

CHESTER TIMES – March 18, 1916 – BAD WEATHER RETARDS WORK – Many Building Operations Delayed On account of the Freezing Atmosphere

Persistent bad weather has to a very great extent blocked the starting of many new buildings in this county as yet, but it has not succeeded in preventing the planning of many operations, and the greatest activity prevails among builders and real estate men. Few districts have entirely missed the boom now in progress, and the next month will see much activity along this line as the county never before has witnessed.

Many parts of this county are badly in need of houses, and one of the places where the demand is great is Media, the county seat. Ever since the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company built its line to Media, the demand has been growing, and about the only way to obtain a house in Media is to purchase and compel the occupants to vacate. Media will get about 50 houses during the summer, it is understood, although a number of these will be homes for the builders.

There are two operations planned, however, for the early spring, according to information received from a Media bolder, but neither proposition has advanced to a point where the parties care to have the plans made public. One of these is for 20 houses and the other for 10 houses. Among the others planned are two bungalows for Herman Hoil and George Pierce, who are connected with Media Title & Trust Company and who will build on Third Street dwellings to cost about \$3,500 each. John Brown, court stenographer, has had plans prepared by Newton Flounders, architect, for a bungalow to cost about the same price. William Biddle, Jr., is to build a house on the Hildebrand tract to cost upward of \$5000. William Easby, Jr., has let a contract to J. B. Flounders of Media to build a garage at his home at Sixth and Jackson Streets. The price is not given.

WILL EXPEND \$100,000 – Charles L. Patterson, treasurer of the E. I. DuPont deNemours Powder Company, is about to spend close to \$100,000 on the farm at Chadd's Ford known as the old Nobilt farm which he purchased about three years ago. The first improvement will be the erection of a mansion to cost approximately \$50,000 which will be erected this coming summer, and the property will be otherwise improved and made into one of the show places of the county.

Among the important sales of the week was the purchase by S. A. Montgomery of the property at Broad and Edgmont Avenue, this city, owned by W. S. Bickley. The price was \$22,000. Frame buildings now on the lot will be torn down and five modern stores erected. Another was the sale of property on Twentieth Street, by the Delaware County Trust Company to Mary H. MacFarlane for \$10,000; and a third was the sale of six and three-quarter acres of ground in Lower Chichester Township on the outskirts of Marcus Hook by Rachel D. White to Dr. J. C. Lyons of Marcus Hook and Dr. E. A. Campbell of Chester. The price paid was \$15,000.

It is understood that the two physicians, taking advantage of the growing section of Marcus Hook and Linwood, may use the extensive property and six acres as a hospital and sanitarium.

Architects are taking bids for the erection of a residence at Swarthmore for Paul Freedley. Among the contractors who are estimating on the work are several from this county and one from Philadelphia. When completed the building will be composed of hollow tile and plaster, two and a half stories in height and thirty-two by thirty-three feet ground plan. The structure will have a shingle roof and will be in every respect a first class building, lighted by electricity. The architects are Heacock and Hokanson of Philadelphia.

NEW PAROCHIAL SCHOOL – E. F. Durang and Son, Philadelphia architects, have completed the plans for a parochial school building to be erected at Wayne for the parish of St. Katherine of Sienna of which rev. Charles F. Kavanagh is the rector. The building will be of brick with granite trimmings, two stories in height with a ground plan of 115 by 52 feet. The bids are now in and are being tabulated by the architects.

Plans are being drawn and details arranged for a new dwelling which will be erected at Yeadon for Theodore Presser. It will be of brick and stone and in about three weeks, it is believed, the plans will be in such shape that the agent will be prepared to take the bids.

The contract will be awarded in a short time for a residence to be erected at Haverford for Mrs. Agnes S. Rogers. There will be a garage attached and the building will be of stone. The main building will be two and a half stories in height and will be fitted with tile work, oak floors, electric lighting, vacuum cleaner, piping and every modern convenience. Bids are expected to be in by Monday of next week.

PERMITS ISSUED – Building permits issued during the past few days by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams have been as follows:

J. H. Phills, Joseph Miller, owner – One-story brick building on the north side of Sixth Street, between Edgmont Avenue and Welsh Street, 20 feet 4 inches by 60 feet

Thomas Henry, Jr. – One story frame building covered with corrugated iron,, one the southwest corner of Fourth and Booth Streets, 12 feet by 20 feet.

Nic. Boxicalo – one story brick stable in the rear of 217 Broomall Street, 15 feet by 22 feet

Suburban Gas Company – Two-story brick office building on the west side of Norris Street between Delaware Avenue and the river

James Clegg – One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 120 Howell Street, 12 feet by 16 feet

F. B. Brooks – One-story frame building, covered with corrugated iron on south side of Mary Street, between Parker and Kerlin Streets, 16 feet by 18 feet

Arthur McCartney – One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron on south side of Mary Street, between Parker and Kerlin Streets, 16 feet by 18 feet

R. Leslie Taylor, J. Francis Taylor, owner – One-story brick garage on southeast corner of Eighth and Deshong Streets, 34 feet by 100 feet

South Chester Tube Company – One-story building of steel frame, covered with corrugated iron on the south side of Front Street, between Thurlow and Harwick Streets, 70 feet by 90 feet

Frazier Brothers, W. J. Farley, owner – Two-story brick store building on south side of Fourth Street between Edgmont Avenue and Market Street, 70 feet by 120 feet

The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds McClenachan:

Marcus Hook – George F. Johnson of Lower Chichester to Joseph Rubine of Marcus Hook, house and lot on Eighth Street, \$1,000

Upper Darby – George A. Dolby of Kirklyn to George M. Aman of Wayne, two lots at Highland Park, \$1

Upper Darby – George W. Wood of Philadelphia to Walter S. Wood of same place, lot at Highland Park, \$1

Chester – James F. Campbell of Chester to Thomas F. Feeley of same place, house and lot on Eighth Street, east of Upland Street, \$1450

Darby Township – Forrester H. Scott of Philadelphia to Adolph Nelson of same place, lot at South Sharon Hill, \$1

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