

## Historical/Architectural

In 1865, Jonathan Force bought property from Lansing Brayman's estate, naming it "Jonathan Force's Addition to Elgin." He set about cultivating and planting the land to create a large nursery which supplied fresh fruits and vegetables to Elgin's citizens--raspberries and strawberries being his specialities. Force lived at 625 Park St. and his was the only house in the area. Liberty St. formed the western boundary with Lillie St. and Park St. the south and north boundaries and what was then Willow Creek Woods, the eastern boundary. Following his passing, Force's heirs renamed the area "J. Force Heirs' Addition." Over time, lots were sold off and houses appeared. Block 1, lot 5 of the addition remained vacant until bought by Alexander McTavish in 1922. McTavish was a carpenter and contractor who had worked for Stephen Smith, the man responsible for building many of the houses in this Lord's Park area. Upon McTavish's arrival in Elgin around 1912, he rented in the neighborhood. Finally in 1922, he took out a building permit for his house at 650 Park St., on the northeast corner of Park and Preston Av. (formerly Arbor St.). In 1933, at the height of the Great Depression, Alexander McTavish could not keep up the payments on his \$10,000 house and Elgin Loan And Homestead enacted a bill of foreclosure on it, holding the deed until McTavish could get his finances straightened out. In 1935, a certificate of redemption was issued and the house once again belonged to McTavish. It stayed in his possession until 1962 when began several changes in ownership until bought by its present owners in 1998.

### Architectural

The house is rectangular with a hipped roof containing a varying roof line on the back wing. The upper two-thirds of the house is stucco with the lower third, brick. There is a tall and wide arched window in the upper back of the house, probably at the landing between the first and second floors. All around, there are tall narrow windows in groups of three--providing tons of light. The front stoop is characterized by a peaked roof over a door with sidelights containing tall rectangular windows. There are square columns supporting the peaked roof. Overall, the house suggests the Prairie Style.

# BANNER BUILDING YEAR FOR ELGIN IS OUTLOOK NOW

150 New Dwellings Is  
Building Inspector Whip-  
ple's Estimate For 1922.

100 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Cost Of Majority Range  
From \$3,500 To \$6,000

Each. 5-20-1922

EDC  
That Elgin will rank high among the state's new home building cities for the year 1922 was indicated at the city hall today with the announcement by Building Inspector Park Whipple that more than 100 new homes have already been completed or are well underway. It is estimated that a total of at least 150 new dwelling houses will be erected here this summer.

## New Homes Cost \$110,000

Permits issued by Inspector Whipple in the last few weeks call for upwards of \$110,000 worth of new home building. In addition a \$180,000 permit has been issued for the Masonic Temple in Chicago street.

While several of the dwellings, when completed, will represent outlays of \$9,000 and \$10,000, a big majority of them are being erected at costs varying from \$3,500 to \$6,000. The inspector's report reveals that no one section of the city is being favored, the boom apparently being city wide.

"It doesn't make much difference where you go in Elgin today, you will see new homes in the course of construction," was the statement of Inspector Whipple. "Practically every section of the city is being benefited by the home building boom."

## Five Permits Early Today

An idea of the way Elgin is tackling the home building proposition is seen from the fact that five permits were issued by the building inspector before 10 o'clock this morning. One was for a \$10,000 home to be erected by Alex McTavish, and the other for a \$9,000, two-apartment building, planned by Herman Muet-

tertles.

Included in the list of recent permits issued by the city are the following:

Albert E. Lorenz, 721 Cedar avenue, bungalow, \$5,000.

Alex McTavish, 650 Park street two-story brick house, \$10,000.

William Jacobson, 220 Dwight street, bungalow, \$5,000.

C. Johnson, 208 Woodard avenue brick dwelling, \$7,000.

G. A. Baumrueck, 600 Orange street, bungalow, \$3,000.

J. E. Smith, Franklin street bungalow, \$5,000.

Arthur Lay, 50 Wilcox avenue bungalow, \$3,500.

C. Bohne, Wing street, two-story dwelling, \$8,000.

C. R. Mink, 150 Walker place alterations, \$1,500.

Charles Pfingsten, two-story brick house, \$4,000.

