

CHESTER TIMES – March 29, 1913

BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS – Nine New Houses for Chester and Fourteen for Eddystone – City and County Activities

Following close upon the Times' report of last Saturday that eighteen new houses will be built in Chester during the coming season, comes the announcement from other builders that they will erect nine houses in this city. About twenty new dwellings in the county have been reported during the past week. The largest of the latter operations is that of Samuel A. Hewes, of this city, who will build fourteen residences on Saville Avenue above Ninth Street, Eddystone.

New house building projects in Chester are as follows: Samuel Lax, three on Lafayette Street; William Pierce, two at Fourth and Ward Streets; George Clark, three at Third and Lloyd Streets; Thomas Wilby, one at Mary and Ivy Streets. Other new buildings including two concrete garages, will also be built here. Other home building activities are rumored.

In the county: Haverford College will build an addition; E. K. Edwards of Lansdowne, will build a \$10,000 residence for himself; William H. Stanton anticipates a new home at Ridley Park; the Darby members of the Catholic faith will erect a church in that borough and work is progressing on those projects that are now under way.

IN THE CITY – The new \$30,000 beef house that Swin and Company is erecting at 17, 19, 21 and 23 East Second Street will be completed within three weeks. The company hopes to occupy it not later than May 1. The Remington Machine Company of Wilmington, Del. has a force of men installing a 12-ton refrigerating plant at this time. The interior of the main building is being finished. The stable is complete excepting the seven stalls for the horses.

The second story frames have been set in the new \$38,000 post office annex. Work is progressing on the new by-products house of John J. Buckley and Company on West Second Street, as on the new wharf and coal conveyor system of the Beacon Light Company off Front Street.

J. Irvin Taylor has the second floor joists set on his operation at Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenue. Simon Bruner is up to the second story joists on his six houses at Front and Market Streets. The first floor frames have been set in the seven houses that Albert Wunderlich is building in Wunderlich Place. Plasterers are working on the house that Samuel Lax is erecting at Second and Welsh Streets.

Oliver Brothers have nearly completed the work on the new Grand moving picture theater that Greenberg Brothers are building at 311-13 Market Street at a cost of \$50,000. An ornamental lighting pole is being placed on the newly-laid cement pavement in front of the place.

The plasterers have completed work on the addition to the Good Will Company's fire house, Fifteenth Street and Providence Avenue with the exception of the white finish. It is expected the new building will be ready for turning over to the company by the contractor, Morris Plumley, early in April. Doors have been cut through the walls of the old structure on the first and second floors, thus establishing communication between the two structures, which will afford the firemen accommodations and conveniences that have long been desired by the members. The new hall on the second floor is a commodious one, with rooms in the rear for committee cloak and kitchen purposes during entertainments and meetings. It is well-lighted and ventilated, having large double windows in front and

single windows on the side. The damaged truck of the Moyamensing Hook and Ladder Company is still stored on the first floor of the new building awaiting the action of the Fire Committee of Councils.

The report is current in the Fifth ward that negotiations are being made for the purchase of the Diehl property at the southeast corner of Broad Street and Morton Avenue for the purpose of improving the ground by the erection of a number of houses. The location is desirable one for residential purposes and small houses with modern conveniences would be soon occupied, as it is close to a number of industrial and manufacturing plants and trolley cars pass that point both on Ninth Street and on Morton Avenue.

The wet weather of the closing week has interfered with building operations that are under way in the upper section of the city and progress has been slow.

Common Councilman John J. Haggerty of the Fifth Ward is improving his residence at 533 East Board Street with new granolithic walks in his front, side and rear yards. The work is well advanced and has a substantial and attractive appearance.

Michael Cronin, who is retiring from the hotel business at Fourth and Market Streets, has completed the improvements to his residence recently purchased from A. W. Wolf at 515 East Broad Street and is preparing to occupy his new home. Some of the rooms have been furnished and the owner will be snugly settled there with his wife in a few days.

Joseph Phipps, a contractor of Fourth and Madison Streets, has purchased a dwelling and store at 363 Howell Street from Watson Stockman. The structure was partly destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

William J. Wiser, a contractor and builder of the Sixth Ward, has secured the contract for the rebuilding of several of the houses on Howell Street near Fifth Street, which were partly destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

James Babe bought the house at 351 Howell Street, which he will rebuild.

WEST END OPERATIONS—Finishing touches are being made to the interior of the basement of the new Be'hany Presbyterian Sunday school building at Sixth Street and Highland Avenue. The metal ceiling is being painted and the work on installing the electric light system is about completed. The heating system was installed by William T. Fowden. The regular church services will be held in the new building tomorrow.

The foundation walls for the eight new dwelling houses and commodious apartment houses to be erected at Second and Wilson Streets for J. McGlenn, a hotelman of the Eleventh ward, are about completed. The dwellings will be two stories high and the apartment house will be three stories in height. H. Louis Morris has the contract for the building operation.

