

CHESTER TIMES – LAND PRICES INCREASING – Brokers and Real Estate Men anticipate Busy Season in Main Line Realty

There can be no question that the owners of land along the Main Line of the Pennsylvania Railroad in this county and the adjoining counties are fortunate. No property in this or other counties of the State has jumped into money so rapidly as that which parallels and is adjacent to the rails in the eastern section of the county has been given additional value by the location of the Philadelphia and Western Railroad and the splendid service given by the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Co. trolley cars. Men posted on land values and the causes leading up to the increases attributed the enhanced price paid for land above referred to the fine transportation facilities furnished by the two railroads and the trolley lines.

FOURTEEN NEW HOUSES – It was made known this week that the Chester Realty and Construction Co. is contemplating the erection of fourteen up-to-date dwellings in this city. These houses, according to the advanced building news given out are to be constructed of brick, two stories high and will have a dimension off 25 by 35 feet each. The houses are to have slag and slate roofs, hot water heating, electric lights. Plans for E. Allen Wilson of Philadelphia, and the owners will be ready to take sub bids for the work in the near future.

Lindsay and Moorehouse of Media, have been awarded the contract for the erection of a new residence of Dr. C. F. Janney of Media. The house will be one and one-half stories high, 36 by 50 feet, and will be built of hollow tile and plaster, slate roof, electric lighting and hot water heating.

NEW \$9000 RECTORY – J. McKenna & Sons of Philadelphia have been awarded to contract for the construction of a new \$9000 rectory at Newtown Square for Father Maguire of the Roman Catholic Church. It is to be of stone two and one-half stories high, 82 by 36 feet, slate roof, hot water heating, and electric lights. Work will be started at once and the contract calls for the connection of this handsome church building before the cold weather comes in the fall.

COUNTY SEAT OPERATIONS – While every builder, in and around Media is busy, and some so busy that they cannot keep up with the work they have on hand, there is little new work being started in that section of the county, and one builder declared last evening that if something does not get going shortly the building trades will be extremely slack in and around Media by the middle of June. The work being done now is the usual spring jobbing and the unusual thing about it is that there is much more than the usual amount of much more than the usual amount of it to do. This condition may continue, but the outlook is not bright.

A. L. and E. E. Flounders are building an addition to the house on the Frank Butterworth farm, which is better known in the county as the old Walker place.

J. W. Worrilow is putting a new roof with new dormer windows on the Dr. Wyley Thomas home on Providence Road near Wallingford.

George Williamson is making some extensive alterations to the house on the old Catlin place in Middletown Township, which was recently purchased by George Richards of Philadelphia. The place contains about an acre and was sold for \$22,500.

SOME CITY OPERATIONS – The two frame buildings adjoining the Franklin School on Concord Avenue on the south side are being torn down and with their demolition, the completion of the school grounds will be accomplished.

The walls for the eight dwellings being erected on west Seventh Street, near Pusey, have been set in place and the roots will be on in a short while. The houses are being built for James Shropshire.

George Hewes is making rapid progress with his two dwellings on Lincoln Street, above Seventh. Their completion is a matter of a few weeks.

The second story of the Fulton garage at Second and Fulton Streets has been started and the roof will be put on this week. The second floor will be used as living quarters, while the entire lower floor, which is 150 feet long, will be divided into a machine shop and sales room. This garage will be one of the largest in the city as it will occupy half the square between second and Third Street and Fulton.

The row of houses being erected next street bridge, are almost completed and will be ready for occupancy in a short while. Most of the houses have been asked for already by prospective tenants. J. Irvin Taylor is the builder.

William Marker has the foundations set for his new stores and apartments on West Third Street below the bridge. The recent rains seriously handicapped the excavation work, as a force of workmen were obliged to spend all of Monday in pumping out the accumulated waste water in the cellars.

WEST END OPERATIONS – Contractor Frank Moore has secured the contract for the erection of eight two-story brick dwellings to be built on Ward Street near Fourth.

Contractor H. B. Hughes has completed the laying of the concrete pavement in front of the Charles Rosenberg store property, at Third and Hayes Streets. The work included over 2000 square feet of the cement surfacing.

The pavement for the Geddes store property, Fifth Street and Highland Avenue, which is being laid by Contractor H. B. Hughes, is about completed. The new sidewalk will be of concrete.

Contractor Butler has completed a fine concrete walk and concrete steps for Alderman Hold of the Tenth Ward, around his property at 2330 West Third Street.

S. B. Pennington has about completed the foundation digging for two of the four new houses which he will erect on Fourth Street near Highland Avenue.

The Blumberg store, 2714 West Second Street, will soon be ready for occupancy. This building collapsed several weeks ago and has been reconstructed. The new structure is a fine one, and is modern in almost every detail.

The site of the pattern shop of the Federal Steel Castings Company's pattern shop at Reaney Street and Delaware Avenue, which was burned on Saturday last, has been cleared in preparation for the erection of a temporary building for the storing of patterns and plans.

The work of tearing down the old plant of the Tidewater Steel Company at the foot of Hayes Street, recently purchased by the Richard DeCou Co. of Philadelphia, is progressing slowly. An inventory of the pieces and stock on the ground is being made under the direction of a trained accountant.

