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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Buckley Company Starts Addition – Rectory to be Enlarged – In City and County

Comparatively few new operations in the building line have been reported in this city and county during the past week. Progress is being made as rapidly as possible on the operation that are now under way and they are numerous. All over the county builders are busy bringing to close the most successful and largest building season that Delaware County has even known. A number of transfers of real estate has been made during the week but none of these were out of the ordinary run of sales. But few building permits were issued in Chester.

The main cry of the builders and contractors is that they find difficulty in securing men to do the work. The activity of the local industrial plants proved an all traction to many, who see an opportunity for an indoor job this winter. This is especially true of Marcus Hook, a community that has grown industrially during the past season with startling rapidity. The contractors on the new million dollar plant of the General Chemical Company find the shortage of labor a problem.

During the past week, St. Michael's Church, Edgmont Avenue near Eighth Street, has awarded the contract for an addition to the rectory to Frank J. Colgan of Philadelphia. A second new operation, just started, within the past couple of days is that of John J. Buckley Company, pork packers, which will erect a large addition to its plant.

Contracts have also been awarded for residences' and garages in the county, including Wallingford, Rosemont, Haverford, Lansdowne and several other places. The biggest of these is that of the residence of Mrs. Geraldine E. Mitchell which is to be 45 by 95 feet, two and a half stories high and have three bath rooms.

IN THE CITY – John J. Buckley Company which concern contemplates enlarging and making many improvements to its plant on West Second Street near Edgmont Avenue, has commenced operations. The old brick residence that stood at the yard entrance of the plant at the East side of the establishment is being torn down. Only part of the brick walls are standing. Some of these in places as high as the second story joists. The new addition will be used in the manufacture of non-edible products such as greases and animal's oil.

An addition and alterations are planned for the rectory of St. Michael's Church on Edgmont Avenue near Eighth Street. The contract for the same has been awarded Frank J. Colgan of Philadelphia. The addition is to be of stone, two and a half stories in height with a slate roof, steam heat and electric light. The architects were Watson and Huckel of Philadelphia.

A concrete roof was being poured on the new addition to the Fayette Manufacturing Company's plant at the foot of Welsh Street yesterday afternoon. The building is a two story brick one about 40 by 30 feet. It will be used in the manufacture of magnesite bricks.

The roof on the two story brick abattoir that is being erected on East Second Street East of Market Street, has been partly laid. The building will be occupied by the owner, J. Jacobson. Samuel Lax is the contractor.

A three story brick apartment house is being erected at Fourteenth Street and Providence Avenue by General Henry Clay Cochrane. Urina and Chase are doing the work.

The interior of the sales room of the beef house of Armour and Company on Market Street North of Front Street is being remodeled and renovated. Several small repairs are being made.

The brick building, store and dwelling combined on the East side of Market Street North of Second Street is beginning to take form. The third story frames have been set and the brick work is half way up them. The South wall has been completed. H. Louis Morris of this city is the contractor.

Oscar A. Traux has purchased the brick store, house and lot at the southwest corner of Seventh and Norris Street from Oliver B. Dickinson. The lot has a frontage of 16 feet deep. The consideration was \$3,350.

IN THE COUNTY – Charles Sim has awarded a contract to McLean and Baldwin of Philadelphia, for the building of a two and a half, stone and plaster residence at Milmont. The structure is to be 30 by 50 feet with electric light, shingle roof, hardwood floors and hot water heat.

Powell Stackhouse of Wallingford, has awarded the contract for the residence that he is going to erect at that place to R.C. Ballinger and Company of Philadelphia. The building will be of stone, two and a half stories in height, 47 by 45 feet, with shingle roof, electric light, etc.

The contract for the residence and garage that Mrs. Gertrude E. Mitchell is going to build at Haverford, have been awarded to Milton W. Young, a contractor, of Overbrook. The dwelling is to be of plaster, two and a half stories in height, 45 by 95 feet with shingle roof, electric light, hot water heat, hot air heat, hardwood floors and three bath rooms. The garage is to be two stories high, 28 by 39 feet.

J.C. Wright of Lansdowne through his architect, has received bids for the addition and alterations that he contemplates making to his residence in Lansdowne. The addition will be stone and frame, two and a half stories in height, with electric light, steam heat, hardwood floors and tin roof.

Harry Richardson, a builder of Marcus Hook, is completing two houses on Church Street in Marcus Hook. He is also building a dwelling at Linwood Heights for Albert Hayes.

