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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – WAYNE Man Gets Contract for \$100,000 Residence at St. David's – In City and County

But few new operations have in the building line in either city or county during the past week. Rapid progress is being made however on the work that is now under way. The largest and most successful building season that Delaware County has ever witnessed is now drawing to a close, although contractors are planning much work before the real severe winter weather develops.

The biggest and newest operation in the county is the contemplated four-story factor addition to the Lester Piano Company at Lester. Bids are due on this work Monday and several Chester contractors are bidding on the work. Another still larger operation, only in the residence line, is the \$100,000 home at St. Davids for Charles S. Walton of Philadelphia. The contract for this has been awarded J.D. Lenge of Wayne.

The excavations have been about completed for the \$40,000 addition to the Chester Post Office, and for the new Fox building on Welsh Street opposite the Federal Building. Work is progressing rapidly on the substation of the Beacon Light Company at Front and Reaney Streets. Work has also been started on the new Bethany Presbyterian Church, Sixth Street and Highland Avenue.

Several small new operations have been reported in Chester. Most of these are but contemplated as yet. Work has been begun during the past week on the brick store and dwelling property at Third and Franklin Streets for an Italian merchant. While no large sales have been reported there have been a number of real estate transfers made. A number of building permits have been issued recently.

IN THE CITY – During the past week work has been commenced on the excavations for the new edifice of the Bethany Presbyterian Congregation at the corner of Sixth Street and Highland Avenue. This structure will probably cost \$20,000 when completed.

Amos P. Sheaff, a contractor, has the walls up on the substation addition at Front and Reaney Streets for the Beacon Light Company. This building will be of brick, one story in height, and about 70 by 50 feet.

Francis J. Moore, a builder of Marcus Hook, has the studding up in two of the seven room and bath brick dwellings that he is erecting on West Fourth Street, West of Palmer Street. The brick work on the second pair is up to the second floor. William Pierce, a West End contractor, is doing the work.

William L. Devinney, a contractor of 2519 West Third Street, who is building six houses on West Fourth Street, East of Palmer, is progressing finely. The plasters have completed their work in one pair. The bricklayers have finished the second pair and these two are now being roofed. The brick work up to the first floor has been completed and the first floor joists have been laid on the third pair. Mr. Devinney hopes to start two more on the same plot of ground before many days.

The dwellings at 2517 and 2519 West Fourth Street are being repainted.

Dr. George W. Thomas of 1422 West Third Street has started a frame and corrugated iron garage at the rear of his home.

Dr. S.P. Gray of 1935 West Third Street is contemplating an addition to this residence at that address. Work will be started soon.

Venceslao Mercadante, contractor, has broken ground at the Southeast corner of Third and Franklin Streets for the erection of a three-story brick building to be used for business and residential purposes. The building is for Nicola M. Capuzzo and wife and the contract price is \$4000. The cellar is nearly excavated and the work will be pushed with vigor as long as the good weather continues.

Nolan Brothers, contractors, have nearly completed the improvements to the property of the Church of the Immaculate Heart with the exception of the repairs to the church steeple, for which a Philadelphia firm has the subcontract. This is no easy task, but the spire-builders go about their work with a freedom and confidence that is assuring to the ordinary observer. Yesterday one of the workmen was noticed sitting astride the cross at the extreme top of the tell spire and seemed as unconcerned as if he had been sitting on the cushion seat on one of the church pews.

T. Brooks McBride is moving into his new confectionary establishment at Third and Lloyd Streets, to which the finishing touches are being added. The new residence adjoining will be ready for occupancy in a short time, the contractor, Amos P. Sheaff, pushing the work along with alacrity.

The first Italian Presbyterian Church will be ready for use by the first of November, it is expected and Contractor Morris Plumley is working with that object in view. The slate roof has been put on and the painters, carpenters and glaziers are busy on the interior. The new building adds much to the appearance of the locality of Third and Fulton Streets.

There is a scene of activity these days about the site of the proposed new public school building on Franklin Street and Concord Avenue. Contractor H. Lewis Morris has a large force of men, horses and carts employed on the excavation and foundations, but it is a noticeable fact that the operations are watched by few men, which indicates that not many idlers are about these days and those anxious to work can find employment.

The addition and improvements to the residence of Dr. H.M. Hiller on West Ninth Street are nearly completed and the premises will soon be ready for the use of the physician and his family.

BUILDING PERMITS

J.A. Shropshire, four two-story brick dwelling houses on the South side of Fifth Street between Lloyd and Pennell

S.R. Bell, eight two-story dwelling houses on the North side of Fifth Street between Lloyd and Pusey

Dr. S.P. Gray, addition to the rear of his residence at 1925 West Third Street

Robert H. Jagers, two two-story dwellings on West side of Upland Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets

H. Louis Morris, two-story brick schoolhouse on the West side of Concord Avenue between Third and Fifth Streets

Joseph H. Phipps, two-story brick dwelling on the South side of Third Street between Crosby and Madison Streets

James M. Hamilton, one-story frame garage, covered with iron on the North side of Sixth Street, between Barclay Street and Concord Avenue.

