

CHESTER TIMES – December 13, 1913 – TRYING FOR A NEW POST OFFICE
– Congressman Thomas S. Butler Has Introduced Resolution in Congress For Money to
Build It

The people of the pretty borough of Lansdowne feel grateful to Congressman Thomas S. Butler for his activity in trying to secure a new \$75,000 federal post office building for the borough. Of course it may be a long time before this is accomplished, but Congressman Butler made the start by offering in Congress a resolution providing for the setting apart of the money which will be needed to start the project if not sufficient to complete it.

There is no place in the county which has grown with more rapidly than Lansdowne. The present post office near the station has long been too small to accommodate the growing business, and the new building will be a welcome adjunct to the already handsome structures which are a part of the borough. Lansdowne during the past few years has become the home of many Philadelphians. Begin a short ride from the city, either by steam or trolley, many have found it a convenient place to live, combining rural and city life. The population has grown rapidly and the business of the post office has grown in proportion. Everybody in Lansdowne is pulling hard for the new home for Uncle Sam's mail.

The location has not been selected upon which to build the new post office, but many are in favor of erecting it on the site of the present office, which is one of the most convenient in the borough.

NEW HOMES FOR COLLINGDALE—Collingdale has been fairly active during the past week in the realty and building line. Milton Staley in that borough has started the erection of twelve dwellings on Rhodes Avenue in the Orchard. More than one hundred houses have been erected in the lower end of Collingdale so far this year. The builders report that the houses are rented or sold as soon as they are finished. Many of them were rented before they were half finished. H. Blair Cooke sold two pieces of ground during the week, one tract at Bartram and Lafayette Avenues to Walter M. Boehm of Philadelphia, and a piece of ground to John Kesselring, also of Philadelphia.

J. E. and A. L. Pennock are estimating plans and specifications for the alterations and additions to the banking building for the Media Title and Trust Company on South Avenue, Media. This financial institution has grown rapidly and the time has come when it requires more space to do business. Louis J. F. Moore of Lansdowne is the architect.

D. Knickerbocker Boyd is preparing plans and specifications for a two-story brick and stone school building to be erected for the school district of Radnor Township at Wayne. The cost will be \$29,000.

The Aronemink Golf Club, one of the main stays of the Philadelphia Golf Association is contemplating the erection of a new three-story frame clubhouse to cost about \$10,000 at Garrettford, Delaware County. No architect has as yet been selected, but it is known that the members have in mind a new structure which will be up-to-date in every particular and in keeping with the other large golf clubs in this section.

P. J. Hurley is making preliminary estimates for a four-room school building to be erected at Collingdale, this county, for the school Board of that borough. The building is to be a two-story brick with basement, 40 by 40 feet. The estimated cost is not given but it will be a structure of some magnitude and appearance.

H. C. Ballinger & Company of Philadelphia are estimating on plans and specifications for a two and one-half story stone and plaster house to be erected in Delaware County for H. M. Betz.

Savery, Scheetz & Savery are preparing plans for a two-story rough cast and terra cotta residence, 37 by 24 feet, with wing 15 by 23 feet, to be erected at Moylan, Pa. for H. Lee.

PLAN GROUNDS FOR GLENOLDEN – At Glenolden an effort is being made to establish a playground and a recreation park for the use of the children and their elders. J. Howard Lundy has been arousing interest in the project among the residents and has been in touch with Henry J. Scott, who owns extensive holdings in Glenolden, obtaining his interest and cooperation. Playgrounds and recreation spots have proved great assets in suburban places where they have been established.

The old Fuller residence at Mill and Main Streets, Darby, has been sold by Thomas J. Murray for a consideration of \$9,000. The lot on which the residence stands measures 100 by 118 feet. Swope & Sons negotiated the deal.

Plans and specifications are being prepared by A. B. Gill for a two-and-a-half-story frame residence to be erected at Manoa for W. F. Hauman. In the same place alterations are to be made to an abandoned school house which is to be changed into a two-and-one-half-story residence. R. R. Taylor will receive bids on plans for the same.

M. J. Comerford, of Ridley Park, broke ground for a handsome residence for himself at the corner of Swarthmore Avenue and Felton Street.

Evans, Warner & Register are preparing the preliminary plans for a one-story church building to be erected at Eddystone for St. Peter's Episcopal Church. The building will be 65 by 100 feet. The cost will be \$20,000.

