

CHESTER TIMES – November 22, 1913 – GOOD STREETS BENEFIT CITY – New Houses are Rapidly Following in the Wake of the Newly-Paved Thoroughfares Over Town

While it is rather early to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the great benefit the city will receive in taxes, and the effect of beautifying the city in many sections, which will be derived from the paving of the streets, sufficient has been done in the way of new building to indicate that the borrowing of money for the purpose of fixing up the streets was a wise decision on the part of the people of the city. New houses and other improvements have followed quickly in the wake of the putting down of the smooth surfaced travelled ways of the city's thoroughfares. On those streets which were well built up before the paving was done, there has also been a marked difference in the appearance of many of the properties. They have been painted and fixed up, made to correspond with the clean streets, showing that this has added one of the features long sought, a city beautiful.

The improvements that have followed closely on the heels of the improving of the streets, in most instances have been of the cozy two-story brick dwellings for the average working man; they have been constructed from an architectural standpoint, with a view of giving them tone, and a number of attractive rows of dwellings now mark city squares due entirely to the fact that the streets have been paved. The paving brought the installation of sewers, gas pipes and water to many localities where these necessities were formerly unknown. While all of the paving has not been completed in the city, builders predict that during the coming summer that at least one thousand additional attractive houses will be erected, and they are unanimous in their opinion that the paving of the streets is the responsible element for this. The great number of houses which have been built during the latter part of last, and this year, will no doubt make quite an addition to the income of the city in taxes when the next triennial assessment is made. The increase in property valuation will reach more than a half million dollars it is said by next year when the assessments are made.

This does not include the large manufacturing buildings that have been constructed, and the additions made or the several very fine dwellings built during the year within the city limits. There has been no time in the history of the city when the real estate market has been so active, and no time when property proved such a remarkable commodity.

SLOW AT PRESENT – The coming on of winter has caused somewhat of a relaxation in the real estate market, but a few sales were reported during the week, and there is much talk of building when spring opens, all of which is encouraging to the builders and contractors and mechanics.

Samuel A. Hewes, the First Ward builder, took out permits this week for the erection of eleven two story brick modern dwellings to be constructed on Grace Street between Front and Second Streets. These houses will fill a long felt want for they will be suitable for the average working man and will be built so that they can be sold at a reasonable figure or rented at a tempting price, taking into consideration, what rents owners of property are asking today.

Mr. Hewes also took out a building permit for the erection of a brick addition to the rear of the property at 216 Penn Street.

George D. Hewes, the west end contractor and builder, secured a permit to erect two two-story brick dwellings on the north side of Third Street, between Booth and Trainer

Streets. These houses will be similar in character to the many dwellings built by Mr. Hewes in that section of the city.

Howard W. Taylor was granted a permit to erect two two-story and attic dwellings on the north side of Twentieth Street, between Upland and Potter Streets. These houses, will have a dimension of 15 by 50 feet. This street is fast building up. An outside capitalist is preparing to build a number of houses on the same street. This is one of the streets that was recently paved and improved and since that work was done the land has found a ready market and no less than twenty good, substantial dwellings have been built between Edgmont Avenue and Providence Avenue.

From Providence avenue on over to Hyatt Street this street is lined with some of the most fashionable houses in the city and it is one of the handsomest thoroughfares in the city for residential purposes.

Lawrence Murray also was granted a permit for the erection of a two-story brick addition in the rear of the property at the southeast corner of Sixth and Central Avenue.

NEARING COMPLETION – Work on the parsonage adjoining the Greet Catholic Church at Third and Harwick Streets is nearing completion under the supervision of Contractor William L. Deveney.

Mr. Deveney has taken out a permit to build six modern two-story houses at Seventh and Wilson Streets, the work to be started in the course of a few days.

The four houses he has already built at Seventh and Wilson Streets, are in the hands of painters, and will be ready for occupancy in a few days.

Contractors are making alterations to the dwelling and store at Third and Hayes Streets, and it is understood that a front of modern design will take the place of the present one.

The five houses at Second and Palmer Streets, being built by Contractor Dempster, are nearing completion, and only a small amount of interior work is left to be done. It is rumored that twenty more houses are to be built in the rear of these houses, and if true, the neighborhood will present an attractive appearance.

Contractor Salmons has several men putting a new roof on the porch of the dwelling, 2210 West Third Street.

The improvements to the rear of the dwelling at 2015 West Third Street, are completed and the house will be occupied next week. The work was done for Robert J. Elliott, the contracting plumber of the West End, who will occupy both the dwelling and the store.

Work is rapidly progressing on the two houses on Seventh Street, near Flower. Ground will be broken next week for two more at the same place.

The four houses at Ninth Street and Central Avenue, being built by Contractor James Babe, are nearly finished. The houses make that corner present an attractive appearance. Contractor Babe is contemplating the erection of five more houses in the near future.

BUILDING PROGRESSING – 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. It is expected that the entire operation will be under roof by the end of next week.

Rapid progress is being made on the extensive alterations to Odd Fellows Hall the headquarters of Chester Lodge, No. 263, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, at Broad and

Crosby Streets. The entire front of the corner building, which is to be practically rebuilt has been torn out. Horace H. Jackson has the contract.

Two of the ten dwellings being built by Contractor William Ward at Twentieth Street and Edgmont Avenue, are ready for roofing. The houses, which are being constructed of national art stone, will be two and a half stories in height.

