

CHESTER TIMES – July 2, 1914 – EXTENSIVE BUILDING PLAN – Samuel R. Bell to Erect Thirty New Houses in the Neighborhood of Fifth and Lloyd Streets

Samuel R. Bell, the well-known contractor and builder of Eleventh Street and Edgmont Avenue, who has been a factor in the building development of this city and the borough of Eddystone during the past several weeks, has commenced operations for the erection of either eight or ten new dwellings on West Fifth Street, between Lloyd and Pennell. After these are finished Mr. Bell proposes to continue operations until the entire tract of land is covered with cozy houses, making about thirty dwellings altogether.

The houses which have already been started will be constructed of brick. They will be two stories high and each will contain five rooms, two bedrooms and a bath on the second floor and three rooms on the first floor. Each will also be graced with a front porch of ornate design.

The masonry work has already been completed and carpenters and bricklayers are now busy on the operation. Edgar Urian has the bricklaying contract. The houses will be smaller than those that have been previously built by Mr. Bell, who states that there is a great demand for small houses containing all the modern conveniences and renting at a nominal figure. He contends that the ordinary workingman cannot afford to pay a high rent, and that as a consequence, builders are compelled to furnish a modern dwelling that will rent within the means of the working classes of people.

The new houses will add greatly to the development of the northwestern section of the city, the residents of which are now in closer touch with the central portion of Chester, the new Fifth Street bridge crossing Chester Creek furnishing an easy means of travel for the people of that section, and the probabilities are that other builders will eventually extend their building enterprises to that locality.

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