The four new dwelling houses being erected on Fourth Street, West of Palmer by Francis Moore, have reached the second story. The houses, which will be two stories high, will contain all the modern conveniences. They will be of the same design as the four houses erected on the same plot of ground during the past winter by Mr. Moore, who has also broken ground at Fourth and Hayes Streets for the erection of four houses of similar design.

J. Horace Witsil, the real estate operator of Third and Flower Streets, who recently had plans and specifications prepared for the erection of two modern dwelling houses on Third Street, between Harwick and Booth, expects shortly to break ground for the building

improvement. Mr. Witsil's eight new houses on Flower Street, above Sixth, are rapidly nearing completion.

Operations are still in progress on the construction of foundation walls for seven two-story brick houses on Third Street, west of Townsend. On account of the deep and wide excavation in the plot of ground Contractor Samuel A. Hewes finds it necessary to build the walls in an exceptionally substantial manner and fill in around them.

The first stories of William L. Deveney's two additional houses in course of construction on Fourth Street, east of Palmer, are about completed. Mr. Deveney recently finished the erection of six modern houses in the same locality and has broken ground for the erection of two houses of similar design.

BUILDING PERMITS – The following building permits were issued during the week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

William P. Lear to build a garage of concrete blocks on north side of Twenty-Fourth Street, between Howard and Crozer Streets

Samuel Lax to build three two-story brick dwellings on south side of Lafayette Street, between Welsh and Bevan Streets

Frank Schmidt to build a garage of artificial stone, east side of Crosby Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets

William Pierce to build two two-story brick dwellings on north side of Fourth Street, between Palmer and Ward Streets

S. R. Bell to build three two-story brick dwellings on north side of Fifth Street between Pusey and Lloyd Streets

George Clark to build three two-story brick dwellings on south side of Third Street between Pusey and Lloyd Streets

Morris W. Plumley to build a two-story brick addition to rear of northeast corner of Fourteenth and Walnut Streets

IN THE COUNTY – Louis R. Page of Villanova, contemplates the erection of several farm buildings on his property at that place. They will be of stone and frame, one and two stories high, with shingle roofs and electric lighting. Among the Delaware County contractors bidding are: Gray Brothers of Rosemont; J. D. Lengel of Wayne and George L. Croll of Rosemont.

Bids are about to be taken on the new residence at Ridley Park for William H. Stanton. The structure is to be of stone, two and a half stories high, 30 by 52 feet, with shingle roof, hot water heating and electric lighting.

The hall at Haverford College, Haverford, will be enlarged, several contractors now are figuring on the work. When completed it will be a stone building with lime stone trimmings, hollow tile and concrete fire proofing, three stories in height, 35 by 136 feet, slate roof and have a white marble interior.

E. T. Edwards of Lansdowne is going to build a \$10,000 home for himself in that borough. The dwelling will be of stone and hollow tile, two and a half stories in height, 30 by 40 feet, slate roof, electric light and vapor vacuum heat.

The transfer of a good-sized tract of land this week from the old William S. Bunting estate, at Eleventh and Main Streets, Darby, for a Catholic Church, which will be erected on the site, without loss of time, according to realty men, will be a big factor in appreciating adjacent realty, and will also stimulate a building activity. The site purchased extends along Eleventh Street for 300 feet. It is part of a thirteen-acre tract, now owned by

Morgan Bunting of Darby and George M. Bunting of Chester, both of whom purchased it last August on the death of William S. Bunting. The site contains the old Bunting homestead, a Colonial-looking brick and frame structure, the brick wing of which was erected more than 200 years ago.

There are several big deals being negotiated for in Darby, Collingdale and some of the other Delaware County boroughs, which are expected to be consummated soon. There have been more than the average number of transfers during the week. Builders report that they are as busy as they can be, and new operations are being started every day. Rentals in all the boroughs are good, and brokers report that the annual spring exodus from the city to the suburbs is already on.

The members of the Darby fire Patrol, No. 2, through their Building Committee, are planning for the erection of a three-story fire house. After fully investigating the subject, they have come to the conclusion that two-story houses are not large enough for the needs of the companies. Their new house will be erected on the company's lot at the corner of Moore and Chestnut Streets, to replace a one-story frame structure. The company is clear of debt for equipment, owns its own lot and will begin to collect funds for its new structure immediately.

In Prospect Park, Charles Helms of Lafayette Avenue has broken ground for the erection of a new residence on Ninth Avenue near Prospect. Stakes have been planted and lines defined for the new building to be erected at Marcus Hook for the electric light substation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

East Lansdowne – Dorothy M. Lemle of Yeadon to Harriet H. Shoemaker of East Lansdowne, lot nos. 214-215-216, \$1000

Brookline – Midland Realty Co. of Pa. to Oliver Olsen of Philadelphia, lot 25 by 125 feet, \$370

East Lansdowne – Martha E. Kane of Philadelphia to Dorothy M. Lemle of Yeadon, lot 37 1-2 by 120 feet, \$500

Harry H. Pickering of Los Angeles to Dorothy M. Lemle of Yeadon, lot 37 1-2 by 120 feet, \$500

