

CHESTER TIMES – November 8, 1913 – BIG DEMAND FOR MODERN HOUSES –  
Hundreds of the Two-Story Type Containing All Improvements Have Been Built and Sold

There is a big demand in Chester for up-to-date two-story brick houses. The greater number of dwellings erected during the present spring and summer were houses of this character. The rapidity with which they were rented and in many instances sold, proved beyond a doubt that this class of dwelling is what the people need most. In addition to having a house containing bat rooms, toilets, gas and electric lights, with heaters in the cellars, the average working man has come to the conclusion that there is a great convenience in having two-story houses. It is easier for the housewife. She is the one who objects to having to travel above the second floor to clean and this builders say as much as any one thing, has brought about the building of two-story dwellings.

Several hundred were erected this year so far, and more are to be built if the weather will permit. Many vacant lots at the beginning of the year 1913 are now occupied by attractive homes. According to the records in the office of Building Inspector T. T. Williams, during the month of October, permits were taken out for the erection of thirty-two two-story brick houses. He figures that during October buildings to the amount of \$84,600 were erected, the permits being taken out at his office. This included a one-story structure to be covered with iron, two bath rooms; 32 two-story dwellings, one three-story brick dwelling, three additions, one open shed, one two-story concrete building and one two-story stone and brick structure.

ENLARGING ABERFOYLE PLANT – Contractor William Provost, Jr. this week took out a permit for an addition to the large mills of the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company at Third and Morton Avenue. This will be a one-story building 22 by 62 feet to be constructed of brick. With the other improvements that are in progress at this plant, this will make quite an extension to the present mill property.

While no large deals of real estate were closed in this vicinity during the week, there are several important ones under way and if they should go through there will be some marked important changes in the business section of the city which will be a great benefit to the town. It will be several weeks before anything is definitely known in regard to these, but among them is a possible new theatre for the city and several other buildings of imposing proportions.

LAND DEAL REPORTED – A report has been circulated around town that the vacant land in the vicinity of Seventh and Wilson Streets, and Ninth and Wilson Streets, will be taken over by several local contractors, who will build up-to-date houses, which are badly needed in this particular end of the city. Although the report could not be verified, it is possible that the work will be done in a very short time.

LODGE BUILDING CHANGES – Operations have been commenced on the enlargement and remodeling of the headquarters of Chester Lodge, NO. 263, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Broad and Crosby Streets. Horace H. Jackson, who prepared the plans and specifications for the improvement, has the contract. The entire work will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000, and it is expected that the improvement will be completed by Christmas. A large kitchen will be added to the rear of the building and extensive alterations will be made to the social quarters and the degree room. The social quarters will consist of five rooms. The degree room, which will be located on the third floor, will be one of the most commodious and best equipped of its kind in this section. A modern

heating system will be installed taking the place of the large stoves which have been used in the lodge and social rooms.

The nine stores and eighteen apartments in course of erection at Seventh and New Market Streets by the Chester Realty and Investment Company, are rapidly nearing completion. Bricklayers are at work on the third story of the four stores and apartments which front on Seventh Street side of the big operation are being constructed. The buildings will be equipped with all modern conveniences and numerous bay windows will grace the front sections of the apartments.

The handsome stone dwelling at Twenty-First Street and Providence Avenue will soon be ready for occupancy. The mansion was built for James McKane, the Fourth Ward hotelman, by Nolan Brothers, who contractors and builders. Finishing touches are now being made to the interior of the ornate residence in which Mr. McKane and family will reside.

Rapid progress is being made on the erection of the four two-story brick houses on Twenty-Third Street, near Madison by Contractor George M. Ewing. The dwellings are now well under way and it is expected that they will be completed within a few weeks. Mr. Ewing is building the houses for himself.

Frank Tollin is having some extensive improvements made to his furniture store at 617 Edgmont Avenue. The work is being done by Contractor J. Louis Morris.

FOURTEEN HOUSES SOLD – Real estate transactions are booming every day in every part of the city. As an example of this, Sweeney and Clyde report the sale of the following properties, 1810 Edgmont Avenue, 409 Hinkson Street; 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 Tighman Street, 104, 106, 108, 110 East Thirtieth street; 400, 402, 404, 406, 408 West Second Street. They state they receive any number of inquiries each day for small houses and the supply is far below the demand.

The houses being erected by George Hewes for James Danfield on West Seventh Street, near Lincoln, are rapidly nearing completion and the finishing touches will be put on them next week. The houses are two stories high, with a peaked roof and add considerably to the appearance of that neighborhood being built upon a terrace.

