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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Viscose Asks Bids on 66 New Dwellings at Marcus Hook – In City and County

The largest operation reported during the past week was that mentioned in yesterday's issue of the Chester Times, anent the American Viscose Company receiving bids on 66 additional homes at Marcus Hook. This is the second block of 66 dwellings, as work is now progressing rapidly on the first contract.

Other building is progressing throughout the city and the entire county. In addition to the proposed Marcus Hook activity there is little new that has been reported, except a \$25,000 residence at Haverford. Work on the operations underway is being pushed with great vigor as the contractors are anxious to get everything under roof before the real bad weather develops.

Sales have been dull during the past week and while a number of transfers have been made, none of them were out of the ordinary routine of the real estate market. Few building permits were issued in Chester as the season is rapidly drawing to an end.

The greatest trouble in Chester at this time is a rapidly developing shortage of small and moderate sized dwellings. The recently acquired new industries of the city and additions to some of the old plants, have brought many persons to this city, causing a greater demand for houses than has been known for some time. Real estate men and builders consider Chester a good field for extensive operations, but money for this work is not forthcoming very fast.

IN THE CITY – Bricklayers started to lay the foundations for the new annex to the Chester post office Thursday. The foundation is to be of brick instead of stone. This brickwork is being set on an eight inch concrete base about three and a half feet wide. The brick wall itself is about two feet in breadth. The addition when completed, will be three stories high, 34 by 68 feet, 8 inches. Contractor John W. Emery of Philadelphia has charge of the work.

The second story frames have been set in the new office building opposite the post office on Welsh Street that Attorney Benjamin C. Fox is building. This structure is to be two stories in height and have three good-sized suites of offices in it.

George D. Hewes of 900 Highland Avenue, a contractor has started three new brick dwellings on Mary Street between Ulrich and Kerlin Streets. The bricklayers started in on their part of the work Thursday. Mr. Hewes is finishing one at Fairview and has completed ten on Pusey Street between Second and Third Streets, which he has disposed of. Including all Mr. Hewes has erected 20 dwellings this year and sold them, in addition to two more he owned, making this his biggest year.

The bay windows recently attached to the first and second stories of William B. Northern's residence at 140 East Seventh Street, are being painted in attractive colors. The improvements add greatly to the architectural appearance of the house.

The extensive improvements being made to Wesley S. McDowell's residence at 2112 West Third Street, includes five additional rooms. The foundation work for the front porch are about completed and Mr. McDowell expects to have the entire improvements finished before the winter season sets in.

Work is being pushed rapidly on Francis J. Moore's building operation on Fourth Street near Ward. Two of the four dwellings being built by Mr. Moore are completed. The houses are two stories high and constructed of brick.

The foundation walls for the new Bethany Presbyterian Church at Sixth Street and Highland Avenue are rapidly nearing completion. The work is being done under the direction of William Henry, a West End contractor.

The ten new houses being built on Fifth Street, near Highland Avenue by James A. Shropshire, will soon be completed. This operation is one of the largest building enterprises in the city. The dwellings will be equipped with all modern conveniences.

A handsome electric sign has been placed in front of Sleeper's Business College on Welsh Street, near Seventh. The sign, which repeatedly flashes the name of the school, was made by Bacon Brothers.

William L. Deveney's block of new houses on Fourth Street, west of Townsend, are about ready for occupancy. The dwellings are erected in twin style and spacious porches grace the front of the houses.

A brick addition is being made to the rear of the Beacon Light Company's sub-station at Front and Reaney Streets. Amos P. Sheaff has the contract. The thick brick walls are nearly completed.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new Franklin Street School, the workmen having reached the placing of some of the frames in the front entrance of the building on Franklin Street. Mercandante and Sons have also made great strides in the erection of Cabot's new building, having reached a point above the second story.

Phillips' new meat market at Third and Parker Streets has been opened and presents a fine appearance. The new dwellings at Fifth and Lloyd Street are fast nearing completion at the hands of competent mechanics. The foundations of the remaining two have been finished and the two which were commenced first have been about completed.

