

CHESTER TIMES – NO BID DEALS IN REAL ESTATE – Contractor and Builders Busy, This Week Figuring on New Buildings to Go Up

While no real big real estate deals were put through in this city and county during the Past week, there was much realty changed hands in a small way. The benefactors have had one of the busiest kinds of times this week, bidding on new work. Among the more important in the new home to be erected at the corner of Eighth and New Market Streets by Upland Lodge of Odd Fellows. The bids are to be in today for this work, and it is expected that the committee in charge of the new building will act promptly on the bids, as the lodge is desirous of having the building erected as soon as possible. It will cost about \$30,000. Hasty action in awarding the contract will be taken for the reason that the lodge has many applicants to rent the structure when it is completed.

Contractors have also been submitting bids for a new hotel property for David McClure, at Prospect Park. Mr. McClure was forced to move his hotel a few weeks ago, owing to the owner of the building, which was used for years as a hotel, desiring it for another purpose. Mr. McClure moved his business across the pike and intends to give that section of the county an up-to-date hotel in every particular. It is said it will cost somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,600 and will be one of this city, and will compare with any in this city and other parts of the county.

TWO HOUSES AT HAVERFORD – Fox and Williams of Philadelphia have plans out for two new houses in the township of Haverford, to cost \$6,000 each. They will be two and one half stories high, shingle roofs, hot air heating, and will be lighted by electricity. A number of Philadelphia contractors are figuring for the work.

Revised plans are also in course of preparation for a new \$25,000 home for Charles R. Wentz of Philadelphia. These plans were out last week, but to make some changes and new plans are being prepared. The building will be of stone, two and one-half stories high, 69 by 25 feet, with a wing 29 by 30 feet.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR MEDIA – Architect Walter Smedley is preparing plans for a new factory for George Allen & Sons of Media. This building will take the place of the one destroyed by fire some weeks ago. Mr. Allen conducts a pork packing business and his entire building was swept away by flames. The new building will be two stories high, 48 by 90 feet, slag roof and electric lights.

BOOM FOR BOOTHWYN – The Boothwyn Farm Company has a plan in hand to boom property in that section of the county. Boothwyn is one of the finest locations along the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, and there is much valuable property there for development. No finer spot could be found for persons who are seeking a healthy location to build a home, and the Boothwyn Farms Company has a plan which is set forth today in an advertisement in the Times, which should meet with favor with those looking for an easy manner to secure a home for themselves at a reasonable figure. Boothwyn is but a short distance from this city, sixteen miles from Philadelphia, and in close proximity to the fast developing borough of Marcus Hook.

BIG DEMAND FOR PROPERTY – There never was a time in the history of the country when the demand was so great for good building sites at the present time. In a few years there will be no available land for country residences. Today land is selling at a higher figure than ever before. A sale recorded this week over in Marple where two acres of ordinary farm land sold for something over \$1,000 an acre is only one of the evidences of how rapidly land is increasing in price.

Plans are still under way for the establishment of the Chester Fair Ground in the western section of the city and Chester Township. Plans are out for the club house and other buildings and also for the race track and other accessories. Already more than four hundred citizens of the county have become members of the club to be connected with the fair grounds and the project promises to be one of the greatest advertising features Chester ever had.

Those interested in the new pleasure park for the people of this city and the county intend to sell off about thirty acres of land. A good price has been offered for this land by a company that intends to develop it, if they can make a deal with the present owners. Some of the land owned by the Fair Ground Company is very valuable and the improvements to be made will be a great thing for that section of the city and county.

SOME CITY TRANSACTIONS – The stores of William Marker, on West Third Street, below the bridge, are rapidly nearing completion. These are three story buildings and will be ideal for merchants seeking a small but comfortable location.

The new Italian Church of St. Anthony of Padua, is now completed. The steps were laid this week, which was the only thing needed to finish the work. The edifice was started about a year ago and is now one of the most attractive church buildings in the city. A mission effect was included in the architectural scheme, the church being built along the lines of some of the smaller chapels in the old country. Masses have been held in the church for the past month.

Samuel Lax has practically completed the two stores on Edgmont Avenue below Third and the tenants will move in next week. Anderson and Thompson will rent the larger of the two stores and Samuel Ginns has leased the upper story which he will use as a shirt factory.

William Wiser is making good time on his three houses on Mary Street, near Ulrich, and expects to complete these in a few weeks.

The eight houses being built – for James Shropshire on West Seventh Street near Pusey are having the work pushed on them. The interiors will receive the attention of the builder next week.

George Hewes will have his three houses at Seventh and Lincoln Street completed in a few weeks. These are built on a terrace and will present a fine appearance.