Darby Borough – James G. Flanagan of Darby to Charles E. Brutsche of Philadelphia, house and lot 21 by 97 feet, subject to \$1800 in mortgages, \$400

Thomas Siple of Darby Borough to Henry Newton of same place, lot 20 by 150 feet, \$300

Springfield – George D. Levis, et al of Philadelphia and Delaware County to Mary E. Smithers of Swarthmore, house and lot, 35 by 185 feet, \$1100

Shoebury – George W. Kates of Washington to Alice D. Atlec of Philadelphia, tract of 5 acres 5 9-10 square perches, Nom

Chester – John Reece, et al, of England and United States to Mary E. Humphreys of Chester, two brick houses and lot 40 by 140 feet, on West side of Engle Street, \$1175

Chester – Harry J. Bomberger of Chester to Edward Todd and wife, lot 22 by 140 feet, on north side of Third Street, \$660

Drexel Heights – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Charles B. Lynch and wife of same place, lo nos. 54-55, \$660

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Michael S. Wehrmann of same place, lot 638, \$335

Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Anna M. Wehrmann of same place, lot no. 637, \$335

Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Anna M. Wehrmann of same place, lot no. 635-637, \$670

Chester – Sadie V. Dannaker, et al of Ridley Park to Harry Pritchard of Chester, brick house and lot 20 by 101 feet on north side of Eighth Street, \$1200

Alice V. Ryder of Philadelphia to Sarah M. Benton of Chester, lot 50 by 160 feet on north side of Ninth Street, \$750

Radnor – Arthur W. Howes of Wayne to Thomas W. Irwin of Philadelphia, stone and frame house and lot 75 by 235 feet subject to \$9,000 in mortgages nom.

Chester – Cambridge Trust Co. of Chester to John B. Edwin and wife of same place, brick house and lot 19 by 140 feet on west side of Highland Avenue, \$2600

Rosemont – John W. Converse of Rosemont to Mary E. Converse of Philadelphia, tract of 5 773-1000 acres, \$20,000

Aston – Hannah P. Hannum of Charlottesville to George L. Needd, Jr. and wife of Aston, house and tract of 70 acres, 1 rood, 16 perches, subject to \$3000 mortgages, \$3000

Chester – Samuel A. Hewes of Chester to Samuel R. Guyer and wife of Upland, brick house and lot 17 by 100 feet on westerly side of Jeffrey Street, \$1800

Birmingham – West End Trust Co., Sub Trustee of Philadelphia to Richard M. Atwater of Sea Isle City, house and tract of 149 acres, 66 perches, \$18,000

Chester – Martha T. Martin of Chicago Heights to Isaac M. DeHaven of Chester, brick house and lot 13 2-4 by 120 feet on easterly side of McIlvain Street, \$1500

Thomas H. McCullough of Chester to John Chism of same place, frame house and lot 25 by 142 1-2 feet on west side of Parker Street subject to \$1350 mortgage, \$200

Lansdowne – John McConaghy of Morton to Ida K. Hannum of Kennett square, house and lot 35 by 169 feet subject to \$3000 mortgage, nom.

Ridley Park – Evan L. Moore of Philadelphia to P. Erwin Swartley of same place, lot 50 by 153 feet, nom

Sharon Hill – Oscar VanServer of Sharon Hill to J. Franklin Winner of Philadelphia, lot 50 by 100 feet, nom

East Lansdowne – Clifford B. Harmon of Philadelphia to George S. Gengenbach of Philadelphia, lot Nos 955-956, \$550

Chester – James A. Shropshire of Chester to Charles R. Siple of same place, brick house and lot 17 1-2 by 100 feet on south side of Fifth Street, subject to a \$1500 mortgage, \$2350

Upper Darby – Anna M. Skeen of Philadelphia to Sallie M. Cummings of Upper Darby, house and lot 30 by 100 feet, \$1400

Thomas H. Snape of Upper Darby to Linn C. Drake of same place, frame house and lot 25 by 130 feet, nom

Newtown – Alice A. Sproul of Newtown to Robert A. McCorkle of Newtown, buildings and tract of 1 acre 22 square perches, nom

Edgmont – Wesley W. Smith of Edgmont to Reuben J. Reece of Upper Providence, house and tract of 70 acres, 1 rood, 4 perches, \$7600

Darby Borough – William K. DeVictor of Philadelphia to Nellie Quinn of Darby Borough, brick houses and lot 18 by 54 2-3 feet, \$1400

Chester – William L. Deveney of Chester to George J. Hunter and wife of same place, brick house and lot 17 by 97 feet on south side of Fourth Street, nom

Darby Borough – William J. Hilbert of Darby Borough to Adam J. Gotshall of same place, store and dwelling house and lot 18 by 51 feet, subject to \$2500 mortgage, nom

Lansdowne Heights – Florence Simpson of Philadelphia to Mildred J. Lewis of ___ building and lots no. 1265, 1266, 1267, \$7500

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