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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Builders Progress Nicely on Present Operations and Half Dozen New Ones Reported – City and County Activities

A half dozen new operations have been reported during the past week for Chester and Delaware County towns. Four of them are suburban, Radnor, Lester, Haverford and Cynwyd being the scenes of proposed improvement. In Chester a 40 by 30 foot building is contemplated by the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company and an 18 by 50 foot building by Contractor M. Helms for a manufacture named Bridge. The Duplex Metals Company also contemplates improvements.

Operations are progressing nicely all over the county and there is thousands of dollars' worth of work nearing completion in Chester and vicinity. The concrete foundations have been started for the proposed \$30,000 addition to the plant of the John J. Buckley Company. Work is also progressing nicely upon the new recreation pier at the foot of Market Street.

Few sales of any importance have been reported during the past week. The largest of the transfers recorded was probably that of the National Hotel at 31 West Third Street which passed from the hands of Catherine Uhlenbrock to Harry Harpel, the present proprietor.

IN THE CITY – Work is progressing on the \$30,000 annex to the Chester Post Office. Contractor John W. Emery is now setting the ornamental base stones along the Welsh Street side of the annex. The interior brickwork is up above the ground level and much structural iron has arrived upon the scene of the operation.

The interior of the building that is being erected by Nolan Brothers for Benjamin C. Fox on Welsh Street opposite the post office is being finished.

The name "Fox Building" has been placed across the doorway in large metal letters.

The foundation walls on the proposed \$30,000 beef house that the Consolidated Engineering Company, of Baltimore, is building for Swift and Company at 17, 19, 21 and 23 East Second Street, has reached ground level. Carpenters were busy this morning building the forms for the concrete work on the first floor.

The interior of the large store and apartment house that is being built at 213 Market Street by Contractor H. Louis Morris for George Francis Williams, is being completed. The window glass has all been placed in the sashes.

Michael Monaghan, a Philadelphia contractor, has started the work of pouring the base for the foundation walls at the new addition to the plant of the John J. Buckley Company, West Second Street, west of Market. The building is to cost about \$30,000 and is to be used as a by-product house.

Nolan Brothers will build a shed of brick and corrugated iron for the gas company, on the east side of Welsh Street between Second and Third Streets. It is to be 40 by 30 feet, one story high, and will be used for the storing of pipe.

Contractor E. Helms has been awarded the contract of building a one-story brick structure on the south side of Ninth Street between Pennell and Howell Streets for a man by the name of Bridge. The building will be 50 by 13 feet, with one ten-foot story. It will be used for making top-rollers for cotton mill machinery.

The heavy steel girders that will support the second floor of the annex to the Good Will Fire Company's house at Fifteenth Street and Providence Avenue have arrived and

were placed into position yesterday. Morris W. Plumley is the contractor. The annex is 26 by 63 feet, two stories high and will cost about \$7,000.

General Henry Clay Cochrane is progressing nicely with the work of the new apartment house that he is building at Fourteenth Street and Providence Avenue.

The new motion picture theatre, known as the William Penn, has undergone alterations, which have been about completed. The new annex which was placed on New Market Street at the rear of the old building at 603 Edgmont Avenue, is 80 by 80 feet, 20 feet high.

The Duplex Metals Company, foot of Lloyd Street, is contemplating a new laboratory of structural and corrugated iron. The size of the building is 100 by 90 feet and several new furnaces will be installed. The work will be started immediately, the company having planned to close certain portions of the plant Monday until January 5.

Francis J. Moore expects to have his four houses on Fourth Street, west of Palmer, ready for occupancy next week. These dwellings which are two stories high, are fitted with all the modern conveniences. The heaters have been installed by F. B. Salmons, and the paperhanging work was recently started by H.A. Cunningham.

John McGlynn, of 2517 West Second Street, contemplates the erection of nine modern dwellings on the lot at the corner of Second and Wilson Streets. He has been negotiating for the purchase of the property for some time, but it appears that there has been a hitch over the title, and this will have to be cleared up before the proposed building operation is commenced.

It is expected that the extensive improvements being made to Wesley S. McDowell's residence at 112 West Third Street, which have been in progress for several weeks, will be completed in four or five days. The enlargement of the property included the addition of five rooms, a large front porch and bay windows.

Those in charge of the erection of the new Bethany Presbyterian Church at Sixth Street and Highland Avenue, have asked the Belmont Iron Company of Eddystone to submit a bid for iron beams which will be used in the construction of the ceiling to the basement of the Sunday school room. The basement will be fixed up for athletic purposes, and with the view of having an unobstructed space, there will be no columns in the basement, iron beams to be constructed in the ceiling instead.

The exterior improvements to William B. Northam's residence at 140 East Seventh Street, which include bay windows attached to the first and second stories, are completed, Mr. Northam having removed his law offices from the Cambridge Building to the spacious front rooms of his greatly improved home.

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

S.A. Hewes to build an addition to porch on side of dwelling at 1712 Providence Avenue.

Nolan Brothers to build a shelter shed on two sides with corrugated iron on East side of Welsh Street between Second and Third Streets, 40x30 feet.

