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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Several New Operations Are Reported From Suburban Districts – In City and County

But little has developed in the building situation throughout Delaware County in the past week. For the first time for several months there were no new building permits issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams. Transfers have been fairly numerous in the realty market but nothing of any great moment has been recorded. A few new operations have been reported in the rural districts. Building activity continues to be on the boom, however, and operations aggregating thousands of dollars are now being pushed to completion.

The Wallingford Presbyterian Church contemplates a residence at Wallingford. Boyd Lee Spahr will build at Haverford and Charles D. Mower will erect a \$3,000 residence at Cynwyd. Ground has been broken at Crum Lynne for the first of six new dwellings. Contractor Harry Neil will build six houses at Milmont. The C.R. Wentz property at Haverford was sold for about \$45,000.

IN THE CITY – The Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore is setting molds and pouring concrete for the foundations at the new \$30,000 beef house that Swift and Company are building at 17, 19, 21, and 23 East Second Street.

The brick foundations, including the interior one, on the \$38,000 Post Office annex are up about four feet. John W. Emery of Philadelphia is the contractor.

The cornice is being placed on the new office building that Benjamin C. Fox is erecting on Welsh Street opposite the Post Office. Nolan Brothers are the builders.

The excavating for the foundation for the \$20,000 annex that the John J. Buckley Company, port packers, will build on West Second Street near Market, will be completed about Monday.

The windows and doors have been placed in the new abattoir that Samuel Lax is building for J. Jacobson on East Second Street near Market. The building is about completed.

The Cantrell Construction Company of Philadelphia anticipate having the structural steel work all placed by Monday on the recreation pier that the city is building on the municipal wharf at the foot of Market Street. The improvement is to cost \$3,850.

Work of tearing out the rear of 313 Market Street is progressing. This building together with that at 314 Market Street will be razed to make room for Greenberg Brothers' new theatre. Oliver Brothers are the contractors.

Two of the four modern two-story houses being built on Fourth Street, West of Palmer, by Francis J. Moore, will be completed in about a week, and it is expected that the remaining two houses will be ready for occupancy within two weeks. These houses each contain seven rooms and bath, four of the rooms being on the first floor. The houses will be graced with attractive front porches. The rear yards are enclosed with neat iron fences. Cement sidewalks have been laid in front of the dwellings.

William L. Deveaney's six houses on Fourth Street, East of Palmer, are rapidly nearing completion. Work was recently started on the construction of the front porches. Mr. Deveaney expects to have two of the dwellings, which are two stories high, completed next week. The houses will be equipped with all modern conveniences.

The stone work, on the erection of the Sunday school room of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, on Sixth Street, west of Highland Avenue, was started recently. This

building will front on Sixth Street. The construction of the Sunday school building will be the starting point for the proposed \$20,000 edifice to be erected on the corner of the lot. The new church building will face on Highland Avenue.

Wesley S. McDowell, the West End coal and lumber merchant, expects to have the extensive improvements being made to his residence at 3113 West Third Street completed next week. The front porch and bay windows are already finished. White cement was used in the stonework of the spacious front portico. It is believed to be the first time white cement was used in building operations in this city.

The exterior improvements to William B. Northam's residence at 140 East Seventh Street, which include bay windows attached to the first and second stories are about completed.

Frank J. Moore, manager of the Lyric moving picture theatre, recently made some improvements in the painting line to his residence on Madison Street, North of Broad.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the erection of six new houses being built on Flower Street above Sixth, by J. Horace Witsil, the real estate operator of 1806 West Third Street. The dwellings will be of modern design.

The brick work has been completed on the three-story store and dwelling being erected by N. Colicts at Third and Franklin Streets.

The edifice of the Italian Presbyterian at Third and Franklin Streets has been completed. The work has been done by Morris W. Dumrey.

The brick work has been completed on ten houses and the foundation laid for two by James A. Shropshire on Fifth Street between Lloyd and Pusey.

The brickwork has been completed on three dwellings on Mary Street between Kerlin and Ulrich Streets. The work is being done by George D. Hewes.

Two frame police boxes are being erected. One on Third Street below Ulrich and the other at Seventh and Central Avenue. The buildings are 8 x 10 feet.

The brick work has been completed on eight new houses being built by Samuel Bell at Fifth and Lloyd Streets.

The house being built at William L. Davinney at Seventh and Lloyd Streets are nearing completion.

Six concrete houses are being erected on Mary Street near Pennell. The work is being done by J. Sutton.

Work has been commenced on a brick addition to the plant of the Farson Manufacturing Company.

Ground has been broken in Crum Lynne for two houses to be erected on the lane leading to C.W. Ketcham Terra Cotta Works by F.A. Davis. This pair of houses will be the first of six houses to be erected at this place for Mr. Davis. The houses will be two story bricks.

Contractor Harry Nell of Swarthmore will shortly erect six houses at Milmont. These will also be of brick, suitable for the occupancy of the workmen at the various industries nearby.

J. W. Meckert and Company of Ridley Park has broken ground for two bungalows in Cresswell Street, Ridley Park. These will be of stone, thoroughly modern in their appearances, and one story in height. The Pomeroy Construction Company of Philadelphia is also figuring on some houses to be erected in Ridley Park.

