

CHESTER TIMES – BUSY SEASON FOR BUILDING – Outlook Most Assuring for Extensive Operations in Real Estate Circles During the Spring and Summer

Building work is to be extremely plentiful this spring in this county, and every builder either has plenty of work on hand now to keep him busy for months or is bidding upon, work which is contemplated. The only thing that is bothering most of them is the fear that it will be next to impossible to get workmen, especially of the unskilled type, as the various industries are taking all classes of workmen and are paying them wages which are higher than most builders can afford to pay. Reports from all parts of the county tell of work contemplated, and settled weather will see many building operations under way. During the last week quite a number of contracts have been let, and for the next month, it is anticipated, the number will steadily increase each week.

Among the contracts lot during the week was one for an apartment house at Eddystone, the owner of which is Athalia Klose of Atlantic City. The contract was let to William Ward of this city, at a price which has not been made public. The house will be for men only, and is to be erected to house employees of the Remington Arms Company. The house is to be situated on Ashland Avenue.

UPPER DARBY ENTERPRISE – Bywood, a new town in Upper Darby Township, a short distance from Sixty-Ninth street Terminal developed by V. Gilpin Robinson and Albert F. Damon, is to be in the forefront of developments this coming summer, and during the last week agreements have been signed by the two men named with Thomas J. Brown of Haverford Township, by which the latter will erect five houses on the tract. These will cost about \$25,000, and will be similar in style of others erected on the tract last summer. Upper Darby is growing rapidly and among the improvements for the summer is a new \$60,000 school for Highland Park, which has been mentioned in this column before. Work has been begun on this building during the week, and it will be ready for occupancy when the school term opens in the fall.

J. Howard Roberts, a Lansdowne contractor, has been awarded a contract to erect a two-story dwelling at Swarthmore and Princeton Avenues, Swarthmore, for Paul Freedley of Swarthmore. Plans for the house, which will cost \$6321, were prepared by Heacock & Hokanson, architects.

It became known during the week that the purchaser of the Clyde property at Fifth and Market Streets, Chester, some time ago was John P. Crozer, millionaire mill owner of Upland; and details of the purchase came out after this fact became known. Mr. Crozer will erect an eight-story office building on the corner, the lower floor of which will be occupied by the Delaware County Trust, Safe Deposit and Title Insurance Company. The plot of ground upon which the building will be erected is sixty by one hundred and thirty-five feet.

John P. Crozer, in addition to being a mill owner, has extensive holdings of houses and lands in Upland, and during the week he has purchased from the estate of Robert H. Crozer, deceased, forty-eight houses and one store, which gives him the ownership of a large percentage of the houses in Upland.

Lindsay & Moorhouse, contractors, have been awarded a contract for extensive alterations and improvements to the home in Upper Providence Township near the Rose Tree Hunt Club of J. Gordon Fetterman. The contract price is \$10211. Charles C. Phifer of Collingdale, has let to Melvin T. Ackerman, contractor, a contract for a dwelling on Pittman Avenue, Collingdale, the price to be \$2582.

BALDWIN IMPROVEMENTS – The Baldwin Locomotive Works at Eddystone is to make many improvements to its big tract of ground, and among these will be the macadamizing

of most of the driveways on the property. A couple of days ago a contract was let to Field Barker & Underwood of Philadelphia, for a roadway and footwalk, railroad crossings, and other necessary work. No price is mentioned.

Louis A. Clyde and Samuel E. Clyde of Chester, have let to Horace H. Jackson, a Chester contractor, a contract for a store building at 321 Market Street, Chester, the contract price being \$5010.

Plans are being prepared for a new school house in Rockdale Aston Township, to cost about \$20,000. W. E. Hance of Wilmington, Del., is the architect.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building permits issued during the course of the week have been as follows:

William J. Hewes – Three two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Hewes Avenue between Highland Avenue and Harwick Street. Two fourteen feet front and one sixteen feet front, both 40 feet in depth.

William J. Wiser for Mrs. Mary Ashworth - Three two-story brick dwellings in the rear of 117, 119 and 121 Wilson Street, 12 feet by 26 feet.

S. Seiverd for Harry Barber – Two two-story brick dwellings 603 and 605 Kerlin Street, 16 by 37 feet.

William Ward for Thurlow Steel Works – One-story brick office building on north side of Fourth Street between Booth and Trainer Streets 30 feet by 30 feet, and 12 feet in height.

E. J. Oliver for Mrs. Mary J. Oliver – Three-story brick store on north side of Seventh Street between Market Street and Edgmont Avenue, 20 feet by 80 feet. First floor 10 feet in height, second and third floors each 9 feet in height.

David Christy for Thomas Bray – Two-story brick addition in the rear of 112 East Eighteenth Street between Madison and Upland Streets, 14 feet by 16 feet.

NEW PAROCHIAL SCHOOL – Bids are due on Monday for a parochial school at Wayne for the St. Katherine of Sienna parish. The building will be of brick, granite trimmings, 2 stories, 115 by 52 feet, tile and slag roof. The plumbing, heating and electric work are separate bids. The architects are E. F. Durang & Co. of Philadelphia.

A contract has been awarded for a residence at Lansdowne for C. A. A'Becket, 4621 Kingsessing Avenue, which will be of hollow tile or frame and stucco, two and one-half stories, 24 by 41 feet, with all modern improvements.

J. Howard Roberts of Lansdowne, has secured the contract for a residence at Swarthmore for Paul Freedley of Swarthmore. The building will be of hollow tile and plaster, two and one-half stories, 32 by 33 feet.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds McClenahan:

Ridley Park – Estates Development Company to Edgar J. Barnes and Oscar W. Meixner of Bridgeton, N. J., six lots at Crum Lynne, \$1

Upper Darby – John E. Heyburn, Jr., sheriff to Harvey M. Bottomley of Norwood, two lots with buildings at Central Avenue and Springfield and Darby Road, \$600

Ridley Park – John E. Heyburn, Jr., sheriff, to the Mutual Guarantee Building and Loan Association, lot with buildings at Russell Street and Morton Avenue, \$6225

Haverford Township – Harry K. Buchanan of Llanerch to John Richards of Philadelphia, lot with buildings at Llanerch, \$3700

Haverford Township – Samuel R. Haws of Ardmore to George S. McKinley of Chester County, lot with buildings on County Line Road, \$1

