

CHESTER TIMES – November 20, 1915 – GOOD WEATHER AID BUILDING – Real Estate Operations Courthouse Active in Various Sections of the City and the Suburban Districts

The most important announcement in real estate matters this week was in regard to the erection of a seven-story hotel in the borough of Eddystone in close proximity to the plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, the Remington Arms Company plant, and the large establishment of the Eddystone Munitions Company. The need of houses to accommodate the workmen who will shortly come to these plants on the east of the city continues to be a leading topic among builders and investors. If something is not done to provide homes for the twenty-odd thousands of workmen who will be employed at the Remington plant, this increase of population will be lost to the city and its business interests.

The continual good weather has been a big benefactor for all lines of building is done on a large scale. At the present time, almost in every section of the county much building is being done.

AT DREXEL HILL – Drexel Hill, a new town which was started in Upper Darby Township several years ago is at present experiencing a great building boom. This beautiful town is located on the north and south sides of the Garrett Road and nearly 200 handsome modern houses are being erected by individuals. The influx of people into Drexel Hill during the past year has been amazing and it has resulted in the Board of Education in Upper Darby Township being kept busy preparing accommodations for school children. While a handsome big school house is being erected in Highland Park, the school directors have found it necessary to remodel an abandoned school house in Oakview where some of the overflow of the Garrettford School are being accommodated.

Highland Park, another settlement in Upper Darby Township has at this time a big building boom. In this place, the houses are being erected by individuals, and no operations are being conducted by builders.

In Ridley Township, a sewer is being constructed, and it is understood with the completion of the sewage system in the Leiperville district, which is but a stone's throw from the great Baldwin plants, hundreds of houses will be built. Leiperville, according to business men would make an ideal place for dwellings, and already many persons who have held small pieces of land in the town have sold to enterprising builders, who will erect houses upon the land next spring.

The trustees of the Presbyterian congregation of Drexel Hill have awarded a contract for the erection basement of a church building, southeast corner of Riverview Avenue and Garret Road, to J. Howard Roberts, a builder of Upper Darby. The basement is the foundation for a big house of worship, and it will cost \$7,450. The edifice will be built of granite stone.

A building agreement has been tiled with the prothonotary of Delaware County between Gray Brothers, builders of Rosemont, and E. L. Blabon of Bryn Mawr, for the construction of a group of farm buildings on Mr. Blabon's farm to cost \$20,968.08. This is exclusive of the lighting system. Duhring, Oakie & Ziegler of Philadelphia are the architects.

CITY BUILDING NOTES – The improvements to the gas building at Sixth and Welsh Streets will be completed in a very short time. Two new windows have been installed in the second story of the Welsh Street side of the building, making the interior of the offices on that floor very bright. Bricklayers are laying the pillars for the handsome new front which is being installed.

Contractor H. Louis Morris is progressing rapidly with the work on the Palmer and Gayley Building on Edgmont Avenue. The iron beams have been put in position and the

concrete forms for the basement have been finished. The front will be of modern architecture and will present a very attractive appearance.

The two dwellings being erected for Thomas Birch at Sixth Street and Concord Avenue are now ready for the lathers. Contractor Lax has finished studding out the buildings. It will be but a short time before the dwellings will be ready for occupancy.

Bricklayers have about completed the first floor of the Brooks Building on Seventh Street. With good weather the next few days the second-story sash will be placed in their respective positions. It will be at least a month before the building will be ready for occupancy.

Ground has been broken at Nineteenth and Hyatt Streets for a modern two and a half story home for W. H. Booth. The dwelling will be of modern architecture and will be an improvement in the locality where it is located. Stonemasons will commence their work in a few days, providing the weather permits.

James and Walter Thompson of the Thompson Worsted Company, Third and Hinkson Streets, have let a contract to Morris W. Plumley the First Ward contractor for the erection of an addition to their mills, the building to be of brick and two stories in height. The new building will give the mills added floor space, which is necessary because of the orders being filled.

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

Norwood – Joseph D. Calhoun of Norwood to James Esposito of Philadelphia, six lots on Huron avenue, \$800

Chester – James A. G. Campbell of Chester to John Hoskins, M. D. of the same place, lot Edgmont Avenue and Mowry Street, \$1460

Haverford – Midland Realty Company to Paul Zeone of Philadelphia, two lots on Manoa Road, \$280

Upper Darby – Arthur Compton of Upper Darby to Robert W. Hackett of the same place, house and lot in Kirklyn, nominal