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BUILDING AND REALTY NEWS – Leiperville Promised Boom; Work Being Pushed on Uncompleted Operations – City and County Activity

The past week has been a dull one in Chester as far as new operations are concerned. Work on the buildings already underway was pushed, however, despite the coldness of the weather. Many operations in the city and county are now nearing completion while others are just being started. The only new house in Chester is that on Welsh Street, just north of Second, the foundation of which was laid this week.

Several new operations have been reported in the county. Solomon Hoffman has announced that he is contemplating the erection of eight modern dwellings at Leiperville this spring. It is also reported that several other contractors will build at this place.

Mowrer Brothers of Merion, have secured the contract, for the building of a \$12,000 residence for E.G. Whitman of Philadelphia at Cynwyd. The American Viscose Company is taking bids for an addition to its sold house at the Marcus Hook plant. Robert C. James of Philadelphia, contemplates building at Haverford and Stanley G. Flagg, Jr., expects to make alterations to his home at Villanova.

The scale of the 156-acre farm of Dr. D. Clinton Guthrie in Haverford Township, the purchase price of which was approximately \$100,000, is the largest transfer of the week. Excepting this one big sale, the market has been regular. Two building permits were issued in Chester during the week.

IN THE CITY – Additional structural steel frame work has been set at the post office operation during the past week. John W. Emery, a Philadelphia contractor, is building an \$88,000 annex to this building and expects to have the work completed before September.

Additional excavations have been made for the new \$30,000 by-products house of the John J. Buckley Company, West Second Street, West of Market. About two-thirds of the structural work up to the second floor has been set.

Samuel Lax, a local contractor, has laid the foundation for a two-story brick dwelling on the West side of Welsh Street between Second and Third Street. It will have a frontage of 28 feet and a depth of 32 feet.

James M. Hamilton, a box manufacturer, of Sixth and Barclay Streets, will build an open shed 14 by 80 feet at the plant on Sixth Street, between Barclay Street and Concord Avenue.

The inclined floor in the new moving picture theater at 311-313 Market Street, which is being built for Greenberg Brothers by Oliver Brothers has been laid.

About half of the timber work on the wharf of the Beacon Light Company on Farent Street, between Market Street and Edgmont Avenue, is completed. Concrete is now being poured. J.E. Brenneman Company of Philadelphia is the contractor.

The Fox Building on Welsh Street, opposite the post office, has been completed and Benjamin C. Fox, the owner is preparing to remove his law offices into one of the suites of offices. Nolan Brothers, of this city, were the architects and builders.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new \$20,000 beef house on Swift and Company of Chicago at 17, 19, 21 and 23 East Second Street. The Consolidated Engineering Company of Baltimore is the general contractor.

The Cantrell Construction Company of Philadelphia has practically completed the recreation piers and shelter sheds at the municipal pier at the foot of Market Street. The

railing and ornamental lights for the recreation pier have not been placed as yet. The pier cost \$3,850.

Work is being pushed rapidly on the basement of the new Bethany Presbyterian Sunday School building, on Sixth Street, West of Highland Avenue. The heavy iron girders have been placed in position and a force of carpenters are now at work placing the temporary roof on the basement, which, when completed, will be used for holding the regular church services and Sunday school sessions until the Sunday school building is finished. It is expected that the basement will be under roof next week and that the church services will be held in the building Easter Sunday. When the Sunday school building is completed, the basement will be used for social purposes and as the headquarters for the boys' gymnasium club connected with the church. The edifice is being constructed of stone. Plasterers will work on the building next week.

It is expected that the blast furnace at the Delaware River Steel Company's plant, at the foot of Wilson Street, will be in readiness for operation again in about a week. The furnace had been in operation for many months and had been burned out. As a matter of safety, as well as efficiency, the management of the company, a few weeks ago, ordered it blown out in preparation for the improvements under way. When the work has been completed the furnace will be thoroughly modern in every respect.

George J. Hunter, proprietor of the Central Hotel, at Third and Palmer Streets, is having extensive improvements made to his property. One of the most important is in the basement, where a modern toilet is being installed. There will be a washroom and other conveniences, making the accommodations equal to any other place of its kind in the city.

The eight modern two-story dwellings erected on Flower Street, above Sixth, by J. Horace Witsil, the real estate operator of 1808 West Third Street, are now under roof. The houses, which will be graced with spacious front porches, are being white coated. The new dwellings will add greatly to the architectural appearance of that locality.

The New Farson Manufacturing Company has completed the erection of the two-story brick annex to their extensive plant at Ninth and Broomall Streets. The new wing extends to the south, making the entire plant L-shaped.

The three new houses in the course of construction at Fourteenth and Esrey Streets by contractor and builder William Ward are ready for the bricklayers. The foundation walls have been completed and the first joists laid. The work has been delayed this week because of the cold weather. The foundations for three additional houses will be commenced in a short time.