E. F. Rickert, 439 Villa street bungalow, \$4,000.

L. Anderson, 476 South Liberty street, \$4,000.

J. G. Juenger, 487 Columbia avenue, bungalow, \$4,000.

James King, 4 Commonwealth avenue, two-story, \$5,000.

Joe Goldner, 656 Bluff City boulevard, brick cottage, \$3,500.

J. O. Schultz, 626 St. John street bungalow, \$4,000.

James Lawrence, 621 Lillie street bungalow, \$4,000.

Charles Grow, 214 Gertrude street cottage, \$3,000.

Lawrence Bopp, 132 North Gifford street, two-story, \$5,800.

Fred Schneider, Fulton street two-story flat, \$8,000.

Herman Muettertles, Dundee avenue, two-story flat, \$9,000.

Herman Bohentstengel, 840 Prospect street, \$5,000.

Frank Stevenson, 577 Oakland avenue, cottage, \$3,000.

E. M. Newsome, Wabash and Orange streets, cottage, \$3,000.

Joseph Fordrescher, 336 Prospect street, two-story brick, \$9,000.

James Todd, 916 Douglas avenue, two-story brick, \$9,000.

F. C. Delhs, South street, bungalow, \$6,000.

E. T. Getch, Bowen addition, bungalow, \$4,000.

Fred L. Ackeman, 360 Jefferson avenue, two-story, \$4,000.

Mrs. Fred Snyder, 407 Lovell street, brick bungalow, \$6,000.

N. J. Taylor, 803 Walnut avenue, bungalow, \$3,000.

Masonic Temple, \$180,000.

# SPEND MILLION FOR BUILDINGS HERE THIS YEAR

New Homes Under Con-  
struction In Every Part  
Of The City.

BUNGALOWS ARE POPULAR

More Than 300 Permits  
Already Issued For Gar-  
ages To Autoists.

EDC 8-1-1922

Building Inspector Park Whipple today declared that more new dwelling houses have been started than in the last two years. Twenty permits issued in the last few weeks have boosted the total for homes to 125, credited by Inspector Whipple as a record for the last five years.

## Several Large Buildings

According to the building inspector an aggregate of, approximately \$1,000,000 is being put into buildings in Elgin today. In addition to permits for new homes he has approved plans for more than 300 garages, 100 alterations and additions and several larger buildings including the Masonic temple, Wall, Ross, Allanson chapel and others.

"The year 1921 established a new building record for Elgin as far as the amount of money expended is concerned," said Inspector Whipple, "but not half the new homes were erected that have been built this year."

## Built by Owners

"No matter where you go in Elgin today you will see new homes either just completed or in the course of construction. Fifty homes completed this year are already occupied. And the good thing about it, I believe, is that the homes have been built by the people themselves. They have become tired of paying high rents."

"In some districts today you can stand in one spot and throw stones into as many as five new homes."

Among the permits just issued by the city building inspector are the following:

## Park St—Continued

380 Herman M Krueger  
 384 Nathan Stoffen  
 388 Albert L Fletcher  
 388 Harry Dunne  
 398 Jacob Samson  
 N Gifford crosses  
 416 John Tuelhinsky  
 424 John C Rahn  
 432 Mrs Josephine Sandberg  
 446 Miss Mary E Larkin  
 470 Charles E Sheehan  
 474 Mrs Agnes E Gubbins  
 474 John M Rehnert  
 482 C L Wyman  
 486 Owen E McMahon  
 490 Oscar L Fabrique  
 496 Henry Haaseman  
 496 T C Santschi  
 Hill ave crosses  
 516 Otto Kretschmer  
 520 Mrs Harriet A Pierce  
 Porter ave crosses  
 552 Conrad M Buel  
 552 C H Sternberg  
 556 Henry W Daul  
 560 Robert Duewel  
 566 Mrs Sophie Mau  
 570 George F Sills  
 570 J Fred Ziegler  
 576 Fred L Müller  
 576 William H Ackemann, D D S  
 582 Louis Sunderlage  
 N Liberty crosses  
 616 Charles Busche  
 616 C E Mierhoff  
 636 Frank W Hopp  
 Preston ave crosses  
 656 Alexander McTavish  
 660 Eugene Smith  
 664 Casper Bruschnzky  
 670 Frank O'Malley

