

CHESTER TIMES – August 24, 1912

BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK - \$15,000 AND \$20,000

Residences in Suburbs – New Factories – In City and County

Building and realty throughout city and county experienced a quiet week last week, although a few new operations were reported and several transfers were recorded. The biggest thing in the building line in the city include the announcement that ground will be broken for the new addition to the Chester Post Office Monday and that the Beacon Light Company will double the size of its sub-station at Second and Reaney Streets. The Beacon Company is also building a new sub-station at Folsom. No transfers or sales of property out of the ordinary were made during the week.

Greenville D. Montgomery, of Philadelphia, will build a \$20,000 stone residence at Haverford. Several contractors are bidding on the work for the proposed 66 dwellings for the American Viscose Company at Marcus Hook. Thomas M. Longcope of Lansdowne will erect a residence at that place.

The contract for the proposed new school at Crum Lynne, has been awarded contractor H. Louis Morris of this city. George E. Savage of Philadelphia will build a \$15,000 residence at St. David's for a Wayne woman. Operations now under way in both city and county are progressing rapidly. Contractors are anxious to get all work, thus far commenced, finished before bad weather comes.

Former Councilman William L. Devinney of the Eleventh ward, who is building several houses in the West End, will erect three large two-story brick dwellings at Second and Wilson Streets. The United Roofing and Manufacturing Company will build a \$20,000 mil building at Marcus Hook.

IN THE CITY – Contractor William L. Devinney of 2519 West Third Street, reports finishing three two-story brick dwellings at Third and Booth streets. He will also build eight two-story brick dwellings on Fourth Street between Ward and Palmer Street. The brick work has been completed on two cellar walls completed on two and cellars commenced for the third pair. The fourth pair will also be built this season. The six two-story brick dwellings that Mr. Devinney is building on Morton Street between Eighth and Ninth Street are nearing completion. He also contemplates starting three new two-story brick dwelling, for each will have either eight or nine rooms.

T. Brooks McBride, a candy manufacturer, who is having a store, residence and candy factory erected at Third and Lloyd Streets has them well under way. The second floor joists have been laid. Thomas Winfree of 2602 West Third Street is doing the brick work.

Samuel A. Hewes of Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets, who is going to erect ten two-story houses on Fourth Street between Ward and Wilson Streets, is also making rapid progress with the operation.

Francis J. Moore of Marcus Hook, a builder broke ground yesterday for a pair of houses on West Fourth Street, just West of Palmer Street. They are to be of brick, two stories high, tin roof and have front porches and bath rooms.

The work on the new Italian Presbyterian church, Third and Fulton Streets, has been progressing rather slowly since the brick work has been completed. The rafters for the pitched roof of the edifice are now being laid as fastly as possible.

Lake B. Salmon is progressing with the pair of concrete houses that he is building at Third and Pusey streets. The rear kitchens have been annexed and the work of finishing the interior.

The Berman Clothing Company is making extensive improvements to its store at 37 West Third Street. The new display windows are nearly completed and operations are in progress on the second floor of the building, which is being fitted up for a ladies' saloon. New electric light fixtures and the latest design of reflectors are being installed, and both the ladies' parlor on the second floor and the men's and boy's clothing department and furniture department on the first floor will be brilliantly illuminated. The ladies' room will be equipped with the latest design of reflectors, and all the departments in the store will be equipped with air-tight and dust-proof cabinets. Frank Berman, the manager, expects to have everything in readiness for a grand opening about Saturday, September 14. He declares that when the improvements under way are completed the store will be one of the largest, most gorgeous and best equipped of its kind in any city of the size of Chester in the eastern section of the State.

Steel girders are being put in place in the erection of an abattoir on the site of the old Asbury A.M.E. church at Second and Bevan Streets. Sam Lax, the contractor, expects to have the building ready for the owner, J. Jacobson, the butcher, in a few weeks. The refrigerating plant, which will be built in the structure, will have a capacity for fifty beeves.

Under the supervision of Contractor Lax the addition to the rear of the Lafayette Building, at Third Street and Edgmont Avenue is rapidly nearing completion. The length of the building has been increased fifteen feet, giving more floor space in Childs' grocery store on the first floor and the annex to the lodge room on the second floor.

The iron fence surrounding the home of Chester Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles at Seventh and Deshong Streets, is being repainted a deep black, by young men who are members of the organization.

Work is still being pushed rapidly on the extensive improvements under way at the pork packing plant of the John J. Buckley Company on Second Street near Edgmont Avenue. The Dickerson Paving and Construction Company has a force of master mechanics on the cement work in connection with the building of the new cold storage plant. The fireproof annex to be built will be used for the preparation of inedible products, including greases, tallow and casings. The building will be connected with the main plant by viaducts.

New porches have been built to the front of Henry Moore's houses at 932 and 934 Madison Street. The spacious porticos are now being painted.

Walter Wood is having the dwelling at 1139 Edgmont Avenue remodeled.

