

CHESTER TIMES – September 4, 1915 – IN THE REAL ESTATE WORLD –
Prospects Good for Building Work to Continue Until Late in the Fall in the County

Delaware County building and real estate boom seems to be just as hale and hearty in late summer as it has been at any time during the year, and from all parts of the county come reports showing that the builders are active and conditions in the building trades are good. The number of real estate transfers recorded grow each week, and all indications seem to point to an unusually busy winter.

The Chester Pike sand especially that part of which is within the five-cent limit of the Baldwin plant at Eddystone, has not been lagging; and at this time many dwellings are going up in the boroughs in anticipation of the demand from the men who will be employed by the Remington Arms Company. Norwood, the limit of the five-cent trolley ride, is on the eve of a building boom, and several contracts have been let within the last week or so. Albert McVickar has been awarded the contract to erect a fine residence of Leon Avenue for A. F. Head. The tract of land at Chester Pike and Winona Avenue is to be the scene of a building operation, and estimates are being made on a half dozen other houses about the borough. It is reported that the old school house, which is no longer used for school purposes, will be transformed into a thirty-two-room boarding house for the accommodation of Baldwin plant workmen.

Bids are in for a house at Tenth Avenue and Amosland Road for Alfred Kuqinger. Evan L. Moore's new home on Tenth Avenue, Prospect Park, the contract for which was let to Arthur Fritzing, is well under way; and ground has been broken for a dwelling at Fourteenth and Amosland Road for Joseph Calhoun, the contractor being J. Walter Nustin. Several houses have been started in Ridley Park and Contractor Jacob Buchanan has been awarded contracts for four houses in Crum Lynne, not far from the Baldwin Works.

TROLLEYS HELP BUILDING – The growth of that part of the county lying along the Philadelphia & West Chester Traction Company a Media division, which has been in operation about two years, has been remarkable. Bywood, Springfield and Pine Ridge, all new, within the last couple of years, have been developed so rapidly that the traction company has considered it worthwhile to erect stone stations, and during the last couple of days contracts have been let for the stations at Bywood and Pine Ridge. Two of these stations have already been erected at Springfield. The contract for the new stations has been let to James A. Mullen, a Philadelphia contractor; but the price has not been made public.

Jordan Brothers of Clifton Heights, have been awarded a contract to build a house at Bywood for Isaac Foree of Clifton. The price is \$4000. A building agreement has been filed at Media showing a contract let by Mary Lowber Thompson of Philadelphia to George and Borst, Philadelphia contractors, for the erection of a garage on Ellis Road, Haverford Township, plans for which were prepared by H. Brooks Price, a New York architect. The contract price is \$15,780.45.

George T. Wadas and William H. Jones, who have plans out for Twenty-nine houses at Keystone, Upper Darby Township have let the contract for the stone work on the dwellings to Thomas P. Lee, the price being \$3075. Charles Vernon, who has erected a number of houses in Media, and is now completing two dwellings, has plans out for several more.

UP DARBY WAY – The past spring and summer season has been a good one in the borough and many new houses have been erected, particularly in the lower section

contiguous to Darby. Many of the new houses have been put up by builder, Milton L. Staley.

The Darby building inspector Joseph Simpson's report to Council Monday night will show very few permits issued in that borough during the past month, although quite a number of new houses are being completed. The prospects are good for an active development in the Third Ward, through the recent sale of the old Cochran mansion at Second and Main Streets, where it is understood that an operation of modern buildings will go up.

In Prospect Park, the congregation of the Olivet Presbyterian church has purchased a plot of ground on which they will erect a manse.

SEVENTY HOUSES FOR LEIPERVILLE – In Leiperville a report is current that an operation of seventy houses will go up on the tract of land at Chester Pike and Fairview Road. It is also understood that the McLane tract in the village is to be developed.

CITY BUILDING NOTES – Contractors working on the public baths at 622 Morton Avenue, are progressing in their line of work. The plumbers will finish up in a few days, and the bricklayers will be ready to commence work.

The improvements to the gas building at Sixth and Welsh Streets are about completed. The building has a fine appearance since the new tile roof has been put on. The work was done by contractor H. Louis Morris.

Robert Gordon of Third and Hinkson Streets, is contemplating the building of a two-story brick addition to his residence and store. The work will likely be started in another week.

M. T. Ackerman is erecting a one-story brick garage on the west side of Edgmont Avenue, between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Streets.

A one-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron is being erected for Francis Bilby in the rear of his home, 36 West Eighth Street.

Joseph F. Kerns of 547 East Broad Street, is having a number of improvements made to the interior of his residence. New plumbing is being installed in the house.

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

Four two-story brick dwellings on north side of Eleventh Street between Highland Avenue and Harwick Street by Francis Moore

One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron in rear of 1025 West Second Street by Elwood Yarnall

One-story brick garage on west side of Edgmont Avenue between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Streets, M. T. Ackerman for E. E. Smedley

One-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron at rear of No. 36 West Eighth Street by Francis Bilby

One-story brick building on south side of Front Street between Kerlin and Ulrich Streets by John G. Brown for Chester Shipping Company

One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron in rear of 615 West Fifth Street for Howard W. Cox

Two-story brick addition in rear of northwest building at Third and Hinkson Streets by Robert Gordon for Simon Marks

One-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron at the rear of 110 Highland Avenue for William Burk

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – These real estate transfers were recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds yesterday:

Chester – Elizabeth Palmer to John A. Goodwin, three lots at the Northeast corner of Fourth and Palmer Streets, \$330

Collingdale – Milton L. Staley of Collingdale to Frederick W. Staley and wife, house and lot, corner Chester Avenue and Cherry Street, Nominal

Marcus Hook – Delaware County trust Company executor and trustee for the estate of John B. Peacock of Marcus Hook to Robert S. Mullen and wife of Marcus Hook, house and lot \$1575

Radnor – George M. Aman of Radnor to Frank Coccoagoa of the same place, two houses and lots on Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, Nominal

Sharon Hill – William L. Brinton, Jr. of Ventnor, N. J to Taylor H. Osborne of Philadelphia, three lots on Burton Street, North of Hook Road, \$500

Aldan – George T. MacFarland of Aldan to Hans Anderson of Philadelphia, lot on Bonsall Avenue, \$225

Lansdowne – William J. Jones of Philadelphia to Alexander Kerr of Lansdowne, lot at Lansdowne Heights, \$1

Haverford Township – John T. Moore of Llanerch to Francis A. McMonigle of Montgomery County, two lots with buildings at South Ardmore, \$4500

Haverford Township – Clement Lawrence of Haverford Township to Albert Hall of Philadelphia, lot on Mill Road, \$1

Haverford Township – John T. Moore of Llanerch to George W. Fetters of same place, two lots with buildings on West Chester Pike, Llanerch, \$3600

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