

CHESTER TIMES – August 7, 1915 – REAL ESTATE MARKET ACTIVE –
Building Operations of the Week Interrupted By Storms and West Weather Conditions

New building operations in this city and county do not seem to be keeping pace with the increased business that is coming to the industries in this city and county. During the week there were but few new building projects started or projected. The mechanics, however, have been pretty busy finishing up work that was started some time ago. Out in Eddystone there are more men employed on structural work than at any one other place in the county. Work has progressed very rapidly on the large steel building for the Remington Arms Company, and a part of this will soon be ready for the acceptance of the machinery for the making of rifles. Work has also been started on several large buildings for the Baldwin people, the buildings to be used in the manufacture of war material.

J. C. Taylor, Esq. has plans out for sixteen two-story houses to be erected on Kerlin Street near Fourteenth. A Philadelphia architect drew the plans and it is expected that bids will be received very soon for the work. Mr. Taylor is of the opinion that houses along Kerlin Street in the vicinity of Crozer Park will find ready tenants and purchasers.

Probably the largest land purchase in the county this week was the sale of the J. P. Timmons property, at Sharon Hill, to the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company. This is one of the many handsome estates along the Chester and Darby Pike.

COUNTY IS BOOMING – The county's boom which this summer has surpassed anything ever known is about to receive a new impetus, so far as that section lying adjacent to Philadelphia is concerned by the opening of a bridge over Muckinappatus Creek, connecting Glenolden with Darby Township. The bridge is a small matter and will not cost more than \$10,000 at the outside, yet it will form a connecting link which will allow of a tremendous growth for that part of the county. Plans for it have been prepared and bids received by the commissioners, but as yet the contract has not been let.

The authorities of this county and Philadelphia County have just finished a bridge at Eighty-Fourth Street, connecting the two counties, which bridge opens a new and shorter route to Philadelphia for much of the county. This has greatly increased real estate values in that part of the county; but the real impetus could not come until there was a shorter way to reach the bridge from the Chester and Darby Pike, the greatest thoroughfare leading from Philadelphia to Chester. With the proposed bridge in place, that part of the county will immediately grow as a territory convenient to Glenolden station and within a short ride of both Chester and Philadelphia will be placed upon the market. Glenolden has been hampered for room to grow except in a direction far from the railroad, and this borough will immediately feel the boost given to building work by the work being done at the Baldwin Locomotive Works.

COLLINGDALE IS PROSPEROUS – Collingdale, one of the busiest places in this county from the building standpoint, is to have another development of twenty houses, according to a well-authenticated report. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of land in the east end of the borough for the building site, and the probabilities are that within the next few weeks the transfer of the property will be made and the work of building began. "Just at this time it would be inadvisable to make public the names of the parties interested," said the real estate dealer who is authority for the report.

Work has been begun on the erection of a rectory for the Church of the Sacred Heart, of Clifton Heights, for Rev. John Micken. This is being erected on a plot of ground on Broadway, which was recently purchased. The building is of Pompeian brick and will

cost \$6,200. A new church and school will be erected on the adjoining property, also owned by the church.

There are many small jobs in progress in the county at this time. Millbourne Borough has awarded a contract for its new borough hall and fire house to Bard P. Evans & Co., builders of Philadelphia, the price being \$5,094. John S. Bioren has awarded a contract for a \$40,000 stone residence at Radnor to Jacob Myers & Son, of Philadelphia.

The Alpha Boat Club of Chester has awarded a contract to H. Louis Morris for alterations and additions to their handsome club house on the river front. The price is \$5171. Louis E. Baker, contractor, has received contracts for a double house at Crozerville, on the road from the Mountain House to Aston Mills, one-half of which is for Elizabeth Townsend and the other for Rebecca Potticher. The price of the dwellings is withheld.

A. M. Ermold of Philadelphia has the contract for a fine stone dwelling at Drexel Hill for Arthur F. Leeron of West Philadelphia Robert Abernathy of Rosemont, has let to D. R. Evans of Newtown Square, a contract for a residence at Beechwood Park. Plans are being prepared for a \$35,000 school house for the borough of Marcus Hook. The building will be of brick and will be thoroughly modern with steam heat and electric lighting.

ABOUT THE CITY – L. Federman of Third Street and Edgmont Avenue is having extensive repairs made to the corner store. The front and sides have been ripped out and a new flooring is being re-laid. The upper stories of the three stores from the corner east are being re-painted.

The contractors erecting the Shober apartments at Market Square have completed the brick work for the first floor in the front part of the building. The heavy steel beams were in position early in the week. Yellow brick is being used which makes an attractive appearance.

The Central Hotel on Market Street, north of Third, underwent some improvements during the week. New glass windows were built in the front and the entire building in the front was treated to several coats of paint.

Contractor H. Louis Morris, will commence in a few days to lay the tile on the roof of the Gas Building at Sixth and Welsh Streets. The carpenters are at present engaged in placing new cornice work in position.

Michael Kalwicz, the grocer of Eighth and Caldwell Streets, will begin on Monday to break ground for an addition to his building. The new section will be two stories in height and will be of red stretcher brick.

Very little work was accomplished on the building operations in this city since last Monday. The wet weather was against the workmen, as most of the buildings being erected are not yet under roof.

PERMITS GRANTED – The following building permits were issued during the week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

Robert Jordon – One-story brick building on Potter Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets for Michael Novit

Suburban Gas and Electric Company – One-story brick building on Welsh Street between Second and Third Streets

Michael Kalwicz – Two two-story brick addition to the building on the northeast corner of Eighth and Caldwell Streets

Thomas Riley – Open frame shed covered with corrugated iron adjoining the property at Eighth and Reaney Streets

Robert Jordan – Two two-story dwellings on the south side of Fourth Street between Caldwell and Hinkson Streets

NEW \$30,000 HOUSE – Contractors are bidding for a new \$30,000 house to be erected in the township of Haverford by Sydney Thayer of Merion. The building will be two and one-half stories high, will be constructed out of stone, hollow tile and plaster, and will have a tile roof, oak floors and all other up-to-date conveniences.

Plans are out for a new residence to be erected in the borough of Lansdowne for Mrs. Russell M. Berger. It will be frame and stucco board, two and one-half stories high, 27 x 29 feet, shingle roof, hot air heating, electric lighting.

KEYSTONE TO BOOM – Plans have been made and bids asked for the erection of twenty-nine dwellings and two stores in Keystone, Upper Darby Township, this county. Wadas & Jones are the owners. The houses will be constructed of brick, will be two stories, 16 x 34 feet.

According to the Builders Guide plans are out for a new store on Market Street, in this city. The building is to be of brick, three stories, the lower part to be used for stores and the upper part for offices. The name of the owner is withheld.

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

Darby – Christian Hansen of East Lansdowne to Louis F. Jausse of Darby, house and lot on Spruce Street, \$1,000

Ridley Township – Samuel E. Carver of Philadelphia to Rodgers E. Ruth of Holmes, two lots at South Wyndom, \$355

Collingdale – Frank H. Benson of Collingdale to Lillian Schmidt of same place, house and lot on Ash Avenue, \$3500

Haverford Township – Oscar S. Cressman of Philadelphia to Frank A. Voolker of same place four lots at Beechwood, \$1,000

Upper Darby – James Wolfenden of Upper Darby to James Brearley of Upper Darby, house and lot at Cardington, \$2000

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Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Oliver R. Parvin of Philadelphia, two lots at Penfield, \$440