WEATHERILL NEW HOUSE – Architects Savery, Scheetz and Savery of Philadelphia are taking bids for the erection of a two and one half story brick building 45 by 30 feet and wing 29 by 18 feet for Richard Wetherill of the city of Chester. The new dwelling is to be erected on the lot at the corner of Thirteenth and Potter Streets, where the original Edwards mansion stood for many years. In addition to others figuring on the work is the Pomeroy Construction Company. The cost of this new dwelling is not given, but it is understood that Mr. Wetherill will have it erected for his daughter.

Howard M. Davis of Philadelphia is receiving bids for the erection of a residence and garage at Palmer's Corner, this county. The building will be two and one-half stories high and will be 31 by 30 feet, shingle roof, electric light and hot water heat.

FARLEY MAKING IMPROVEMENTS – William J. Farley the West Third Street merchant is having some extensive improvements made to his large storage house at Graham and Market Streets. Balcony floors are being laid and a three-story elevator is being installed. Some extensive alterations are also being made to the interior of the building. The improvements are being made by Contractor William Ward.

Contractor Samuel R. Bell has completed the erection of eighteen modern dwellings on West Fifth Street between Pusey and Ulrich. These houses are constructed of brick and are two stories high. They contain all the latest improvements for the comfort of families, and are quite ornate in general exterior appearances.

Kingsley Montgomery, Esq., is having some extensive alterations and improvements made to his residence at Twenty-First and Chestnut Streets. One of the most marked improvements being made in the addition of several bay windows.

Samuel R. Bell is having a stone entrance constructed in front of his attractive home on Twenty-Fourth Street. He is also making some improvements to the interior of his dwelling.

Contractor Horace H. Jackson is making rapid progress on the improvements and alterations being made to Odd Fellows' Hall at Broad and Crosby Streets. The stone work in front of the building is nearly completed and the concrete floor for the porch which is to grace the Broad Street side of the hall, is finished.

CHANGES TO ACADEMY BUILDING – William Lukens is certainly making a remarkable change in the old Chester Academy building at Broad and Potter Streets. The structure is being converted into a modern apartment house. Additions have been made to the rear of the large building and the Porter Street side of the structure has been graded with fancy stone work.

Mr. J. Lewis Crozer is having a stone wall constructed opposite her home on Summit Avenue, extending from Upland Avenue. The wall is being pointed in an ornamental manner. Mrs. Crozer has already had the ground surrounding her magnificent home paved and curbed with modern material, and the new wall, when completed, will add greatly to the beautiful exterior appearance of her home.

George Hewes, the contractor of 900 Highland Avenue is building two eight room houses at Ninth and Jeffrey Streets. The houses are well along in the course of construction, and will soon be completed. They are to be two stories high, and will contain all modern conveniences.

The cellars for eight houses at Third and Trainer Streets have been completed. The houses will be built by George Hewes.

Thomas A Riley, the contractor, recently purchased forty feet of ground on the west side of Reaney Street between Delaware Avenue and Front Street from his mother Mrs. Margaret Riley, the deal being made through the hands of J. Horace Witsel of 1806 West Third Street. Mr. Riley intends to build two houses on the ground in the spring.

PERMITS GRANTED – There is not much doing in the way of new building operation in the city, except on the houses and other buildings which were started before the cold weather set in. This week a few permits were granted by Building Inspector T. T. Williams, but they were mostly for small operations. The largest new operation is six two-story brick houses which William L. Deveney, proposes to build on the North side of Seventh Street between Wilson and Hayes Streets. If the weather continues to be good, Mr. Deveney will go right ahead with this work.

Other permits granted were as follows:

Pepper & Kaiser for the erection of a store window in front of the property at 247 Market Street

H. Louis Morris for the erection of a one-story frame garage, to be covered with iron on the west side of dock Street between Second and Third Streets

William Rea to build an open shed at Twelfth and Parker Streets

Maurice W. Plumley to erect an open shed in the rear of the property at 321 Pennell Street

Thomas Winfrie to build a one story brick stable in the rear of the southeast corner of Seventh and Barclay Streets

EDDYSTONE BOROUGH – The two dwellings being erected on Thirteenth Street for Andrew Cassidy are nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy in a few days

The house being built for Charles Adams at Ninth Street and Saville Avenue is being finished up and will be ready for the tenants in about two weeks.

