

CHESTER TIMES – June 19, 1915 – REAL ESTATE CIRCLES ACTIVE – Shipyard Deal and Rush Orders at Baldwin's Create a Demand for Homes and Building Sites

In the real estate and business world this week the sale of the eastern part of the Delaware River Shipbuilding Company property along the Delaware River, to English capitalists, was easily the leading subject of talk. There were a number of smaller sales of property and many agents have been here looking over the vacant land with a view of buying it up for the erection of modern homes for the mechanics and their families who are expected to be brought here through the new shipyard, the big orders for the Baldwin plant and the other big plants in and close by Chester.

Realty is still active out in the county although no large deals were reported this week, but the large number of real estate transfers made in the Recorder of Deeds office indicate that there is much life in land buying and trading. June so far has broken the record for months in the number of permits issued by City Building Inspector T. T. Williams, and this is taken as a good indication of the busy times that are in view for the future for the city contractors and mechanics.

One of the more important contracts let during the week was that for the erection of an administration building to cost \$50,000 to be built at Newtown Square for the Garrett Williamson Lodge of Philadelphia. This contract has been given to Roydhouse-Arey Company.

A number of builders are estimating on plans for the erection of two factory buildings at Marcus Hook for the American Viscose Company. One building will be a one-story brick, 152 x 425 feet, and the other will be two-story brick and concrete, 44 x 72 feet. Bids are due June 29. The plans were prepared by Philadelphia architects.

BUILDING MORE HOUSES – Seven new houses are being erected at Fifth and Pennell Streets by Samuel R. Bell. The foundations for the new dwellings have been laid and bricklayers are at work. The houses will be similar in construction to those that were recently erected in the vicinity by the same builder.

Work on the building operation at Third and Pennell Streets, where three stores are being erected for John J. Ryan, the West End merchant, is progressing rapidly. The carpenter work is being done by Contractor Charles Battin.

Frazer Brothers, local contractors are pushing the work on the erection of the new home for Dr. Hume Miller at Second and Edwards Streets. The first-story walls have been completed and it is expected that the building will be ready for roofing the latter part of next week.

Two new dwellings erected at Concord Avenue and Butler Streets by Contractor J. Irvin Taylor are being completed. Mr. Taylor contemplates building sixteen other houses along Butler Street in that vicinity later in the season.

A new bungalow is being erected at Chester Terrace near Brookhaven by Robert Leslie Taylor for William B. Callighan. Mr. Taylor has also commenced work on the erection of a store and dwelling house at Second and Highland Avenue for Peter Orfetal.

HIBERNIANS' NEW HOME – The attractive building erected at Third and Thurlow Streets for the local branch of the Ancient Order of Hibernians is under roof. The building is a credit to the locality and with the completion of a few minor details and decoration of the interior will be dedicated and used as a club house and hall be the organization. Friends J. Moore, West End contractor, build the brick structure. The dedication exercises will be held the latter part of the coming month according to a member of the committee.

Daniel Toohey, of Second and Thurlow Streets, has completed a fire proof garage at the rear of his home that will have a capacity of 4 trucks and 2 touring cars. The garage measure 26 by 42 feet and is constructed solely of brick

The erection of the large pattern works at Fourth and Ward Streets for Harry F. Krieg of Milmont, will remove another idle plot from the city. The building is to be of brick and will cover an area of 40 by 100 feet. The contract for this work is in the hands of Francis J. Moore.

The houses under construction at Eleventh Street, near Highland Avenue, are nearing completion. One of the fine dwellings already completed is now occupied by William Ganster.

The work of laying the walls for a brick building to replace several frame structures at second and Highland Avenue, will be started the first of the week. Frank Hoefetel, owner of the property, has awarded the contract for the new building to Robert L. Taylor of this city. It is the intention to use the building on its completion for store and apartment purposes.

Progress has been made during the past few weeks on the twenty-four houses that are now under construction at Linwood Heights for John Keegan, superintendent at the Viscose Company plant. Eight of these are about complete and will be occupied by the first of July while eight more will be completed before the end of that month. A large force of men have been employed by Contractor Moore on this operation and everything is being done to hurry the work along.

SOME CITY IMPROVEMENTS – Improvements are being made to the Upton restaurant at Thirteenth Street and Edgmont Avenue. The oyster bar and eating room has been changed around and a new front of modern architecture will replace the old front. It will be several weeks before the improvements are completed.

A new addition is being erected in the rear of the store at 1145 Edgmont Avenue. The stone masons will commence work on Monday to lay the foundation for the addition.

