

CHESTER TIMES – November 2, 1912

BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS OF THE WEEK – Several Big Operations Now Under Way in Chester – In City and County

The rain of yesterday has again held up the building operations in this city. Contractors, who had not succeeded in getting the buildings under roof, were compelled to abandon work. Those who now have their operations under roof were able to continue with the interior work. Sales have been dull, although about the usual number of transfers have been made. The Chester building inspector is not issuing as many building permits at this time as earlier in the season, but nevertheless several new operations are about to be commenced and others are contemplated for this year.

The announcement has been made that Swift and Company, pork packers of Chicago, Ill., would break ground for a \$30,000 beef house on East Second Street east of Market Street Monday morning. This is the biggest new operation of the week. Revised plans are now being made for an addition to the factory of the Lester Piano Works at Lester. Boyd L. Spahr contemplates a \$25,000 residence at Haverford and several large and costly residences are contemplated at Merion on the Montgomery county line.

IN THE CITY – The rain of the past couple of weeks has greatly retarded the work on the 68 by 34 feet annex to the Chester post office. The excavation for the basement has been started but the workmen have unable to lay the foundations.

Peter J. Nolan, the architect and builder of the new office building on Welsh Street above East Fifth Street for Benjamin C. Fox, has started to lay the first floor joists.

The razing of old buildings on the property adjoining the present plant of the John J. Buckley Company, West Second Street, west of Market Street, has about been completed. A modern manufactory for non-ferrous products will be built here at a cost of about \$25,000.

The two largest realty sales of the week in this city was that of Sweeney and Clyde of Boarman-Vensey Company, Inc. The deal included the store properties at 518 Edgmont Avenue and 27, 28, 31, 33, 37 and 39 West Fourth Street. The consideration was private. James T. Noden, proprietor of the Blue Bell Hotel, Second and Market Streets, also bought that property, the purchase price of which is said to have been \$25,000.

Work is rapidly progressing on the eight dwellings being erected by J. Irvin Taylor on Kerlin Street between Twelfth Street and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Horace Taylor is erecting six dwellings on Kerlin Street above Tenth. These residences will be modern in every way.

The structural iron for the new addition to the Good Will Fire house at Fifteenth Street and Providence Avenue will be placed in position during the coming week, after which the erection of the brick walls of the structure will be started. It is hoped to have the building under roof before the advent of severe weather.

Samuel Bell has begun the erection of several houses on Lloyd Street near the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Ground was broken yesterday by William Ward for a large number of small houses in what is known as "Sunnyside," at Twenty-sixth and Madison Streets.

The splendid residence being erected for Mr. and Mrs. VanKeuren at Twenty-first and Providence Avenue has been sheathed and now awaits the finishing slate.

Yesterday the Belmont Iron Works began excavating for an addition to their plant at Eddystone which when completed, will be twice the size of their present building.

Work on the new Franklin school is well under way, the foundation being all laid and the brick work has been started. If the weather permits, operations will again be resumed Monday of next week.

The new stone wall which was built by the New Chester Water Company at their plant is being allowed to stand in order to allow it to settle, when it will be covered with bricks and crowned by a high iron fence.

Work on Mr. Cabot's new building which is to be three stories high, is also being pushed by Mercandante and Sons, the contractors the first floor having been reached.

**BUILDING PERMITS** – The following building permits were recently issued by Building Inspector Tarryl T. William:

Albert Ilg to build a frame kitchen in the rear of 309 East Twenty-Second Street

James Scanlon to rebuild frame kitchen at rear of 211 East Twenty-Second Street

Consolidated Engineering Company, Baltimore, Md. To build a concrete building on the South side of East Second Street, between Market and Welsh Streets, 74 x 98 feet, two stories high

William Ward to build two two-story brick dwellings, 17 x 38 feet on East side of Madison Street at Sharpless Avenue

H. Krotee for William B. Northam, owner, to build a bay window on front of house at 140 East Seventh Street

James Shropshire, owner, to build four two-story brick dwelling on the South side of Fifth Street, between Lloyd and Pennell Streets

Joseph Burke to build an open shed in rear of 2013 Madison Street

Robert Jagers to build a two-story brick dwelling on West side of Upland Street

**IN THE COUNTY** – Revised plans for the four-story addition to the Lester Piano Works, at Lester, are now being prepared. The building is to be of brick, equipped with steam heat, slag roof, electric light, etc.

Two residences costing \$25,000 of stone and frame, two and a half stories in height, for John A. Barry are contemplated at Merion. Plans have not been started as yet. A stone and timber residence of Louis A. Belmont will also be built in Merion. Bids will be taken after the first of the year for the plans are now being drafted.

Several contractors are bidding on the work for a \$25,000 residence for Boyd Lee Spahr, at Haverford. It is to be three stories in height of stone and timber and modern in every detail.

Real estate is looking up in Swarthmore. Walton and Walton have sold a lot on Dickinson Avenue to Walter R. Shoemaker of Philadelphia. Mr. Shoemaker expects to build on this lot sometime during the winter. They have sold two lots on Morton Avenue to Miss Helena DeCove, who will shortly erect a bungalow. E.R. Currier, a manager for the Curtis Publishing Company, has rented a house through the same firm on North Chester Road.

At Swarthmore the Bell Telephone Company has purchased a plot of ground on which it will build an updated central exchange which is needed. It is the intention of the Bell Company to consolidate the Morton and the Swarthmore exchanges in the new building. Work on the improvements and additions to the county Court House at Media is being hurried along. This week the first stone for the foundations of the new annex was laid in the presence of the builders, the contractors and a number of prominent county officials. The concrete bases for the foundation walls are being put in.

O'Donnell and Sharkey of Clifton Heights have had plans drawn for enlarging the first floor under the band, where they have been conducting the Family Theatre. When enlarged, with many improvements and alterations, the hall will have a seating capacity of more than 300. McLean and Baldwin of Philadelphia have been awarded the contract from Charles Sim for erecting the two-and-a-half story stone and plaster residence at Milmont. The dwelling will be 30 by 50 feet with modern improvements, electric light, shingle roof, hardwood floors and hot water heat.

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Darby Borough – Frank F. Newman of Darby Borough to Annette Faivre of Philadelphia, brick house and lot, 22 1-2 by 150 feet, \$2,000

Colwyn – Selina Burns of Ardmore to Elizabeth H. Kent of Colwyn house and lot 25 by 129 feet, subject to \$2,250 mortgage, \$1,250

Observatory Hill – John J. Costello of Philadelphia to Mary V. Murphy of same place, lot 25 by 120 feet, nominal

Clifton Heights – Ida Budd of Philadelphia to Henry Budd of same place, lot 306 by 917 feet nominal

Darby Borough – William H. Galloway of Darby Borough to Walter Hutchinson of Philadelphia, brick house and lot, 20 by 125 feet, nominal

Springfield – Joseph T. Bunting of Darby Township to Horace G. Twaddell of Media, buildings and tract of 44 81-100 acres, nominal

Lansdowne – James Gordon of Lansdowne to Elizabeth H. west of same place, house and lot 35 by 161 feet, subject to \$2500 in mortgage, \$2700

Newtown – John N.M. Shimer of Phila. To Susan Harlan of Erie, right of title and interest etc. in tract of 2 acres, Nom.

Chester – Josiah Sleeper of Chester to Hamilton Lutten and wife of the same place, buildings and lot 22 1-2 by 130 feet on easterly side of Kerlin Street, \$3,000

Darby – Charles F. Eggleston of Philadelphia to the Darby Bank of Darby, buildings and lot, 33 by 60 by 37 by 88 feet, subject to \$3000 mortgage, \$4000

Ridley Park – William C. Schultz and wife of Ridley Park to John A. Kates and wife, of same place, frame house and lot, 58 by 125 feet, \$2600

Highland Park – John H. Storer of Waltham to Frieda S. Tigerman of Philadelphia, lots no. 339-340, \$640

Darby Borough – Harry W. Tyler of Darby to Thomas Dickson of Philadelphia, buildings and lot 38 by 99 feet, nominal

Collingdale – Frank H. Benson of Collingdale to Michael A. Martinez and wife of same place, buildings and lot 30 by 145 feet, \$3100

Darby Borough – Harry W. Tyler of Darby to Sarah J. Grace of same place, buildings and lot 21 by 58 feet, nominal

East Lansdowne – Charles E. Fritgher of Philadelphia to William J. Bell of same place, lots nos. 1232-1233, \$800

Chester – William L. Deveney of Chester to Jan Perkouski of same place, brick house and lot, 13 1-3 by 120 feet on southerly side of Third Street, \$1,700

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Glenolden – Bert R. Parker of Glenolden to Ernest Talbent and wife of Norwood, brick house and lot, 25 by 100 feet, \$2,200

Chester – The Phila. Electric Co. of Phila to Beacon Light Co. of Chester, buildings etc. and lot on Front Street, \$30,000

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Marcus Hook – George H. Kerr and wife of Wilmington to Joseph N. Pew of Bryn Mawr, building and lot 50 by 525 feet, \$4,000

South Ardmore – John H. Storer Waltham to William S. Weltman of Phila, lots no. 695-696, \$590

Highland Park – John H. Storer of Waltham to James Collins, et al of Crum Lynne and Phila., Lot No. 513, \$790

Lester – Forrester H. Scott, et al of Phila. To Charles Beller of same place, two brick houses and lot, 50 by 125 feet, \$1,000

Collingdale – Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to Sarah F. Sith of Phila. Brick house and lot, 18 by 89 feet, \$2,000

Clifton Heights – James V. Kane of Clifton Heights to J. Gross Perkins of Phila, lot 20 by 110 feet, \$1,000

Marple – Nathan Pratt, et al of Media and Newtown to Mark Hopkins, Jr. of Boston, buildings and tract of land 136, 9-100 acres, Nom.

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