J. Irvin Taylor will need about two more weeks upon his houses on Penn Street, above Fifth Street Bridge to complete them. These houses are modern in every respect and brighten up that neighborhood considerable.

Samuel A. Hewes has the walls erected for his two houses on West Third Street, near Pusey. Work will be started on the interior in two weeks.

Samuel Bell has finished the excavations for his new houses on West Fifth Street below Lloyd. The foundation walls have been set in place and the brick work will be begun as soon as possible. Mr. Bell has found the type of houses such as these highly profitable and is contemplating building more as soon as these are finished.

MORE NEW HOUSES – Foundations for the four houses to be built for S. B. Pennington on West Fourth Street near Highland Avenue, have been completed by Edmund H. Butler, a West End contractor. The foundations for the six new houses for Samuel Hewes on Highland Avenue near Fourth Street have been finished by Contractor Butler, and he expects to start work on six more for Mr. Hewes at Fourth Street and Highland Avenue in a few days.

Contractor Fox is ready for the finishing work on the Adolph Hasser, house at Third and Trainer Streets. The new building which is a two-story brick, will have all modern improvements. The house and store, two-story structures which are being built by contractor Francis Moore at Third and Booth Streets are ready for the interior work.

Bricklayers have reached the second story of the F. Ceczurdwski store building at 2718 West Third Street. Contractor F. W. Smith is doing the work.

J. Horace Witsil of 1806 West Third Street, will shortly break ground for four new houses, two story brick, near Sixth and Reaney Streets. The plots have been staked for the foundation digging. The same real estate man has just completed six new houses near that point.

BUILDING NOTES – Bricklayers have started work on the two stores on East Seventh Street, adjoining the Imperial Hotel. The building is being erected by Contractor Samuel Lax and will be finished the latter part of next month.

The two houses at Thirteenth and Crosby Streets, being erected for Thomas Birch, will be completed in a few weeks.

Bricklayers have commenced operations on the building at Sixth Street and Morton Avenue being erected by Contractor Harry Krotee.

The Ayres Building being erected by Contractor William Ward at Eighth and Welsh Streets, is being rapidly pushed forwards. The store will be occupied by Clarence Ayres.

Contractor Horace Jackson is pushing operations on the improvements to the lighthouse cigar store, at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue.

Lathers are at work on the new store of Nothnagle and Roser at Sixth and New Market Streets, and the work of putting on the rough coat of plaster will be started as soon as they have finished. The building will be formally opened the latter part of next month.

Contractor William Provost is pushing the work on the Richard Wetherill residence at Thirteenth and Potter streets. The bricklayers have commenced to lay the second-story brick and it will only be a short time before the building will be roofed in.

The Robert Wetherill residence at Twentieth and Chestnut Streets, being erected by Contractor Provost, is beginning to present an attractive appearance. As soon as the stonemasons and cutters have finished, work will be commenced to tie the walls and put the roof on.

The bungalow being erected for James Beaumont at Eighteenth and Hyatt Streets, is progressing and the bricklayers will finish their work in a short time.

Nolan Brothers are pushing the work on the house recently purchased by Benjamin Fox, the local real estate broker on Welsh Street, opposite the Pennsylvania railroad station. The improvements will consist of a store front and the second and third stories will be occupied by offices.

Work on the third story addition to the house at Eighth and Crosby Streets is being advanced by the contractors and the house will be completed in the course of a few weeks.

Carpenters working on the Farnan home at Eighteenth Street and Edgmont Avenue, are progressing and the improvements will be finished in a short time.

Contractor William Ward will finish the eight houses at Twenty-Third Street and Edgmont Avenue in the course of a few weeks. The houses are an improvement to the neighborhood.

J. Irvin Taylor is making rapid headway with the houses being erected by him at Twenty-Third and Madison Streets. The buildings will be equipped with all modern conveniences.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chester – Marie B. Johnson of Ridley Township to Cambridge Trust Co., house and lot at 115 Concord Avenue, Nom.

Wayne – Christian P. Fritz of Wayne to Thomas Randolph of Wayne, house and lot on Church Street, Nom.

Collingdale – Richard Purdy of Darby to Edwin Sharp of Collingdale, house and lot on Pusey Avenue, Nom.