David Christy, the First ward contractor, is remodeling the front of the laundry at Fourteenth Street and Providence Avenue. The front being installed is very attractive and gives the exterior of the building a much better appearance.

Contractor Morris Plumley has started to repair and improve the rear of the Chester Free Library. It will require several weeks for the work to be completed. The library has been closed for two weeks and will remain closed until all improvements are completed.

Contractor Harry J. Krotee has completed the improvements to the Smith properties at 1713-15 Walnut Street. The improvements consisted of several larger windows being installed and a canopy over the side porches. A number of improvements were also made to the interior of the first floor and the roofs of the properties have been re-shingled.

The pergola leading from the large gates of the driveway into the home of former Councilman Edward Dickerson. East Twenty-Fourth Street has been completed and adds greatly to the attractiveness of the residence. The pergola is one of the finest to be found in this section of the State and numerous persons have visited the home to view the improvement.

BUILDING NOTES – The residence at 714 McIlvaine Street is being improved with several coats of paint.

Improvements of a minor nature are being made to the Hamilton property at Eighth and McIlvaine Streets.

I. Lenny of 622 East Eighth Street has had a new fence erected in the rear of his home.

Repairs are being made to the residence at 713 East Eighth Street

Frazer Brothers are making progress on the front of the Repetto Building at Eighth and Welsh Streets. Workmen are employed in putting the copper cornice work and trimmings on the building and concrete workers are engaged in laying the foundation for the model front which will be installed. It will be but a short time before the improvement will be completed.

Contractors E. E. and A. A. Flounders of Media who secured the contract to erect an addition to the Gallagher Garage on Seventh Street, have a large force of men at the scene. The bricklayers are working and should reach the roof the early part of next week. The frames on the north side of the building have been set and today the south side frames will be placed in position.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams has issued the following permits:

Flounders Brothers, brick addition to the Gallagher garage on Seventh Street
Daniel Toohey, one-story brick garage on Grace Street, between Second and Third Streets
Thomas Quinn, brick addition to the rear of his property at 2723 West Third Street
John J. Ryan, three one-story brick stores on West Third Street between Pennell and Howell Streets
Folsom Portable Garage Company, frame and iron garage on the west corner of Twenty-Fourth Street and Edgmont Avenue
Thomas W. Scott, one two-story brick store and dwelling and three two-story brick dwellings on West Ninth Street between Jeffrey and Engle Streets
R. L. Taylor, two-story brick dwelling on Highland Avenue, between Second and Third Streets
Truax Brothers, one-story brick garage on Seventh Street between Upland and Potter Streets
George Hogg, four-story brick building at Fourth and Market Streets
Ernest Seymour, one-story frame and corrugated iron building in rear of 2411 West Third Street
Charles B. Harper, one-story brick addition to Odd Fellows' Hall, Broad and Crosby Streets
Peter Lyzek, one-story brick garage in rear of 2730 West Second Street
Edward J. Mullen, one-story frame end corrugated garage in rear of 1623 West Third Street
Francis Moore, one-story brick garage on Ward Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets
H. T. Gibson, one-story frame and corrugated iron building in the rear of 926 Highland Avenue
Harry W. Koch, real estate broker, Drexel Hill, announces the sale of a detached stone and stucco dwelling on Bonsall Avenue, Drexel Hill to E. W. Barber of Philadelphia, who will occupy it.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby:

Upper Chichester – Boothwyn Farms Company to William H. Percival, Marcus Hook, lot at McCay and Fifth avenues \$475

Lansdowne – Robert Anderson of Philadelphia to Thomas H. McGarey of Lansdowne, house and lot on North Union Avenue, \$2500

Upper Chichester – James L. Rankin of Chester to Peirce H. Ingram of Upper Chichester, house and lot on McCay Avenue, Nom

Chester – John D. White of Chester to Gaetano Corello of same place, lot on Seventh street east of Welsh Street, Nom

Ridley Park – Peter E. Tome and others to Frances R. Pierce of Philadelphia lot on Cresswell Street, \$1600

Collingdale – Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to William H. Grafton of same place, house and lot on Staley Avenue, \$3250

Upper Darby – Clara A. Ludwig of Philadelphia to Thomas J. Garland, bishop, lot at Drexel Hill \$2200

Chester- Charles E. Batten of Chester to Jacob a. Geiger of Chester, house and lot at 1821 West Fourth streets, \$2250

Ridley Township – Hannah G. Shillingford of Swarthmore to Margaret Broomall of Ridley Park, two acres on Swarthmore Avenue \$1200

Chester – Thomas Hinkson of Bethel to Andrew H. Hinkson of Chester, store, dwelling and lot on Third Street west of Eagle Street, \$100