THE CRONIN OPERATION – All of the modern two-story houses erected by Michael Cronin on Congress Avenue, east of Potter Street, have quickly taken because of the many modern improvements. Besides the latest ideas in sanitary plumbing, stationary wash tubs are installed, and the houses are a credit to the builder.

Rumor has it that a real estate dealer from Texas has purchased all of the houses in Hubert Place and Weigand Avenue in the vicinity of Lamokin Station. This could not be verified.

Work on the new Italian Church on West Third Street near Franklin is progressing rapidly. The walls have been erected to an appreciative height and it will not be long before the roof will be built. Extra men have been put on since the laying of the cornerstone. The old church is still being used which offers a most peculiar situation. The walls of the new church completely surround the wooden structure, and the only thing visible to passersby is the small cross. This will be hidden from view within the next few days.

The parsonage, being built at Third and Harwick Streets for the pastor of the Greek Catholic Church, is ready to have the roof sheathed in. Contractor Deveney is pushing the work through, and expects to have it finished by December first.

Contractor Deveney will have the houses at Seventh and Wilson Streets completed this week, and will soon start six more in the vicinity.

The addition to the Keystone Type Foundries at Fourth and Townsend Street is nearing completion. The workmen are fitting the sash, and working on the interior.

A new store at 2710 West Third Street is almost completed, and will be ready for occupancy in several days.

The houses at Fourth and Wilson Streets have been completed and are having cement walks laid in front.

The five houses being erected at second and Palmer Streets are ready for lathing and plastering and are a vast improvement to the neighborhood.

John J. Ryan's new houses are completed and some of them are occupied. The houses are at Third and Edwards Streets and are of modern design.

The store of Howard Richardson at 1532 West Third Street is being repaired and the exterior remodeled.

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

Nolan Brothers to erect a one-story garage on the west side of Providence Avenue between Twenty-First and Twenty-Second Streets

James McDonald to build an addition in front of 519 West Third Street, the said construction to be of brick

Samuel Monderstip to build a one-story brick building at the Northwest corner of Third and Hinson Streets

Chester Dairy Supply Company to erect an enclosed shed with corrugated iron in the rear of 610 New Market Street

George D. Hewes to build two two-story brick houses on the North side of Third Street between Trainer and Booth Streets

Thomas Scott to build two two-story brick dwellings on the North side of Ninth Street between Jeffrey and Engle Streets

Horace Jackson to erect a one-story brick addition in the rear of Odd Fellows' Hall and to build a front porch

William Provost, Jr. to build a one-story addition to the Aberfoyle Mills at Third Street and Morton Avenue. The building will be 22 by 52 feet

William M. Wyatt to erect a two-story brick dwelling on the South side of Twenty-Fourth Street, West of Wetherill Street. The dwelling will be 20 by 42 feet and will be erected for William B. Northam

**QUEEN IN THE COUNTY** – Evans Warner and Register are preparing preliminary plans for a one-story church building, 65 by 100 feet to be erected at Eddystone for St. Peter's Episcopal Church. This structure will cost about \$20,000.

W. D. Smedley has been awarded the contract for the erection of a residence's table and garage in the township of Haverford for William M. McCawley to cost \$40,000. The building will be of stone and hollow tile plaster, two and one-half stories, 95 by 48 feet, green slate roof, with white oak floors. The heating and electric work are reserved.

Mrs. James Rawle of Haverford has awarded the contract for a residence and garage to the Gray Brothers of Rosemont. The building will be of frame and stone two and one-half stories high 50 by 57 feet, shingle roof, oak floors, heating and electric work reserved.

George & Gorst of Philadelphia have received the contract to build a garage and cottage in the township of Radnor for J. H. Townsend at a cost of \$15,000. The building will be two stories, tile roof, electric lights, the heating being reserved.

In Darby, Richard Purdy, broker has sold the Snyder property on Main Street, above Fourth, belonging to George Snyder for \$10,000 to James Kelly, a contractor of Sharon Hill. It has a frontage of 60 feet on Main Street and a depth of 200 feet. It contains a frame house and a brick stable. In the same borough Harry Tarbottom has started the erection of a seventh house to his operation of six dwellings on Pine Street near Poplar, which are nearly completed. Jacob Buchanan of Crum Lynne will shortly begin the building of a modern dwelling at Prospect Park.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS -

Lansdowne - Alexander Wilson, Jr. of Lansdowne to Anna M. Herr of Philadelphia, house and lot on Baltimore Avenue, Nom

Collingdale - Leo Cucuruts of Philadelphia to M. P. Howlett of same place, two lots at Clifton Park, Nom

Clifton Heights - John Morgan of Clifton Heights to F. T. Duke of same place, house and lot on Harrison Avenue, \$2700

