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MORE HOUSES TO BE BUILT – Numerous Operations Reported for Chester and Delaware County – Activity Less Pronounced Here

A number of building operations have been reported in Chester during the next few days including four new dwellings, an apartment house, and a pump house. It is also reported that several new dwellings will be built in the neighborhood of Seventh and Deshong Streets.

Contracts have been awarded for a number of residences and garages in the county and a new telephone exchange at Swarthmore. Bids are being received on a residence at Lansdowne and one at Cynwyd. The plans for the \$50,000 public school house at Llanerch are being revised. This building is to be of stone two stories high. It is also reported that McMulin and Hirst of Philadelphia have sold the Dennis Nunan property in Haverford Township for \$40,000. A sale involving \$11,000 has been made near Villanova. Reports indicate that nearly 100 houses will be erected in the county, exclusive of Chester this spring.

Work has been progressing finely on the operations underway in both city and county during the past week because of the favorable weather conditions. There are many building projects now being developed, which include a post office annex, telephone exchange, school houses, lockup, factories, pump houses, wharves, bridges, dwellings, a club house, garages, stables, etc.

IN THE CITY – General Henry Clay Cochrane of the Third Ward will erect a three-story apartment house of brick on the north side of Rural Avenue at the head of Highland Terrace. It will be 25 feet, 6 inches by 68 feet and will be modern in detail.

H. Taylor will build four fine two-story brick dwellings on the west side of Kerlin Street between Tenth and Eleventh Streets. These houses, together with those recently built in that neighborhood, are increasing realty values in that section, which is bound to grow.

The Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company will build a one-story brick building to be used as a pump house at its Highland Avenue plant. The building, which will be of brick, 22 by 20 feet, will be situated on the east side of Highland Avenue between Delaware Avenue and the Delaware River.

Workmen are now roofing the post office annex at Fifth and Welsh Streets. Contractor John W. Emery of Philadelphia has until September to complete the contract and will, probably, have the alterations and addition complete by that time. The work is to cost about \$35,000.

The I. Irvin Taylor store and apartment building at Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenue is now under roof. Simon Bruner, who is building six two-story brick dwellings on Bent Street at Market, and Albert Wunderlich, who is building seven at Wunderlich Place, have their operations under roof.

Michael Monaghan of Philadelphia, who has the contract for the concrete work at the \$30,000 by-products house for John J. Buckley and Company, of 16, 18, 20 and 22 West Second Street, has the pillars and floors set and is building the forms for the roof, which will also be of concrete.

The Consumers Ice and Coal Company will build two overhead coal tramways and an elevated railroad track in its yards along the Delaware riverfront. The plans of this improvement were given in detail in yesterday's issue of the Chester Times.

Work has about been completed on the new \$35,000 beef house for Swift and Company at 15, 17, 19 and 21 East Second Street. The greater part of the work on the wharf and coal conveyancer system of the Beacon Light Company has been completed. The finishing touches are now being added. The company hopes to unload coal at these wharves within a week or ten days.

WEST END OPERATIONS – Contractor Francis Moore is putting the finishing touches to two of the four new houses he is building on West Fourth Street below Palmer. The foundation walls of the four houses he will erect at Fourth and Hayes Streets are completed. Mr. Moore will begin the work of laying foundations for the store building and dwellings he has received the contract to erect on west Third Street, below Hayes next Tuesday. The buildings will be constructed for Edward Todd and William F. Ryan, well known business men of the Eleventh Ward. Next Wednesday Mr. Moore will begin the work of making excavations for five houses to be built on West Third Street between Fulton and Franklin Streets for the German Catholic Beneficial Society.

The American Steel Foundries is having a new stable and storage house erected at Fifth and Booth Streets to replace the building that was destroyed by fire several months ago. The new structure will be two stories high and covered with corrugated iron. The foundation walls are being laid for the structure.

The seven new houses being built by Contractor Samuel A. Hewes on West Third Street, below Townsend, have now reached the second story. The new dwellings will be graced with ornate front porches and when completed will add greatly to the architectural appearance of that locality.

Work is being rapidly pushed on the eight dwelling houses and large apartment house at Second and Wilson Streets. The buildings are being erected by John J. McGlinn, of the West End. Five of the houses are being constructed by Lee and Lamb and the remaining three houses and apartment house are being constructed by Contractor H. Louis Morris. These buildings will be equipped with all modern conveniences.

