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18 NEW HOUSES FOR CHESTER – Local Builders Becoming active – Centrally Located Apartment House Rumored – City and County Activities

Eighteen new houses, an apartment house and a garage for Chester were the contemplated operations reported during the past week. Few new operations are talked of in the county districts but the realty market has been active during the past six days. The many operations under way in both city and county are being pushed toward completion with vigor. The weather of the past week has retarded activities and in many instances when work is just begun, the workmen found it necessary to pump water from the cellars. Several building permits have been issued in Chester by Building Inspector Terry T. Williams.

The new buildings contemplated here are: Eight new houses by George D. Hewes on Third Street near Trainer; three by William L. Devinney on Sixth Street at Booth; three by James Babe on Ninth street near Central Avenue; three by James Babe on Jeffrey Street near Front; one by Dennis Kennedy on Franklin Street near Fifth. The apartment house is only rumored as the contractor who expects to have the work says the land deal has not been consummated and nothing definite can be made public as yet. William E. Headley will build three buildings on Crosby Street near third.

IN THE CITY – The proposed apartment house, as suggested in a Times editorial, will be built in a central location. The plans that are in preparation specify a building 35 by 125 feet, three stories in height, with walls sufficiently heavy to permit the addition of two more floors, as they are needed. A restaurant will also be provided on the first floor. Heat and janitor service will be furnished in this apartment house as in those of bigger cities.

Bricklayers on the post office annex are up to the second floor. First floor frames have been set in three of the houses that Simon Bruner is building on Front Street near Market. Eight sections of the aerial coal conveyor of the Beacon Light Company have been completed.

Glass has been placed in the windows of the new \$20,000 beef house of Swift and Company at 17, 19, 21, and 23 East Second Street. All of the structural steel of the by-products house of John J. Buckley and Company at 16, 18, 20, and 22 West Second Street has been erected and forms laid preparatory to pouring the first floor, which will be of concrete.

The front is being put in the new motion picture house of Greenberg Brothers at 311-313 Market Street. J. Irvin Taylor is laying the first floor joists of his office and dwelling building at Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenues.

Albert Wunderlich has the foundations completed on the seven houses that he is erecting in Wunderlich Place. Windows have been put into the two-story brick dwelling that Samuel Lax is building on Welsh Street above Second and the interior is being rushed to completion.

James Babe will put in a new store front for Mrs. Margaret Ross at 2707 West Third Street. This contractor is also remodeling the kitchen at the home of S. Knopf on Market Street near Second.

The Washington House, Central Hotel and the interior of John McKain's restaurant at 321 Market Street are being repainted. The city surveyors were busy around Fifth and

Lloyd Streets yesterday at the request of S. R. Bell, who is going to build several houses there.

James Babe has purchased 351 Howell Street, recently damaged by fire from the owner, William Smith and will rebuild. William E. Headley will build a big stable, rigging house and blacksmith shop on Crosby Street, south of East Third.

Dr. J. P. Van Keuren has removed his offices from 312 East Broad Street where he has been located for the past two years. The well-known physician has taken possession of his handsome new residence at the northeast corner of Twenty-First Street and Providence Avenue.

William P. Lear of the firm of Lear and Worrilow, has secured a permit for the erection of a garage in which to store his automobile in the rear of his home at Park Place.

The water and pipe connections have been completed for the new houses in course of erection by J. Irvin Taylor at Thirteenth and Crosby Streets and with good weather the improvement will be advanced with much activity. The excavations have been practically finished and the stone foundations will be commenced in a few days. Residents of that locality are commenting upon the improvement that the new houses will add to the appearance and real estate value of the neighborhood.

Permits have been secured for the erection of two of the proposed ten fine homes to be built in Park Place by A. W. Thompson, the manufacturer, and the work will be under the supervision of Contractor Kerr. Bids were asked from a number of contractors and builders, but it is understood that no general contract has been awarded and that the owner will have the work done under the supervision of his superintendent. The houses will be an ornament to that section of the city and meet the requirements of mechanics and business men.