V. Mercadante, three-story brick dwelling and story on the South side of Third Street between Concord Avenue and Franklin Street

Robert Howarth Sons, frame building covered with iron in rear of 713 Edgmont Avenue

J. Irvin Taylor, seven two-story dwelling houses on West side of Kerlin Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets

Chester Steel Casting Company, sand shed on the South side of Seventh Street between Broomall and Norris Streets

Harry Tomlin, addition in rear of 1713 West Second Street

Amos F. Sheaf, one-story brick addition to Beacon Light Company's substation at Front and Reaney Streets

George E. Macklem, one-story frame building, covered with iron on the South side of Third Street between Engle and Townsend Streets

Nolan Brothers, open shed on the East side of Welsh Street between Second and Third Streets

Charles Jackson, addition to rear of 1712 West Second Street

William Provost, Jr., for the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company, one-story brick addition to the concern's mills on the South side of Third Street between Monon Avenue and McIlvain Street

Nolan Brothers, two-story building on the East side of Welsh Street between Fifth and Sixth

H. Louis Morris, two-story brick addition to dwelling at 312 West Seventh Street

John Cananan, one-story frame building, covered with iron on the East side of Flower Street between Tenth and Eleventh

John Schmidt, one-story frame stable covered with iron on the South side of Harwick Street between Front and Second

Lawrence Murray, two-story brick building on the West side of Central Avenue at the southeast corner of Sixth and Central Avenue

IN THE COUNTY – A large addition four stories in height, will be erected to the piano factory of the Lester Piano Company at Lester. The building will be of brick, with a slag roof, steam heat, electric light, etc. Bids are due Monday and several contractors are figuring, including William Provost, Jr. and Nolan Brothers of Chester.

The contract for the addition to the dormitories at the Institute for Colored Youths at Cheyney has been awarded R.C. Ballinger, a contractor of Philadelphia. The addition is to be 106 by 40 feet of stone two and a half stories high of stone, with slate roof, steam heating, etc.

J.D. Lengle of Wayne has been awarded the contract for the erection of a \$100,000 residence at St. David's for Charles S. Walton of Philadelphia. The building is to be of stone, two and a half stories in height, 125 by 60 feet with tile roof, electric light, hardwood floors, atmospheric heat and all other modern improvements.

Alterations and additions approximating \$7,500 will be made to the home of Joseph Richardson at Media. The addition will be of brick, three stories high, with slate roof, with oak floors and other modern improvements. J.B. Flounders secured the contract for the work.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chester – James A. Shropshire of Chester to Harry Horn and wife of same place, house and lot 16 by 85 feet on west side of Pusey Street, \$1550

Martin F. Nolan of Chester to J. Edward Goff et al, of same place, buildings and lot, 20 by 120 feet, \$1800

Lewis Palmer of Concord to Alonzo Cooper and wife of Chester, buildings and lot 29 by 60 feet, \$600

Aldan – Frank W. Miller of Philadelphia to Samuel H. Davis of Aldan, lot 50 by 180 feet, \$700

Aldan – William C. Samuel of Philadelphia to Mary A. Dowd of same place, house and lot 41 3-4 by 90 feet, \$4500

Aldan – William C. Samuel of Philadelphia to Mary A. Dowd of same place, house and lot 41 3-4 by 90 feet, \$4500

Media – Jordan Cavener of Media to Jordan M. Bean of same place, lot 40 by 140 feet on West side of Olive Street, \$450

Lansdowne – John R. Cassel of Philadelphia to the School District of Lansdowne, lot 25 by 100 feet, \$400

Radnor – John R. Kearns of Radnor to Susan Maguire, et al, of same place, lot 45 by 170 feet, \$3250

Colwyn – Charles W. Shute of Philadelphia to Julius Nelson of same place, lot 178 by 100 feet, \$2500

Chester – James A. Shropshire of Chester to Charles F. Perkins, et al, trustees of Chester, lot 150 by 120 feet on south side of Seventh Street, \$2500

J. Irvin Taylor of Chester to J. Edim Moore and wife of same place, brick house and lot 20 by 100 feet on easterly side of Upland Street, \$2000

Fernwood – Charles Vouklu of Fernwood to Sarah Marcus of same place, brick house and lot 20 by 103 feet, 2800

Glenolden- Bert B. Parker and wife of Glenolden to Jeanette L. Kille of same place, brick house and lot 25 by 100 feet, \$2300

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