At the end of next week Contractor H. Louis Morris expects to have the new Franklin School under roof. The South side of the structure has already been completed and the supporting beams are in position for the north side. Plasterers are busy at work on the inside and the bricklayers have completed their portion of the work.

Samuel Bell is making rapid progress with the live two-story houses which he is erecting at Fifth and Lloyd Streets. Houses in that location seem to be much sought after as the squares recently finished have all been occupied.

Contractor William J. Wisner has a lot of spring building on hand. Mr. Wisner is building two houses at 812-14 West Third Street. He has them completed as far as the cellar and the bricklayers are at work. He is also constructing a 12 by 13 foot garage for Samuel Chadwick the auto body builder at Third and Fulton Streets, a garage for Wesley S. Gray, at Third and Penn streets, and making alterations to the drug store of Thomas S. Slattery.

The West End Boat Club's clubhouse is rapidly being completed under William Ward, the contractor, and that building will soon be thrown open to the use of the members. The house is more spacious than the old structure and will fully accommodate the many new members which the club has received this spring.

BUILDING PERMITS – The following building permits have been issued during the past week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

H. Taylor to build four two-story dwellings on the west side of Kerlin Street between Tenth and Eleventh Streets

N. G. Thompson to build two two-and-a-half stories high, brick dwellings on north side of Twenty-Third Street, between Howard and Crozer Street

H. C. Cochrane to build a three-story brick apartment house on north side of Rural Avenue at the head of Highland Terrace

Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company to build a one-story brick building on east side of Highland Avenue between Delaware Avenue and the Delaware River

IN THE COUNTY – J. F. Thompson of Philadelphia was the successful bidder on the building of the new club house for the Lower Merion Realty Company at Cynwyd. The structure is to be of plaster and hollow tile, two stories in height, 26 by 129 feet, with shingle roof, electric lighting and hot water heating.

The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania has awarded the contract for a new exchange at Swarthmore to F. W. Vanloon of Philadelphia. The building is to be of brick with terra cotta and limestone trimmings, 26 by 41 feet, with slate roof, electric lighting and steam heating.

Frederick W. Sinclair of Philadelphia was awarded the contract for the erection of his new home at Ridley Part to the Pomeroy Construction Company of Philadelphia. The dwelling is to be of brick, two-and-a-half stories in height, 43 by 23 feet with a shingle roof, electric lighting and hot water heating.

The Pomeroy Construction Company has also secured the contract for the building of a residence for E. Roberts Hall of Philadelphia at Ridley Park. The house is to be of brick and plaster, two-and-a-half stories in height, 30 by 40 feet, with a shingle roof, hot water heating, and electric light.

Three Lansdowne contractors are among those bidding for the work on a new residence that F. W. Layre of that borough will build. The dwelling will be of stone and plaster, two-and-a-half stories in height, 32 by 56 feet with a slate or tile roof, hard wood floors, electric light and hot water heat.

Bids will be received within the next week for the erection of a new residence at Cynwyd for Walter Bassett Smith of Wynnewood. The structure is to be of stone and timber, two-and-a-half stories high with hot water heating, electric lighting and hardwood floors.

Contractor Samuel A. Hewes of Chester has the foundation completed on six of the fourteen dwellings that he is building at Eddystone. Excavations are being made for six or eight more cellars.

Solomon Hoffman has the brickwork completed on four of the houses that he is building on Holland Street, Leiperville. The foundations have been completed for two additional ones.

Highland Park in Upper Darby Township is one of the places in the county where much building is being done at this time. Houses are bobbing up in every section of this beautiful town which is purely a residential section. Contractor George Collins is building a bungalow on Cedar Avenue, near the West Chester Pike for Thomas Fitzgerald of Philadelphia at a cost of \$3500. Mr. Collins is also building a bungalow for Thomas Sheerett on Bryn Mawr Avenue for \$5000. A bungalow is being built by Mr. Collins at

Observatory Hill for Mrs. James Alburger for \$300. Mr. Collins recently sold the Elmer Compton property at Kirklyn to Mr. Russell of Philadelphia for \$4400.

Jordan Brothers, builders of Clifton Heights, are putting up a fine three-story brick house for James Galvan in Oakview which will be one of the prettiest houses in that place. The price is \$3500. This same firm has been awarded the contract to build two brick houses on Maple Terrace, Clifton Heights for Mrs. Teresa Murphy and Mrs. Mary Murphy of Fernwood. Real estate Broker Arthur F. Blake sold the property to these two women about a week ago.

