

CHESTER TIMES – July 31, 1915 – COLLINGDALE'S BUILDING BOOM –
Many Houses Are Going Up in This Pretty Borough and Many are Contemplated

Collingdale is feeling to no small extent the general boom which has hit Delaware County in the last few months, and there have been more sales of properties in that borough probably than in any other borough of the size in the county. There is considerable building work going on, and the boom resulting from the large orders received by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for arms and munitions of war has helped to a great extent on making a demand for houses.

A number of building propositions are said to be under consideration in the borough, some of which may prove to be big ones, but recently but one has materialized, this being a fourteen house development financed by Milton L. Staley of Collingdale. Mr. Staley is a real estate man who has many properties in and about Collingdale, and who has erected and sold many houses in the last year. Frank B. Rhodes, a Media attorney, has also developed many properties along Parker Avenue, the principal street in the borough. The two men have been very largely responsible for the development of the eastern end of Collingdale, as they have opened a number of streets and their buildings in themselves constitute a small community.

Another building development is promised for Upper Darby Township by George T. Wadas, who with William Jones, has done a great deal of building in the county. Mr. Wadas has purchased six acres of land from the Pennsylvania Railroad for \$3500. The land lies just below the new Upper Darby High School in Highland Park and is one of the most attractive places of ground in that section. Upon this six acres there will be many houses erected, the first work to be started in the fall, it is understood. Messrs. Wadas and Jones have just broken ground for twenty-seven houses, each two stories in Upper Darby Township, these to cost upward of \$75,000.

Upper Darby holds at this time the place it has held all summer as leader in the building work of this county. In all parts of the township houses are going up. George B. Turner is erecting four double stone and stucco nine-room houses with all conveniences in Highland Park. They will cost \$5500 each. William Leech is erecting a stone house at West Chester Pike and Pennock Avenue, Highland Part to cost \$4000. Thomas Lipkins is erecting two frame and stucco homes at Observatory Hill at a cost of \$3000 each. Compton Brothers are erecting three stone and stucco dwellings at Kirklyn at a cost of \$3500 each.

Harry W. Koch of Drexel Hill has broken ground for two houses at Drexel Hill, one for Clarence A. Dickson on Turner Avenue and one for Gustavus A. Weingerber, Jr. on Harper Avenue. The houses are of stone and stucco and will cost about \$4500 each. All of these houses are in Upper Darby Township, and they are but a few of the many being erected at this time, others being farther advanced.

A contract has been awarded by Clara P. Lodes to H. J. Davidson & Son, contractors for the erection of a stone and frame bungalow at 4 Riverview Avenue, Drexel Hill, the price being \$6000.

The Board of Trustees of the Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church at Sharon Hill, has let a contract to Frank E. Wallace, contractor for a manse to be erected at the corner of Sharon Avenue and Coates Street, Sharon Hill. The building will cost \$9498.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL – Plans are being prepared for a school building to cost \$35,000 for the borough of Marcus Hook. The building will be of brick construction, two stories high, 45 x 104 feet, with slag roof, steam heat and electric lighting.

Farman Rodgers Furness of Media is having plans prepared for the remodeling of a two and a half story farmhouse for a residence. The building is of stone construction.

The School Board of Upper Darby Township has not yet awarded the contract for the erection of the \$50,000 school house at Highland Park, bids for which were due this week. The building is to be of stone construction, two and one-half stories high. Among the bidders were M. Roy Sheen, John N. Gill & Co., Edward Fay & Son, James B. Flounders, P. J. Hurley, Mitchell Bros., Ketchum & McQuade, Loos & Dothard, and W. W. Anstine & Co., all of Philadelphia.

Miss M. G. O'Hara of Morton is about to erect a stone and frame dwelling two and a half stories in that borough, plans for which are now in progress.

At Eddystone, the Beacon Light Company has awarded the contract for a one-story sub-station of concrete and hollow tile construction.

The Thurlow Worsted Mills of this city, are about to make general alterations to their two-story mill.

D. R. Evans a Newtown Square builder, has been awarded the contract for the erection of a residence at Beechwood Park for Robert Abernathy of Rosemont, Pa. The dwelling will be of frame construction, two stories high.

At Drexel Hill, Arthur F. Lecron of 5924 Walton Avenue, West Philadelphia, has awarded the contract for a residence to A. M. Easmold, Philadelphia. The building is to be of stone construction, two and a half stories high, 49 x 28 feet, with wing 12 x 16 feet.

Jacob Myers & Son, Philadelphia builders, have the contract for a \$40,000 stone residence at Radnor for John S. Bioren of 715 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

The borough of Millbourne has awarded the contract for its new borough hall and fire house to be erected on Park Avenue to Burd P. Evans & Co. of Philadelphia at their bid of \$5,000.

BUILDING NOTES – Plasterers are at work on the three new dwelling and store buildings at Third and Pennell Streets, erected by John J. Ryan. The buildings will be completed in the course of several weeks.

Dr. J. Hulme Miller's new residence at Second and Edwards Streets, erected by Frazier Brothers is nearing completion.

The Beacon Light Company is making alterations to their sub-station at Front and Reaney streets. The company is erecting supports on the roof for new wires and cables.

Several houses at Fifth and Pennell Streets, erected by Samuel R. Bell, are under roof and the buildings are being rushed to completion.

Slow progress is being made with the improvements to the old Roach shipyard at the foot of Kerlin Street. The new concrete base for the ways is being laid and a force of men are still at work cleaning up the premises.

The frame garage in the rear of the residence of Dr. C. I. Stiteler at 501 East Twenty-Second Street has about been completed.

The first floor joists have been laid on the four houses being erected by S. A. Hewes on Thirteenth Street. The bricklayers will begin work on Monday.

Stone masons will commence work on the nine houses being erected by Samuel A. Hewes at Twelfth and Crosby Streets on Monday. The dwellings will be two story and contain all modern conveniences.

Lindsay & Moorehouse, contractors, have begun work on the erection of a shingle cottage on South Orange Street, Media for L. C. Smith and have also started work on a frame, two-story house near Lenni station for John Carroll.

FEW PERMITS GRANTED – There is still a lull in the real estate business in this city, especially in the contracting business, according to the building inspector's office. Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams issued the following permits during the week.

S. A. Hewes – Four two-story buildings on the south side of Thirteenth Street between Edgmont Avenue and Crosby Street

S. A. Hewes – Nine two-story dwellings on the west side of Crosby Street between Twelfth and Thirteenth Streets

E. W. Smedley – Two two-story brick dwellings on the north side of Twenty-Fourth Street between Edgmont Avenue and Lindsay Street

W. S. McDowell- One frame lumber shed covered with corrugated iron on Second Street between Reaney and Morton Streets

H. Louis Morris – One-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron at the rear of 1404 West Third Street

O. B. Anderson – One-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 2615 West Sixth Street

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