South Side

305 Charles Tuttle  
 311 Rev J B Martin  
 317 William E Russell  
 317 Edward W Dower  
 323 C W Yarwood  
 329 Mrs Cora L Smythe  
 337 Mrs Eleanor Blakemore  
 College crosses  
 359 Charles F Mills  
 363 J O Kuecher  
 373 Mrs Rosa Trude  
 381 Miss Mary A Smalles  
 389 Harry L Anderson  
 395 Merritt C Wahl  
 N Gifford crosses  
 425 William E Fruechtenicht  
 439 Robert Nelson  
 N Channing intersects  
 453 Alfred Warner

465 Charles E Wimpelberg  
 469 Herman H Stumme  
 473 Frederick J Martin  
 475 Mike Nagy  
 477 Louis Althen  
 479 Mrs Ida Wendt  
 483 Charles Schiltz  
 487 Frank Anderson  
 489 George Chapman  
 Hill ave crosses  
 Vacant lots to Porter ave  
 565 Andrew W VanNostrand  
 567 Walter J Gartland  
 N Liberty crosses  
 615 George R Yarwood  
 615 Stuart K Yarwood  
 625 James D Sensor  
 629 John Spless  
 641 James I Myers  
 657 Louis Brandes

## PENNSYLVANIA AVE

From N Union w to N Worth ave,  
 1 n of W Chicago

## North Side

758 Thomas E Welch

## South Side

Vacant lots

## PERCY ST

From Laurel s to Villa, bet S Chan-  
 ning and Healy ave

## East Side

265 Ralph S Hatch  
 265 Richard H Hinz  
 265 Hervey C Roberts  
 265 Harry Schiltz  
 Barrett intersects  
 311 James W Thornton  
 311 Andrew Robertson

## West Side

210 Mrs Julia Weeks  
 Stella crosses  
 260 Elmer H Lemke  
 260 Earl Sperry  
 266 Frank Davis  
 276 Richard W Bridge  
 302 Ralph McCarthy  
 320 George H Andresen  
 320 Earle K Foote  
 320 George A Fairchild  
 320 Harry A Webb

From Locust  
 of S State

153 Mrs Ida  
 167 Peter Ka  
 169 William  
 205 John Beh  
 205 Mrs Rose  
 213 Louis Pla  
 221 William  
 225 Frank Ha  
 229 Charles H  
 229 Homer G  
 Standish c  
 253 Alvin R C  
 255 Andrew J  
 257 Patrick J  
 261 V A Thom  
 263 Earl A Cd  
 Walnut av  
 313 Herman R  
 319 Vacant ho  
 323 George W  
 325 Otto Parla  
 329 Fred C No  
 339 F M Engel

## West

116 Mrs Minnie  
 116 Harry Niles  
 128 Herman Irl  
 Holly inter  
 152 John W Sp  
 155 Jake Bode  
 162 Christ C P  
 168 Mrs Emma  
 168 Herman Oll  
 170 Harry Voltr  
 202 Paul D Har  
 208 John Buck  
 210 Vacant hous  
 212 William Tyl  
 220 Charles Gen  
 220 Louis C Acl  
 224 Gust W Ma  
 230 Thomas Hay  
 230 W W McDo  
 Standish cro  
 252 Carl G Bue  
 258 Adolph Lue  
 266 Henry A Sp  
 266 Clarence Sp  
 Walnut ave  
 314 Fred C Sch  
 318 George W S  
 322 C F Schellh  
 326 Marcus Slim  
 330 William A  
 Everett Chu

# SHOP

Occasions

Down Stairs

V Cooper  
R Guptail  
W Ritschard  
Joy  
Burmelster  
crosses  
Wales

PAGE AVE

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North Side

G Aubrey  
F Batt  
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Streeter  
ty crosses  
eresa Dakin  
C Runge  
erence Willard  
innie Groneman  
Mann  
ave crosses  
& Dawes  
B Dawes

