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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Marcus Hook Scene of Greatest Activity – Four New Factories – In City and County

With the announcement that the American Viscose Company had decided to build three hundred dwellings at Marcus Hook, the prophecy dwellings at Marcus Hook, the prophecy of the Times of about three months ago, that eight hundred homes would be erected in this county this season, has been fulfilled. The past Spring and Summer has been the greatest building period in the history of the county. A large number of new residences will also be added to the Chester list before the end of the season, but this number will be comparatively small as compared to the activity of the different sections in the county.

Probably the borough that has experienced the biggest boom is that of Marcus Hook. The American Viscose Company recently erected a \$10,000 addition to its plant and is contemplating a \$100,000 one. The General Chemical Company will place a million dollar plant in this borough and the United Roofing and Construction Company will also build a plant there. Work is about completed on the new barrel factory for the Sun Oil Company in this borough. Viscose will also erect the three hundred houses here.

While building continues to manifest activity through the county the real estate market was slow during the past week. But few transfers have been reported and these have [retained mostly to the county.

Several contracts have been awarded for work in the county recently including a new school building at Crum Lynne, a \$9,000 stone church at Darby, an addition to the Lester Piano Works at Lester, an eight apartment house at Haverford, dwellings at Haverford, Lansdowne, Bryn Mawr, etc.

IN THE CITY – Edward Butler, a contractor, is excavating for the ten two-story brick dwellings that Contractor and Builder Samuel A. Hewes, has commenced on West Fourth Street has commenced on West Fourth Street between Ward and Wilson Streets. He will also lay the concrete foundations for the buildings.

They will be finished as soon as possible.

Contractor William J. Devinney of 21510 West Third Street reports having finished one of the three houses that he is building at Third and Booth Street. The other two will be completed within two weeks. Cement sidewalks are being laid. On the operation commenced by this same builder on West Fourth Street between Palmer and Ward Streets, the foundation for two of the houses were completed yesterday. The other six of this contemplated group will be started as soon as those two are underway.

John Humphries of Second and Jeffrey Streets is erecting one two-story brick residence on West Front Street just East of Jeffrey. The work has been completed as far as the second story joists.

Francis J. Moore of Marcus Hook, who is building a pair of two story brick houses on West Fourth Street between Palmer and Ward Streets, has them about ready for occupancy. He is getting ready to lay concrete sidewalks in front of them.

Wesley S. McDowell the coal and lumber merchant of 1915 West Second Street, is building a frame warehouse, two stories high, at the rear of the office building is designed to care for it, office building. He contemplates installing a full line of mill work and this building is designed to care for it, work has just been started and has progressed as far as the laying of the first floor joists.

Martin J. Dwyer of 1802 West Third Street is progressing nicely, with the work on the two two-story brick houses on West Second Street near Reaney. They will be complete within a few weeks.

Six houses on West Eighth Street between Pusey and Lloyd Streets, which have been unoccupied for a long time, are to receive a general renovation at the hand of the owner and placed in a good condition for occupancy.

James W. Longbotham, the Sixth ward alderman and real estate owner, has improved his property and that of his sister at Franklin and Union Streets by laying new concrete curb. The work was done by the Dickerson Paving Company.

The flag pole which has surmounted the Franklin public school on Franklin Street above Third for a score of years has been taken down by Frederick Brooks and removed to his shop at Parker and Mary Streets. The building will be torn down shortly and the pole is in good condition and can be used elsewhere.

Contractor Amos Sheaf is pushing along the erection of the stable for F. Brooks McBride in the rear of his proposed confectionery store and residence at Third and Lloyd Streets and the building will soon be ready for the roof. The operation of excavating the rock for the foundation walls of the main building continues and a number of men are employed in taking out the rock, which has delayed the building operation for weeks. Sufficient rock has been blasted and taken from this small-sized quarry to lay the foundation walls for a score of dwelling houses.

Samuel R. Bell's eight new houses on Lloyd Street, between Second and Third Street, are nearing the finishing point. All are under roof and the carpenter's and plasterers are busy on the interior work and the porches and kitchens. The houses will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

Lake B. Salmon's new concrete houses at Third and Pusey Streets are fast nearing completion and they are now in the hands of the plasterers and carpenters. They looked a little rough at first, but are gradually assuming a more attractive appearance.

Rees and Maloy's new coal pocket at Fifth and Ulrich Streets which is nearly completed, and has attracted much attention since a description of it appeared in the Times. It is the first one of its kind in this city and county and in a most substantial and desirable improvement.

William E. Cross the Edgmont Avenue jeweler, is having the dwelling he recently purchased on Twentieth Street extensively remodeled. When the improvements under way are completed the house will be one of the most ornate residences in that section of the city.

John Alloways has had cement steps constructed on the terrace in front of the new porch which was recently added to his residence on Edgmont Avenue near Tenth Street.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building Inspection Terryl T. Williams issued the following permits during the past week:

Dr. Amy White to build a brick garage in the rear of 809 Madison Street

Wesley J. McDowell to build a lumber shed in the rear of his office building at 1915 West Second Street

H.C. Cochrane for a three-story brick and stone house on the west side of Providence venue between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Street

IN THE COUNTY – The contract has been awarded for the new stone school building to be erected by the East Lansdowne Board of Education at that place. James F.

