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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK - \$150,000 Residence for Villa Nova, \$10,000 House for Rosemont – In City and County

The building and realty activities of this county, which have been the greatest this season than for several years, have not waived as yet. Businesses along these lines keeps up with noticeable energy. There seems to be a surprising demand for small and moderate sized dwelling houses in Chester and in this county. Many dwellings are sold, unsolicited, before they are completed.

New activities have been reported during the past week, but as usual the larger of these have been in the county. A large \$150,000 residence will be erected at Villa Nova in this county. The name of the owner has been withheld temporarily. The contract has been awarded, nevertheless, and the successful bidder is R.C. Ballinger and Company of Philadelphia. A \$10,000 residence will also be erected for Charles Sim at Rosemont.

Samuel L. Seivard of this city, has secured the contract for the erection of four modern dwellings at Crum Lynne. This operation was commenced yesterday at the direction of the owner, J.M.C. McCoy. Bert Lee, a West End Hotel proprietor, is contemplating the erection of a couple of houses on West Third Street, West of Broomall Street.

In the city, and county alike work is being pushed to completion on the operations now underway. As stated in last week's Times realty story, the contractors are occasionally having trouble in securing sufficient brick to purchase the building as rapidly as possible.

Thomas Riddington of 411 East Fourth Street, has purchased a country home near Ogden station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. The summer home was the property of the late George W. Mullen, proprietor of the Lamokin House, Third and Edward Streets. Mr. Riddington has taken up his residence there.

IN THE CITY – Two of the four residences that William J. Hewes, a contractor of 1102 Highland Avenue, is erecting on Highland Avenue is erecting on Highland Avenue above Twelfth Street, are now ready for papering. The other two dwellings are about ready for the bricklayers to commence work.

Work is progressing finely on the two modern brick dwellings that M.J. Dwyer on 1808 West Third Street, is erecting on the South side of West Second Street, West of Reaney Street. The buildings have been roofed and they are now about ready to be lathed.

William E. Devinney, a contractor, of 2519 West Third, has about completed the three dwellings of brick that he was building at Third and Booth Streets. It is understood that he contemplates beginning a new operation in that section of the city.

Frances J. Moore of Marcus Hook, has about completed the two modern brick dwellings that he has been erecting on the North side of West Fourth Street, west of Palmer Street. He is contemplating beginning another pair of houses near these two.

Joseph Daniels has completed remodeling the front of his store at 218 Market Street. In addition to being a dealer in musical instruments, jewelry, old violins, old coins, etc., Mr. Daniels is an all-round mechanic. He made all the improvements, including the concrete and woodwork himself.

Sweeney and Clyde, the real estate agents of Market Square, completed negotiations yesterday for the sale of two lots on the South side of Third Street between

Broomall and Norris to Bert Lee a Ninth ward hotelman, who contemplates erecting two houses on the site.

Contractor J. H. Phipps has completed the erection of two two-story brick houses on East Third Street, near Crosby.

The Dickerson Paving and Construction Company is making gradual progress on the extensive improvements and enlargement to the plant of the John J. Buckley Company, pork packer on Second Street. Work is now being centered on the construction of a new storage plant.

Swift and Company, who propose making some extensive addition to their establishment at Market Street and the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, have asked a number of local contractors to submit bids for the work. It is expected that the contract will be awarded in about two weeks.

The new wharf being constructed at George H. Story's coal yard, abutting Chester River, near Third Street Bridge is rapidly nearing completion.

**BUILDING PERMITS** - Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams has issued the following permits:

James Rosten for George Atkins, three two-story brick dwellings on the North side of Mary Street, between Pennell and Howell

George D. Hewes, two brick dwellings on the West side of Pusey Street, between Second and Third Streets

William Ward, a brick annex to the Lincoln school building on the North side of Eighth Street, between Lincoln and Pusey

Mary E. Humphrey, a brick dwelling situated on Bradley Street between Front and Second, and Morton and Jeffrey

H. Krotee, two-story brick addition to a house on East side of Potter Street between Rose and Twelfth

William Ward, who was awarded the contract to build the brick addition to the Lincoln public school at Eighth and Lincoln Streets, has commenced operations and the work will be completed in time for the reopening of school. The addition will be of brick, two stories high and contain four rooms. This will give the building a capacity of ten rooms and provide school accommodations for that section of the city for some years to come. The addition will be a substantial one and will correspond in general appearance with the rest of the building.

The two new stores and dwellings which Albert Lindsey is erecting on Fulton Street near Fifth, are under roof, the brick work having been practically completed and the carpenters and plasterers will be busy for the next two weeks. The buildings are two stories and will have bay windows in the store front, with conveniences usually found in small houses.

Contractor William Wiser has completed the brick work on the three new stores and dwellings for Wesley Gray at Third and Penn Streets and the plasterers have about finished their part of the work. The carpenters are now engaged in putting in the store display windows and it will be but a few weeks when the properties will be ready for occupancy.

Contractor Morris Plumley has completed the demolition of the Pratt residence at Third and Fulton Streets and commence the excavation for the foundation walls of the

proposed new Italian Presbyterian church. The work will be prosecuted with vigor and it is hoped to have the structure completed early in the Fall.