South Side

Shirt Factory  
n ave crosses  
H Brammer  
Hoiden  
Brammer  
m C Greve

PARK AVE

ago o to limits, south  
of Lord's Park

North Side

Park  
Mathilda Nelson  
Aschermann  
m Walbaum



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971 Walter H Roth

PARK ROW

From DuPage s to Fulton 1 e of High  
School Park

East Side

55 The Everett  
Apt 4 John B Hunter  
5 Mrs Golda Roberts  
6 Miss Emmie U Ellis  
7 Mrs Maud P Doe  
8 H R McMickle  
12 Mrs H E Loomis  
14 Vincent Fletcher  
15 Mrs Florence Walte  
16 Misses Knaisch  
17 S A Macaulay  
19 Thomas Reynolds  
59 Phillip Schickler  
65 Vacant house  
71 Earl S Vilven  
71 Mrs Edith Turnbull  
73 Mrs Myrtle Ulsaver

West Side

High School Park

PARK ST

From Dundas ave e to Lord's Park,  
4 n of Chicago

North Side

314 Louis C Gaede  
320 William Duncan  
328 John Miller  
Academy pl intersects  
Elgin Junior College and Acad-  
emy  
N College intersects  
376 Karl J Stouffer  
380 Albert S Davis  
380 Harlan Spero  
384 Iver Bendtsen

388 Albert L Fletcher  
398 Mrs Frances Zeller  
398 Louis Traub  
N Gifford crosses  
416 John M Tuchlinsky  
424 John C Rahn  
432 Miss Josephine Sandberg  
446 Miss Mary E Larkin  
460 August G Landwehr  
470 James Sheenan  
470 Elmer C Chelsoeth  
474 Mrs Agnes Gubblins  
482 E W Lumm  
482 C I Wyman  
486 Owen E McMahon  
490 Oscar L Fabrique  
490 William P O'Neil  
496 Gottlieb C Santschi  
496 Henry C Haseman  
Hill ave crosses  
516 Otto A Kretschmer  
520 Mrs Harriet A Pierce  
N Porter ave crosses  
552 Conrad M Buel  
552 Clarence H Sternberg  
552 Mrs Gertrude A Roche  
556 Henry W Danel  
560 Robert F Duewel  
56E Samuel Liebig  
570 George F Sills  
570 Henry Baseman  
576 Fred L Miller  
576 Mrs Bell Abell  
582 Mrs Bertha Sunderlage  
N Liberty crosses  
604 New house  
612 Fred H Lichthardt  
616 Charles Busche  
616 Christ E Meterhoff  
636 Frank W Hopp  
Preston ave crosses  
656 Alexander McTavish  
656 Merril H Dava!  
660 Eugene W Smith  
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McLean blvd and High-

Ma (wid John T) h sw cor blvd and Highland ave  
Luth C Miss teacher Glen sw cor McLean blvd and ave  
Walter (Alice) teaming 444 Washington  
William attendant state hos-

William (Mary) emp Glertz  
Wing  
Arnold J emp phone co  
ark

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Owen E (Mary) foreman h 486 Park  
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~~This Indenture with respect to~~ the Grantor Anton Pichen, a bachelor,

of the City of Elgin in the County of Kane and State of Illinois

for and in consideration of ~~the sum of~~ Ten Dollars, and other valuable consideration ~~DOCKERS~~

in hand paid, CONVEYS and WARRANTS to Alexander McTavish and Margaret McTavish, husband and wife,

of the City of Elgin County of Kane and State of Illinois  
as JOINT TENANTS, but not as tenants in common,  
the following described Real Estate, to-wit:

Lot five (5) in Block one (1) of J. Force's Heirs' Addition to Elgin, Kane County, Illinois;

Situated in the City of Elgin ~~Kane~~ County of Kane in the State of Illinois, hereby releasing and waiving all rights  
under and by virtue of the Homestead Exemption Laws of ~~the State~~ the State of Illinois.

Subject to general taxes levied for the year A. D. 1922.

WITNESS my hand and seal this

~~date~~ this 25 day of September

A. D. 1922.

Anton Pichen



Revenue \$1.50

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
County of Kane } ss.

I, F. M. Abbott a Notary Public  
and residing in  
in and for said county, in the state aforesaid, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, That Anton Pichen,  
a bachelor,

personally known to me to be the same person whose name is subscribed  
to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that he  
signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument as this free and voluntary act for the purpose