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NEW HOUSES FOR CHESTER – Thirteen Will Be Erected Here and Hundred in County Besides Those Reported – New Church and 2 Schools

New operations aggregating thirteen new dwellings to be built in Chester and about 150 to be built through the country, have been reported this week. All through the building season thus far the county activities have far exceeded those of the city, although rumors are heard from time to time about big house building operations in this city, which have, thus far, failed to materialize.

Work on the sixty new residences that Holstein H. Fields is going to build in the Second Ward will be commenced as soon as possible. New operations in the city include: Ten dwellings to be built by S. R. Bell on West Fifth Street, east of Pusey, two dwellings by W. L. Devinney, on Seventh Street near Lloyd, and one dwelling on the east side of Wilson Street near Front, for which William Pierce has taken out a permit.

In the county, it is reported that the General Chemical Company will build about one hundred houses for their employees at Marcus Hook. It is also rumored that Andrew McClure of Darby will build several apartment houses at Marcus Hook. In the same borough, the United Roofing and Manufacturing Company has awarded a contract for a large factory building and is receiving bids for a big three-story addition to one of the present structures. The American Viscose Company will also build more houses.

Ten residences will be built at Cynwyd and a \$40,000 church is planned for Cynwyd. Two new stone school buildings will be built in this county this spring, the contracts having been let. One is to be at Llanerch and the other at Brookline is Haverford Township.

A parish house will be erected by the Episcopal Church of the Atonement at Morton. Large residences are contemplated at Villanova and St. David's Farm buildings along generous proportions, will be built at Rose Tree, near Media and by Louis R. Page near Villanova.

IN THE CITY – The post office annex is now being roofed. All of the studding and all three of the floors have been placed in position and the work is being pushed to completion. There is still a great deal to do and the contract limit expires September 1.

Michael Monaghan of Philadelphia is pouring the concrete for the roof of the new \$30,000 by-products house that John J. Buckley and Company is erecting on Second Street. The new \$35,000 beef house of Swift and Company on Second Street has been completed. The Beacon Light Company has practically finished its new wharf and coal conveying system.

All of the outside work has been completed on the seven houses Albert Wunderlich is building in Wunderlich Place and six houses that Simon Bruner is building on Front Street near Market. The studding for both is now being set. The J. Irvin Taylor operation at Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenue has been roofed and workmen are now engaged on the interior.

Contractor H. Louis Morris started yesterday upon a brick addition to the stables of the Consumers' Ice and Coal Company. The addition will be 60 by 60 feet and two stories in height. The first floor frames have been set in the big stables and the rigging house that William E. Headley is building on the east side of Crosby Street below East Third Street.

The cellar excavations for the store and dwelling to be erected for William F. Ryan on West Third Street, below Hayes, will be finished next Tuesday, and the stone work of the cellar for the store and dwelling to be built on the same lot for Edward Todd by Contractor Francis Moore, will be completed today. Contractor Moore's four new houses on West Fourth Street, below Palmer, have been in the hands of plasterers for several days, and the brick work of the four houses to be built by Mr. Moore at Fourth and Hayes Streets will be started Monday morning. Mr. Moore will also break ground Monday morning for the erection of five modern dwellings on West Third Street between Fulton and Franklin for the German Catholic Beneficial Society. The survey for this building operation is being made today.

John G. Humphreys has made some extensive improvements to the two houses he recently purchased on Engle Street between Front and Second. Cement walks have been laid about the properties, a neat iron fence and an attractive front porch erected.

The seven two-story brick houses being built on West Third Street, below Townsend by Contractor Samuel S. A. Hewes are rapidly nearing completion. Granolithic sidewalks are being laid in front of the new properties.

J. Horace Witsil's eight new houses on Flower Street, above Sixth, are now all completed. Three of the attractive dwellings have already been rented.

**BUILDING PERMITS** - Building permits were issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams during the past week as follows:

W. L. Devinney to build two two-story brick dwellings on south side of Seventh Street between Lloyd and Pennell Streets

William Pierce to build a two-story brick dwelling on the East side of Wilson Street between Front and Second Streets

Harry C. Duff to build a one-story frame building with open shed attached on South side of Twenty-Third Street between Howard and Crozer Streets

**IN THE COUNTY** - The United Roofing and Manufacturing of Marcus Hook has awarded the contract to W. W. Lindsay of Philadelphia and Marcus Hook, for the erection of a factory at the United Hook plant. The building will be 120 by 323 feet, one and two stories high, of brick construction, with patented roofing, electric lighting and steam heating.

