

CHESTER TIMES – January 1, 1916 – lull in real estate circles – Temporary Inactivity Due to the Holiday Season and the Weather Conditions of the Past Few Days

The Christmas holidays, coupled with some bad weather, put a crimp in the real estate activities in this city and county for more than one week past. Real estate men however, are not disturbed by the temporary falling off in sales and the letting off contracts and many of them anticipate one of the best years in their existence during 1916. While the annual statistics shortly to be made public may not show many great increase in the number of buildings erected in this city over the year 1914, the sales of land will far exceed any year for a long time, which is taken as an indication that there is much building to follow with the opening of good weather this spring.

\$150,000 HOTEL – Plans have been drawn for a proposed \$150,000 hotel for the Borough of Eddystone to be erected by the Remington Hotel Company. Bids are expected to be in some time the coming week and it is the purpose of the projectors to start work on this structure just as soon as possible. This hotel will be one of a number of buildings to be erected for the purpose of caring for the thousands of workmen coming to the Remington and other big plants in that vicinity. The building is to be seven stories high, to be built of brick and steel, with stone trimmings and will have dimensions of 60 by 120 feet. It is to have a slag roof, steam heat electric lights, tile work and concrete fireproofing.

REVISED BIDS DUE – Thee revised bids for the proposed new school house for the Borough of Marcus Hook are due to be in the hands of the architect by January 5. This building is to cost \$50,000 and will give to the rapidly growing borough on the west of this city one of the finest and best equipped school in the county. It is to be constructed of brick, two stories, and will have dimensions of 104 by 45 feet.

Charles E Mather of Philadelphia, has plane out for some alterations and additions to his home in the township of Haverford. The improvement will be a stone addition, 41 by 20 feet, and 21 by 52 feet and will be used as a new hall, kitchen wing, and stone walls. The architect announces that he is ready to receive bids for the work.

Bids are due today for two apartment houses to be erected in the borough of Eddystone by John Kennedy, Jr. The buildings will be constructed of stone, brick and terra cotta, three stories, 20 by 125 feet, and will have slag roofs, steam heat, combination lighting and fire escapes. These buildings will also be used for the housing of the contemplated increase in population in Eddystone and vicinity.

Paul Thompson of Haverford will shortly begin some alterations and additions to his home out along the main line of the Pennsylvania Railroad. The improvements will consist of a frame structure two and one-half stories high, two wings 52 by 49 feet and 21 by 38feet; shingle roofs, hot water heating, plumbing, electric lights and tile work.

TEN NEW HOMES – Ground was broken yesterday for ten modern houses to be erected on the lot on West Ninth Street, opposite to the Chester Hospital. The houses are being built by the Chester Realty and Construction Company, with offices No. 4, Law Building. These houses will be of the sunlight type and will contain all modern conveniences. The type of house to be placed upon this ground will add much to that section of the city, not only in the way of appearance but to the value of that and adjoining land. No time will be lost in completing these modern dwellings as the owner has already been assured of quick tenants and possible sale for such properties.

PERMITS GRANTED – Since December 14, there has been but three permits issued from the office of Building Inspector Terry T. Williams. These permits were as follows:

S. A. Hewes and Son – Two two-story brick dwellings on the east side of Jeffrey Street between Eighth and Ninth Streets

William G. Price – Ten two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Ninth Street between Penn and Barclay Streets

George Bricker – Two two-story stone dwellings at Twenty-Sixth Street and Edgmont Avenue

**BUILDING NOTES** – Horace Jackson is rapidly pushing the work on the Brooks store, at Seventh Street near Market Street. The lathers and plasterers will soon be in a position to commence their work, providing the weather continues as it is at present. The store will be one of the roomiest of its kind in this city.

Contractor H. Louis Morris has a number of carpenters working on the front of the Gas Building, Sixth and Welsh Streets. The front will be very attractive when it is completed and will be one of the finest in the city. The improvements to the building which were many are almost completed.

The bad weather of a few days stopped work on the buildings in the upper section of the city and Norfolk. With pleasant conditions existing on Monday a full force of carpenters will be put to work by the contractors in charge of the work.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS** – These real estate transfers were recorded in the office of the recorder of deeds yesterday:

Media – Walter E. Baker of Media to Mortimer L. Smedley of same place, lot with building in Providence Avenue, north of Monroe Street, \$1950

Media – J. Lord Rigby and wife of Media to Bertha Snyder Rigby of same place house and lot southeast corner of Sixth and Monroe Streets \$5000

Newtown Township – Wm. T. Doris of Newtown Township to Chandler P. Shaw of East Goshen, Pa. house and lot in Newtown \$600

Chester – Simon Turk and others of Chester to Charles Ginns of same place, two lots and buildings at 26 and 28 West Third Street, \$2500

Collingdale – Frank B. Rhodes and wife of Media to Elizabeth Roth of Collingdale, house and lot on Rhodes and Parker Avenues.