NEW WORK GOING ON – J. Irvin Taylor is making rapid progress on the new store building at Sixth and New Market Streets. Bricklayers have finished the first story, and will commence operations on the second story the early part of the week, as the carpenters are now waylaid the second floor joists. The building, when completed, will be occupied by Nothnagle and Roser and will be an ideal one for their business.

The new front being erected to the store of Carl A. Doubet, the jeweler at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue, is nearing completion. Nolan Brothers, the contractors, are pushing the work rapidly, and if the weather permits the new front will be completed the early part of next week.

The brick addition to the Schlosbon garage at Fourth and Hinkson Streets, is nearly completed and the carpenters will finish up the latter part of the week. The work is being done by Contractor Morris Plumley, who has a large force of men at work in order to have it finished at the specified time.

Stonemasons are building the foundation for the house at Sixth Street and Morton Avenue, for a Philadelphia party, who will open up a first-class barber shop. The carpenter work is under the supervision of Contractor Harry J. Krotee, who has a force of men ready to lay the first-story joists.

The improvements to the Welsh building at Seventh and Potter Streets, have been completed with the exception of a few minor details, which Contractor William Ward is attending to, and will complete in the course of a few days. The building is now occupied by the owner, Thomas J. Welsh, who moved from the store adjoining.

The cellar for the bungalow being erected by Harry J. Krotee for James Beaumont, the local roofer, at Eighteenth and Hyatt Streets, has been excavated, and stone masons will begin to lay the foundations the early part of the week, providing the weather permits. The building, when completed, will be one of the prettiest bungalows in Delaware County.

Frazer Brothers have about completed the house for John Hanna at Fifteenth and Walnut Streets. The house is modern in every way.

Contractor David Christy has broken ground for two brick dwellings at Twenty-Third and Madison Streets. The houses will be modern in every manner, and when completed will be a vast improvement to the neighborhood.

Contractor William Provost is rapidly pushing the work on the Wetherill houses, one at Fourteenth and Potter Streets, and the other at Twenty-First and Chestnut Streets. The houses when completed will be among the most attractive residences in the city.

Contractor William Ward is rapidly finishing the work on the houses at Twenty-Third Street and Edgmont Avenue. Carpenters are at present finishing the interior, and they will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks.

The corrugated iron warehouse being erected for the Huston Manufacturing Company at Green and Caldwell Streets is nearing completion. The building which is temporary, will be used for the storage of materials.

Work has been started on the corrugated iron building at the Aberfoyle manufacturing plant. The building, which will be one of the largest of its kind, will be used for the storage of cloth.

The Ingram garage at Welsh and Eighth Streets is completed and will be ready for use in the course of a few days. It will be used to store goods in and also to keep a large motor truck in, which the owner contemplates purchasing in the near future.

Thomas Birch will have his two new houses on Thirteenth and Crosby Streets completed in a short while, as the carpenters and bricklayers are rapidly pushing the work.

Carpenters and painters have finished the work on the large frame house at 1428 Edgmont Avenue, which was recently renovated. The improvements consist of several new rooms on the second floor made possible by shortening the rooms, which were formerly on that floor, and a new back addition.

Contractor Riley is making a number of improvements to the store at 1009 Edgmont Avenue. A new front, will be placed in the building.

Carpenters have about completed the work on the house at 604 East Eighth Street for Ralph Quintin, and the house is now laid out on a more modern scale. A new brick addition has been added to the rear of the building and the side wall has been cemented.

The Bossard store on Market Street which is in the hands of Contractor which is in the hands of Contractor Amos Sheaff, will be completed in a few days. A new front has been erected, and all new fixtures placed in the building, which will add much to the beauty of the popular confectionery store.

Carpenters are making a number of repairs to the garage at the rear of the home at Thirteenth and Chestnut Streets.

Frank Repetto is having a number of repairs made to his stores on Welsh Street. The buildings are in the hands of painters, who will complete their work in a few days.

Stone masons have about completed the foundations for the store and dwelling on East Seventh Street, adjoining the Imperial Hotel. The building will be occupied by James Carello, who will conduct a first-class restaurant when the buildings are completed.

FEW BUILDING PERMITS – Two permits for new construction have been issued this week by Building Inspector Williams:

Harry Hughes, one-story brick building, 2810 West Ninth Street, 11 by 12 feet

Charles M. Bloom, two-story brick addition in rear of 1601 Walnut Street, 16 by 23 feet

REAL ESTATE OPERATION – The executors of George T. Hildebrand, who died some time ago at his home in Media, have planned to carry out the plans of the deceased in having his sixty-acre farm, which lies partly in Media and partly outside, cut up and sold, and have already begun the operation, which will open to the public one of the finest tracts of ground in or near Media. The land is being cut into tracts of from one-half to three acres, or more and the announcement of the sale of these tracts appears today in an advertisement in another part of this paper. The proposed operation was planned by Mr. Hildebrand but a short time prior to his death, and he sold two plots on both of which houses are being erected.

Walter Corcoran's house, which is at Eighth and Jackson Streets, is nearly completed, while Dr. Janney's house at Seventh and Olive Streets, has just been started. The property is easy of access and should sell rapidly.

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