Building operations in progress in the First Ward, include the erection of four two story houses on Twenty-Third Street by Contractor David T. Christy; four two-story dwellings on Twenty Third Street by Contractor George M. Ewing and the construction of a two story brick dwelling of modern design on Twenty-Fourth Street for William B. Northam, Jr., an attorney-at-law by the Chester Construction and Investment Company.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Upper Darby – Bartholomew Brooks of Philadelphia to Thomas Scully of same place, two lots at Observatory Hill, Nom

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Mary J. Seal of same place, lot at Drexel Heights, \$300

Chester – John H. Phillips of Eddystone to M. F. Dougherty of Chester house and lot on Fulton Street, \$2300

Chester – E. J. Oliver of Chester to Mary C. Holcrom and Anna M. Ayars of Chester, house on west Fifth Street, Nom

Collingdale – Alva Wilson of Collingdale to N. J. Stevenson of same place, lot on Jackson Avenue, \$260

Collingdale – George M. Custer of Collingdale to A. W. Swan of same place, house and lot on Bartram Avenue, Nom

Collingdale – Joseph Johnson of Darby Township to W. M. Boehm of Philadelphia, four lots on Bartram Avenue Nom

Sharon Hill – Alfred J. Bichel of Sharon Hill to Daniel Paret of Philadelphia, house and four lots at Chester Pike and Ridley Avenue, Nom

Glenolden – Sarah M. Ott of Darby to J. L. Metz of Philadelphia, house and lot at 305 North Chester Avenue, Nom

Haverford Township – H. C. Jones of Philadelphia to H. L. Jones of same place, two lots at South Ardmore, Nom

Sharon Hill – Kate Naudain of Middletown, Del to Helen N. Cook of Philadelphia, lot on Clifton Avenue, \$100

Colwyn – W. Y. Drewes of Colwyn to Rowland Stanert of same place, house and lot at Second and Francis Street, \$200

Marcus Hook – W. I. B. McClenachan of Lower Chichester to A. F. Shields of Marcus Hook, house and lot on McClenachan Terrace, \$3000

Swarthmore – Evelyn B. Milligan of Michigan to W. H. Neal Jr. of Swarthmore, two lots on Westdale and Dickinson Avenues, Nom

Glenolden – S.L. Urian of Glenolden to W. H. Lauer of Glenolden, house and lot at Sharp and Inskip Avenues, Nom

Chester G. Township – A. H. Sadler and D. F. Henderson of Massachusetts to Sara M. Caldwell of Chester, lot at Chester Terrace, Nom

Media – A. B. Horrall of Media to E. Baker of Upper Providence, house and lot on Providence Avenue, \$1600

Upper Darby – Bertha M. Prendergast of Philadelphia to S. P. Hanson of Swarthmore, two lots at Drexel Hill, \$660

Media – A. B. Norrall of Media to W. Elizabeth Simcox of Media, house and lot on Providence Avenue, \$1600

Clifton Heights - Margaret A. McConville of Clifton Heights to E. E. Barry of same place, house and lot at Baltimore Avenue and Ogden Street, Nom

Collingdale – Jerre L. Cresse of Philadelphia to Hugh Cox of Collingdale, 205 Clifton Avenue, 1027-29 Andrews Avenue, 300-301 Lafayette Avenue, 207 Clinton Avenue, 711-713 Parker Avenue, four houses on Chester Pike, two houses at Parker Avenue and Cherry Street and three lots on Chester Pike and Pine street, Nom

Darby Township – Alexander Hipson of Atlantic City to Jennie Lamon of Philadelphia, lot at Warwick Avenue, Nom

Tinicum Township – W. J. Larason of Philadelphia to Presbyterian Orphanage, two lots on Osceola Street, Lester, Nom

Collingdale – T. J. Ryan of Collingdale to George Cartwright of Darby, house and lot on Rhodes Avenue, \$300

Collingdale – George Cartwright of Darby to T. J. Ryan of Collingdale, two lots on Chestnut Street, \$600

Chester – F. O. Bryant of Chester to G. C. Pyle of same place, house and lot on Twenty-First Street, \$2000

Collingdale – Sebastian Bonner of Philadelphia to J. A. McGoogan of same place, house and lot at 231 Sharon Avenue, Nom

Lower Chichester – G. M. Gilbert of Trainers to W. R. Tinsley of same place, house at Post Road and Gilbert Street, \$2000

Chester – W. G. Price, Jr. of Chester to Joseph Lantus of Eddystone, house and lot on West Fifth Street, \$3200

Chester – B. V. Purdy of Chester to alexander Brooks of same place, house and lot on Lampkin Street, \$1400

Darby – S. J. Marks of Darby to G. W. Waldie of same place, house and lot on Sixth Street, \$1750

Haverford Township – Midland Realty Company to George Baldwin of Philadelphia, lot at Brookline, \$260

Radnor Township – James Duffy of Wayne to William Self of Radnor Township, house and lot on Aberdeen Avenue, Nom

Glenolden – Girard Real Estate Company to Mary Brown of Glenolden House and two lots on Elmwood Avenue, Nom

Collingdale – M. S. Staley of Collingdale to Perry C. Howard of same place, house and lot on Pusey Avenue, \$3000

Collingdale – James O’Neill of Collingdale to Frank Rhodes of Media, lot on Clifton Avenue

Collingdale – Frank B. Rhodes of Media to Hannah O’Neill of Collingdale, house and lot on Clifton Avenue, \$2,800

Chester – frank F. Kimpel of Philadelphia to Mary S. Clark of same place, four lots with buildings on Highland Terrace, \$900

Upland – Samuel Lax and Esther Swimmer of Chester to J. H. Markel of Chester, two and one-third acres on Main Street, \$1350

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