Sharon Hill – John E. Torbush of Sharon Hill to Irene Thatford of same place, lot at Clifton Avenue and Coates Street, \$1,200

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Carey E. Mayo of Philadelphia, lot on Oxford Road, Brookline, \$360

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Abraham R. Rambo of Philadelphia, lot on Manoa Road, Brookline, \$290

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to Edwin K. Brinton of New Castle, Del., lot on Oxford Road, Brookline, \$360

Norwood – P. E. Swartley of Philadelphia to Oscar J. Cressman of same place, house and lot at 207 Chester Pike, Nom

Aldan – Alexander J. Wolfington of Aldan to Catherine Donovan of Philadelphia, lot with buildings at Springfield and Linden Avenues, Nom.

Marple Township – Isaac Kershaw of Montgomery County to Ralph G. Brown of Philadelphia, two lots and bungalow at Broomall Park, \$1200

Upper Darby – James V. Kane of Clifton Heights to Robert F. Johnson of Upper Darby, two lots at Secane Highlands, \$200

Swarthmore – William Blanet of New York to Richard Ogden of Swarthmore, lot at Yale and Union Avenues, Nom.

Collingdale – Thomas J. Ryan of Collingdale to Patrick Morris of Yeadon, two lots on Chestnut Street, \$600

Haverford Township – William Biggins of Philadelphia to J. Elmer Watts of Llanerch Manor. Lot on Darby and Radnor Road, Nom.

Aldan – George Schultz of Aldan to Everett L. Patterson of Aldan to Everett L. Patterson of Aldan, lot with buildings on Magnolia Avenue, \$3600

Collingdale – Katherine B. Holt of Collingdale to Alma Peckman of same place, house and lot on Clifton Terrace, \$2200

Colwyn – Richard H. Thatcher of Philadelphia to w. H. Phillips of Darby, lot on Ellis Avenue, \$200

Marcus Hook – Andrew Sutton of Marcus Hook to Willard T. Galbreath of Upper Chichester. House and lot on Church Street, \$1150

Upper Darby – George T. Wadas of Upper Darby to Katie C. Perry of Philadelphia. Four lots at Highland Park, Nom.

Upper Darby – Frederick Smith of Philadelphia to Katie C. Perry of same place. Lot at Highland Park, Nom.

Chester – Isaac A. Johnson of Media to Ignacios Tomoruchos of Chester, house and lot on Hinkson Street South of Eighth Street, \$1400

Marple Township, William F. Waters of Philadelphia to Ida H. Garcia of same place, seven lots at Broomall, Nominal

Morton – Faraday Improvement Company to Mrs. Sarah A. Beal of Philadelphia, two lots on Agnes Avenue, \$840

Darby - William J. Dickson of Media to John E. Dougherty of Darby, lot with buildings on Main Street, Nom

Marcus Hook – J. Henry Richardson of Marcus Hook to Madge S. Horn of same place, house and lot on Market Street, \$2000

Glenolden – Girard Real Estate and Improvement Company to Walter Parkinson of Philadelphia, ten lots at Glenolden Manor, Nom.

Morton – Faraday Improvement Company to George R. Reinhart, Jr. of Philadelphia, lot on Kendron Avenue, \$400

Morton – Faraday Improvement Company to Robert B. Reinhart of Philadelphia, lot on Kedron Avenue, \$400

Collingdale – Anna C. Farley of Philadelphia to Rosie E. Campbell of Collingdale, house at Parker and Felton avenues, Nom.

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to William Ward, Jr. of Chester, two lots on Nineteenth Street at Providence Heights, \$790

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to Caroline Moore of Chester, lot on Nineteenth Street east of Washington Boulevard, Providence Heights, \$175

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to Margaret Nolan of Chester, lot at Twentieth and Melrose Streets, Providence Heights, \$540

Aldan – J. Chester Wilson of Aldan to Samuel E. Ream of Aldan, two lots with buildings on Woodland Avenue, Nom.

Swarthmore – Frederick M. Simons of Swarthmore to Clara L. Myers of same place, lot on Yale Avenue, Nom.

Ridley Township – James B. Campbell of Collingdale to Frank Allia of Ridley Township house and lot on Hannum Avenue, Holmes, \$1000

Chester – Mary A. Henry of Chester to Stanislaw Rudewfcz of Chester, house and lot at 123 Wilson Street, \$1550

Chester – Moses D. Pyle of Chester to Elizabeth M. Ayres of same place, house and lot on Eighth Street west of Barclay Streets, Nom.

Nether Providence – John J. Bissegger of Moylan to Walter M. Francis of Wilmington, Del., land on road from Moylan Station to Rose Valley, Nom.

Collingdale – James B. Campbell of Collingdale to Anna C. Farley of Philadelphia, house and lot at Parker and Felton Avenue, Nom.

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to Daniel J. Monihan of Chester, lot with buildings on Providence Avenue, north of Twenty-Second Street, Nom.

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