

CHESTER TIMES – January 8 – 1916 – IMPORTANT BIDS ARE DUE TODAY – For Handsome and Costly Residences for George Wood and J. Heron Creaman, Jr.

Bids are due to be received today from contractors on several large building operations in the county. One is for \$40,000 residence and garage for J. Heron Creaman, Jr. of Philadelphia to be erected in the township of Haverford. The house is to be built of hollow tile and plaster, two and one-half stories high, 34 by 113 feet in dimensions, slate roof, tile work, oak floors. The plumbing work and lighting contracts are reserved by the owner out of the general specifications for bids. Mostly Philadelphia contractors have put in bids for this handsome home and garage.

Another operation of importance upon which bids are to be in today is the \$80,000 residence and garage for George Wood of the Pennsylvania Railroad, to be erected at Wawa this county. All the bidders for this work are Philadelphians. The buildings are to be of stone, two and one-half stories high, 32 by 69 feet, with a wing 60 by 28 feet. The house will have a slate roof, hardwood floors, tile work. The heating, plumbing and lighting are reserved out of the regular bids.

Plans are out for a new chapel to be built in the borough of Rutledge by the Lutheran Synod. The bids are to be sent to Rev. G. G. Beriolet of Philadelphia. The chapel is to be built of stone, one story 20 by 30 feet, slate roof, hot air heating, electric lighting.

Bids are also being asked for alterations and additions to a farm house in Springfield Township for the Springfield Real Estate Company. The addition is to be a stone structure, two and one-half stories high, shingle roof, hot water heating, electric lights, tile work. Several contractors of this county are giving bids for the work.

CONTRACTS AWARDED – During the week a number of important contracts were awarded, some of them for houses of the two-story type so popular in this city and several parts of the county.

Philip F. DuPont of Merion, has awarded the contract for a \$25,000 residence to be built for him at Menden Hall, this county, to the Pomeroy Construction Company of Philadelphia. The dwelling will be erected of stone, two and one-half stories, 114 by 25 feet with a wing 23 by 45 feet, green slate roof, tile work, oak floors, vacuum cleaning system.

NEW HOUSE AT NORFOLK – Norfolk, a suburb of this city, located in Chester Township is entering upon the year of its greatest growth. During last year many houses were erected, most of these by home builders, the exception being the small operation financed by William Freihofer of Philadelphia. Mr. Freihofer has one of the best plots for improvement and this year will see a great many more houses erected, although the owner has not given any intimation as to the number he intends building. He is acting as his own contractor and is letting out the various parts of the work to individual contractors, and during the last few days he has let contracts for six more houses, four of stone and two of brick, which will be erected at once. These houses will be similar to those already erected, and will sell at \$3500.

James B. Flounders, a Media contractor, has been awarded a contract for the erection of a hollow tile and stone school house for the Girls' House of Refuge at Darlington, this county. This building will be 60 by 116 feet, will be fire proof, lighted by electricity, and heated by steam. Plans for the building, which will cost about \$215,000, were prepared some time ago, but the contract has been awarded within a day or two. Mr. Flounders' contract is for \$22,000, but this is exclusive of the lighting, plumbing and heating. The electrical work contract has been awarded to the United Electric Construction Company, and the heating, plumbing and ventilating work contract to the Philadelphia steam Heating Company. The work will be begun at once, and

the building is to be completed by June 1. The building takes the place of a frame school house, which will be used in future as a workshop and store house.

OTHER IMPROVEMENTS – James W. Worrilow, a Media contractor, has started work on the building of a new barn, tenant house and garage on the farm in Marple Township formerly owned by the late Mark Hopkins and now owned by his sister. Some months ago the buildings were destroyed by fire, and the rebuilding will cost about \$18,000.

Benjamin T. Levis real estate dealer of Media, reports the sale of the Mrs. Frank Menagh house at 14 West Front Street, Media to Samuel Campbell of Media; and the Walter E. Baker house at 43 Providence Avenue, Media to Mortimer L. Smedley. Possession in the first named is to be given in the spring, and of the second, immediately.

