

CHESTER TIMES – May 29, 1915 – MANY HOMES TO BE BUILT – Valuable Property in the Vicinity of Media is Being Bought Up for Purpose

Notwithstanding the fact that the season is fast approaching when new projects in building and real estate usually grow scarce, conditions in this county remain bright and the outlook is good for continued improvement during the summer. The number of real estate transfers recorded in the county is on the increase, showing many sales of property and presaging the building of many homes. Media is one of the places most prominently showing the increase, and the borough seems destined to increase its population rapidly. Much of the increase will, however, not come within the borough limits as there are projects just over the borough line which are booming and which will add to the working population of the borough even though the increase will not show in a census including only the residents of the county seat.

To the east of Media is Pine Ridge, the attractive improvement being financed by T. Ellwood Allison, with its beautifully winding and well-paved avenues; to the north is the Hildebrand tract, part of which lies inside and part outside of Media. South of Media is the Rose Valley proposition backed by Charles T. Schoen, the property consisting of 265 acres in one of the prettiest sections of the county, and to the west is a woodland tract being cut up for building sites into plots of three-quarter acres. The foundations of buildings here will be about level with the roof of the court house, the tract being on one of the highest parts of the county.

Drexel Hill, in Upper Darby Township, is one of the booming communities of the county, no residence section having grown more rapidly during the last year. The present summer has been no exception, and during the last week a number of sales have been reported from that section. Plans have been prepared during the last week for ten bungalows to be erected by L. W. Goodman, a builder and real estate promoter of Drexel Hill. These will be stone and shingle dwellings and will cost about \$5000 each. They will be erected on Huey Avenue on lots of 75 by 100 feet and larger and will be completed by August 1. Mr. Goodman has erected a large number of similar dwellings in the town, and reports the sale of one to James L. Garfield of Drexel Hill. Another has been sold to Clyde L. King of Philadelphia. He reports also the sale of a building site on Riverview Avenue to Clara P. Leeddes, and one on Forrest Avenue to Rosalle Bowden, both of Philadelphia.

CONTRACTS AWARDED – Evan L. Moore of Philadelphia, has awarded a contract to Arthur S. Fritzsinger, a Norwood contractor, for the erection of a two and one-half story frame dwelling on Tenth Avenue, Prospect Park to cost \$3200. Edgar B. Howard, who is building a fine stone garage on Radnor Road, Wayne, has awarded the contract for the hot water heating system for the building to Harry F. Murphy & Co., Inc., for the building to Harry F. Murphy & Co., Inc. for \$700. The electric wiring contract for the same building has been let to Lewis S. Kates, contractor for \$435.

The Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company has awarded the contract for alteration and additions to their office at Sixth and Welsh Streets, this city to H. Louis Morris. No price is made public. High McCaffrey, owner, has asked for bids for the building of a second story on the garage on West seventh Street occupied by Gallagher Brothers. The building is 125 feet by 73 feet and the improvement is to cost about \$7000. The building is to be entirely fireproof and the improvements include a heavy elevator for the lifting of cars to the second floor.

The Chester Fair Ground Association is asking bids for a grandstand to be erected of concrete and steel. It is to be 41 by 237 feet with a corrugated steel roof. Engineer Alfred Weeks of Philadelphia is taking the bids, and the work will be started in a few days according to information given out in this city. The fair grounds are fast being turned into an amusement park. The fence, stables and other buildings are about completed, and in a very short time the splendid track will be finished. The grandstand will be completed as rapidly as possible so that races and other amusements can be held this summer.

Bids have been received for the new buildings to be erected by the United Roofing Company at Marcus Hook to cost \$125,000. There will be seven buildings in all and the owners are anxious to get the work started so as to take advantage of the good weather. It is proposed to have them completed before cold weather returns.

NEW DYE FACTORY – Klauder-Weldon Dyeing Machine Company of Amsterdam, New York, is asking for bids for a new \$75,000 factory in this city. The buildings are to be constructed of brick, concrete and steel, and will be one and two stories high, 150 by 350 feet. They will consist of a group of five buildings, slag roofs, steam heating, electric lighting, metal frames and sash. Plans are in progress and bids are to be in two months.

CONTRACT AWARDED – Millard N. Croll has been awarded the contract for making some additions to the Haverford College buildings. The addition will be to Chase Hall and will be two and one-half stories high, 36 by 45 feet, will have a slate roof. The heating and lighting contracts have been reserved.

BUILDING NOTES – Frazer Brothers are making rapid headway with the improvements to the Repetto store, on Welsh Street. The bricklayers have finished their work and in a few days the lathers will be called to commence their work. The improvement is attracting much attention.

The Airlite houses being erected on East Twenty-Second Street will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. The lawns in front of the residences have been placed in condition and large, attractive urns have been placed on each side of the entrances to the houses.

A new shingle roof is being placed on the two houses owned by Frank Smith at 1517-19 Walnut Street. The four windows leading into the third story on the front side of the house are being enlarged and made attractive.

Work on the Oglesby Building, at Broad and Crosby Streets, which was destroyed by fire some time ago, is progressing rapidly. New flooring has been laid on the second and third floors and all of the burned timbers removed. It will be but a short time before the building will again be ready for occupancy.

The garages being erected for John Logue, on East Sixteenth Street near Walnut Street will be completed in a short time.

Four houses are being built on Ninth Street, near Highland Avenue, by Contractor Francis Moore, of the West End. The dwellings were started during the past week and progress is being made in their construction.

The bids for the construction of nine buildings for the United Roofing Company at Marcus Hook were this week, but the contract was not given out, as the company plans a number of alterations in their plans. The work of laying the 800 feet of railroad siding into the Congoleum works is progressing rapidly and will be completed within a few weeks.

Harry W. Koch, real estate broker, Drexel Hill, reports the sale of three lots, corner School Lane and Penn Avenue, Drexel Hill, to a resident of Philadelphia, who will build a dwelling thereon. He also reports having rented a detached dwelling on Turner Avenue, Drexel Hill, to W. C. Strugnell of Philadelphia; also, the sale of three lots on Penn Avenue, Drexel Hill, to W. H. Katz and that he has taken the contract for the erection of a detached dwelling thereon, and the sale of a detached stone and stucco dwelling on Turner Avenue to Edgar R. Murphy of Philadelphia.

PERMITS GRANTED – But three permits were issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams, during the week. They are as follows:

J. T. Harragan, one-story frame and corrugated iron garage in rear of 610 West Fifth Street

William Carter one-story frame and corrugated iron garage in rear of 2729 West Third Street

H. Louis Morris, one-story frame and corrugated iron garage in rear of residence of J. DeHaven Ledward, Esq., Twenty-First Street and Providence Avenue

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

Chester – Sarah Lindsay and Maggie Lindsay of Chester to Leon Macks of Chester, house and lot at 2703 West Third Street, \$2000

Haverford Township – William H. Merz of Philadelphia to Wilhelmina Merz of same place, two lots at Beechwood, \$750

Morton – John F. Beatty of Morton to Edward L. Lytle of same place, twelve lots on Morton Avenue, \$700

Media – Norman P. Sinclair of Montgomery County to Joseph E. Quinby of Media, lot on Washington Street, \$475

Swarthmore – William K. Hoyt of Trenton to Fannie H. Scott of Swarthmore, lot on Elm Avenue, nom

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