Ingram, a contractor of Lansdowne, was the successful bidder. The building is to be two stories in height with a shingle roof, electric light and steam heat. W.W. Cochrane of East Lansdowne was the architect.

The contract for the new \$9,000 church to be erected at Darby for the Darby Protestant Episcopal Church, has been awarded to Worrell and Waters, contractors of Rosemont. The building is to be of stone, one and a half stories high, 80 by 30 feet with a slate roof, electric light and steam heat. George Natress and Sons of Philadelphia were the architects.

T.F. Manley, Clifton Heights contractor, has secured the contract for the erection of a residence for the erection of a residence for Miss M. Mayer in that borough. The dwelling is to be of frame, two and a half stories in height, 43 by 36 feet with a shingle roof, hot water heat and electric light. The plans for the structure were prepared by Bailey and Bassett of Philadelphia.

The Lester Piano Company of Lester have awarded the contract for the erection of an addition to their factor to P.J. Hurley of Philadelphia. The building is to be of brick, 36 by 28 feet, one story high with a slag roof and equipped with electric light. Ballinger and Perrott were the architects.

Haverford is to have an apartment house and the contract for its erection has been awarded Metgar and Wells contractors of Philadelphia who will take sub bids in about two weeks. McIlvain and Company of Philadelphia are the owners. The building is to be of stone, three stories high, is to have eight apartments to be roofed with tile and equipped with steam heat and electric lights. The floors will be hardwood. The plans were prepared by McIlvain and Roberts of Philadelphia.

Contractor M. Hatch of Bryn Mawr has secured the contract for alterations and an addition to the residence of E.C. Poulney of Haverford at that place. The improvement is to be of stone and timber, two and a half stories in height. Bissell and Sinkler prepared the plans.

It was announced by the American Viscose Company of Marcus Hook, during the past week, that it would erect a \$100,000 addition to its plant as well as three hundred dwellings for its employees. The new mill building will be a duplicate of the present wing 400 by 120 feet, one story high of brick mill construction and fire proof.

Foundations for four of the fifteen corrugated iron and brick buildings, which the General Chemical Company is erecting on a site recently purchased by them just below Marcus Hook, have been laid. A million dollar plan will be established at this point by this company the work is to be completed about the middle of November.

Workmen have staked off a factory building and a power house for the United Roofing and Construction Company, which will establish a plant at Marcus Hook. The main building is to be 250 by 200 feet, two stories, and the power house 50 by 40 feet, one story high.

The Sun Company is building a barrel factory at Marcus Hook, comprising four buildings and one kiln at an approximate cost of \$25,000. The main building is 150 by 50 feet with a wing 90 by 70 feet. The construction of all is brick and structural iron. They will be fire proof. The Sun Company is also erecting a large building at its plant in Marcus Hook, some distance from the new barrel works. This is to be 160 by 110 feet, one story of brick. It is to cost \$10,000.

The Bryn Mawr College will erect an infirmary on its premises at that place. The structure will be a plaster one, three stories high, with a canvas roof and will be equipped with electric light, steam heat, etc. It will be 90 feet by 96 feet. Bids are now due. Philadelphia architects prepared the plans.

Several Delaware county contractors are bidding on the work for the building of a new school house at Crum Lynne. The building is to be of brick, two stories in height, 60 by 34 feet, with a slate roof, hot air heating, electric light, etc. The architects S and P A. Davis of Philadelphia, are taking bids due July 29. The local men are: John Maag of Woodlyn; Allison Taney of Woodlyn; Nolan Brothers of Chester; P.W. Grover of Morton; and J. Buchanan of Ridley Park.

Solomon Hoffman the contractor and builder of Leiperville, has completed the ten dwellings that he was building on Holland Street, Leiperville. Five of the houses, which are two stories high and of brick, are occupied and the other five are rented.

Arthur E. Garwood will erect a dwelling on the north side of Lanerch Road, Haverford Township. E. Oscar Lobb of Haverford Township is the contractor. An agreement stipulating against mechanics' liens was filed yesterday in the office of the Prothonotary. No price is named in the agreement.

Six two-story dwellings will be erected by John Nace of Philadelphia at Stratford and Highland Avenue, Lansdowne. The contract has been awarded to The Haney White Company of Philadelphia. An agreement stipulating against mechanics liens was filed yesterday in the office of the Prothonotary.

Mrs. Howard E. Mitchell has bought a two-acre tract overlooking the new golf course of the Merion Cricket Club from the Haverford Development Company and is having plans prepared by Horace Trumbauer for a handsome country home. The price was not disclosed but land in this neighborhood is held firmly at \$1000 an acre.

The tract adjoins four acres sold recently by the same company to Granville D. Montgomery and two acres sold by it to Boyd Lee Spahr.