The structure iron work on the new buildings at the plant of the General Chemical Company, just below Marcus Hook is being pushed as rapidly as possible. Additional men were put to work during the past week. Difficulty is experienced in getting men.

Valentine Lindaman has commenced operations on a new frame dwelling on Delaware Avenue, Marcus Hook. He expects to have it completed before winter.

The brick work on the right wing of the plant of the American Viscose Company at Marcus Hook has been about completed. This new addition to the manufactory will furnish employment for a thousand more people when completed. The structural brick has also been completed on about thirty of the residences.

The brick work on the four residences that W.I.B. McClenahan is building on McClenahan Terrace has been finished. The roofs are now being placed and workmen are preparing to begin work on the interior.

ESSINGTON IS GROWING – In the list of Delaware County boroughs that have leaped forward during the last year because of the building boom, Glenolden has a prominent part. Many dwellings and other buildings have been erected in this pretty suburb during the summer just passed, with the outlook excellent for many more houses

before winter. Builders are now coming into the borough as investors following the action of the Borough Council in coming forward with improvements of sewer extension, under drainage and better roads, which were demanded by builders and investors before coming into the borough. At a special meeting of Councils held last week, Louis Delmas, who owns property in the Southern part of the borough, declared that if the borough will improve Scott Avenue which runs through his property near Grays Avenue, he will build six new houses on the avenue.

In Glenolden Manor, which was opened up for development some time ago, houses and bungalows are constantly being erected. The Girard Real Estate and Improvement Company has just completed three handsome bungalows and has just broken ground for another one.

The Darby Fire Company has approved of the plans for the new firehouse for which the contract was let Monday evening. The contract was awarded to the Hall Concrete Products of Grassland, Pa., and the cost will be \$8440. The house will be of concrete. Ground will be broken for it sometime next week.

There is some agitation in Linwood Heights for the erection of a mission of the Presbyterian Church. There is said to be a great need for the erection of a mission of this denomination at Linwood Heights, as the place has been growing rapidly, more than fifty new dwellings having been erected there within the last two years. The Methodists also may erect a church there, as some time ago J.T. Gill offered to donate a plot of ground for that purpose.

H. Cross Perkins of Clifton Heights, has purchased from James V. Kane, real estate broker of Clifton Heights, a plot of ground on Baltimore Avenue near Penn. The plot is said to be one of the most desirable business locations in the borough. It is Mr. Perkins' idea to begin the erection of a large store building, 20 by 65 feet, as soon as plans are drawn. The building will be one-story high and will be built of brick. In Norwood the borough officials have awarded the contract for a handsome new school to Henry L. Brown of Philadelphia. The cost will be \$28,561. The architect is Thomas R. Peddle. The new school will be erected at the corner of Mohawk and Winona Avenues.

Media contractors are busy with big operation work. E.E. and A. L. Flounders are erecting a handsome stone mansion for Mrs. Echert in Middletown, and are also building two dwellings in Media Park for William C. Ball, and are busy with considerable alteration work.

BOOM IN DARBY - With the awarding of the contract for the new home of the Darby Fire Co. No. 1 to the Hall Concrete Products Company at Grassland, Pa., the granting of the permit for four new houses on Hamilton Avenue, to Thomas Sipple, and a number of other proposed operations quite a boom in fall building has been started in the borough.

It is expected that ground for the new fire house, which is to be located at Quarry Street and Chester Pike, will be broken this week. The new structure will be entirely of concrete, two stories high, and will be up-to-date in every respect, containing meeting and directors' rooms, apparatus room, large auditorium, janitors, quarters, etc. It will be 40 by 70 feet and with respect a total cost of \$8440, exclusive of the ground.

The new houses which Thomas Sipple will erect on Hamilton Avenue, will be similar in construction to others he has erected there.

Raymond G. Caser is tearing out the front of his property at Ninth Street and Ridge Avenue, preparatory to putting in a store front. Work of tearing out the interior of the property at 862 Main Street, preparatory to remodeling it for the new bank, is about to begin.

Hugh Cox is pushing to completion an operation of several houses and a store at Chester Pike and Pine Streets. The stores on Main Street east of Summit, the finishing of which has long been delayed, is now going ahead. The Albrecht houses on Sixth Street near Pine, are about completed.

The new Episcopal chapel at Main and Summit Street is progressing nicely. The stone work has been completed and the structure will be under roof in a few days.