E. Helms to build a one-story brick building on South side of Ninth Street between Howell and Pennell Streets, 18x50 feet, 10 feet high.

E.G. Whitman of Philadelphia contemplates the erection of a \$12,000 residence at Cynwyd. Plans, which include a garage, have been started. The building is to be of stone, two and a half stories high, with a shingle roof.

Several contractors, including some Delaware County ones, are bidding on the residence that Charles R. Wentz of Philadelphia, is going to build at Haverford. The dwelling is to be of stone and frame, two and a half stories in height, 45x50 feet, shingle roof, electric lighting, hot water heat and hardwood floors.

The Lester Piano Company is contemplating another addition to its plant at Lester. The structure will be of brick and concrete, one and two stories high. The improvement will consist of two buildings. The plans are in progress.

J.D. Lengel of Wayne, and other contractors are bidding on the residence that Mrs. Allen J. Smith of Philadelphia plans to build at Radnor. The house is to be of stone and frame, two and a half stories high, 30x80 feet, with shingle roof, electric light, hardwood floor and vapor vacuum heating.

The corner stone for the new fire house for the Darby Fire Company, No. 1 will be laid with appropriate ceremonies tomorrow. The building will be a two-story one of generous proportions, heated with steam and lighted with electricity.

The Delphic Literary Society of Swarthmore College has announced that a new building, to be known as Delphic Hall will be erected on the campus this year. The society has been raising a fund for this purpose since its organization and the fund has grown sufficiently large to make it feasible to start the work at once.

A tract of 3 1-10 acres fronting on Montgomery Avenue, Gulf Road and Gordon Avenue, Haverford, has been sold by Hirst and McMullin of Philadelphia, for Frank Samuel and Charles Randolph Snowden, trustees under the will of the late A. Louis Snowden to Albert L. Baily for \$20,000. The property in question adjoins "Mapleside," Mr. Baily's handsome estate on the West. It will be graded and planted by the purchaser, and added to his present lawn. The tract sold is opposite the Simpson property sold by the same brokers to A.A. Hirst a few years ago.

According to a deed placed of record at Media, William P. Tylor and others of Upper Providence have sold to Joseph G. Fetterman of Philadelphia, what is known as the Tyler farm in Upper Providence, for the sum of \$18,000. This tract contains 116 acres with building in good condition. Mr. Fetterman is a well-known Philadelphian, but what he intends to do with the land has not been made known.

Essington, after several months of little, if any, activity, is to have twenty new two-story dwellings erected within its limits. The houses, which will be built for the employees of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. John McCluskey of Philadelphia, has had plans drawn for the houses, which are to be built on LaGrange and Saude Avenues.

An interesting question, showing how a water front may enhance realty values and its absence depreciate the same, is agitating the residents of Essington, who have presented a petition to the United States Government, protesting against the building of a dike from the upper end of Little Tinicum Island to a larger island, which it is understood has been proposed. In their petition, it is declared that if this dike is built, it will mean the gradual filling in of the harbor used by small boats. This, it is said, will affect the place as a rendezvous for yachtsmen and a big depreciation of valuable realty holdings owned by several yacht clubs will result.

In addition to the sixty-six model houses that the American Viscose Company is building in its model village which, it is expected, will be ready for occupancy by next May, one hundred and forty-nine new model dwellings there, making two hundred and fifteen houses in all, establishing a new high record in Delaware County. Ballinger and

Perot of Philadelphia, awarded the contract to Harry Brocklehurst. When finished the houses will form one of the best model villages in the United States.

TO BUILD CLUBHOUSE – Along with this activity, comes the announcement from the same company that it will erect a clubhouse exclusively for its employees. Plans have been drawn and no time, it is said, will be lost in erecting the improvement. The new building will contain an auditorium and a gymnasium, with other necessary rooms and will be modern in every particular. In the same borough, two large boarding houses and a company provision store will be erected.

The Union Petroleum Company of Marcus Hook will erect a 500-foot pier extending into the Delaware River, to replace the one that was destroyed by fire several months ago.

The Union Petroleum Company of the same borough is preparing plans for the erection of a bulkhead and pier in front of its plant, at the extreme end of Marcus Hook. Negotiations have just been closed by Samuel R. Bell of Upland, for the purchase of the J. William Lewis property in Upland, consisting of a large mansion house and twelve acres, with barn and out buildings on Summit Street.

