

CHESTER TIMES – August 30, 1913 – BUSY SEASON IN REALTY – Builders Anticipate an Active Closing of a Prosperous Year

Now that real estate and building operations have slowed down, due to the usual summer apathy, realty dealers and builders in Delaware County are beginning to look forward to a brisk fall business, which they say will put the finishing touches to a year that will prove a record breaker. So far the season has been all that to be desired, more realty transfers having been recorded and more building having been erected at greater cost than ever before within a certain period of time.

In Lansdowne, which is considered one of the prettiest boroughs in Delaware County, the outlook is especially pleasing to realty men and builders, one broker saying that never before in his experience has he sent such a demand for houses, both for sale and for lease. It is also believed that Lansdowne will receive a free impetus by reason of the construction of the proposed elevated line to Darby, which connects with Lansdowne with a crosstown trolley line which will serve all a "feeder."

PREPARING ESTIMATES – The following contractors are preparing estimation for the erection of the proposed \$75,000 school building at Media. S. B. Flounder, Pomeroy Construction Company, F. T. Mercer Company, William R. Dougherty Sax and Abbott, R. C. Ballinger and Company, P. J. Hurley, Shaughnessy & Wiler, J. E. and A. L. Pennock of Philadelphia, and Newton Flounders of Media. The plans and specifications for the building were drawn and prepared by Walter Smedley, a Philadelphia architect. The dimensions of the structure, which will be constructed of stone, will be 110 by 145 feet. The Media School Board will receive bids until September 5.

David K. Boyd has completed plans and specifications for the construction of a three-story Colonial residence and combination garage and stable to be built adjoining the headquarters of the Merion Cricket Club at Haverford for William M. McCawley. The house is to be constructed of stone, the dimensions to be 34 by 120 feet, the garage is to be one and one-half stories high. The dimensions will be 32 by 46 feet.

J. S. Cornell & Sons of Philadelphia have been awarded the contract to erect two fireproof cottages on the estate of Herbert L. Clark at Radnor. The plans and specifications were prepared by Charles A. Platt, a New York architect.

The office building at 19 and 21 South Lansdowne Avenue in Lansdowne Street by William C. Shuster has been sold to R. H. Anderson. The price paid was \$10,000. Included in the sale is a wood working mill in the rest of the building.

A new house is to be erected at Lansdowne and Albemarle Avenues, Lansdowne for W. Sayre of Philadelphia. R. H. Anderson has received the contract to build four modern dwellings on First Avenue, Lansdowne for Claude A. Simpler.

Estimates are being received for the erection of a new church of stone construction for St. Gabriel's Catholic Mission on Mohawk Avenue in Norwood.

Lewis T. Brooke & Son of Philadelphia have sold for Herman Wendell, agent for A. F. Huston to Mrs. Allen J. Smith a plot of ground adjoining the tract recently purchased by Mrs. Smith on Belmont Lane.

Savery, Scheetz and Savery of Philadelphia architects are revising plans and specifications for the erection of a two and a half story stone house for the Richard H. Watson estate at Wayne.

WEST END OPERATIONS – The building activity in the west End has been held up due to the failure of the subcontractors to complete their work. About fifteen different

projects have gone along with comparatively little work done. The plumbers, plasters, and bricklayers seem to have so much work on hand that they cannot keep a pace with the demand.

No new operations were started during the past week. Great progress is being made on the moving picture theater at Third and Reaney Streets in an effort to have the building ready for use during the coming week.

Bids are being received for the erection of the parish house to be built for the Holy Ghost Greek Ruthenian Church congregation at Third and Harwick Streets. The committee in charge expect to award the contract next week.

The new Johnson Building at Third and Wilson Streets is rapidly nearing completion. The stores and dwellings being erected by Edward Todd, James McMaster and William Ryan, on West Third Street near Hayes are nearly completed. Contractor Francis J. Moore is making progress on four dwellings at Fourth and Hayes Streets and four at Fourth and Ward Streets. The buildings being erected for J. J. Ryan at Third and Edward Streets are nearly completed.

William J. Hewes has started the erection of a two-story brick dwelling at Tenth and Flower Streets. The structure will be of modern design. Foundations have been completed for the erection of two dwellings of modern design on Saville Avenue in Eddystone.

NEW BUILDING PERMITS – Building Inspector T. T. Williams issued the following permits during the past week:

W. A. Henry, one-story frame building covered with iron on the east side of Thompson Street, between Sixth and Seventh

Samuel A. Hewes, two story brick addition to rear of building at 233 East Fourteenth Street

Archbishop Prendergast, stone church on the north side of Third Street, between Concord Avenue and Franklin Street, the first story will be 32 feet high. The general dimensions of the edifice will be 50 by 109 feet. Mercadante and Sons are the contractors.

Samuel S. Morgan, open shed in rear of 414 East Eighteenth Street, between Walnut and Chestnut Streets

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby in Media:

Chester - Samuel Bershad of Chester to A. C. Thorpe of same place. Fourteen houses on St. Charles Street, \$10,750

Media - Washington Hinkson of Philadelphia to W. H. Thomas of Swarthmore House and lot on Vernon Street, nom

Lower Chichester - John H. Pew of Bryn Mawr to George Prifold of Lower Chichester. One and one-half acres on road to Linwood Mills \$6000

Chester - Josephine M. Cochran of Kennett Square to Edward W. Smedley of Chester. Two lots on Madison Street, \$684