Haverford Township - Eugene B. Carter of Llanerch to Christine Ryland of Philadelphia, house and lot at Llanerch, Nom

Darby - Katherine Kuhnle of Darby to T. F. Crane of Darby, house and lot on Sixth Street, \$2800

Aldan - William Taylor and Rowland Comly, executors of T. P. Castle to F. W. Bayle of Aldan, lot on Providence Avenue, \$400

Upper Providence Township - Margaret B. Harkins to Alfred L. Harkins, lot and small building in South Media, \$800

Thornbury Township - Frank Webster to Thomas F. Makin and Duane H. Cornog of Thornbury, lot, \$500

Middletown - Thomas M. Call of Middletown to Jerome L. Pyle of Edgmont Township, house and lot \$2700

Haverford Township - John H. Storer to Minnie G. Moore, house and lots, Nom

Collingdale - Asa Wilson of Collingdale to Fred L. Drueding of the same place, lot \$480

Ridley Township - J. Raymond Hutchinson to Thomas Hutchinson, house and lot in South Fairview, \$1500

Chester - W. J. Oglesby of Chester to Arthur P. Whaley, house and lot at Twenty-Second and Crosby Streets, \$3400

Chester - Chester Building and Loan Association to Spencer Morgan and wife, lot at Eighteenth and Walnut Streets, \$8.25

Ridley Park - Thomas Haydock, Jr. of Ridley Park to Francis De S. Dundas of Ridley Park, lot and building, Nom

Aston Township - Joseph Smith and wife of Aston to Margaret Broscombe, wife of Joseph A. Broscombe, a certain piece of land, \$350

Haverford Township - Emil Mueller of Philadelphia to G. B. McGrail of same place, lot at Brookline Annex, \$35

Tinicum Township - James Spellman of Philadelphia to Benjamin Amsterdam of same place, lot at Essington, Nom

Ridley Township – A. G. Walker of Philadelphia and D. F. Deal of Glenolden to Joseph Hesch of Ridley Township, six lots at Ridley Park Heights, Nom

Ridley Township – S. H. Walter of Easton to Joseph Hesch of Ridley Township, lot at Ridley Park Heights, Nom

Chester – Iron workers Building Association to Antoni Czevwienski of Chester, house at 114 Pennell Street, \$1935

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to G. B. McGrail of Philadelphia, lot at Brookline, \$240

Norwood – Wayne Title and Trust Company to H. A. Vortigern of Norwood, lot on Urban Avenue \$400

Collingdale – Delaware County Trust Company to Chester Peckman of Collingdale, house and lot on Beechwood Avenue, \$2000

Lansdowne – Lansdowne Real Estate Company to George F. Murray of Philadelphia, two lots on Smith Street, \$650

Chester – Park Himelright of Chester to Annie Friesmith of Chester, house and lot on West Fourth Street, \$1666

Chester – W. J. Oglesby of Chester to John MacMurray of Chester, house and lot on Twenty-Second Street, \$3300

Swarthmore – William R. Gillespie of Swarthmore to Elizabeth E. Smith of same place, two lots on Yale Avenue, Nom

Yeadon – Bridget M. Horan of Philadelphia to Percy A. Riley of same place, lot at Elder and Union Avenue, \$250

Chester – George D. Hewes of Chester to E. S. Detwiler of Chester, lot on alley between Pusey and Lloyd Streets, \$25

Chester – James McDonald of Chester to Chester School District, house and lot on Concord Avenue, \$2600

Swarthmore – Carl E. Smith of California to w. T. Gillespie of Swarthmore, lot on Lafayette and Oberlin Avenues, Nom

Darby – G. H. Snyder of Darby to J. E. Kelley of Sharon Hill, house and ground on Main Street, \$10,000

Ridley Township – Amanda S. Taylor and Mary E. Taylor of East Lansdowne to Paul Puzktes of Chester, lot at Ridley Park Terrace, \$140

Millbourne – K. A. A. Trepte of Millbourne to Otto Kraus, Jr. of Philadelphia, house and lot at 17 Burd Avenue, Nom

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Concord Township\_ J. H. Jackson of Concord Township to C. W. Brosch of Wilmington, twenty acres on Marcus Hook Road, \$4500

Marcus Hook – George C. Tompkins, Sr. of Marcus Hook to George Ardan of Marcus Hook, house and lot on Seventh street, \$1500

Chester – Hubert J. Riley of Media to Frank Warowitz of Chester, house at Third Street and Central Avenue Nom

Chester – John A. Wood of Chester to A. E. Leasy of Chester, house and lot on Grace street, Nom

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