

CHESTER TIMES – February 7, 1914 – BUILDING YEAR STARTS WELL –
Permits Have Been Taken Out During Month of January for Work Which Will Cost Almost
\$100,000

If the other months of the year will do as well as January and there is every indication that they will be better possibly with the exception of December, there will be more than \$1,000,000 worth of new buildings go up in this city during the year 1914. Last year the estimated total cost of work done did not aggregate quite a million dollars, although taking the repairs into consideration there was more than that amount of work done by the builders and mechanics. For the month of January the estimated cost of work for which permits have been taken out is \$92,450. These figures may be low, and the source from which they were secured, is always conservative in giving out facts of this character. Many believe that it would come nearer the actual cost of work for which permits have been taken out, if the figures were placed at \$100,000.

The Builders' Guide, a weekly publication devoted to building and real estate news, is authority for the statement that plans are in progress for two buildings in this city of large dimensions. The name of the owner is withheld, for what reason is not stated. The larger building of the two is thought to be for a new manufacturing concern, which has been dickering for a place in this city, in close proximity to the Delaware River, for some time. This building is to have a dimension of 60 by 150 feet, and is to be three stories high, which means that the structure will have a height at least of forty feet, perhaps fifty, for few manufacturing plants are constructed today but what have a clearance of at least twelve feet for the first story.

The other building will be a new garage, which will have a dimension of 60 by 120 feet, one story. Both buildings are to be constructed of brick, slag roofs, steam heat and electricity. According to the information at hand the plans will soon be ready to send out for bids. There is every prospect that this enterprise will be among the early spring work.

NEW ICE CREAM FACTORY – E. J. and A. W. Oliver, the well-known brick layers of this city, this week took out a permit for the new ice cream plant to be erected for the Penn Ice Works on Penn Street, near Fifth. Work will be started on this structure just as soon as the weather will permit. This building will be one story in height and will have a dimension of 40 by 60 feet. The work of clearing off the plot of ground upon which the new industry is to be erected has been started and the work will be pushed along with the advent of good weather.

Contractor William Ward has about completed the improvements to the storage warehouse of William J. Farley at Market and Graham Streets, which will allow double the floor space. On the first and second floors a balcony has been built, supported by mammoth pillars, and will accommodate many suites of furniture despite their weight. For a number of years this building was inadequate for the number of household goods stored, and it was found necessary to have goods stored in other places, but soon as the improvements are completed there will be a vast amount of floor space which will not allow the goods to become congested.

BIG OPERATION AT CRUM LYNNE – With the opening of spring, the tract of 178 acres located near Chester Pike, at Crum Lynne Station, will present a busy appearance, as a number of modern two-story houses will be built, which are badly needed in that section of the county. The tract takes in the ground formerly occupied by the Ridley Park Golf Club, which means that there will be no more golf played in that section

of the county. The land was purchased by Mueller and Company, real estate brokers of Philadelphia, who are noted for the manner in which they develop large tracts, such as "Brookline," and other small villages throughout the county.

Bricklayers have started operations on the construction of a two-story brick dwelling on Walnut Street, near Fifteenth. The house is being built by J. and J. Hanna. The foundation walls of the cellar are built of cement instead of stone.

The new annex to Odd Fellows' Hall, at Broad and Crosby Streets, will soon be completed. Finishing touches are being made to the interior of the structure by a force of painters. The handsome new stone and cement porch, which graces the Broad Street side of the hall, adds greatly to the architectural appearance of that locality.

The ten new houses being built by Twenty-First and Edgmont Avenue by Contractor William Ward are rapidly nearing completion. The work of putting on the slate roofs has been finished and operations have been started on the interior improvements.

A large stone Colonial style house and about an acre of land at Gulf and Avon Roads, Haverford, has been purchased from Anthony A. Hirst by Horace H. Lee, secretary of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, who now lives in Wynnewood. The sale was negotiated by Hirst & McMullin. The property which was held at \$32,500 is part of the large Simpson estate tract bought by Mr. Hirst through the same brokers, a few years ago.

MORE SCHOOL ROOM – The members of the Darby School Board will discuss ways and means of enlarging the Darby schools to take care of the crowded condition. It has been proposed that an addition be made to the Ridge Avenue School and that a new, separate **BUILDING BE ERECTED FOR THE PRIMARY GRADES AT THE** Walnut Street School. Plans are being made for the erection of a two-story brick store and shop at 870 Main Street, Darby, for the owner, W. E. Finnegan. At Media, Dr. M. Jacobs will begin the erection of a frame residence, one and one-half stories high, 34 by 39 feet. The plans are being revised. Henry T. Ken of Clifton Heights, will erect four stores on Baltimore Avenue. They will be one-story of brick. The members of Andrews and Philip of the Baptist Church of Prospect Park are planning to obtain money to begin the erection of a building to be used as gymnasium. A. S. Longacre of Philadelphia will shortly begin the erection of a three-story residence, 26 by 40 feet at Brookline.

LOW BIDDER FOR LIBRARY – H. H. Burrell of Philadelphia submitted the lowest bid for the one-story free library building 43 by 50 feet at Wallingford. No price was made public. The ground upon which the library is to be erected was given by Dr. Furness and the building will be known as the Furness Memorial building.

Plans are being prepared for a new residence and garage at Wawa, this county for Graham Wood of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. The house will be a two and one-half-story stone structure and will have all the modern conveniences.

The bids were received on February 5 for the erection of the one-story church at Oakmount, this county, for the Oakmount Union Church and the contract will be let in the near future. It is the intention of those interested in the church to get the work started just as soon as the good weather opens. The building will be 50 by 90 feet.

William Provost, Jr., the well-known contractor of this city, has been awarded the contract by the American Viscose Company at Marcus Hook for the erection of a brick and frame spinning shed. The building will be 132 by 200 feet, and will have a slag roof and electric lighting.

PERMITS GRANTED – Building Inspector T. T. Williams, during the week granted permits to R. L. Bossard to build a brick addition in the rear of his place of business at 314 Market Street

To the Nolan Brothers to erect storm doors in front of the hotel of James McKane at Eighth and Edgmont avenue. This will make the entrance to the hotel more private.

G. T. Thompson, secured the right to build a one-story frame building in the rear of the mill on Fifteenth Street in the First Ward

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Collingdale – Joseph J. Bunting of Collingdale to Hugh Cox of same place, lot on Chester and Darby Pike, Nom

Haverford Township – Emil Mueller of Philadelphia to J. H. Pelly of Brookline, four lots at Brookline Annex, \$120

Radnor Township – Katherine R. Thompson of Philadelphia to James G. Andes of Radnor Township, lot on Lancaster Pike, \$1200

Haverford Township – J. N. M. Shiner of Haverford Township to Haverford Township, strip of land for sidewalk along Darby Road, Nom

Upper Darby – George W. Reed of Philadelphia to H. S. Sines of Upper Darby, lots at Pattonville, \$675

Darby – W. H. Powers of Philadelphia to F. B. Powers of Darby, lot with builders at 55 South Seventh Street, \$2000

Collingdale – Thomas B. Brooks of Philadelphia to T. B. Brooks, Jr. of Collingdale, house and lot 735 Ash Avenue, Nom

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