

CHESTER TIMES – November 13, 1915 – BUILDING STILL ON THE MOVE –
Reports From County Districts Show That Much Work Will Be Done During Winter

As fall progresses toward the winter months there is ordinarily a falling off in the amount of new building work, but this county is the exception to the rule this year. A notable example of this is Collingdale, one of the rapidly growing smaller communities of the county. Within the last few weeks that borough has witnessed contracts awarded for many houses, and in the last few days a deal has gone through which will mean the erection of at least another score of dwellings. The Cardington and Collingdale Land Company, promoters, have just purchased from Frank B. Rhodes of Media, two tracts of ground on Parker Avenue, where it is understood that they will put up twenty dwellings. These will be of brick, semi-detached, and will sell for about \$2500 each.

Drexel, one of the progressive villages of Upper Darby Township, is getting its share of the boom which has hit that township; and the type of houses being erected of the substantial, high priced class that has made that village the exclusive residential section that it is. Two contractors have been let during the last week, and it is reported that negotiations are under way for the erection of several more.

William C. Patterson of Philadelphia, has awarded a contractor for a commodious stone and hollow tile bungalow to Harry W. Koch, a Drexel Hill contractor. This will be erected on Maple Avenue, and will cost \$5000. Harry Davis, a Philadelphia builder, has been awarded a contract for the erection of a stone dwelling for Elizabeth M. Zinetti of Philadelphia, on Runnymede Avenue, will cost \$6000.

BYWOOD IS LIVELY – Bywood, the new village along the Media and Collingdale divisions of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company, line is booming as it has not done before in the few months of its existence. On all parts of the tract houses are going up, and sales of land and of houses have been frequent during the last few weeks. The cold weather will not stop the development of this tract, which is proving popular with Philadelphians because of its nearness to Sixty-Ninth Street Terminal of the elevated line.

ANOTHER \$10,000 RESIDENCE – H. A. Heulings, has awarded a contract for the erection of a handsome hollow tile home in Moylan to R. C. Ballinger & Co., Philadelphia builders, the price being \$10,500. The house is probably the largest that has been erected of hollow tile in this country and the use of this material in so fine a home shows how popular it is becoming. Fully two hundred houses have been built this year either wholly or in part of tile, these being all of the finer type of houses.

John E. McDonnugh and E. A. Howell attorneys of this city, have let a contract to Morris W. Plumley, contractor, for alterations and additions to the brick office building on Welsh Street, north of Fifth Street. No price is made public.

W. Roger Fronefield has let a contract to Herbert L. Walton, contractor, for the erection of a stone and frame garage on the rear of the Fronefield property at Moylan. The price is \$1121.

Swope & Sons of Darby report sales of many properties recently, the total consideration being \$43,000. The sales are as follows: Dwelling at 1121 Chestnut Street, Darby for Mary B. Hilbert of Wilkes Barre to Conrad Schafer of Philadelphia; House at 935 Forrester Avenue, Darby for E. D. Glauser of Chester to Marguerite I. Wear of Philadelphia; House at 622 Darby Terrace, Darby for A. Julius Nelson of Sharon Hill to George R. Smith of Darby; House at 618 Spruce Street, Darby to Christian Hasen of East Lansdowne to Robert McCune of Darby. Five acres with buildings at Madison Avenue and Chester Pike, Prospect Park for John Carty of

Prospect Park to Wilson H. Applegate of Philadelphia. House at 94 South Sixth, Darby for S. C. Brown of Philadelphia to T. B. Barras of Darby. House at Front and Greenway Avenue, Darby for C. P. Martin of Torresdale to Frank Stanowsky of Darby. House at 58 South Seventh Street, Darby for Fred Hansen to Frances Purdy of Darby. House on Amosland Avenue, Holmes for Frank Toomey of Philadelphia to R. M. Gracey of Swarthmore. House at 616 Darby Terrace, Darby for Julius Nelson of Sharon Hill to Anton K. Knudson of Philadelphia.

BUILDING NOTES – Bricklayers are engaged in laying the bricks on the Brooks Building on Seventh Street adjoining the Washburn Theatre. The first floor joists have been placed in position and with good weather conditions on Monday the first floor frames will be set.