LANSDOWNE'S NEW CHURCH – With a movement on for the erection of a handsome new church building for the Lansdowne Presbyterian Church, arrangements already under way for building many new dwellings, and many other improvements under way or in contemplation. Lansdowne, one of the prettiest of the Delaware County boroughs. It is expected that at least sixty dwellings will be erected this season.

In addition to all these improvements, a new borough lockup is to be built in the rear of the present town hall. It will be a brick and concrete after plans prepared by Bunting and Shrigley, architects of Philadelphia. The members of the Lansdowne Presbyterian Church have been agitating the movement for the erection of a church for nearly two years, and now definite steps are to be taken to that end.

A committee of six has been appointed to cooperate with the pastor, Rev. William Boy in obtaining suitable plans. There is a fund of \$10,200 on hand in cash, and in addition to this, \$7100 has been subscribed making a total of \$17,300 available as a building nucleus. It is expected that the new church will be erected within a year.

In the same borough, Lansdowne, a \$27,000 building operation will be commenced by Wm. C. Shuster, also of that borough, who will build six handsome two-and-a-half story dwellings on Stewart Avenue. These houses will contain eight rooms and will be detached and will have lawns in front and back. The cots will be \$4500 each. George Riley, also of Lansdowne, is erecting a number of houses in the same borough.

At Collingdale James B. Campbell is receiving sub bids on the ten houses to be built on Amosland Road and Ashland Avenue, Holmes. The proposed new \$75,000 school building for Media is now a certainty, the voters of the borough having confirmed the loan for the amount and for that purpose, at a special election this week. As yet the School Board has made no plans for the building, but will begin to take up the matter within a short time.

Activity both in the building line and in the realty mart, continues at Marcus Hook, as usual. George F. Johnson of that borough, has purchased a piece of ground having a frontage of 200 feet from Lewis Myers. Work has started on the several buildings for the United Roofing Company. The contract was awarded to the Lindsay Company of Marcus Hook. The buildings are to be rushed to completion.

At Upland the residence of Edward Crozer who has been residing in Georgia for several years, has been sold. Eddystone, if rumors are to be believed, is on the verge of a big building boom. It is said that one of the largest plots of undeveloped land in the village has been sold and that streets are to be cut through and many new dwellings be erected. Albert Doherty of Saville Avenue, has awarded the contract to Samuel A. Hewes of Chester for the erection of two modern dwellings on the corner of Ninth Street and Saville Avenue. The work will be started at once.

In Darby the old stone house on the Holy Cross farm, an old landmark, is to be torn down to make room for the enlargement of the cemetery.

Real estate men in Delaware County are much interested in the petition and appeal made by Edgar T. Scott of Darby, filed by his attorney, L. L. Smith, stating that he appealed from the assessment made in 1910, when the court fixed the assessment at \$132,000. This year the assessment was fixed by the assessor at \$190,000 and the Board of Revision refused to alter this value. The property consist of a palatial dwelling without buildings and forty acres. In Colwyn one of the new houses erected by Julius Nelson has been sold by Swope and Sons to House Sergeant Samuel Stephens of the Sixty-fifty Street and Woodland Avenue station house, Philadelphia, who will retire on the pension next May 1.

According to the transfer which was recorded recently, the tract of land at Eleventh and Main Streets, Darby, having a frontage of 219 feet on Main Street and a depth of 300 feet on Eleventh Street, on which a new Catholic Church will be erected was sold for \$10,000.

In Essington, Frank Demike is about to erect a dwelling on a site which he recently purchased. The Lester Piano Company, in the same borough is having a number of additional buildings erected at its plant. Rowland Litzenburg of Lima, will erect a handsome dwelling at that place. Charles Vernon is also erecting several new houses in the same place on Baltimore Pike.

William H. Wilson and Company, Philadelphia suburban real estate brokers, have sold for the estate of John H. Converse, to a purchaser whose name is withheld a tract of about two acres at the corner of Montgomery and Han Avenues, between Rosemont and Villanova. The ground has frontages of 200 feet on Montgomery Avenue and 420 on Ithan Avenue and was held at \$11,000. Plans are being prepared by Charles Barton Keen, architect for a residence and garage to be built on the ground.

Pomeroy Construction Company are estimating on plans for a garage to be built at St. David's for Nathan Haywood. James Purden is the architect.

A. B. Gull, Philadelphia is preparing plans for an extension, alterations and addition to parsonage for Maple Presbyterian Church at Broomall, Pa.

W. W. Lindsay has been awarded a contract for a one-story factory building to be built at Marcus Hook for the United Roofing and Manufacturing Company.