The apartment house of General Henry Clay Cochrane on Providence Avenue near Fifteenth Street is receiving the finishing touches and will be ready for occupancy in a very short time. The apartments have desirable conveniences for small families and no doubt will be in demand.

WEST END ACTIVITIES— Former Councilman William L. Deveney of the Eleventh Ward, who recently completed the erection of six modern houses on West Fourth Street, near Palmer, has broken ground for the construction of three modern dwelling houses at Sixth and Booth Streets. The houses, which will be two stories high and of brick construction, will face Sixth Street.

The basement for the new Bethany Presbyterian Sunday School building, at Sixth Street and Highland Avenue, is in readiness for the Easter Sunday services tomorrow. When the remaining portion of the Sunday school building is completed, the basement will be used for social purposes and as the headquarters of the boys' gymnasium club connected with the church.

Work is being pushed on the erection of eight modern dwellings and a large and ornate apartment building at Second and Wilson Streets for John McGlenn, proprietor of the Franklin House, 2517 West Second Street. The dwellings will be two stories high and the apartment house will be three stories in height. H. Louis Morris haws the contract. The plans and specifications were prepared by Architect James J. Farnan of the First Ward.

J. Horace Witsil, the real estate operator of Third Street below Flower, will break ground shortly for the erection of two dwelling houses on Third Street between Harwick

and Boot. Mr. Witsil has in course of erection eight houses on Flower Street above Sixth, which are rapidly nearing completion.

The foundation walls for the erection of four new houses on West Fourth Street below Palmer are about completed and if the weather conditions prove favorable the buildings will probably be completed by the middle of spring. The houses are being built by Francis J. Moore, who has also staked out plots for the erection of four houses at Fourth and Hayes Streets. Mr. Moore also received the contract this week to build three large store structures on West Third Street, below Hayes, for Captain James C. McMaster, Edward Todd and William F. Ryan, three prominent business men of the Western section of the city. Mr. Moore states that it will be the first time in twenty years that a store building measuring twenty feet front has been built on Third Street, west of Central Avenue.

Richard Wetherill of the firm of Robert Wetherill and Company has purchased the stately old Edwards' mansion at the northeast corner of Thirteenth and Potter Streets at present occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Comey, with its extensive grounds and attractive surroundings. It is understood that the purchase has been made by Mr. Wetherill as a gift to his daughter, Mrs. Bennett Y. Wilson, of this city, and that some desirable alterations and improvements are contemplated.

BUILDING PERMITS – Following are the building permits issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

Dennis Kennedy to build a one-story frame building covered with corrugated iron on West side of Franklin Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets

Nathan G. Thompson to build two two-and-a-half story brick dwellings on north side of Twenty-Third Street between Howard and Crozer Streets

B. W. Sidwell a story brick garage on west side of Chestnut Street between Thirteenth and Fourteenth Streets

E. R. Helms, Jr., to build a two-story brick dwelling on west side of Central Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Streets

E. F. Ford to build a bath room in rear of 1725 West Third Street

E. J. and A. W. Oliver to build a two-story brick dwelling on north side of Twentieth between Madison and Upland Streets

Francis Moore to build four two-story brick dwellings on north side of Fourth Street between Hayes and Wilson Streets

IN THE COUNTY – J. B. Flounders of Philadelphia has secured the contract for remodeling the home of Miss H. Walker of Wallingford. When completed the building will be of brick and plaster, three stories in height.

George D. Hewes expects that the bricklayers will finish the brick work on three houses that he is building at Linwood.

Charles S. Lee has purchased through Herkness and Stetson of Philadelphia from Edwin S. Kelly a farm of 130 acres on Edgemont Road, Edgemont Township. The seller was represented in the transaction by Frank B. Rhodes of Media. The farmhouse on the property will be remodeled into a country residence by the purchaser. Among the Philadelphians who have recently purchased farms in Edgemont Township for use as summer homes are Alexander Sellers, Jr., George B. Wilson, Jr., Harold Ellis Yarnall and Walter Rogers Furness, who has recently made a contract for a large residence on the property purchased by him.