IN THE COUNTY – Although it has been reported that several important deals which have been hanging fire will be consummated next week into actual sales, the real estate market in Eastern Delaware County boroughs was somewhat apathetic during the week. The building operations are being hurried to completion before severe weather sets in, so that there has been considerable activity in the building line.

At Swarthmore, Walton and Walton have sold a lot on Dickinson Avenue to Walter R. Shoemaker of Philadelphia on which he will build this winter. Miss Helena DeCoy has purchased from the same brokers two lots on Morton Avenue, on which she will erect a bungalow. There were several transfers of realty at Marcus Hook during the week.

George H. Kerr of Wilmington has sold his Marcus Hook property, consisting of a house and lot, 50 by 125 feet to the estate of Joseph N. Pew. The consideration was \$4000.

The members of the Ridley Park Fire Company are considering the ways and means of enlarging their firehouse. At Linwood, Lewis N. Wood has purchased a frame house and store on Main Street on which he will erect an early date an office building for a lumber and coal yard. The buildings and lot belonging to Caroline G. Rebman at Marcus Hook, have been sold to Lewis N. Wood, of Linwood. The consideration was \$3000. C. Walker is erecting a large barn at his home at Chadd's Ford. George Brown's Sons have broken ground for two houses at Rockland. George Wilson of Linwood has started the erection of two frame houses at that place on Green Street. Completely revised plans for a four-story addition to the Lester Piano Company's manufacturing plant at Lester have been

posted by builders. The building will be of brick, equipped with steam heat, slag roof, electric lights, etc.

Rapid progress is being made by Contractor Degler who is erecting a dwelling on the West Chester Pike, Highland Park for former Captain Hall of the M.S. Quay.

H. Brocklehurst of Philadelphia is the only bidder thus far on the proposed 66 additional residences to be built at Marcus Hook by the American Viscose Company for its employees. They are to be of brick, two and a half stories in height, 24 by 33 feet, slate roof, electric light, etc. Bids are due today.

Alfred B. Eaton of Chicago, Ill. is having plans made for a \$25,000 residence which he contemplates erecting at Haverford, this county. The building is to be of stone and rough cast, two and a half stories high and 90 by 40 feet.

George D. Hewes of Chester has completed a house at Fairview.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Chester – John R. Rue and wife of Chester to James MacMorran and wife of same place brick house, store and lot 18 1-4 by 627-12 feet on South side of Eighth Street, \$3000

Klaes Alm of Chester to John H. Clark of same place, brick store house, lot 20 by 89 feet on Northerly side of Third Street, subject to \$3000 mortgage, nom

John H. Clark of Chester to Klaes Alm and wife of same place, brick store house and lot 20 by 89 feet in Northerly side of Third Street subject to \$3000 mortgage, nom

Colwyn – S. Wilson G. Kent and wife of Colwyn to William B. White and wife of Sharon Hill, frame house and lot 25 by 100 feet, subject to \$1200 mortgage, \$1000

Radnor – Jonathan D. Lengol of Radnor to Isidore H.B. Spiers of same place, buildings and lot 65 by 174 feet subject to \$4000 in mortgages, nom

Clifton Heights – John Morgan of Clifton Heights to William C. Barnard, Sr. of same place, house and lot 20 by 150 feet, \$2500

John Morgan of Clifton Heights to William C. Barnard, Jr. of same place and lot 20 by 150 feet, \$2500

Media – T. Ellwood Allison of Nether Providence to Charles H. Schoff of Media, buildings and lot known as the Worrall mansion at corner of Washington Street and Providence Avenue, Nom.