Contract H. Louis Morris is progressing rapidly with the work of installing a new front in the Palmer and Gayley store on Edgmont Avenue. Yesterday the carpenters and laborers were engaged in setting the heavy iron beams which will support the front and which will help support the marqace to be erected.

George K. McKinney of 708 McIlvaine Street is engaged in erecting a frame building in the rear of his home. The structure which will be used as a garage, will be covered with corrugated iron.

A frame kitchen is being erected in the rear of the residence of Thomas Graham at Thirteenth and Walnut Streets.

Ground will be broken on Monday for the erection of a modern two-and-one-half story building for W. H. Booth at Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets. J. W. Meckert will build the dwelling which will be modern in every way and be of an unusual architectural design. The roof will be of tile.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – Building permits were issued to the following persons during the past week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams:

George W. McKinney – One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 708 McIlvaine Street

Edward R. Helms, one 2-story brick dwelling on the northwest corner of Fourth Street and Central Avenue

Thomas Graham – One story frame kitchen in the rear of his property on the north side of Thirteenth Street between Walnut and Chestnut Streets

Morris Plumley – Brick addition and alterations to the mills of the Thompson Worsted Company at Third and Hinkson Streets

J. W. Meckers – one-story attic dwelling of brick and tile on the north side of Nineteenth Street between Chestnut and Hyatt Streets for W. H. Booth

Samuel R. Bell – Nine two-story brick dwellings on the east side of Lloyd Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets

W. J. Wilkins – Build a second story brick addition to the house on the south side of Second Street between Penn Street and Concord Avenue

Folsom Portable Garage Company – Build a one-story steel frame garage covered with corrugated iron on the west side of Edgmont Avenue between west side of Edgmont Avenue between Twenty-Fourth and Twenty-Fifth Streets

James Meli – One-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 120 West Second Street

Andrew Johnson – Two brick dwellings on the north side of Ninth Street between Harwick and Booth Streets

Mrs. E. R Sproul – Build a two-story stone addition to the property situated on the northeast corner of Ninth and Kerlin Streets

Samuel R. Bell broke ground this week on Lloyd Street above Sixth Street for the erection of nine houses. The cellars have been dug and the work on the new dwellings will be pushed to completion. Next spring Mr. Bell will erect a number of other houses in that vicinity.

J. Irvin Taylor is making progress with the houses which he is erecting on Butler Street above Tenth. There are 14 houses underway and these dwellings will be soon ready for occupancy.

William H. Holcroft, a contractor of the Eighth Ward has been awarded the contract for a brick addition, 172 feet long, to the pipe shop at the plant of the Chester Shipbuilding Company, Ltd. Mr. Holcroft is at present finishing work on the erection of a brick addition to the carpenter sheds.

Thomas Johnson of 144 West Third Street contemplates the erection of a new building in the near future. He purchased the building where he is located and other ground adjoining.

OUT IN EDDYSTONE – One of the sure signs of the real estate boom which is on in Eddystone may be judged from the fact that three weeks ago a property on Saville Avenue was purchased for \$24 per foot front. Today the owner is holding the property at \$55 per foot.

Of the two stores and dwellings which John M. Kennedy is erecting on Saville Avenue, near the Eddystone Hotel, one of them was sold and the other rented before the first floor joists were in place.

George W. Shafer has been awarded the contract for the erection of 14 additional houses in that borough at Chester Pike and Leiper Street

The residence of State Detective James Meli, 308 West Third Street, is undergoing a number of improvements.

D. S. Agnew of 621 West Third Street is having improvements made to the interior of his store and residence.

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

Ridley Township – Robert C. Slaughter of Chester to J. Thomas Anderson of same place, lot at Milmont Park, \$1

Sharon Hill – John P. Muldoon of Philadelphia to Katherine Patterson of Sharon Hill, house and lot on Sharon Avenue, \$1

East Lansdowne – Frank W. Shoemaker of East Lansdowne to Amy R. Mathews of Philadelphia, lot on Lewis Avenue, \$1

Haverford Township – David A Bolard of Llanerch to William G. Wright of Darby, house and lot at Llanerch, \$1

Haverford Township – William G. Wright of Darby to Egherta S. Bolard of Llanerch, house and lot at Llanerch, \$1

Chester – Frank R. Johnson of Philadelphia to Gaetano Fenza of Chester, store and dwelling at Third and Broomall Street, \$2000