The one story brick store property on the south side of East Seventh Street just east of Welsh Street, is nearing completion. It is being built by a Norwood woman, as an investment. A Chester Trust Company is agent for the property. The store is 20 by 50 feet and has two large show windows.

Excavations have been commenced for the foundations of the new theatre that Thomas Hargreaves, proprietor of the Arcade Hotel, is building adjoining that hostelry. The new theatre will be on New Market Street, north of Sixth Street. The present motion picture show building at 602 Edgmont Avenue, will also be re-modeled and will be used as a lobby and entrance to the auditorium, which will be provided in the new building.

Mr. Harry Hewes of Seventh Street and Highland Avenue, has purchased one of the two story brick dwellings on Highland Avenue, near West Twelfth Street. These residences were built by Contractor William J. Hewes, of 1102 Highland Avenue.

The store formerly occupied by Alexander McGrann on the Northwest corner of Seventh Street and Morton Avenue, is being renovated and extensively remodeled. It will be used by a dry good merchant.

BUILDING PERMITS – A building agreement was filed Wednesday in the office of the prothonary for the erection of a frame factory building at Marcus Hook for the United Roofing and Manufacturing Company, at a cost of \$19,700. The contractors are Ellwood C. Lindsay and James C. Newlin, trading as W.W. Lindsay and Company. Stipulation is made against mechanic liens.

Hirst and McMullin of Philadelphia have sold for Marion Roberts Troth, wife of John T. Troth, 20 Orchard Way at St. Davids. The property consists of one acre of ground with a stone and stucco residence and large garage. The purchaser, H.S. Farpur, is chief engineer of the Philadelphia and Western Railway. The property was held for sale at a firm price of \$18,000. In the vicinity are the handsome houses of Ernest Law, Mrs. Richard Tilgham, David Dunlap, Jr., and others.

Settlement was made yesterday for the handsome stone and shingle house and stable on a lot of 2 ¾ acres, on Waterloo Road, Devon, sold recently by Julia Street Upton of Paris, France, represented by George L. Parker to Hirst & McMullen of Philadelphia for a client. The consideration was not disclosed. The property was held, however, at \$25,000. It is opposite Devon Inn.

IN THE COUNTY – McIlvain and Roberts Philadelphia architects, will soon take bids on a \$20,000 residence to build at Haverford for Grenville D. Montgomery of Philadelphia. The building is to be of stone and timber, two and a half stories in height, and modern in every detail.

Among the contractors bidding on the work for the 66 new houses of the American Viscoe Company, Marcus Hook, is William Provost, Jr., of Chester. Each dwelling is to be 2 by 23 feet of brick, two and a half stories high, with slate roof, electric light and hot air heat.

Thomas M. Longcope of Lansdowne is receiving bids on a dwelling that he will build at that place. It is to be of plaster, three stories high, 30 by 50 feet with shingle roof, electric lighting, hard wood floors, hot air heating, etc. The following Lansdowne contractors are figuring: William C. Schuster, Charles T. Moore, James Lowden, R.M. Anderson, James Ingram and George Riley.

The contract for the new Crum Lynn School has been awarded to H. Louis Morris, a contractor of Chester. The building is to be of brick, two stories high, 66 by 34 feet, with slate roof, hot air heating and electric lighting.

Gray Brothers of Rosemont, have secured the contract for the erection of a \$15,000 residence for Mrs. Thomas May Pierce, Jr., of Wayne. The building is to be of plaster, three stories high, 32 by 60, shingle roof, electric light, four bath rooms, etc. A building agreement has been filed at the office of the prothonary at Media.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – Clifton Heights – Arthur F. Blake of Clifton Heights to John J. Burke of Media, brick house and lot 21 by 90 feet, \$3350

Collingdale – Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to John C. Turner of same place, brick house and lot 18 by 100 feet, \$2000

Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to Benjamin F. Cahill of same place, brick house and lot 18 by 120 feet, \$2000

Clifton Heights – The Charter National Bank of Media to Meyer Granick of Clifton Heights buildings, improvements and lot 40 by 126 feet, \$7500

Chester Township – Media Title and Trust Co. of Media to Elizabeth B. Eckerty of Chester Township, tract of 2 stores, \$2400

Darby Borough – Mary Hook of Darby Borough to Francis X. Delaney of Philadelphia, house and lot 50 by 86 feet, \$600

Sharon Hill – Daniel Bogan of Sharon Hill to Harry A. Stein of same place, house and lot 50 by 115 feet, \$3600

Colwyn – George B. Lugar , et al, of Colwyn to Harry W. Kock of Drexel Hill, frame house and lot 24 by 100 feet, \$2500

Lansdowne – Alexander J. Morris of Lansdowne to Mary E. Scherrey of Ridley Township, brick house and lot 20 by 141 feet, \$400

Newtown – Horatio Donehower, et al of _____ to Vincent Verra of _____, tract of 3 acres, subject to \$300 mortgage, nominal

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