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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Outlook for Next Year Promises to exceed This One, Which Was Unprecedented – City and County Activities

Despite the cold weather of the past week, building activity has continued. Even on a day as cold as yesterday, concrete on several buildings was being poured. Hundreds of thousands of dollars' worth of improvements are now being consummated in Delaware County, closing the biggest building season of the year. Builders and real estate men claim that the coming year will bring with it a building season yet unequalled in the annals of Delaware County history.

The biggest operation of the past week was the announcement that the American Viscose Company would erect an additional 149 dwellings of the model city that it is building for its working people at Marcus Hook. Harry Brockleburst of Philadelphia, who is completing the first block of 66 houses of this village, has been awarded the contract for the additional 149.

In Chester a couple of building permits have been issued, one for seven dwellings and another for an addition to the Penn Club. There are no other new operations recorded in this city, although many structures are in process of building. Sales have been normal, no exceptionally large ones having been reported. New residences are contemplated at Haverford and Cynwyd, costing \$20,000 and \$10,000 respectively.

IN THE CITY – The work on the office building that Benjamin C. Fox is building opposite the post office is so far advanced that one can now comprehend the future appearance of structure. The cornice has been set, the big 20-foot columns at the entrance erected and work on finishing the interior commenced.

The basement frames in the \$10,000 annex to the Chester post office have been set and the workmen are progressing nicely with the brick foundation. They have reached a point where the first of the ornamental stone is to be placed.

The concrete foundations are being poured at the new beef house at 17, 19, 21, and 23 East Second Street for Swift & Company of Chicago. The Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore is doing the work.

Workmen are placing the wooden forms preparatory to pouring concrete for the flooring on the new recreation pier at the foot of Market Street. The Cantrell Construction Company of Baltimore is the contracting firm. The price is \$3,850.

The excavation has about been completed on the \$30,000 annex that the John J. Buckley Pork Packing Company is building to the plant on West Second Street, West of Market Street.

J. Horace Witsil, the real estate agent of 1806 West Third Street, who recently completed the erection of six modern dwellings on Flower Street, above Sixth, has started work on the construction of two additional dwellings in the same locality. The new houses will be similar in design to the dwellings recently finished.

Francis J. Moore expects to have four new houses on Fourth Street below Palmer completed in about a week. Porches are now being built to the front of the two dwellings near Ward. The work of attaching the porches to the other two houses was completed last week. These dwellings are very attractive in design and contain modern conveniences.

Oliver Brothers are making rapid progress on the erection of a pattern storage building at the Federal Steel Company's plant at Delaware Avenue and Reaney Street. The new structure will be admirably equipped for the purpose intended. In addition to

there being plenty of storage facilities, the floor room for handling the patterns will be spacious.

Work is gradually progressing on the erection of the new Bethany Presbyterian Sunday School at Sixth and Highland Avenue. The construction of this building will be the starting point for the proposed \$20,000 church edifice and will be used for the holding of the regular church services until the main edifice is built.

Contractor William Provost, Jr., has started work on the annex to the first floor of the Penn Club's building, East Fifth Street, East of Market. The addition will be of brick, one story (11 feet high, 20 by 10 feet). The annex is to the billiard room of the club.

**BUILDING PERMITS** – The following building permits have been issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams

D. Bell to build seven two-story concrete houses on the East side of Tenth Street between Mary and Second Streets.

William Provost, Jr., to build a brick addition to the Penn Club, East Fifth Street

**IN THE COUNTY** – Bids will be taken within two weeks for the new \$20,000 residence for Charles R. Wentz of Philadelphia at Haverford. The building is to be of stone and half-timber, two and a half stories high, and modern in detail.

Bids are due today on the \$10,000 residence for E.E. Nickson at Cynwyd. It is to be of brick and hollow tile, two and a half stories high, with slate roof, steam heating and electric lighting.

Harry Brocklehurst of Philadelphia has commenced excavating for the foundations for 149 dwelling houses for the American Viscose company at Marcus Hook. They are to be of brick, two and a half stories high, 24 by 32 feet, with slate roof, electric lighting, hot air heat, etc.

In Darby, Albert F. Damon, Jr., borough engineer for Darby and for nearly a score of other Delaware County boroughs, has sold his fine old residence at Second and Main Streets. Adam J. Gottshall of Darby, has purchased the property and will erect several modern dwellings on the site. Richard Purdy, of Darby, was broker. Mr. Damon has purchased a home on Baily Road near Lansdowne Avenue, Yeadon.

In Milmont, Harry Dean of Swarthmore, will erect six modern brick houses, suitable for workmen. They will have every convenience. J.W. Meckert and Company of Ridley Park are erecting two bungalows on Cresswell Street, Ridley Park. They will be of stone and will have all the modern improvements. Several other houses and bungalows are to be erected in the same borough, for which estimates are being received. Mrs. Patrick McElwee has sold a lot, 50 by 140 feet, on Maddock Street, Leiperville for \$900. Two houses will be erected on the site by Samuel A. Hewes of Chester.

