

CHESTER TIMES – October 16, 1915 – FEW BUILDING OPERATIONS – While Some Philadelphia Financiers Have Given Contracts, Market is Dull

Philadelphia builders alive to the possibilities afforded by industries at Eddystone and this city to make money from houses erected for the accommodation of the thousands who will within the next few months flock to this county because of the starting up of these industries, are beginning to avail themselves of the opportunities, and within the last week two contracts have been let by Philadelphia men to Philadelphia contractors for houses.

The larger contract was awarded to Thomas Killough, by Archibald F. Rader, owner, and is for twelve two-story houses to be erected at Tenth and Ashdale Streets, Eddystone. Two of these houses, which will be of brick, with front porches and all modern improvements, will face on Tenth Street, and the remainder of Ashdale Street. They will be of the semi-detached style, with side yards, plans having been prepared by the Belmont Iron Works of Eddystone. The price is \$22,800, or \$1900 a house. The property is within a square of the center of Eddystone, but is on a side of the borough in which there has been little development.

The second contract of the week is for nine two-story houses and two stores and dwellings at Third and Clayton Streets, this city. These will be small brick houses, suited for laboring men, and the contract was let by David M. Levy and Maurice Golden, of Philadelphia, and the price is \$11,000, or \$1000 a house.

FEW CONTRACTS THIS WEEK – There have not been many contracts let this week in the county, but there seems to be every indication that the work which has made the summer a notable one in the building trades, will be continued, and that the coming winter will be a busy one. Samuel A. Hewes & Son, builders, are negotiating for a tract of ground upon which they will erect a number of houses to sell for about \$3500 each. This firm has been busy having a large force of men at work all summer, and the firm is busier now than at any time this year. Other builders are also busy in this city but some other locations of the county, notably about Media, are suffering a slight depression which is believed by builders to be only temporary.

NEW SCHOOL FOR GLENOLDEN – Glenolden School District is planning to erect a new school building, and a deal has been closed by which the district comes into title to a plot of ground on Boon Avenue. The price paid was \$1750. Plans for the school house are still in the elementary stage, and the school board has made nothing public concerning them. The probable cost of the building cannot be learned.

Norman Foster of Ridley Township, who purchased a plot of ground at Bywood, Upper Darby Township, during the last week, will build immediately, doing the work himself and subletting the various parts of the building. The ground is on Sellers Avenue, and the house will cost about \$5000.

The Philadelphia Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company has let a contract to F. Guy Meyers Company, Inc. of Philadelphia for the erection of a concrete arch bridge, about 900 feet south of Trainer Station. No price has been made public.

Miss Grace Tully daughter of the Late Captain Wm. Tully of Media is planning to build a frame and plaster house at Springfield to cost about \$4000. The house will be thoroughly modern heated with hot water, and have all conveniences.

WALLINGFORD IMPROVEMENTS – Lindsay and Moorehouse, contractors have been awarded the contract to erect a hollow the barn and stone garage on the property of Mrs. Isaac Plait at Wallingford, and to rebuild to some extent the old barn, which was burned down to the stone stable section. The barn, which will include stable room, will be fireproof. The garage will include living quarters for the chauffeur, with all modern improvements. The old barn will

be converted into incubator and broader rooms for the large poultry department of the farm, and will be but one story in height. The barn yard will be enclosed with a stone wall. The cost of the improvement will be about \$4000. The same contractors have been awarded a contract for an addition to the home of William Easby, on Jackson Street, Media.

CHURCH OF DARBY – Architects have drawn plans for a new church building for the Mount Zion M. E. Church in the borough of Darby. The building will be 48 by 48 feet and will be constructed of stone, and for the present will be but one-story high. It is to have a slate roof, steam heat and electric lights.

Bids were to have been received yesterday for three houses in the township of Springfield to be erected by the Springfield Realty Company. A number of Philadelphia and Delaware County contractors put in bids for the work. The houses are to be constructed of stone, brick, frame and plaster, two and one-half stories high, 25 by 33 feet each, shingle roofs, hot water heating and electric lights.