BUILDING PERMITS – Building permits issued during the course of the past week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams, are as follows:

Thurlow Steel Company, Irvin & Leighton, contractors – One-story brick factory on west side of Broad Street between Fourth and Sixth streets, 208x103 feet, 18 feet in height

Commercial Paper Box and Envelope Company, E. J. Oliver, contractor – One-story brick building, south side of Front Street between Ulrich and Lloyd Streets, 170x90 feet, 18 feet in height

Arthur Machin & Co. – One-story brick garage in rear of 703 East Twentieth Street
12x20 feet

BIG TRACT CHANGES HANDS – One of the biggest sales of land, in point of value, that has occurred in Delaware County in many months is about to be consummated in the transfer of a tract of 40 acres in Yeadon, owned by William L. Welsh and wife, Everett C. Welsh and wife, and Raymond W. Welsh and wife to Theodore Presser of Philadelphia. The price is \$70,778.67. This land borders on Church Lane, Marina Avenue and Whitby Avenue and lies immediately in the borough. He is one of the most attractive properties in Yeadon.

One of the owners was Virginia Young Garrett, deceased, and as a result of her ownership it was necessary to obtain the permission of the court to the sale. The petition for the court's decree was presented yesterday by John M. Broomall, attorney, and was signed by Judge Johnson, there being attached to the petition affidavits of several real estate men to the effect that the price offered is more than would probably be obtained at a public sale. The property is assessed at \$40,000, and in the petition to the court it is set forth that it has rented for \$600 and the taxes are \$728 a year.

TO ENLARGE STEEL MILL – Work will be started next week on the addition to the Thurlow Steel Company's main building. Fourth and Booth Streets, where shells are being turned out for the Allies. Irwin and Leighton are the contractors. The annex, which will be constructed of brick will be 208x103 feet. It will be 18 feet high.

The contractors will begin operations, immediately and it is understood that the building will be rushed with all possible haste to an early completion. The men will work day and night with this in view. Workmen will be supplied with gum coats, hats and boots, in order to continue on the operation rain or shine.

Two smaller buildings which were started a few weeks ago by the Frazier Brothers, local contractors, are fast nearing completion.

BUILDING NOTES – Contractor Horace Jackson has a corps of carpenters at work on the Brooks building on Seventh Street. The woodwork for the front is being placed in position. Lathers have commenced to lathe out the building and with weather favorable, the plasterers will be able to start their work next week.

Tile setters have finished their part of the work on the front of the store of Palmer and Gayley on Edgmont Avenue. The carpenters will finish their work in a short time, and the front will then be placed in the hands of the painters.

Contractor H. Louis Morris will shortly finish the improvements to the Gas Company building, Sixth and Welsh Streets. The granolithic pavements have been laid by the Dickerson Paving Company.

John DeHaven White, Esq. is having a fine building erected in Middletown. Contractor Lax has a force of men at work on the building, which will be one of the finest in that section of the county.

The work on the Birch houses at Sixth Street and Concord Avenue is progressing and as both houses have been plastered, the carpenters will begin in a few days to put on the finish. The houses will be ready for occupancy in a short time, providing the weather allows the plaster to dry immediately.

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

Haverford Township – Edward T. Stotesbury of Philadelphia to Norman H. Lobb of Devon, lot on Hirst Terrace, \$1

Colwyn – Frank Leopold of Colwyn to Salvatore Calabro of same place, house and lot at Second and Pine Streets, \$1

Upper Darby – Joseph M. Collom of Upper Darby to George M. Burnley of same place, lot with buildings on plan of Nathan Garrett, \$2450

Upper Darby – Jon H. Storer of Boston, Mass. to Arthur C. Compton of Kirklyn, four lots at Kirklyn, \$1

Lower Chichester – Harvey Dettinger of Linwod to John Keegan of Marcus Hook, house and lot at Linwood Heights, \$1

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