M. J. O'Neill of Fairview Road, Leiperville has just completed the erection of a thoroughly modern milk house for use in his business. This is built largely of concrete and was built with the idea of having a place entirely sanitary and easily kept clean. The cooling chests are all of concrete, and may be flushed with water and thoroughly cleaned in a few minutes.

Several Delaware County contractors are bidding on the residence that the trustees of the Wallingford Presbyterian Church contemplate building at that place. The structure is to be two and a half stories high, of plaster, 24 by 44 feet, with shingle roof, hot air heat, electric light, etc.

Charles D. Mower of Philadelphia has awarded to Mower Brothers of Merion the contract for 39,000 residence at Cynwyd. The dwelling is to be of stone, two and a half stories in height 41 by 25 feet with a wing of 20 by 16 feet, with slate roof, electric light, etc.

Boyd Lee Spahr of Philadelphia contemplates alterations and an addition to his property at Haverford. The annex is to be three stories high of stone and timber.

The brickwork on the new three story brick school house at Woodlyn has about been completed.

The United States Roofing Company, which erected a plant at Linwood, Delaware County for the manufacture of linoleums has purchased a tract of twenty acres extending to Chester Pike on the west. It is the intention of the company to erect five buildings on its holding in each of which separate commodities will be manufactured.

At Marcus Hook, an application was granted for the borough to annex the land on which the American Viscose Company is erecting sixty-six houses of a model village for the use of employees. The land occupied by the model village, which is to have sixty-six more houses added to it, in addition to the sixty-six which are now nearing completion, formerly was in the borough, but was left but by the engineer, when he drew the borough plan. The bids for the sixty-six houses are in the hands of Ballinger and Perot, Philadelphia. The model houses will be of brick, each one two and a half stories high, 24 by 33 feet, with a slate roof. The houses will have every convenience and will be lighted by electricity. The streets are macadamized and the lawns are terraced with beautiful squares and small parks at short intervals.

A movement is under way at Eddystone for the establishment of an Episcopal mission. Those interested in the movement have purchased a plot of ground at Tenth Street and Sivilin Avenue 150 by 175 feet. Members of the East Lansdale Fire Company have authorized the Building Committee to get plans and specifications for a fire house to be erected on the site of Lexington, below Emerson Avenue.

Joel Phipps, contractor and builder of East Fourth Street, Chester, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a new stone and frame house for James Miller at the junction of the Rose Valley and Media Roads at Palmer's Corner. Mr. Miller will vacate his farm in April, having sold it to Milton H. Bickley druggist of Chester.

A handsome English style house on Rose Lane, Haverford has been sold for Charles R. Wentz by Hirst and McMullin to Charles Z. Tryon, of the E.K. Tryon Company for a consideration close to \$45,000 at which the property has been held.

The house is one of two built by Mr. Wentz recently on a portion of the Simpson estate property bought by him through the same brokers about a year ago, the other of which Mr. Wentz built for his own occupancy. Beside the house, which contains nineteen

rooms, the property sold contains an acre of land, it adjoins the houses of Frederick Stovch, Robert Barrie, George S. Robbins and Major Charles S. Beckurts, in addition to that of Mr. Wentz, all purchased recently through the same brokers.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Colwyn – Richard H. Thatcher of Philadelphia to Williamson H. Barnes of Colwyn, lot no. 6, Consideration \$250

Clifton Heights – W. Christian Jorgensen to Julius Schnoor and wife, lot no. 138, Consideration \$100

Lansdowne – Annie Maxwell et al, trustees of Philadelphia to the School District of Lansdowne Borough, lot 75 by 100 feet, Consideration \$1000

Ridley Park – Crosby B. Maddock of San Bernardino to H. Franklin Bricker of Crum Lynne, frame house and lot 32 by 179 feet, Consideration \$1500

Middletown – James R. McDowell, Adm, etc of Media to Richard F. Roberts of Lansdowne, buildings and tract of 10 acres, Consideration \$1250

Marple- Sallie R. Cople, et al, executors of Marple to W. Edward Miller and wife of Darby Borough, buildings and tract of 3 1/2 acres 20 perches, Consideration \$4600

Radnor – Charles F. Coffin of Rosemont to Sarah E. Coffin of same place, houses and lot 100 by 175 feet, Nominal

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crother of Philadelphia to John H. Reiming of same place, lot 25 by 100 feet, Consideration \$290

Lansdowne – George F. Manning of Philadelphia to Harry A. Grube of same place, buildings and lot, 95 by 472 feet, subject to \$9000 in mortgages, Nominal

Prospect Park – Isaac C. Youcum of Swarthmore to William M. Cloud of same place, buildings and lot, 8 by 175 feet; subject to \$1500 mortgage, Consideration, \$500

Middleton – Charles B. Shortlidge of Middleton to Rush Super of same place, tract of 35-100 of an acre, nom.

Chester – Albert D. MacBade, Admv of Chester, Edward R. Helms Jr. of the same place two frame houses and lot 30 by 140 feet on West side of Central Avenue, \$595

Springfield – Media Title and Trust Co., Gdn of Media to Alexander Steel of Philadelphia, house and tract of 8 187-1000 of an acre - \$2500

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