Elwood A. Bonsall is making improvements to a house at 114 Damon's Lane. J. Harry Swope is erecting a garage at Moore and Walnut Streets.

SUBURBAN TRANSACTIONS – Settlement was effected yesterday by Hirst and McMullin, for the property, 30 Orchard Way, St. David's, sold by them for Mrs. Marian Roberts Troth, wife of John T. Troth, to H.S. Farrquhar, Chief Engineer of the Philadelphia and Western Railway. The property includes a stone and stucco house and garage and an acre of land, and was held at \$18,000. It adjoins the homes of Ernest L.W. Charles Shoemaker and others.

As the site for two large suburban houses, Charles J. Hood and Co., brokers, have sold to John A. Barry for the Girard Trust Company and Mrs. M.M. Strickler a tract of ground on the north side of Latches Lane below Wymewood Avenue, near Merion. The ground has a frontage of 170 feet and a depth of 200 feet and is near the homes of Mrs. N.R. Clark and John R. Smucker. Improvements in this neighborhood have been many in the last few months, which can be attributed to the large number of sales and rentals made.

Charles Burnley expects to erect some houses on his property on Strath Haven Avenue, Swarthmore in the near future.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Swarthmore – C.W. Vanartsdalen master, of Philadelphia to Casper S. Garrett of Childs, Md., lot 105 feet front. \$600

C.W. Vanartsdalen, master, of Philadelphia to Elmer E. Garrett, et al of-----, lot NO. 79. \$500

C.W. Vanartsdalen, master of Philadelphia, to Annie T. Bunting of Lansdowne, lot 30 by 180 feet. \$700

Concord – Owen Z. Pyle of Chester to Irwin W. Pyle of Concord, house and tract of 35 acres. \$2200

Chester – Oliver B. Dickinson of Chester to Oscar A. Truax of same place, brick store and house and lot 16 by 60 feet at southwest corner Seventh and North Streets \$3350

Swarthmore – C.W. Vanartsdalen, master, of Philadelphia to Alice A. Garrett of Lansdowne, lot no. 83. \$600

C.W. Vanartsdalen, master, of Philadelphia to Anna M. Garrett of Swarthmore, lot no. 91 and no. 85. \$1000

C.W. Vanartsdalen, master of Philadelphia to Sylvester S. Garrett of Cheltenham, lot no. 89. \$600

C.W. Vanartsdale, master, of Philadelphia to Emile G. Pollard of Swarthmore, lot no. 96. \$900

C.W. Vanartsdale, master of Philadelphia to Susanna G. Sellers of New Haven, lot no. 90. \$600

Swarthmore – C.W. Van Artsdalin, Master of Philadelphia to Albert N. Garrett of Swarthmore, lot no. 87. \$10000

Darby Borough – William H. Hurlbrink of Darby Borough to Daniel Dougherty of Chester, brick house and lot 16 by 120 feet. \$2850

Wayne – Norwood P. Sinclair of Wayne to Benjamin L. Cates of Philadelphia, buildings and lot 75 by 236 feet, lot 50 by 209 feet, subject to \$10000 in mortgages, nom.

Darby Borough - W. Lane Verlenden, etal exas of Glenolden to Johanna E. Weinriech, buildings and lot 57 by 150 feet. \$3500

Chester – William R. Trainer of Chester to Philip J. Lee of same place, brick house and lot, 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ by 100 feet on north side of Second Street. Consideration, \$1750

Darby Township – Evaline E. Lantz, et al of Pa., to Henry N. Groes, et al, trustees lot, 100 by 328 feet. Consideration, \$600

Chester – Bertha F. Paxson of Chester to David C. Bowker and wife, brick house and lot, 20 by 160 feet. Consideration, \$1900

Concord – Oma Z. Pyle of Chester to Irvin W Pyle of Concord, house and tract of 35 acres, 16 perches. Consideration, \$2200

Upper Darby – Arthur Boswell, trustee of Philadelphia to Oliver H. Johnson and wife of Philadelphia, brick house and lot 14 by 93 feet, subject to \$1000 mortgage, \$525

Prospect Park – Joseph H. Calhoun of Norwood to Jean S. Banner of Prospect Park, lot 25 by 150 feet. \$300

Bethel – James T. Morley of Bethel to George Morly of Same place, tract of 29 acres, 1 rod, 33 perches. \$3000

Collingdale – James H. Simpson of Aldan to Thomas Hughes of Lansdowne, brick house and lot 26 by 109 feet, subject to \$1500 in mortgages. \$850

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