James Bengel of Glenolden is erecting a handsome stone house on Isabella Avenue, same borough. The work is well under way. Two frame houses have been purchased at Marcus Hook by J. Harry Richardson, who will completely renovate them in the spring. A large warehouse for the Dairymen's Supply Company's plant, at Hirst and Baltimore Avenues, East Lansdowne, is to be erected. John Congleton of Collingdale has moved into a house that he has just completed and has started excavating for another on Hibbard Avenue. In the same borough, Thomas Winner is making extensive improvements to his new residence which he has just been completed by M.J. O'Neill of Fairview Road, Leiperville.

R. Francis Wood has purchased from Conrad and William Strong two adjoining farms near Paoli, comprising about 100 acres for a consideration not disclosed. The sale was negotiated by J.M. Fronefield, real estate broker, of Wayne. The ground was held for sale at \$18,000. It is adjacent to the large farm recently sold by the same broker to T. DeWitt Cuyler.

J.M. Fronefield, a real estate broker, has sold to David Crumley of Wayne, the Catherine F. Supplee estate of 103 acres, lying between Wayne and King of Prussia.

Wilson Oliver has completed the erection of a pair of modern dwellings on Eighth Street in Upland. The houses, which were built for John P. Crozer are two stories high and of ornate appearance. They are constructed of brick. Houston Wohnus of the Eleventh Ward, a master bricklayer was employed on the construction of the houses.

The brick work has been completed on the four houses being built by W. J. B. McClenachan at the corner of Tenth Street and McClenachan Terrace, Marcus Hook. The new house of Valentine Linderman on Delaware Avenue in the same borough, has been completed.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Lansdowne Heights – Ellen H. Gibson of Philadelphia to Josephine G. Welsh of same place, lot 25 by 125 feet, nominal

Ellen H. Gibson of Philadelphia to Elizabeth A. Maratt of same place, lot 25 by 125 feet, nominal

Chester, George D. Hewes of Chester to Edward McBarron of same place, brick house and lot 17 by 35 feet on west side of Pusey Street, \$1600

Kirklyn – John H. Storer of Waltham to John McAleer of Philadelphia, lot no 14, \$320

Chester – The Delaware County Trust Co. of Chester to Richard W. Dyer of same place, lot 340 by 36 feet at northwesterly corner of Ninth and Howell streets, \$1560

Delaware County Trust Co. of Chester to Samuel A. Dyer of same place, lot 140 by 300 feet on northwesterly corner of Ninth and Pennell streets, \$1500

Delaware County Trust Co. of Chester to Helen V. Fisher of Point Pleasant, New Jersey, lot 62 2-3 by 100 feet on southerly side of Seventh Street, nominal

Delaware County Trust Co. of Chester to Nancy B. McKneer of same place, lot 152  $\frac{3}{4}$  by 156 feet on easterly side of Broomall Street, \$1200

Swarthmore – Mary C. Flagg, et al of Delaware County to Lillian C. Elmore of Swarthmore, house and lot 150 by 106 feet; lot 130 by 238 feet, \$6000

Chester – Henry Horn, et al of Chester to James A. Shropshire of same place, four brick houses and lot 65 1-2 by 85 feet on west side of Pusey Street, Nominal

George D. Hewes of Chester to Everett S. Detwiley and wife of same place, brick house and lot 16 by 85 feet on west side of Pusey Street, \$1600

James A. Shropshire of Chester to Frank M. Clark and wife of same place, house and lot 16 1-2 by 85 feet on west side of Pusey Street, Nominal

James A. Shropshire of Chester to Barry Clerico and wife of same place, brick house and lot 16 1-2 by 85 feet on west side of Pusey Street, Nominal

James A. Shropshire of Chester to Joseph A. English and wife of same place, brick house and lot 17 by 85 feet on west side of Pusey Street, Nominal

James A. Shropshire of Chester to George G. Hewes of same place, three brick houses and lot 50 by 120 feet, on west side of Pusey Street, Nominal

Brookline – Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to Walter T. Mayo of Philadelphia, lot 25 by 125 feet, \$360

Drexel Heights – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Sarah M. Godfrey of same place, four lots nos. 585, 586, 687, 588, \$785

Chester – William L. Deveny of Chester to Anna Watts of same place, brick house and lot 13 1-3 by 130 feet on southerly side of Third Street, \$1700

Ridley Township – Harry Sweeney of Ridley to William Sweeney and wife of Glenolden, lot 37 1-2 by 16 feet, \$500

Marcus Hook - Jesse W. Rawcliffe of Chester to Sarah E. Lewis of Marcus Hook, brick house and lot 20 by 120 feet, \$1550

Haverford – J. Henry Scattergood and other Executors and Trustees of Pa. to Jonathan M. Steere of Haverford, house and lot 75 by 18 feet, \$10,250

J.H. Scattergood and others Executors and Trustees of Pa. to Anna S. Hong of Haverford house and lot 75 by 175 feet, \$11,000

Chester – Joseph B. Schiosboon of Chester to Charles Savitsky of same place, brick house and lot 20 by 140 feet on North side of Third Street, \$2,075

Observatory Hall – Allen G. Weller of Philadelphia to Charles W. Ingham of same place, lot nos. 437-438, \$700

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