

CHESTER TIMES – August 2, 1913 – MODERN HOUSES AT ST. DAVID'S Initial Attempt Made to Provide Comfortable Dwellings at Small Cost

An extensive building operation of nine-room dwelling houses has been completed at St. David's. The new structures occupy a site close to the railroad station. It is the first attempt to provide modern houses at small cost in that attractive suburb. The new houses, which are in the hands of Harber & Claghorn, contain all the modern conveniences, including one and two bath rooms. The dwellings are built on lots 50 feet by 80 feet each.

The idea of the founders, A. T. Drexel and George W. Childs, became lost in the rapid development of St. David's and Wayne, which were originally laid out with the view of providing sites for small country houses for persons of moderate means who desired to live in the country, on account of the rapid development of these suburbs, due to their great natural beauty and accessibility to Philadelphia. As a consequence these towns soon became suburban communities with much higher priced houses than it was the original intention to build.

Harber and Claghorn who in common with other real estate brokers dealing in suburban properties recognize the existence of a yearly growing demand for smaller and less expensive dwellings in the suburbs, believe that the experiment made in building these dwellings will be attended with great success. The demand for small houses in the country is always greater than the supply and this year it has shown no indication of falling off. The houses just built are in the real country but not too far away to permit of rapid access to the city, there being 100 trains a day to and from Philadelphia which stop at St. David's of these trains, 28 are express trains.

BIG CONTRACTS AWARDED – The activity of the local conditions along building lines during the past week has been marked by the awarding of a \$20,000 contract to H. Louis Morris, one of the busiest of Chester builders, who will erect the large addition to be made to the Keystone Type Foundry Company's plant, at Fourth and Engle Streets, the awarding of the contract being chronicled in the Times a few days ago.

Extensive improvements and alterations will also be made shortly to the old milk plant property at Sixth and New Market Streets, which was recently purchased by the Chester Daily Supply Company, a new corporation with a capital of \$100,000. The new plant will be one of the most modern establishments of its kind in this section.

The Chester Realty and Investment Company has awarded the contract for the erection of five three-story store and apartment houses, on the west side of New Market Street, between Seventh and Eighth to William M. Wyatt, who has also received a contract from the same company to build four stores and apartments on the north side of Seventh Street between New Market Street and Chester River.

Horace Witsil, a real estate agent of West Third Street, below Flower, will break ground shortly for the erection of two two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Third Street between Harwick and Booth. These dwellings will be similar in design to the eight houses Mr. Witsil built last spring on Flower Street above Fourth.

Contractor Joel H. Phipps has plans and specifications prepared for two two-story brick dwellings to be built on the east side of Elm Street between Madison and Upland. These houses will contain all the modern conveniences.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – WILLIAM e. Headley is preparing to begin operations on the erection of two three-story brick dwellings on the south side of Mary Street between Fulton and Parker.

In addition to permits being issued to the Chester Realty and Investment Company, J. Horace Witsil, J. H. Phipps and William E. Headley during the past week, Building Inspector T. T. Williams also issued permits as follows:

John R. Innis, one-story frame garage covered with iron in rear of 329 Flower Street; dimensions 16 by 18 feet.

Marie Duffy, bath room in rear of residence at 1506 Providence Avenue

DOINGS IN THE COUNTY – Plans and specifications have been prepared for the erection of a stone residence at Radnor for John B. Townsend of Philadelphia. The dwelling will be two and one-half stories in height, with tile roof, hot water heating plant, electric lighting and hardwood floors. The architects are Eyre & McIlvaine of Philadelphia.

F. W. Warren of Philadelphia has had plans and specifications prepared for the erection of a two and one-half story residence of stone construction at Moyland. The house will contain a steam heating plant and be lighted by electricity. The dimensions of the dwelling will be 56 by 32 feet.

Revised plans are being made for the proposed \$20,000 school building to be built at Collingdale. The structure will be two stories high and contain a Plemun system of heating. Architects Blite and Richards of Philadelphia are at work on the new plans.

Architects Brazer and Robb of New York have received bids for plastering, painting, metal lathing, furnishing, heating, installing electrical fixtures and the interior woodwork at the new Court House in Media. Bids for the hardware and plumbing work have also been received by the architects.

The Pomeroy construction company of Philadelphia has received the contract to build a two and one-half story stone residence at Ridley Park for William M. Stanton. A hot water heating plant will be installed and the house will be lighted by electricity. The floors will be constructed of oak.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Essington – Samuel Levick of Philadelphia to Benjamin Amsterdam of Essington, lot on Saude Avenue, Nom

Upper Darby – John H. Storer of Boston to J. V. Wagner of Philadelphia, lot at Highland Park \$325

Sharon Hill – A. A. Torricellar of Darby to Rubin Cravetz of Sharon Hill, house and lot on Sharon Avenue, \$4000

Collingdale – W. K. Zerringer of Philadelphia to Gertrude L. N. Zerringer of same place, house on Clifton Avenue, Nom

Chester – John D. Moore of Chester to Bridget Conley of same place, house and lot on West Fourth Street, \$2000

Media – Frank B. Rhoades of Media to George S. Pierce of same place, house and lot on Washington Street, Nom