The roof on the new building of the Good Will Fire Company is almost finished and the carpenters are busy on the woodwork, although they have been hampered by the cold weather. Contractor Morris W. Plumley is pushing the work as fast as circumstances will permit and the firemen are looking forward with interest to the time when they are established in the new building and have that new engine they expect from the city at their disposal.

F. Herman Dutton has the excavations finished for a new residence at Twin Oaks. The first story will be constructed of stone and the second of fram.

The Arasapha Manufacturing Company has secured a permit for the erection of a corrugated iron and concrete stairway in the rear of their plant at Tenth and Walnut Streets. The stairway will be eleven feet in width and thirty feet in height.

Contractor Samuel A. Hewes is making alterations to a house at Eighteenth and Chestnut Streets and converting the first story front into a store, which will be used by the owner for a meat store.

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

Arasapha Manufacturing Company to build an outside stairway covered with corrugated iron on East side of Walnut Street, between Tenth and Eleventh Streets.

J.M. Hamilton to build an open shed on north side of Sixth Street, between Barclay and Concord Avenue.

IN THE COUNTY – Three hundred workmen are engaged on the improvements now underway opposite Folsom station on the B and O. Foundations have been laid for some of the buildings for the Philadelphia industries that are going to remove to the Delaware County site. The newcomers to this county are: William Sellers and Company, incorporated; Flagg Brothers, and Rogers and Sons.

E.G. Whitman of Philadelphia has awarded the contract for the erection of his \$12,000 residence at Cynwyd to Mowrer Brothers of Merion. The building is to be of stone, two and a half stories in height, with a shingle roof, hot water heating, hardwood floors, and electric lighting. A garage will be built.

William Provost, Jr., a Chester contractor, is the only bidder on the addition to the acid house of the Marcus Hook plant of the American Viscose Company. The building is to be of brick, one story high with a slag roof.

Robert C. James of Philadelphia contemplates a residence at Haverford. The structure is to be of stone, two and a half stories high, 30x50 feet, with a shingle roof, hardwood floors, electric light, etc.

Stanley G. Flagg, Jr. of Villanova is planning alterations to his residence at that place. When completed the building will be of stone, two and a half stories in height.

Solomon Hoffman, who has erected a number of houses in Leiperville, is planning to build eight more during the coming summer. These will be two stories brick. Samuel A. Hewes, the well-known contractor, will build several in Eddystone and it is understood that George A. Hewes will build several in that borough. Upland is, it is said, to feel the boom during the coming summer and a number of owners have received offers for building sites.

Already fourteen buildings of the General Chemical Company's plant at Marcus Hook are completed. There will be twenty-one buildings in all. The plant gives employment to more than 400 men, but when the other additions are completed employment will be given to 1000, which will mean hundreds of new families brought to the borough, or within easy commuting distance of it. J.W. Meckert of Ridley Park is building twenty dwellings near the works. It is said that if outside contractors do not erect enough houses for the accommodation of the new employees of the company will erect its own houses for them, as the Viscose Company is doing.

Joseph A. Truitt has sold to Eleanor Truitt a frame house and lot at Marcus Hook for a consideration of \$1350.

Members of the Media School Board are considering the proposition of borrowing \$75,000 for the purpose of erecting a modern school building on the site formerly occupied by the old Shortlidge Academy. The lot on which it is proposed to erect the school is bounded by Monroe Street, Edgemont and Front Streets. James K. Ingram has been

awarded the contract to make alterations to the stable connected with the Devonshire at Lansdowne. The contract price for the work is \$2819. Heacock and Hoxanson are the architects.

At Bethel, preparations are being made to rebuild the barn and other buildings recently destroyed by fire on the farm of Reese Zebley. The first building to be built will be the carriage house.

The 155-acre farm of Dr. D. Clinton Guthrie in Haverford Township, this county, adjoining the Country Club of Manoa, has been purchased by William C. Smith, president of the Huddington Trust Company for about \$100,000 or at the rate of about \$700 per acre. The ground adjoins a tract of about \$700 per acre. The ground adjoins a tract of about 200 acres at Manoa, recently purchased by William C. Smith for the Delaware County Suburban Development Company.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – Middletown – Robert B. Long of Chester to George D. Bowers of Middletown, right title and interest in buildings and tract of four 777-1000 acres, subject to mortgage, \$3,000

Swarthmore – Charles D. Joyce of Swarthmore to Emma A. Pickett of same place, buildings and lot 50 by 180 feet, subject to \$2,000 mortgage, \$325

Clifton Heights – Samuel J. Crawford of Clifton Heights to Samuel J. Crawford of Clifton Heights to Samuel J. Quinn of same place, house and lot 40 by 127 feet, Nom.