Four of Samuel R. Bell's houses on Lloyd Street, near Second, are under roof and ready for the plasterers and carpenters. The bricklayers are now at work on the remaining four to be built on that street. Rapid progress is being made on these houses, which are an improvement to the neighborhood.

Workmen are still busy excavating rock for the foundations of T. Brooks McBride's store and dwelling at the corner of Third and Lloyd Streets, and it will require some time to complete this difficult task. Contractor Amos Sheaff will make good time with the improvement when the rock is disposed of. This unforeseen construction has delayed the progress of the improvement for several weeks.

IN THE COUNTY – Revised plans are in progress for the proposed school building to be erected at East Lansdowne. It is expected that the owners will take bids within a few days. The building is to be of stone, two stories high, with a shingle roof and electric light. The architect is W. W. Cochrane.

Bids were due yesterday on revised drawings for a two and a half story residence that Lewis Miler contemplates erecting at Moylan. The building is to be a plaster, 21 by 35 feet, with electric light, slate roof, hot water heat, two bath rooms, etc. Lincoln H. Smith of Philadelphia is the architect.

Bids are due today on a new stone and wood porch to be erected to the residence of T. Wistar Brown of Villa Nova. George T. Pearson of Philadelphia was the architect.

An addition 24 by 49 feet will be erected to the engine room of the plant of the Merion and Radnor Gas Company, Radnor. The building is to be of brick, two stories in height and have a slate roof. Bids were due yesterday. J.A.B. Calsfield, the company's engineer, is the architect.

The contract for the erection of a \$4,000 residence for C.M. Broomall at Media was awarded J.B. Flounders of Philadelphia. It is to be of brick and frame, two and one-half stories in height, with a shingle roof, electric lighting, hot water heat, etc. The architect was Newton Flounders of Media.

Mrs. E.A. Oliver of Wynwyd has awarded the contract for the erection of a two and a half story frame dwelling to a Mowrer Brothers of Merion. The structure is to be 27 by 27 feet. It is to have a shingle roof and be heated with hot water. The architects were Savery, Scheetz and Savery, Philadelphia.

The contract for a big \$150,000 residence to be erected by Villa Nova has been awarded P.C. Ballinger and Company of Philadelphia. The building is to be of stone and concrete, 200 by 50 feet, three stories in height, fire proof, with slate roof, electric light, steam vacuum heating, hardwood floors, etc. The architects were Baily and Bassett, also of Philadelphia. The name of the owner of this proposed residence is withheld.

Samuel L. Seivard, a contractor of Chester, has been awarded the contract for the erection of four modern dwellings for J.M.C. McCoy of Crum Lynn at that place. Two of the residences are to be of brick and two of them will be of frame. Work was started on the new operation yesterday.

A building agreement was filed yesterday in the Office of Prothonotary Dalton for the erection of a two and a half story stone house on the North side of St. David's Road, East of Aberdeen Avenue, St. David's for John M. Rogan of Wayne. The contractor is Willard N. Carroll of Radnor. The price is \$8790. The work is to be completed by

December 15. Francis A. Gugert is the architect. Stipulation is made against mechanics' liens.

Metzger and Wells, Henry L. Brown and Alexander Chambley all contractors of Philadelphia are estimating on the new Delaware County Court house, a two-story granite limestone and brick structure 139 by 205 feet, to be built in Media at a cost, according to these bidders, of about \$200,000. Bids are due July 29. Brazer and Robb of New York City are the architects.

There is considerable activity in building in Merion, which is just over the Delaware County line. The biggest of new operations is the proposed \$200,000 residence for Percival E. Foerderer of Philadelphia. The building is to be of hollow tile and plaster two and one half stories, 30 by 20 feet, with tile roof and hardwood floors. Bids are due Tuesday of the coming week. The second of the proposed operations is that of a \$12,000 residence, and garage, which Van Court Carwithin contemplates having built for himself. The building is to be of stone, one and a half stores high, 20 by 65 feet, tile roof, hot water heat, electric light and hardwood floors.

The Yocum and Powers Company reports the following sales: 202 Fern Street, Darby for August M. Strich to Robert Savise; Lansdowne Avenue, Darby, dwelling and 4 acres, Mary P. Killion to Charles f. Eggleston; 132 Park Avenue, Swarthmore, Georgianna Ireland to Mrs. Chester Neal; lot, Westdale Avenue, Swarthmore to Harry T. Wilkins; 316 Upland Terrace, Bala, H.G. Regester, attorney, to Henry A. Bock; 104 East Montgomery Avenue, Ardmore, Jennie B. Yocum to Ernest B. Hyde.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – East Lansdowne – Robert C. Beal of Brooklyn to the School District of East Lansdowne Borough, lots no. 1293, 1295, 1296, 1297, 1298 - \$1650

Darby Borough – William P. Albrecht of Glenside to Stephen J. Marks of Darby Borough, brick house and lot 14 by 110 feet - \$3575

Swarthmore – Simons & Scott Ltd. Of Pa. to Louis N. Walters of Philadelphia, lots No. 11, 12, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 with frame house - \$4000

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