Charles S. Walton of Philadelphia is contemplating the erection of a \$100,000 residence at St. David's Pa., which is near the Delaware County line. The building is to be of stone, two and a half stories high, 125 by 60 feet with a tile roof, electric light, hardwood floors and atmospheric heating. The architects, D.K. Boyd of Philadelphia is taking bids, which are due July 20. Several big contracting firms are figuring.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS -

Brookline - George A. Dailey of Upper Darby to the School District of Haverford Township, lots no. 51, 52 - \$900

Midland Realty Co. of Philadelphia to The School District of Haverford Township, lots no. 1 to 14 inclusive and 20 to 50 inclusive - \$9580

Drexel Heights - William H. Brew and wife of Philadelphia to Bruce Bain of same place, lots no. 661, 662 - \$400

Drexel Hill - Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Clarence A.R. Dickson of same place, lots 41, 42, 43 - \$1575

Ridley Park - Henry W. Avise and wife of Ridley Park to Richard S. Pomeroy of same place, lot 105 by 125 feet - \$1950

Chester - Thomas H. Collins of Chester to Frank E. Benton of same place, brick house and lot 13 by 140 feet on south side of Ninth Street - \$2100

Harry W. Kane of Chester to Eugene S. McCartney of same place, brick house and lot 25 by 100 feet on Northerly side of Eighth Street - \$3800

Highland Park – Chauncey A. Coventry of Philadelphia to Thomas Sipple of Darby Borough, lot no. 545 - \$300

Rutledge – William H. Beerhatter of Anderson, Indiana to Charles W. Davis of Rutledge, lot 40 by 150 feet - \$225

Penfield – Suburbs Holding Company of Penna to Selden Smith of Philadelphia, lots no. 411 and 703- \$840

Swarthmore – Charles F. MacCullen of Ridley Township to Caroline Clarke of Philadelphia, building and lot 100 by 175 feet - \$3000

Marcus Hook – W.S. Blake McClenachan of Trainer to Mary E. Obery of Marcus Hook, brick house and lot, 50 by 110 feet - \$2350

Media – Roberta M. Ashburner of Forest Hill, Long Island to Howard W. Besler and wife of Philadelphia, house and lot 35 by 90 feet on northeast corner of Franklin Street and South Avenue – Nom.

Yeadon – Edward Brangan of Yeadon to Mary E. Geyer of Philadelphia, house and lot 60 by 223 1-2 feet - \$4000

Swarthmore – George W. Ireland and wife of Swarthmore to R. Elsie L. Neal of Philadelphia, buildings and lot 80 by 160 feet, subject to \$5000 in mortgages – Nom.

Chester – Margaret C. Nolan, ext., of Chester to John P. Nolan of same place, frame house and lot 15 by 20 feet, being 722 Upland Street - \$1020

Colwyn – Mary S. Donohue of Philadelphia to Mary J. Boyer of Colwyn, frame house, stable and lot 35 by 125 feet, subject to \$2500 mortgage – Nom.

Eddystone – Nelle Seidel of Harrisburg to Edith Whitman of Trenton, two brick houses and lot 30 by 85 feet, also brick house and lot 20 by 85 feet, subject to \$5700 in mortgages – Nom.

Beechwood – John H. Storer of Waltham to Xanthus S. VanHorn and wife of Philadelphia, lots No. 375 and 376 - \$550

Radnor – G. Brinton Roberts, et al., trustees of Pal to Herbert L. Clark of Philadelphia, buildings and tract of 113 561-1000 acres \$113,661

Springfield – Wilbur Ackley and wife of Brooklyn to James Ward and wife of Springfield, buildings and tract of 43,442 square feet - \$2000

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company of Chester to William T. Buck of same place, brickhouse and lot 20 by 140 feet on westerly side of Highland Avenue - \$2600

Eddystone – Mabel R. Hewes of Chester to Thomas E. McKinley and wife of Eddystone, two brick houses and lot 32 by 100 - \$3600

East Lansdowne – Leopold Hauf and wife of East Lansdowne to Markley K. Reese of Philadelphia, lot 50 by 120 feet - \$3500

Darby Borough – William J. Haggerty of Philadelphia to Ada Christie of same place, house and lot 15 by 105 feet, subject to \$2300 in mortgages – Nom

Brookline – Minland Realty Company of Pa. to James J. Malen of Philadelphia, lots no. 3 and 9 - \$520

Midland Realty Company of Pa. to Edward P. Rife of Philadelphia, lot nos. 14, 16, 3 - \$720

Moylan – William S. McIntire of Moylan Park to Anne M. Wamsley of Philadelphia, lot 100 by 275 feet - \$1500

Swarthmore – Horace K. Walton of Ward to Mabel K. Chaffee of Swarthmore
brick and frame house and lot 60 by 140 feet - \$5200

Leiperville – J. Parry Lukens of Ridley Township to Thomas Tizzano and wife of
same place, two frame houses and lot 44 by 125 feet - \$3235

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION