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MUCH ACTIVITY AMONG THE LOCAL BUILDERS – Realty News and Transactions of This Section Reported – In City and County

With the increasing warmth of the sun's rays contractors and builders throughout the city and county are awakening from their period of hibernation and as a result numerous structures are climbing skyward. At present there seems to be unusual activity in home building, modern dwelling being erected in almost every residential section.

Builders confidently expect this activity to assume even greater proportions and are looking forward with eager expectancy toward the introduction of next month. A number of important real estate deals and transfers have been made recently and indications point to a record-breaking season of construction.

Samuel A. Hewes, the contractor of Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets is erecting seven modern dwelling houses on Ninth Street, east of Eddystone Avenue, Leiperville. Three of the structures are squared and ready for the bricklayers, and the other four are now being excavated. With the favor of the weather, the contractor believes that it will not be more than a lapse of four weeks between the foundations and the roofs.

Nolan Brothers, the contractors of Fifth and Market Streets, have secured the contract for the remodeling of the building at Third and Market Streets, owned by John McGolick and the work will be started at once.

Attorney Joshua C. Taylor has had erected in the rear of his home on West Second Street, a garage in which to keep his automobile. The building is one story high, with corrugated iron sides and concrete floor. The entrance to the building is on Mary Street, between Concord Avenue and Franklin Street.

H. Louis Morris, the contractor of Seventh and Barclay Streets, is building two new double-story, eight-room dwelling houses on Fairview Road, Leiperville. The new dwellings will be of brick, and will be up-to-date in every detail. The work of excavating for the cellars has now been completed and the manufacturer says that the weather favoring, there should not be a lapse of more than three weeks between the roofs and the foundations.

James J. Farnan of 114 East Eighteenth Street has just completed the plans and specifications for a large dwelling house and store building, together with a stable and wagon shed, for T. Brook McBride, the candy manufacturer of Third and Penn Streets. The new building, which will be modern in every respect, will be located at Third and Lloyd Streets. The contract has just been awarded to Amos P. Sheaff, the contractor of Fifth and Madison Streets, who will commence operations on the project at once, and it is believed that with the favor of the weather, one lapse of time between the foundations and the roofs will not exceed 115 days. The price is \$2090. A stipulation against mechanics liens was entered at Media.

The property on the northeast corner of Front and booth Streets belonging to Michael Gurczyk, a Polander, was sold to Peter Bachorski several days ago. The property has a frontage of 60 feet and is 140 feet in depth. The transfer was made in the office of J. Horace Witail, 1806 West Third Street, a West End real estate broker.

George H. Story, who has conducted a coal yard at Fifth and Penn Streets for eight years past has leased the yard in the rear of Blake's garage with an entrance on Edgmont Avenue, near Third Street, the property now occupied by him having been purchased some weeks ago by the Penn Ice Company. Workmen are now engaged in building the wharf

fronting on the east side of Chester River, erecting scales and bins and making other changes. An office will be partitioned off in the front part of the garage on Edgmont Avenue and a door cut in the side wall to create an entrance. Extensive improvements are contemplated and Mr. Story will have one of the most convenient and best coat yards in the city.

Contractor and Builder George Weigand has commenced the erection of two brick dwelling houses on the north side of Third Street, near Ulrich, opposite the row of attractive homes he built on the same street, a couple of years ago. The new houses will be duplicates in style of architecture and convenience, two stories high, with front porches, baths and other desirable accommodations. Mr. Weigand will do the brick work and the carpenter work will be executed by William J. Wiser, contractor and builder of Parkway Street.

J. Harry Barber is building a brick addition to his store and dwelling at the corner of Sixth and Kerlin Streets. The work is nearing completion and will give increased accommodations for the residence part of the building.

Select Councilman Louis H. Morris is erecting a one-story back garage at the corner of Patterson and Barclay Streets for the storage of his own machine and accommodations for several others owned by private parties. It will be a substantial structure, well-lighted and ventilated and quite an improvement to that locality.

THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY – Building booms are looming up in every section of the eastern and northern section of this county, but perhaps the largest is that which is about to take place in Yeadon borough. The Greenway Improvement Company, composed of capitalists from Philadelphia, are about to improve a very large tract of land near Church Lane and Bunting Avenue, Yeadon, where seventy-five houses are to be erected within a short time. The houses will be modern in every way and will be located near the Fortieth Street line of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company.

The School Board of Collingdale has purchased a fine piece of land on Pusey Avenue from Frank B. Rhodes, a Media lawyer. It is understood that the School Board will have plans prepared for a new school building which is to be erected at an early date. The new location is in the eastern end of the borough and it will make it more convenient for children of that section of the borough. Within the past four years the eastern end of Collingdale has grown rapidly and it will be necessary to have an additional school building to take care of the children.

Contractor Thomas F. Manley of Clifton Heights, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a handsome ten room house for a Mr. Roddy, of Philadelphia. The house is to be erected in Drexel Hill.