The United Roofing people are also receiving bids for another building operation at this plant. This will be a three-story brick addition to one of the present buildings. It will have a Congo roof, electric light and steam heat.

Several Delaware County contractors are bidding on the new parish house that the Episcopal Church of the Atonement will build at Morton. The building is to be of stone, two stories in height, 55 by 38 feet, with a slate roof, hot water heating, electric lighting, etc. The contract is soon to be awarded.

J. Stanley Reeve of Haverford is contemplating an addition and alterations to his stable in that place. The building is to be of stone and frame. Several Delaware County contractors are among those who submitted bids.

Nathan Hayward of the Bell Telephone Company is going to build a garage at St. David's. It will be of stone and plaster, two stories high, 23 by 20 feet, with tile roof, electric lighting and steam heating.

The Rose Tree Farm, near Media, is contemplating the erection of a stable and farm buildings. The structures will be of frame, one and two stories high, 17 by 34 feet and 124 by 74 feet.

A large brick and plaster residence will be erected at Villanova by a man whose name is withheld. It will be two and a half stories high, 50 by 36 feet, with a wing 25 by 25 feet. A shingle roof, hot air heating, hardwood floors and electric lighting are provided.

Shelton Catlin of St. David's will build a 2 1/2 story brick and plaster residence at that place. It will be 58 by 25 feet, with shingle roof, steam heating from a central plant, hardwood floors and electric lighting.

Louis R. Page of Villanova will erect some farm buildings at his place. They will be of stone and frame, one and two stories high, with a shingle roof, and electric lighting. George L. Croll of Rosemont, was awarded the contract for the work.

P. J. Hurley of Philadelphia has been awarded the contract for the building of the new \$50,000 public schoolhouse at Llanerch. The structure will be of stone, two stories in line that the Haverford Township height with a slate roof.

The new school building at Brook-School Board will erect, will be built by F. T. Mercur and Company of Philadelphia. It will be of stone, two stories high, with a slate room, atmospheric heating and electric lighting.

Ballinger and Perrot are taking bids on workmen's cottages to be erected in the Industrial Village of the American Viscose Company, at Marcus Hook, Pa. The village occupies 20 acres and is situated directly opposite the plant.

Bart Tourison is preparing plans for ten houses to be built at Cynwyd, Pa. for Henderson Farley.

Horace Trumbatter will prepare plans and specifications for a handsome stone church building to be erected at Cynwyd Pa. for the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. Sketches were submitted by four Philadelphia firms of Architects, cost, \$40,000.

At a creditor's sale this week, Strathaven Inn, a summer hotel on Crum Creek, Swarthmore, Pa. was sold for \$100 in cash, the purchaser, Frank M. Schlebly of Norristown, agreeing to assume responsibility for mortgages amounting to \$43,600. The property is assessed at \$50,000.

The sale of large tracts of land and their development into building lots of ordinary suburban size and into plots of from one to ten acres for rural residences is one of the later features in Delaware County realty circles, four parcels of land, one at Boothwyn, another at Collingdale, a third at Media and the fourth at Marcus Hook, being sold for this purpose.

The most important of these sites, because of its being the largest, is at Boothwyn, where the Bergdoll estate, consisting of nearly 300 acres, was sold to a syndicate headed by Pennington and Paul of Philadelphia. The Bergdoll estate at that place formerly was the old McCay farm, and was purchased a score of years ago by a syndicate of Philadelphians.

A fifty-five acre tract at Media, owned by George T. Hildebrand of that place on Providence Road, will be cut up into smaller tracts of from one or two acres for the

purpose of attracting a class of home-seekers and builders who desire to build country homes with ample acreage features. Mr. Hildebrand will hold ten acres for his own use. Already he has sold a three acre tract to a man who for the present, desires his name not to be known. He will erect a handsome country home in the fall on his new holding.

At Collingdale a tract of ten acres has been bought by Frank Benson, who will erect as many houses as possible on the site. The tract extends from Ash to Bartram Avenues and from Clifton to Sharon Avenues.

At Marcus Hook it is said that Andrew McClure of Darby has purchased all of the ground on Post Road on Tenth Street, on which he will erect a number of apartment houses, which are a new feature in this rapidly growing borough. The erection of this style of building is especially apropos in Marcus Hook, as the borough has grown so fast in population because of the establishment of so many big industrial plants here that hundreds of employees cannot obtain houses near their work.