James Cocker of Oakview, Upper Darby has purchased the store and dwelling at the corner of Baltimore Avenue and Diamond Street, Clifton Heights, owned by Mrs. Sarah McMenamin, Charles Lindsey of Clifton Heights acted as broker. The price was \$4,500, which is the same price that Mrs. McMenamin paid for the property when she purchased it several years ago. William F. Morton of Glenolden, has been given the contract for the erection of the Collingdale Fire House, at the southwest corner of Medford and Clifton Avenues. The contract price for the structure will be \$6,425. The building is to be ready for occupancy early in May. The residence of William E. Slack, at Maple and Barker Avenues, has been purchased by Carl Christensen.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The real estate transfers recorded yesterday show the sale of a tract of less than two acres of land in Radnor Township for the sum of \$6000. The sale was made by Abraham F. Huston of Coatesville to Pearl P. Smith of the city of Philadelphia. The full list of transfers are as follows:

Haverford – Sarah J. Coney of Philadelphia to Henry Y. Watson of same place, lot 56 by 222 1-2 feet, \$1000

Lansdowne – Kathryn M. Denger of Philadelphia to Albert F. Damon, Jr. of Darby Borough, buildings and tract 1 25-1000 acres

Radnor – Abraham F. Huston of Coatesville to Pearl P. Smith of Philadelphia, tract of 1 1413 1000 acres, \$6000

Upper Darby Township – Robert Hughes of Highland Park to a Milton Kolp of same place buildings and lot 25 by 128 geet, subject to a \$3400 mortgage, nom

Aston – John T. Dohan of Thornbury to Benjamin N. MacDougall of Philadelphia, tract of 5 acres, subject to \$3000 mortgage, nom.

Benjamin M. MacDougall of Philadelphia to John M. Rainsford, same place, tract of 5 acres, subject to \$5000 mortgage, nom.

Millbourne, Alice M. Thompson of Philadelphia to Ann C. Weeley of same place house and lot 25 by 100 feet, subject to \$4500 mortgage, nom.

Oak Hill – Charles B. McGoldrick et al, of Upper Darby to frank H. Gavaghan of same place, buildings and lot, 19 by 120 feet, \$1750

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Brookline – Ralph A. Balch of Ardmore to William T. Harris of Narberth, lot No. 23-24, \$500

Chester – Isaac Johnson of Media to Tilda Greenstein of Chester, brick house and lot 24 by 84 feet on Third Street, \$2250

Radnor – Tabitha J. Lee of Radnor to Herbert T. Hartman of same place, building and tract of 8005-10,000 of an acre, nominal.

Brookline – Robert Fogg of Brookline to Mary Frame of Tredyffrin, lots No. 43-44-45-46, Nominal

Ridley – Elizabeth Hoaman of Philadelphia to Thomas E. Laffety of same place, lots Nos. 129 and 120, nominal

Upper Providence – William P. Tyler, et al, of Delaware County to Joseph G. Fetterman of Philadelphia, buildings and tract of L16, 431-1000 acres (also lot 96 by 242, \$18,000

William T.S. Werntz and wife of Media to W. Howard West of Upper Providence, buildings and tract of 32, 743-1000 acres, nominal

Brookline – Midland Realty Co. Of Pa. to Sadie E. Weglen of Brookline, lot 25 by 208 feet, \$640

Aldan – J. Raymond Elderdice of Philadelphia to Anna Marshall, et al, of Pa., buildings and lot 100 by 180 feet, subject to \$3500 mortgage, \$1000

Newtown – Samuel Trimble of Newtown to Anne Vauclain of Rosemont, buildings and tract of 80 44-1000 acres, nominal

Brookline – Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to George L. French of Manoa, lot 50 by 102 feet, \$480

Chester – Clara B. Campbell of Chester to James D. Johns of same place, brick house and lot, 16 by 100 feet on west side of Upland Street, \$1350

Walter L. Birtwell of Chester to Holstein H. Fields of same place, brick house and lot, 20 by 120 feet on north side of Sixth Street, \$1800

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to bertha Standenmayer of same place, lot No. 752, \$430

Middletown – I. Rowland Litzenberg of Middletown to Samuel Trimble of Newtown, house and tract of ½ acre, \$3000

Collingdale – Frank B. Rhodes, et. al., of Del. Co. to Richard Purdy of Darby Borough lot 68 by 115 feet, \$1300.

Yeadon – Ellwood E. Markemson of Phila to Annie W. Penfield of same place, buildings and tract of 40 acres, 117 5-10 perches, subject to \$38,500 mortgage, nominal

Chester – Caroline Uhlenbrock of Chester to Harry Harpel of same place, buildings and lot 47 by 117 feet, on West Third Street, \$23,000

Radnor – Joseph H. Maguire of Wayne to William McClellan of Wayne, lot 33 by 92 feet, \$550

Upper Providence – Media Title and Trust Company, Gdn of Media to Charles E. McCullough of Media, house and lot 25 by 100 feet, \$1,000

Chester – Sarah Butterworth of Frankford to Charles E. Butterworth of same place, house and lot 16 1-3 by 80 feet, on east side of Upland Street, \$3,000

Ardmore Park – Frank M. Preston of Ardmore to Charles F. Eggleston of Philadelphia, lots No.452, 453, nominal

Radnor – Lewis A. Riley of Philadelphia to Philadelphia and Western Railway Company of Pennsylvania, tract of 3.577 acres, nominal.

Radnor – Philip Harrison, et al, or Bryn Mawr to John Donohue of Radnor, house and lot 66 by 187 feet, \$1500

Philip Harrison, et al of Bryn Mawr to James Cowan of Radnor, house and lot 66 by 134 feet, \$1500

Drexel Heights – Elizabeth Thielman of Wilmington to Edmond F. Prendergast of Philadelphia, lots 386, 387, nominal

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