Aston – Lewis C. Weldin, Sr. of Aston to Charles C. Warren of Aston, tract of 847-1000 of an acre, \$500

Chester – Reese L. Thomas, exor of Chester to Henry Pritchard of same place, house and lot 17 by 97 feet; on westerly side of Concord Avenue, \$1450

Henry C. Cochrane of Chester to J. Perry Lukens of Ridley, two brick houses and lot 100 feet on west side of Providence Avenue, \$1800

John Reece, et al., of England to Del. Co. Trust, Etc. Co. of Pa., frame house and lot 25 by 95 feet on northerly side of Thirteenth street; also frame house and lot 14 by 70 feet on easterly side of Grau Street, \$930

Glenolden – John MacClay and wife of Pollockstown, Ireland to Bert R. Parker of Glenolden, lot 50 by 100 feet, \$350

Marcus Hook – J. Harry Richardson of Marcus Hook to Madge Fegley of Chester, brick house and lot 20 by 91 feet, \$1200

Aldan – Amos W. Barnes of Philadelphia to Cornelius F. Schruch and wife of same place, lot 100 by 140 feet, \$370

Llanerch Manor – William Gibbons of Philadelphia to William B. Leech and wife of Haverford, lots no. 35, 36, nominal

Ridley Park – John W. Parsons of Media to Ella B. Hoopman of Ridley Park, buildings and lot 58 by 130 feet, nominal

Kirklyn – John H. Storer of Waltham to Samuel Rasch of Philadelphia, lot nos. 41 and 42, \$1220

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Agnes Pohl of Drexel Hill, lot nos. 839, 840, 841 and 842, \$1619.35

Chester – Oliver B. Dickinson of Chester to Daniel A. Dougherty of same place, brick house and lot 16 by 80 feet on east side of Madison Street, nominal

William H. Hamilton of Chester to Charles Honer of same place, two brick houses and lot 36 by 120 feet on Hinkson Street, \$2090

Middletown – Anna M. Moore, et al of Middletown and Camden to Charles M. Yarnall of Edgmont, tract of 2 acres, nom

Chester – Harold L. Harrison of Chester to James Titerance of Chester, brick house and lot 21 1-2 by 140 feet on West side of Morton Avenue, \$3000

Sharon Hill – Walter S. Ruse of Sharon Hill to Nellie Quinn of Darby Borough lot 118 by 125 feet subject to \$500 mortgage, nom

Haverford Township – George H. Toulson of New York City to John O. Frunz of Philadelphia, buildings and lot 50 by 148 1-2 feet, subject to \$4500 mortgage, nom

Radnor – Amy L. Fallon et al exers of Radnor to Isadore H.B. Spiers of Radnor, buildings and lot 16 by 230 feet house and lot 16 by 230 feet, \$11000

Isidore H.B. Spiers of Radnor to Charles W. Bensinger of same place, store, house and lot 16 by 330 feet, nom.

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Samuel T. Brown, Jr. of Philadelphia, lot 50 by 100 feet, \$680

Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Olive Brown of same place, lot 50 by 100 feet, \$650

Chester – Frederick A. Howard et al of Chester to Allen P. Musselman of same place, house and lot 45 by 145 feet at southeast corner Twenty-third and Crozer Streets, also house and lot 45 by 155 feet on southeastwardly side of Twenty-third Street

Prospect Park – William W. Montgomery et al of Radnor to Daniel A. Minnick of Prospect Park, house and lot 100 by 125 feet, \$2800

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Margaret P. Malin of Drexel Hill, lot nos. 935, 926, 927, 928, \$1650

Radnor – William P. Davenport of New York to John Blackwood of Upper Merion, house and lot 60 by 250 feet, \$3600

Jeremiah C. Casey et al of Penna. to Katherine V. Brinsfield of Strafford, building and lot 65 by 158 feet, subject to \$2000 mortgage, nom

Colwyn – Jul. Nelson of Sharon Hill to Jesse Hepworth and wife of Colwyn, brick house and lot 40 by 90 feet, subject to \$1200 mortgage, \$900

Collingdale – Richard Parby of Darby to Thomas B. Gillum, Jr. and wife of Philadelphia, house and lot 20 by 100 feet, subject to \$1600 mortgage, \$900

Bethel – John M. Davidson of Philadelphia to P. Eurin Swartley of same place, house and tract of 21 acres 77 square perches, Nom.

Radnor – Aquila J. Linwell, et al of Pennsylvania to Charles Baker of Radnor, lot 50 by 170 feet, \$650

Chester – Della J. Plummer of Chester to Milton C. Glassey of same place, frame house and lot, 59 by 135 feet on west side of Central Avenue, \$1100

Darby – Henry L. Hartman of Philadelphia to Lora Hall of same place, right title &c in lot 50 by 99 feet, \$110