

CHESTER TIMES – September 25, 1915 – BRIGHT OUTLOOK FOR BUILDING – Unusual Activity in the City, and County because of the Increased Industrial Prosperity Assured

Just at this time, when all eyes are turned on this city, Eddystone, and other parts of this county near to the Baldwin Locomotive works which are having phenomenal growth and because of unusual activity at the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the plant of the Remington Arms Company on the same property, sight is apt to be loss of growth in other parts of the county. No part of the county, not even excepting that part contiguous to the Baldwin Works, is growing with greater rapidity than Upper Darby Township and other townships close to the Philadelphia line.

The biggest thing is that line is undoubtedly in Upper Darby. Three years ago the school directors of that township erected a fine school building in Garrettford, this being, it was believed, ample for the needs of that part of the township for years to come. The old Oakview School was converted into a dwelling. This season it was found necessary to take over this old school again for school purposes. The influx of people from Philadelphia has made necessary the purchase of ground in Highland Park, where a \$15,000 school is being erected, and within a week or so four acres of ground have been purchased from the Evans' Estate with the intention of erecting, a little late, another new high school. This ground lies on Lansdowne avenue adjoining the Drexel Biddle Bible Class property and dis in the rear of and adjoining the present high school property.

MANY NEW HOMES – The increase in attendance at the schools is merely an accident to the growth of the township. In all parts houses are going up, and the fact that Wadas and Jones, who are doing more building than any other builders this year, have already erected and disposed of thirty-two houses and have begun work of thirty more is indicative of the demand for dwellings in this rapidly growing community.

Bywood, a new community in the township but a short distance from the Sixty-Ninth street terminus of the elevated line, is feeling the impetus to a very great extent. Several houses have gone up in this new village during the few months since the tract was opened, and contracts have been let during the last few weeks for several more. Many sales of building lots have been made in the tract and at least a dozen houses will be started before the cold weather makes building work unprofitable. These houses are all of a very desirable type, costing at least \$5000.

OTHER CONTRACTS – Much work is being done at this time, and more is in contemplation throughout the county, more of it being in small contracts. S. D. Wolf, proprietor of a department store in Clifton Heights, is asking for bids for a \$10,000 moving picture house adjoining his store property on Baltimore Avenue. The building will be a handsome structure and will seat 700 people.

W. T. Scattergood is having erected on Scottdale Road, Lansdowne, a residence which is unique and original. The building is located on a cliff, is of concrete, steel and stone, with concrete floors overlaid with hardwood; and is fireproof throughout. Underneath it is a garage, thoroughly modern in equipment, and heated and lighted from the same plant which cares for the house. The cost is about 12,000.

William L. Cloud, a Middletown Township contractor, has been awarded a contract to erect for T. Herman Hoskins, of the same township, a frame dwelling at Edgmont and Knowlton Roads on the little farm at that place owned by Mr. Hoskins.

Plans have been prepared for a hollow tile and stucco dwelling to be erected in Radnor Township for C. McM. Cadwalader of Radnor. The dwelling will be entirely modern and the estimated cost is about \$9000.

Robert H. Jagers, a contractor of this city, has been awarded a contract to build for William A. Marron, Jr. off Chester Township a one and one-half story frame bungalow at Norfolk, Chester Township. The price has not been made public.

The Clifton Heights Board of Education is planning for an addition to the school building there. The addition will consist of six rooms, and the cost will be \$8000. Jordan Brothers of Clifton Heights, has been awarded the contract to build a one-story addition to the store of the Misses Annan at Baltimore Avenue and Penn Street, Clifton Heights, the price being \$1500.

Benjamin T. Levis, a Media real estate dealer, reports the sale of a big house on South Orange Street, Media, for Homer E. Hoopese to Dr. Frank J. Woodward, a Media veterinarian, who will occupy it at once. The price is not given.

A number of new homes are to be erected in the northern section of the city in the near future. Rumors have it that Philadelphia parties have purchased a tract of ground and intend to build modern dwellings in the vicinity of Nineteenth Street and Washington Boulevard. T. C. Burke of this city contemplates building several houses in that section.

IN THE CITY – J. Irvin Taylor, a local contractor and builder has broken ground on Butler Street, near Twelfth for the erection of sixteen modern houses. Ground has been broken for the majority of the new residences which will be equipped with all the latest conveniences.

The structures will be modeled along the line of other dwellings which Mr. Taylor has erected in that vicinity. They will be eight rooms' structures with a front porch and lawn.

Contractor John G. Brown of Philadelphia, is placing the supports for the roof on the new mold loft at the plant of the Chester Shipbuilding Company, Ltd., formerly the Roach Shipyard. The building is a brick structure.

Improvements at the plant of the Keystone Steel Company, which was purchased by the A. R. Brunner Company, are progressing favorably. The front of the main building was torn out for an addition. Men were engaged yesterday in making repairs to the office building. The new owners expect to have the plant placed in operation some time next month.

At the plant of the American Dyewood Company, Contractor Provost is making rapid progress with the erection of the addition to the main building and it is expected that the building will soon be under roof.

The Williams' Construction Company are at present engaged in driving piles for the foundation of another large building that is to be erected by Contractor Provost.

Finishing touches are being made to the new dwelling and an addition to another dwelling at Fifth and Flower Streets by contractor Battin.

PERMITS ISSUED – During the past week but three building permits were issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams. They were to the following:

Ransom Melgus, one-story frame building covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 305 West Third Street

William Crush, one-story brick building in rear of Eleventh Street and Central Avenue

Walter J. Wilkins, one-story building in rear of properties 317-19 West Second Street

BUILDING NOTES – F. W. Smedley, who is erecting two houses at Twenty-Fourth Street and Edgmont Avenue, is progressing with the work. The foundation walls will be finished the early part of the week providing the weather permits.

Thomas J. Welsh of 501 West Seventh Street is making a number of improvements to his building.

Edward Roberts is having the property at Fifth and Crosby Streets owned by him, put in first class addition. A new building has been built in the rear and the third story will be enlarged, doing away with the shingles and gable roof.

Michael Wizcchok, who recently purchased the building at 800 East Eighth Street, is having a two-story brick addition built in the front. The dwelling will be enlarged in the rear. The owner contemplates contracting a store on the corner.

J. Irvin Taylor, who is erecting a number of houses on Thirteenth and Crosby Streets is progressing with the work. It will be but a short time before the dwellings will be ready for occupancy.

Nolan Brothers will soon have the front in the store at Twelfth Street and Edgmont Avenue completed. The frames have been set and the bricklayers have completed their work. The glass for the windows will arrive in a few days.

A new roof is being placed on the frame building in the rear of the Samuel Bell Building at Eleventh Street and Edgmont Avenue.