors. The heating and lighting are reserved in the bids.

Harry Linn, architect of Philadelphia, has completed plans for ten houses at Elkins Park, this county, to be put up by the Elkins Park Company, Incorporated. They will be two and one-half stories high and will have a dimension of 32 x 50 feet each. They will have tile, slate and shingle roofs, hot water heating, electric lights and hardwood floors.

B. Louis Morris of this city, and Charles H. Tindall & Sons of Wilmington, are bidding on a \$3,500 house to be erected in this city, the name of the owner being withheld. The house will be two and one-half stories high, 17 x 38 feet.

WEST END OPERATIONS – S. B. Pennington, 1909 West Third Street has broken ground for two new houses on the east side of Engle Street, between Front and Second Streets, and the foundation work will be started on Monday or Tuesday of next

week. These dwellings will be two-story brick, six rooms and bath, with all modern conveniences. They will be the first to be erected in that block for some years.

Foundation work on the H. M. Wirz & Co., collapsible tube works. Fifth and Palmer Streets is about one-third completed. This work has been slowed down by the extra digging and foundation footings required, owing to the swamp and low land conditions, which necessitated deep excavation. Many of the column piers and foundations are completed. The Light Railway Equipment Company, Fifth and Ward Streets, one of Chester's most recent plants, is completing an order for a large amount of portable track for the New Jersey Public Service Company. The same company is working on a number of storage battery locomotives for a New Jersey company.

The two brick dwellings, two-story, West Ninth Street, are under roof. During the past week Contractor Frank Moore has added a second story and bay windows and has the porch studding reinforced concrete columns in place.

ROCKDALE IMPROVEMENTS – Dr. Charles Pashette in negotiations for an extensive building operation and plans are now under way. The plans adopted call for the addition of a new store room at the front of the building, two new offices on the west side, adjoining the present office, a new addition at the rear to be used as a kitchen and a bathroom.

The front porch will be removed and on its site and extending out to the road line will be built the new drugstore. This will have ample floor space, as the new store room will be 16 x 28 feet. The present store will be made into a parlor and the office into a dining room, while the rear room, now used as a sitting room, will be made into a kitchen.

The new building is to be heated with hot water and lighted with electricity, and running water is also to be supplied. The doctor will also install a private fire department, and all the appointments will be thoroughly modern and up-to-date. It is expected that the operation will be started next week.

BUILDING NOTES – Glazers were busy yesterday putting the stained wired glass in the canopy over the Roder cigar store at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue.

David Christy is making rapid headway with the improvements and alterations to the dwelling at 412 East Broad Street. A new bay window has been placed in front of the building and a two story brick addition is underway in the rear.

Plasterers have finished the work in the Nelson store on Morton Avenue, near Eighth Street. The interior of the building has also been altered.

Contractor William Ward will break ground on Monday for the two-story residence for Harry Emmanuel at Hyatt Street and Melrose Avenue. The building will be modern in every way.

Work on the Parvin operation on Morton Avenue is rapidly progressing. The houses will be ready for the lathers the early part of next week.

The first floor joists have been laid in position for the new stone and brick building for the New Chester Water Company at Fifth and Welsh Streets. Contractor E. J. Oliver has a force of men at work. The bricklayers will commence on Monday morning.

A number of improvements will be made to the Ayres' Building at Eighth Street and Edgmont Avenue. The contract has not been let but several bids have been received by the Lincoln Beneficial Society, the owners of the building. A store, offices and apartments will be included in the structure.

Rapid progress is being made on the third house being erected by James Harper on West Seventh Street near Barclay. Two adjoining dwellings are nearing completion while the roof will be set in position on the third house in a short while.

The apartments being built by William G. Price on west Seventh Street near Penn are beginning to give some idea of what they will look like when completed. Brick pillars run up from the front porches to the second floor porches, giving an artistic front appearance. The rooms will be fitted with all modern improvements and the apartments will be ideal dwellings for those seeking this style of a home. The apartments are only a few minutes' walk from the center of the town, yet far enough removed from the business section to be in a choice residential district and little trouble will be experienced in securing tenants.

Horace Jackson, the contractor, is putting on the finishing touches to the addition to the Mrs. J. Frank Black Home for Nurses at the Chester Hospital. This, when completed, will relieve the congestion which has been prevalent for the last year or more, due to the growth of the institution.

The addition is being built on the north side of the present home of red brick construction. Modern equipment is noticeable in all sections of the addition.

The handsome dwelling of Edward Coff on West Eighth Street near the Chester River, is awaiting the final finishing touches. The house is a peaked roof, three-story structure of brick construction and presents a fine appearance.

The store on the southeast corner of Third and Pennell Streets has been renovated and painted and has been occupied by a chain grocery system.

PERMITS GRANTED. The following permits for builders have been issued by Terryl Williams, Building Inspector:

William Ward, two-story dwelling at Hyatt Street and Melrose Avenue for Harry Emmanuel

Wesley S. McDowell, one-story brick garage at the rear of the dwelling at 2112 West Third Street

Charles Gressenbucher, one story brick stable at 130 East Third Street

J. Franklin Levering, one-story brick garage on Madison Street, numbered 1128-30-32-34 extending a depth of 120 feet to Edgmont Avenue

Nolan Brothers, three-story brick factory building at Fifth and Townsend Streets

George B. Seamen, one-story frame building in rear of 911 West Third Street

E. J. Oliver, two story brick and stone building at Fifth and Welsh Streets for the New Chester Water Company

David Christie, two-story brick addition to the rear of the dwelling, 412 East Broad Street

L. Elizabeth McGeehan, one-story frame and corrugated iron garage at rear of 318 Lloyd Street

Mary Talkouska, one-story frame and iron building in rear of 31132 West Ninth Street

David C. Bowker, one-story frame and iron building in rear of 1916 West Third Street

Ransom Wilgus, two two-story dwellings at Madison Street and Sunnyside Avenue

Robert L. McClenachan, one-story frame building in rear of 229 Ward Street

Samuel Seiverd, two-story stone and brick dwelling for Frederick Fairlamb at Twenty-Fourth and Lindsay Streets

Samuel Lax, one-story frame and iron building on Dock Street

J. H. Phipps, one-story frame and iron building at Twenty-Fourth and Crozer Streets

Samuel B. Pennington, two two-story brick dwelling at Second and Engle Streets

William Pierce, Jr., one-story frame and from garage at 2428 West Fourth Street

Nolan Brothers, one-story frame and iron garage at the rear of 2210 Providence Avenue

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