Real estate brokers never have such things as vacant houses in Marcus Hook. In this same borough the Chemical Company, which has erected about twelve houses on a lot adjoining its plant, is contemplating the erection of about 100 similar dwellings for its employees. The model community houses erected in the same borough by the American Viscos Company for its employees will be rented, it is understood, from \$12 to \$15 a month, which is considered extremely reasonable, when the houses and their comforts and surroundings and everything else are considered. It is also said that the American Viscose Company is thinking of erecting many more houses of a similar kind and that already the officials of the company are looking over several available sites near Boothwyn for the purpose.

At Clifton Heights a plot of ground containing two and a half acres, belonging to the Mary A. Dunn estate, was sold by Arthur F. Blake to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for \$10,500. The tract contains a large mansion, stables and a frame residence, and is located along the railroad. The railroad owns property directly opposite, and it is believed that it purchased the property for the purpose of making a freight station at that point, with several extra sidings. In the same borough Edward Winterbottom is about to start to erect two houses for Mrs. Aaron Bedrick, on Springfield Avenue.

Glenolden has started in earnest by commencing the erection of ten houses. The new dwellings will be erected on Bonsall Avenue, south of Ashland. Ground was broken this week. If the intentions of the members of the Ridley Park Social Club are carried out, a new clubhouse will be erected in that pretty borough probably this fall. Plans have already been drawn up for the house and necessary funds in order to start the improvement.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Haverford – Edmund D. Swenk of Haverford to Sallie Kirk of same place, tract of 60761 square feet, \$9500

Andrew Talley of Haverford to Frank Dinaut of Haverford, lot No. 13, \$500

Media – Carolus M. Broomall and wife of Media to Joseph Hill Brinton of same place, house and lot, 35 by 125 feet on South side of Second Street subject to \$3800 mortgage, Nom.

Lansdowne – John J. White of Atlantic City to Eliza C. Hartel of Lansdowne, two houses and lot 71 by 145 feet, \$6500

Haverford – James M. Benson and wife of Haverford to Sarah Bricklen of same place, buildings and tract of two acres, nominal

Radnor – Frances T. Maguire, et al, trustees of Pennsylvania to Mary E. Townsend of Radnor, house and lot, 60 by 250 feet, \$4250

Chester – William T. Wright of Newtown to Daniel Hall of Chester, brick house and lot 15 3-3 by 104 feet, \$900

Bernard McGuire of Chester to Charles E. Simpson of Chester, frame house and lot 20 by 120 feet on south side of Seventh Street, \$1200

Kirklyn – John H. Storer of Waltham to Arthur C. Compton of Llanerch, lot Nos. 35 and 26 \$890

Kirklyn – Arthur C. Compton of Llanerch to Charles C. Townsend and wife of Upper Darby, improvements and lots, Nos. 35 and 36, \$4300

Aston – Cordelia E. Ward of Philadelphia to Mazie Thornton of same place, building and tract of 14, 106-1000 acres, Nom.

Haverford – Delaware County Realty Company of Pennsylvania to William C. Smith of Delaware County, buildings and tract of 166,286 acres, subject to \$112,500 in mortgages, nominal

Pennfield – Suburbs Holding Company of Pennsylvania, Lot nos. 641, 642, 643, \$1425

Radnor – Emily H. Thomas, et al, of Radnor to John B. Lober of same place, tract of 4.98 acres, nominal

Drexel Heights – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Elizabeth F. Ott of same place, Lot nos. 430, 431, \$430

Swarthmore – The Swarthmore Presbyterian Church of Swarthmore to George H. Bew of Ventnor, buildings and lot 77 by 247 feet, \$2350

Chester – Benjamin Rosenberg of Chester to James H. Ross of same place, brick house and lot 29 by 97 feet at southeast corner of Second and Franklin Streets, \$3400

Radnor – Edward P. Rawle of Radnor to Harriet C. Rawle, trustee of Pennsylvania, tract of 7.421 acres, nominal

Sharon Hill – Forrester H. Scott, executor of Philadelphia to Robert G. Fink of same place, lot 304, nominal

Highland Park – John W. Morgan of Harrisburg to Sarah M. Moran of Philadelphia, Lot nos. 360, 361, nominal

Norwood – George Tinsman et al, of United States to William Haehle of Norwood, house and lot 50 by 150 feet, \$2800

Radnor – John B. Lober of Radnor to Emily H. Thomas et al, of same place, tract of 1.42 acres, \$4260