The tract of land at Boothwyn known as the Bergdoll Estate, comprising between two and three hundred acres, has been sold within the past few days to a company of men headed by Pennington and Paul, and plans are being formulated by which there will be a whirlwind campaign of advertising and the ground placed on the market.

Mrs. Mary Sajewski is planning the erection of a number of dwellings on the ground she recently purchased at the corner of Chester Pike and Saville Avenue, Eddystone.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Darby Boro – Charles M. North of Philadelphia to Thomas J. Quinn of Darby Boro, two houses and lot 54 x 65 feet, subject to \$300 in mortgages, nominal

Nellie Quinn of Darby to James W. MacNeill and wife of Philadelphia, brick houses and lot, 40 x 90 feet, subject to \$2400 in mortgages, nominal

Chester – James C. Beaumont of Chester to Kingsley Montgomery of same place, house and lot, 13 1-2 by 120 feet at southeast corner of Seventh and Lincoln Streets, \$1500

Albert A. Lee of Chester to Josiah H. Smith of same place, frame house and lot, 18 x 105 feet on southerly side of Eleventh Street, \$1350

Upper Darby – George W. Statzell of Upper Darby to Elizabeth Barney of same place, buildings and lot 50 x 109 feet, \$4300

Thornbury – Henry G. Hurbock of Thornbury to Harry B. Courier of Lansdowne, buildings and tract of 6 acres, 1 96-100 perches, tract of 5 acres, \$6200

East Lansdowne – Thomas Fitzgerald of Yeadon to Ira Lowther of Atlantic City, lot 25 x 100 feet, \$600

Edgmont – Edwin Kelly of Chester to Charles S. Lee of Phila. house and tract of 126 acres 54 square perches, nominal

Brookline – Paul Kuntzman of Brookline to Midland Realty Co. of Pa. lot 50 by 138 feet, \$700

Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to Paul Kuntzman of Brookline, lot 50 by 125 feet, \$780

Upper Darby – Irving M. Tuthill of Oakland, Oregon to Michael J. Costa of Philadelphia, buildings and tract of 1 acre, subject to \$2500, mortgage, nominal

Chester – Joshua C. Taylor of Chester to John Meehan and wife of same place, both house and lot 12 2-3 by 56 feet on East side of Central Avenue being 313 Central Avenue, \$1,100

Lansdowne Heights – Patrick Mahoney of Upper Darby to R. Hall of Anderson, lot nos. 1171-1172-1173-1218-1219-1220, \$2700

Brookline – Midland Realty Company of Pennsylvania to Edwin S. Eager of Philadelphia, lot no. 18, \$270

Brookline – Midland Realty Company of Pennsylvania to Anna L. Hart of Philadelphia, lot no. 31, \$440

Brookline – Midland Realty Company of Pennsylvania to William Gibson of Philadelphia, lot no. 18, \$310

Ridley Park – George C. Heizer of Ridley Park to Richard S. Pomeroy, lot 52 x 125 feet, \$800

East Lansdowne – Robert Williams of East Lansdowne to Margaret A. Muller of Philadelphia, lot nos. 933-934-935, \$2100

Ridley Park – Evelyn DuPont of Greenville to Ellwood J. Turner of Ridley Park, buildings and lot 125 by 315 feet, nominal

St. David – G. Brinton Roberts, et al, executors to Charles F. Cox of Bridgeton, improvements and tract of 2,343 acres, \$8500

Chester – John McKim of Prospect Park to Alice Turner of Chester, frame house and lot 15 by 90 feet, on south side of Eighteenth Street, \$600

Franklin Rumford of Norwich to Phoebe A. Reed of Chester, buildings and lot 34 by 46 feet on Providence Street, \$1800

East Lansdowne – Frank A. Fitzgerald of Atlantic City to Thomas Fitzgerald of Yeadon, buildings and lot nos. 263, 264, \$1900

Hannah A. Fitzgerald of Atlantic City to Hannah Duffy of Lansdowne, lot nos. 490, 491, \$1,000

Brookline – Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to Thomas J. Henderson of Philadelphia, lot nos. 11, 12, \$650

Colwyn – Julius Nelson of Sharon Hill to Samuel G. Stephens and Wife of Philadelphia, brick house and lot 19 1-4 by 100 feet, \$1,000

Haverford – Sarah McConnaghy of Haverford to Joseph L. Cunningham of Upper Darby, lot 105 by 225 feet, \$1350

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