Workmen have finished remodeling the front of the house at 915 Saville Avenue
LEIPERVILLE OPERATIONS – The house being built on Maddox Street for one of the foreign residents of the town will be completed in a couple of weeks, as it is in the hands of plasterers.

The second story addition being built over Child's grocery store on Chester Pike has been completed.

Plasterers are busily engaged in plastering the house for Kerr Brothers on Haverford Road

DOINGS IN ESSINGTON – Work is rapidly progressing on the new house of John Hoffman on Wanamaker avenue and when completed will add to the beauty of the town

Minor improvements are being made to the homes of Captain John Armstrong and Harry Willoughby

The new home of Christian Williamson has been completed and presents an attractive appearance

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to Thomas W. Crowe of Chester, lot on West Third Street \$500

Upper Darby – W. R. Edelman of Philadelphia to R. C. Supplee of same place, four lots and buildings at Drexel Hill, \$8500

Radnor Township – J. G. Bucher of Narberth to Louis Harrison of Radnor Township, lot with buildings on Lowry's Lane, \$725

Norwood – E. W. Spain of Norwood to Justus Johnson of Norwood, house and lot at 545 Mohawk Avenue, Nom

Ridley Park – Agnes Hillman of Philadelphia to J. T. Ranson of Ridley Park, house and lot on Morton Avenue, \$1400

Upper Chichester – Boothwyn Farms Company to Frank Yeager of Chester, lot on Third Avenue, \$175

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Yeadon – Henry B. Meyers of Oraton, N. J. to George Zackey of Philadelphia, lot on Baily Road

Glenolden – H. J. Scott of Philadelphia to J. S. Bishop of Collingdale, house and lot on Bonsal Avenue, \$4000

Yeadon – J. A. Queen of Philadelphia to George Zackey of Philadelphia, lot on Baily Road \$250

Morton – G. F. Jennings of Philadelphia to J. M. Freeman of Morton, two lots on Pennington Avenue, \$150

Prospect Park – Henry Moore of Prospect Park to R. F. Perrin of same place, lot on Tenth Avenue nom

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Chester – W. J. Johnson, Jr. of Gloucester, N. J. to W. H. Harley of Chester house and lot at 1105 Upland Street, \$1,975

Ridley Township – Delaware County Trust Company to Jeanie M. Sloan of Ridley Township, house and lot on Price Street, nom

Haverford Township _ j. N. M. Shimer of Philadelphia to J. H. Bunting of Llanerch, seven lots at Llanerch, \$4,300

Haverford Township _ J. H. Bunting of Llanerch to Vincenzo diFrancesco of same place, properties named above, \$4000

Chester – Jacob Focht of Chester to John Dubkosgi of same place, house and lot at 3113 West Second Street, \$1300

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Thomas Ramsay of Wayne, two lots at Ardmore Park, \$730

Haverford Township – John H. Bunting of Llanerch to Serafino Recchi of Philadelphia, lot at Llanerch, \$500

Eddystone – Philadelphia Trust Company to Eddystone School District, property at Tenth and Leiper Streets, \$2250

Ridley Park – R. S. Pomeroy of Ridley Park to E. R. Hall of same place, lot on Creswell Street, \$1600

Colwyn – Kate Daniels of Philadelphia to H. P. Albertson of Colwyn, house and lot on Chestnut Street, Nom

Haverford Township – John Sampley of Llanerch to Herman Bennung of Philmont, Pa, house and lot at Llanerch, \$2100

Upper Darby – George H. Merrill of Audubon, N.J. to Harry D. LeCato of same place, two lots at Highland Park, \$500

Nether Providence – J. H. Palmer of Nether Providence to Ida M. Carr of Philadelphia, one-sixth interest in 94 acres on Providence Great Road, \$8000

Chester – S. G. Thomas of Chester to John T. Berry of same place, house on Central Avenue, \$1250

Ridley Township – H. W. Johnson of Akron, O. to J. R. McDowell of Media, house and lot at Folsom, \$700

Darby Township – Charles D. Harlow and wife of Los Angeles, Cal. to Matilda Weber of the same place, three lots on Smith Avenue, nom

Lansdowne – William H. Curtis, Jr., of Philadelphia to Mildred DD. Rosekranz of Jenkintown Pa., lots and buildings on Plumstead Avenue, nom

Upper Darby – Caroline Johnson of Garrettford to Robert H. Worthington, lots on Randolph Street, Garrettford, nom

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