Plans are out for a residence and garage to be erected at Elkins' Park for David a Ferro. The house will be built of frame and stucco work, will be two and one-half stories high, 40 by 27 feet, slate roof, tile work, hot water heating and electric lighting with oak floors throughout.

W. R. Huttinger of Lansdowne, has given the contract for the erection of a residence in the borough of Lansdowne to cost \$5300. It will be constructed out of hollow tile, two and one-half stories high, slate roof, steam heat, electric lighting. John Botwright, of Philadelphia, was the successful bidder for the work, and he will begin the operation at once.

The foundation for the eight houses to be erected at Seventh and Wilson Streets was started yesterday. John Prozbylyski is building the dwellings.

Work is rapidly progressing on the store and dwelling being erected at Second Street and Highland Avenue. Samuel Hewes is the contractor.

BUILDING NOTES – Samuel Hewes & Son, who have the contract up to erect a modern dwelling on the southwest corner of Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets, have laborers at work excavating for the basement. The stonemasons will go to work in a few days.

The property owned by Samuel Oglesby at Ninth and Crosby Streets, which is undergoing some improvements, will be completed in a few weeks. The building has been put in a modern condition and a new brick front has been installed.

Stonemasons are at work on the foundation for the store of R. Brooks on Seventh Street, adjoining the Washburn Theatre. The bricklayers will commence their operations in a few days.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – Permits for building were few the past two weeks. Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams issued the following:

Samuel Lax, two two-story dwellings at Sixth and Fulton Streets

J. Irvin Taylor, two two-story brick dwellings at Eleventh and Butler Streets

George Harrington, one-story frame building covered with corrugated iron in the rear of the residence of 2209 Madison Street

J. Irvin Taylor two two-story brick dwellings at Eleventh and Kerlin Streets

Samuel Hewes and Son, one two-story brick dwelling with dipping roof on Nineteenth Street

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – Among the real estate transfers recorded yesterday was one of a half-acre of land with buildings at Bryn Mawr, transferred by trustees of the will of Annie McBride, deceased, to Richard H. Fogarty. The property was purchased by Annie McBride in 1903 from T.J. Parkinson. The price paid for the last transfer was \$8500.

Yesterday's transfers were as follows:

Upper Darby – Sarah P. and Annabella Sellers of Upper Darby to M. Atlee Ermold of Haddonfield, N. J., lot at Bywood, \$1

Haverford Township – Edwin Johnson of Haverford Township to Frances D. Jones of Philadelphia, two lots with buildings on Hillcrest Avenue, \$1

Radnor Township – James F. Kromer of Radnor Township to Clarence B. Shourds of Philadelphia, lot with buildings at Lancaster and Pembroke Avenues, \$1

Marple Township – Horace P. Dorman and Rutger Dox, trustees to F. Charles W. Russell of Marple Township, house and lot at Woodlawn and Lovell Avenues, \$3183

Chester – Keystone Steel Castings Company to Robert J. Brunker of Philadelphia, plot with buildings and equipment in Eighth Ward, \$1

Chester – Robert J. Brunker of Philadelphia to Atlantic Steel Castings Company plot with buildings and Equipment in Eighth Ward, \$1

Radnor Township – Georgianna McPyle, executrix to Richard H. Fogarty of Radnor Township,, half acre with buildings on Bryn Mawr avenue \$8500

Upper Darby – Annie M. Wint of Philadelphia to Elizabeth M. Zintl of Woodbury Heights, N. J., two lots at Drexel Hill, \$1

Upper Darby – Anna K. Wilson of Pottsville to Samuel A. Hewes of Chester, two lots at Lansdowne Heights, \$1

Chester – Daniel J. Dougherty of Chester to Michael Pakola of same place, house and lot at 25 Caldwell Street, \$1500

Radnor Township – William S. Murphy of Philadelphia to Annie C. Goentner of Philadelphia, one half interest in four acres with buildings on Old Lancaster Road, \$6200