Nether Providence – Charles H. Schoff of Media to T. Ellwood Allison of Wallingford, right title and interest in tract of 9 392-1000 acres, also tract of 1 374-1000 acres, 4306-40-100

Chester – Sarah J. Fields, et al of Eddystone to Oliver B. Dickinson of Chester, brick house and lot 14 by 70 feet at Southwest corner of Twelfth and Chestnut Streets, \$1250

Collingdale – Charles F. Chestnut of Collingdale to Henrietta Leeble of Phila., lot 40 by 280 feet, Nom

Lansdowne Heights – Alfred T. Conrow of Philadelphia to Patrick Mahoney of Upper Darby, lots No. 234 to 243, both inclusive, Nom.

Ridley Township – Curtis P. Cheyney of Philadelphia to Alfred E. Woodman of Collingswood, lot 50 by 100 feet, nom

Glenolden – Hesbon H. Hersh of Philadelphia to Bert R. Parker of Folcroft, lot no. 51, Nom.

Essington – Alexander Kessler of Philadelphia to William C. Armon, et al of Toronto, lot Nos. 23-24, \$600

Ridley Township – Alfred E. Woodman of Collingswood to Anna K. Bialy of same place, lot 50 by 100 feet, Nom.

Chester – Walls Owen & Stambach Co. of Pa. to Elizabeth E. Shubert of Philadelphia, brick house and lot, 25 by 120 feet on southerly side of Ninth Street; also lot 68 by 30 feet, subject to \$4950 in mortgage, Nom.

Brookline – Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to Charles P. Sweeney and wife of Philadelphia, lot 50 by 125 feet, \$760

Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to Abel K. Cassel of Philadelphia, lot 50 by 108 feet, \$530

Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to John R. Winter of Philadelphia, lot 25 by 106 feet, \$240

Chester Township – Harry E. Banks, et al of Chester to Andrew C. Banks, 2-3 interest in price of ground with improvements, 40 by 140 feet. Consideration \$800

Llanerch – Hugh B. McKean of Llanerch to Lillian C. Stevenson of Philadelphia, house and lot, 55 by 160 feet, also building and lot 55 by 100 feet; subject to \$3500 mortgage. Consideration, \$10,500

Glenolden – The Girard Real Estate & Imp. Co. of Pennsylvania to Robert B. Buck of Glenolden, frame house and lot, 50 by 120 feet. Nominal

Upland – Elisha Moore of Upland to William K. Lord and wife of same place, brick house and lot, 32 by 142 feet; subject to \$1500 mortgage, nominal

Kirklyn – Edward Liebe and others of Philadelphia to George A. Dolby of Kirklyn, lots Nos. 212-213, also lots Nos. 214-215. Consideration, \$1200

Chester – Robert J. Boyle and wife of Philadelphia to Mathew F. Slaughter of same place, frame house and lot 17 by 120 feet on east side of Walnut Street; subject to a \$700 mortgage. Consideration, \$200

Marcus Hook – Richard Wetherill of Chester to Enoch Lyne and wife of Middletown, Del., frame house and lot 16 by 100 feet, Consideration, \$600

Yeadon – Clara N. Wilson of Lansdowne to Eleanor W. Wilson of same place, house and lot, 24 by 129 feet, house and lot, 24 by 136 feet; subject to \$2500 in mortgages, Nominal

Ridley Township – Wm. B. Northam, master to Sarah B. Turner of Pennsylvania, buildings and improvements and tract of 5 567-1000 acres, Consideration \$3800

Glenolden – Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington R.R. Co. of Pennsylvania to Edward H. Bonsall of Glenolden, tract of 3 481-1000 acres. Consideration \$696.20

Chester – Charles S. Thompson of Chester to Jacob Focht of same place, brick house and lot, 14 by 140 feet on east side of Highland Avenue. Consideration \$1300

Charles S. Thompson of Chester to Teofil Naymola and wife of same place, brick house and lot, 14 by 140 feet, on east side of Highland Avenue, subject to \$800 mortgage. Consideration \$1

William R. Kreeger and wife of Philadelphia to John J. Stetser of Chester, brick house and lat, 28 7-12 by 120 feet on north side of Fourth Street. Consideration \$2900

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