Builder L.E. Talley of Garrettford has broken ground for two brick dwellings in Lansdowne Heights and he is estimating on plans for four more houses.

The Collingdale Millwork Company has started the work of building a large brick addition to its plant along the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Collingdale.

President of Council W.W. Johnson of Saville Avenue, Eddystone, is a firm believer in the prosperity of that borough, and believes that the demand for houses in the borough will increase rather than grow less, and in consequence he intends doing some little building this summer. He has entered into a contract with J.H. Phipps, the well-known builder, to put up four houses on the ground lying between the home of Mr. Johnson and the parsonage of the Eddystone Methodist Church. The excavations were

staked out and ground was broken yesterday for the first pair of these houses. There is room on the ground for eight houses, but Mr. Johnson does not intend to build more than four houses this year. These will be similar to the houses on Saville Avenue owned by him and will be thoroughly modern in their equipment. The owner stated yesterday that he has already rented three of the houses.

Building work in Leiperville and vicinity is going forward steadily, the favoring weather conditions assisting the builders materially. Work has been begun on the foundation for a house for Richard Wolfe on the site on Fairview Road adjoining the St. Matthew's Lutheran church. H. Louis Morris, a Chester contractor, is doing the work. Work on the new church is being pushed forward rapidly, and in a short time the building will be ready for occupancy. John Maag has a force of men at work building a house on Fairview Road adjoining the Johnson property for George Pritchard.

The work of laying the sewer from the St. Rose of Lima Roman Catholic Church and parsonage to the Chester Pike sewer was suspended yesterday owing to a break in the water main at this point, water filling the hole. When the break occurred the water gushed out in a stream which went almost as high as the telegraph wires, but this soon stopped and the stream ran into the sewer.

Jordan Brothers, the builders and contractors of Prospect Park, have been awarded the contract for the erection of six houses for James Gordon, Sr., and his daughters. The dwellings will be of brick, two story high and will contain six rooms, bath and all modern conveniences. The houses will be built on a lot on Fairview Avenue between Springfield Avenue and Walnut Street. Jordan Brothers will begin the work of having the excavations made for the cellars next week. The building of the above houses will be a big improvement to Fairview Avenue and vicinity.

ACTIVITIES IN MEDIA AND VICINITY – Francis Sharples has purchased the farm of Charles Moore in Upper Providence Township and will reside there for part of the year. He will make improvements to the place. Mr. Sharples resides on Spruce Street, Philadelphia. He is the brother of Walter M. Sharples of Media.

Ground will be broken Saturday afternoon for the Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church of Sharon Hill. The first spadeful of dirt will be dug by Dr. David Tully of Media, the aged clergyman who organized the Sharon Hill Church. Recently the Chester Presbytery decided to name the church for Dr. Tully.

A building agreement was filed Wednesday in the office of the Prothonotary for the erection of a stone and frame dwelling house in Middletown Township for Louis M. Remont, who is now residing in Philadelphia, at a cost of \$4200. Herbert L. Walton, of Moylan, is the contractor, and William McKee Walton the architect. Stipulation is made against mechanics' liens.

An agreement was filed recently in the office of the Prothonotary for the erection of a dwelling on Wayne Avenue, Radnor for R. Francis Wood at a cost of \$19,032. The contractors are Metzger and Wells. Plans were drawn by Bissell and Slinker. Stipulation is made against mechanics' liens.

A building agreement was filed recently in the office of the Prothonotary for the construction of additions to the library building of Haverford College known as the Book Stack building. The contractor is R.C. Ballinger and CCompany of Philadelphia and the price \$9,993. The contract is signed by Asa S. Wing, treasurer of the college. Baily and

Bassett are the architects. The work must be completed by August 31 and a penalty of \$10 a day is provided for every day afterwards that the work remains unfinished.

Darby Borough – Harry W. Tyler of Darby Borough to Margaret H. Maurer of same place, frame and stone house and lot 22 by 65 feet \$7400.

Ridley Township – Clara A. Whitechurch, et. al., fixers of Pennsylvania to J. Edward Mitchell of Glenolden, twin houses and lot 68 by 150 feet, \$3500.

Radnor Township – John R. Kearns of Radnor to Edward S. Woodruff of same place, lot 26 by 168 feet, \$3000.

Darby Township – The Sharon Hill Building Association of Delaware County to Albert N. Fahnestock and wife of Darby Township, two houses and tract of 94 4-10 perches, \$600.

Haverford – James A. McCracken of Whitemarsh to Joseph A. Golden of Haverford, buildings and lot 25 by 137 feet, \$2800.

Collingdale – George T. White of Lansdowne to Samuel R. Hackman of Collingdale, frame house and lot 30 by 109 feet, \$2100.

Ridley Township – J. Miller Quinn of Ridley Township to Lottie Kraikowsky of Ridley Township, lot 40 by 207 feet, \$720.

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