

CHESTER TIMES – November 6, 1915 – Collingdale is developing – Borough Has Taken the Lead in the Matter of Pretty New Homes This Year

Few places in this county are growing faster than Collingdale just at this time; the present year having been the most prosperous in the history of that borough. Dozens of houses have gone up during the year, most of those in small contracts, and the biggest thing of the year is a development of twenty houses which is yet in such a preliminary stage that the details cannot be made public. It is anticipated that within the next two weeks the details will have been arranged, and the work started.

A development of ten houses is about to be started on a piece of property on Pusey Avenue between Roberts and Wolfenden Avenues, which has been purchased by Edwin Sharp from Frank B. Rhodes of Media. These houses will sell for about \$2400 each. The twenty which will be erected will be of the same general type, but Mr. Sharp will not be the builder. Milton L. Staley has put up fourteen houses on Roberta Avenue during the last summer, and has sold them all, the purchasers buying them for homes. Dr. Fred C. Hunlock has purchased a plot of ground from Frank B. Rhodes and will erect a home which will about \$5000. The lot is at Parker and Felton Avenues.

COLD WEATHER NO HINDRANCE – Despite the fact that winter is almost here the number of building contracts let seems to be growing rather than diminishing,, and Delaware County mechanics apparently face a winter which for prosperity has not been equaled in years.

FIRST WARD HOMES – Samuel A. Hewes & Son, builders, have purchased a plot of ground on Twentieth Street, from Josephine Cochran, and they intend building a number of houses upon it. These will sell at about \$3500 each and will be two-story bricks. They will be thoroughly modern in design. Chester is getting many other operations at this time, but most of them are small and possibly not worthy of the name “operation.” Among these is the erection of six houses on Twenty-Fifth Street which are being erected by George M. Bricker. These are two-story bricks, semi-detached and valued at about \$2500 each; and permits for their erection have been issued.

J. W. Meckert & Company, Glenolden builders, have been awarded the contract to build an addition to the Swarthmore M. E. Church. This is of stone, one-story high. The contract includes other alterations, and the contract price is \$2200.

Frederick Burgard, a Philadelphia builder, has been awarded a contract for all but the finishing work in a house to be erected for Mrs. K. White at Penfield, Haverford Township. The price is \$4200. J. R. Lincoln Edwards of Yeadon has awarded a contract to G. Howard Roberts, a Lansdowne builder, for additions and alterations to the house which Mr. Edwards recently purchased at Lansdowne and Lincoln Avenues, Lansdowne. The price is \$925.

Benjamin T. Levis, Media real estate dealer, reports the sale of the following properties: Louis Pennock farm of 100 acres in Concord Township to A. C. Barlow, a Brookhaven farmer. Frank Raizer country home of two acres on the Baltimore Pike, Lima to J. Linton Powell of Chester County. Elizabeth Simcox farm of one acre on the state Road, Upper Providence to Thomas Erskine of Philadelphia. No price is given in any of the sales.

NEW APARTMENT HOUSE – Eddystone is enjoying a big building boom at the present time. One of the newest operations to be gotten under way is at the corner of Ninth Street and Eddystone Avenue where cellar excavations have been completed for a three-story apartment house. At Chester Pike just east of Saville Avenue work has been commenced by John Ryan on the erection of an up-to-date meat market. Opposite adjoining the St. Rose of

Lima Church, two frame stores are nearing completion, one of which will be used as a restaurant, the other for a gent's furnishing store.

The Belmont Iron Works, which about three weeks ago began an operation of ten houses at Tenth and Ashley Avenue are pushing the houses to completion with astonishing rapidity. Six of the houses are already under roof.

MOVING PICTURE HOUSE – John M. Kennedy, Philadelphia builder, is contemplating excavations on Saville Avenue, opposite the Eddystone Hotel, for a motion picture theatre and two store fronts. The theatre will have a seating capacity of between 700 and 800. It is understood that provisions have been made for an up-to-date hall over the theatre. On the west side of Saville Avenue, opposite, a store and dwelling will be erected, and just south of the hotel building, two stores and dwellings are under way. The houses at 1239-41 Eleventh Street, are being altered into a large rooming house for men and a three-story addition is being built in the rear of the dwellings, running the entire length of the yard. Mr. Kennedy is building thirty-three houses at Eleventh and Leiper Streets.