Lewis T. Brooke and son, real estate brokers of Philadelphia have sold for Joseph S. Vetterlein his country residence, known as "Knollhurst," an about ten acres of ground at the corner of King of Prussia and Upper Gulf roads, about a mile from Radnor Station. The purchaser's name is withheld. The property adjoins Wildwood belonging to Mrs. Lillian M. Berwind; the James W. Paul estate, "Woodcrest" and the residences of John C. Bell, Charles C. Harrison and James F. Sullivan.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chester – J. Frank Black of Chester to Aberfoyle Manufactory of same place, piece of land

Aston – Atwood B. Hoskins of Aston to Charles Beaumont of same place tract of 1 acre, nom

Chester – Joseph F. Kerns of Chester to Louis Stein of same place, brick house and lot, 15 x 100 feet at northwest corner of Eighth and Caldwell Streets, \$4,475

Media – Mary E. Mattland of Media to William Taylor of same place, house and lot, 100 x 150 feet on north side of Third Street, nom

Chester – Michael Gierczyk of Chester to Philip Kokeski of same place, house and lot 14 x 63 feet on east side of Highland Avenue, \$880

Middletown and Edgmont Township – Davis Draven of Edgmont to George B. Wilson, Jr. of Philadelphia, tract of 42 19-1000 acres in Middletown, also building and tract of 42 237-1000 acres, nom

Radnor – Joseph S. Vetterlein of Philadelphia to William M. Scott of Radnor tract of 1 966-1000 acres, tract of 6 571-1000 acres, tract of 95-1000 of an acre, also tract of 1 208-1000 acres nom

Collingdale – Frank H. Benson of Collingdale to Thomas B. Brooks of Philadelphia, house and lot 36 by 140 feet, nom

Upper Darby – William S. Kinsentash of Upper Darby to Joseph Wernerowski and wife of same place, frame house and lot 80 by 268 feet, subject to \$1000, \$2250

Aston – Thomas Kelly and wife of Middletown to Samuel E. McFarland of Aston, lot 50 by 131 feet, \$225

Warwick Annex – Robert Treat Paine, Jr. of Boston to Bert B. Parker of Folcroft, lots no. 147-177, nom

Sharon Hill – C. Morgan Dahney and wife of Sharon Hill to Josephine L. Kennedy of Philadelphia, house and lot, 19 by 55 by 62 by 20 by 118 feet; subject to mortgage, nom

Radnor – William R. Nichols of Salsbury Township to Frank O'Brien of Radnor, lot 48 by 150 feet, \$500

Chester – John T. Cohen of Chester to Charles F. Kohierman of same place, lot 45 by 215 feet on north side of Sunnyside Avenue, nom

Glenolden – Del. Co. Trust Co. of Chester to John Reese of Philadelphia, two houses and lot 50 by 145 feet, \$3000

Chester – Elizabeth P. Simcox, executrix of Media to John E. Lawton of Middletown, frame house and lot 21 1-4 by 120 feet, known as 1518 Highland Terrace, subject to \$900 mortgage, \$800

William Wilson, et al of Delaware County to William F. Ryan and wife of Chester, lot 23 by 140 feet on northerly side of Third Street, \$575

Yeadon – Clara N. Wilson of Lansdowne to Jean M. Powell of Upper Darby, buildings and lot 58 by 136 feet, nom

East Lansdowne – Clifford B. Harmon of Philadelphia to Allan H. Beary of Philadelphia, lot no. 1241, \$340

Aldan – Amos W. Barnes of Philadelphia to Elbert W. Garrison of Johnstown, lot 50 by 192 feet, \$250

George W. Keyser of Aldan to P. Erwin Swartley of Philadelphia, buildings and lot 50 by 141 feet, also house and lot 50 by 140 feet, nom

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