At Tenth and Saville Avenue the finishing touches are being added to the Protestant Episcopal parish house, and it will be but a short time till the building will be ready for dedication, it is anticipated. Work on the new school is still held in abeyance.

Several dwellings are under way in Leiperville, ground having been broken at the Crum Lynne Estates for four houses during the past week by J. Buchholz, a builder of Glenolden who expects to erect ten houses there, in Prospect Park and Norwood a number of dwellings under way are nearly finished. Philip Gilberti, a Philadelphia contractor, is pushing to completion work on a fine single store and frame dwelling on Tenth Avenue, Norwood, is nearing the completed stage, and A. Kuppinger's new bungalow in the same borough will be ready for occupancy before the holidays.

Frank L. Taylor, the contractor of Media, takes exception to the statement that there is nothing doing in the building line in the borough of Media and vicinity. As a substantiation of his contention he reports the following activities:

Lawrence Ford is having two houses erected on Vernon Street; Charles Vernon, two on East Fourth Street; George Jones, two on West Third Street; James Carr, two on West Fourth Street; Earle Suter is making vast improvements to the property he recently purchased on West Fourth Street; Robert Suter is putting up ten garages on North Orange Street, and Amos Allen, a fine garage on West Franklin Street. L. Newton Flounders is receiving estimates on two houses that are to be built on East Jefferson Street. Ballinger Company of Philadelphia, are planning for two at Moylan. The handsome new home of William H. Miller, president of the First National Bank of Media, on North Jackson Street is nearing completion. James B. Flounders is engaged on the Fluweiler house at Wallingford, and the house which Mr. Elkinton is having erected at Moylan is coming along nicely.

BUILDING NOTES – William Morris of 616 East Eighth Street has had a number of improvements made to his property.

Contractor William Ward is progressing rapidly with the four brick dwellings on Madison Street near Twenty-First Street

Repairs have been made to the basement of the store at Eighth Street and Morton Avenue

The owner of the property at 716 McIlvaine Street is preparing to have his house plastered and an addition built in the rear

The residence of Frank Andrews at 614 East Eighth Street has been improved with several coats of paint

The masonry for the Brooks Building on West Seventh Street is nearing completion, and the brick work will be started in a few days.

Thomas Birch is having two brick dwellings erected at Fifth Street and Concord Avenue
BUILDING PERMITS – Building permits were issued to the following by Building Inspector Terry T. Williams during the past week:

William Holcroft – One-story brick building on Front Street between Parker and Kerlin Streets

Emmott Spinning Company – Two-story steel frame building covered with corrugated iron on Morton Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets

Harry Purdy – One-story brick garage on East Twenty-Third Street between Crosby and Madison Streets

Emmott Spinning Company – Brick tower on building on Morton Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets

William J. Hewes – Two two-story brick dwellings on Hewes Avenue between Highland Avenue and Harwick Street

William F. Stanton – One-story brick building at Third Street and Central Avenue

Folsom Portable Garage Company – One-story steel frame building covered with corrugated iron in the rear of the property at 424 East Twentieth Street

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

Glenolden – Elmer K. North of Media to William B. MacLeesten of Glenolden, house and lot at Scott and Ashland Avenues, \$5100

Haverford Township – Martin Whelan of Montgomery County to John Folkeson of Philadelphia, house and lot on Aubrey Avenue, \$1

Upper Darby – John Wilson of Philadelphia to George W. Steinmetz of Clover Hill, two lots at Clover Hill, \$1000

Glenolden – Daniel M. Flaherty of Philadelphia to The Darby Bank, house and lot on Bonsall Avenue, \$1

Darby – John E. Heyburn, Jr., Sheriff to James B. Robertson of Darby, lot with buildings on Ninth Street \$1600

Concord Township – John E. Reyburn Jr., Sheriff, to Mae F. E. Alexander of Media, ninety-eight acres on Chester Road, \$2800