

CHESTER TIMES – July 17, 1915 – THE REALTY SITUATION – Question As to what House Will Be Needed in This City is Problematical

Interest in the real estate world in this city and vicinity the past week is centered in what amount of building will be done to accommodate the promised increase of population by reason of the coming to Eddystone of the Remington Arms Company, the large \$20,000,000 order received this week by the Baldwin's and the starting up of several new industries in this city. The answer to this question is problematical at this time, but the prospects are bright for considerable building of two-story houses of improved type. Samuel Hewes & Son this week started thirteen houses in the Second Ward and other contractors, it is said, will start operations of small numbers of houses in all parts of the city and vicinity. Every day the workmen for the Remington plant are arriving and are being provided with accommodations in and adjacent to this city as far as possible. Those coming at the present time are mostly high class mechanics and heads of departments and the accommodations needed are of the best.

Aside from the great amount of building going on at Eddystone and Marcus Hook, there is much other work over the county, but its significance is lost in the larger operations under way to accommodate the war orders that the concerns in this city and vicinity have.

The work at the new shipyard goes on merrily, and, in a short time this new industry will be ready for operation. It is said that the parties who have purchased a half of what was formerly the Roach shipyard have orders enough on hand to keep that yard going for some time to come. The new ways being constructed are of concrete and the latest improved in the shipbuilding business.

CONTRACTS AWARDED – A contract let this week for the erection of the parish house of the new Episcopal Church at Eddystone to John Worrell of Rosemont. It will be constructed of stone, one and one-half stories high, 56 by 24 feet, slate roof steam heat, electric lights.

Another contract given out was that for a new \$5000 public school at Lima in the township of Middletown. This contract was secured by Loos & Dothard of Philadelphia, this firm beating out the local bidders.

RAILROAD BRIDGE CONTRACT – Anent, the great industries at Eddystone the Reading Railroad Company this week is a contract for a new plate girder, bridge, single tract structure to cross Eddystone Avenue in the borough of Eddystone. This bridge will be 58 feet long and will be erected by the American Bridge Company.

John White, a well-known attorney of this city has let a contract to Samuel Lax for the erection of a two-story stone and stucco bungalow and a frame barn, which will be placed upon a plot of ground on the Middletown Road between Chester and Media which Mr. White recently purchased. The contract price is \$8550.

Edgar M. Creamer of this city has awarded a contract to Horace H. Jackson, a Chester builder, for the erection of a two and one-half story brick and stone house to be erected on a lot on East Nineteenth Street.

M. Atlee Ermold, a Haddon Heights, N. J., contractor, has been awarded a contract to build for Henry C. Swartz of Philadelphia, a home on Rose Avenue, Drexel Hill. The house will be two and one-half stories of stone and will cost \$5000.

The United Electric Construction Company has entered into an agreement with the Garrett-Williamson Lodge near Newtown Square for the electric wiring of the new building being erected. The price is \$575. Thompson Brothers have entered into an agreement with the same company for the installation of a Vapor vacuum heating system at a cost of \$4,300.

HANDSOME NEW RESIDENCE – Sydney Thayer has plans out for a new residence and garage to be built in the township of Haverford. It will cost \$35,000 and will be constructed of stone, hollow tile and plaster. It will be two and one-half stories high, tile roof, hot water heating, electric lights, oak floors, tile work. Bids will be asked early next week.

Bids are being received for a new public hall and fire house for the Borough of Milbourn near Sixty-Ninth Street. The building will be constructed of stone, one and one-half stories high, 33 by 45 feet, and have shingle roof, hot water heating, electric lighting, concrete floors. The contractors are bidding for the work.

The bids are in for the new manse for the Sharon Hill Tully Memorial Presbyterian Church, and the contract is expected to be let in a few days. This building will be constructed of stone, hollow tile and plaster, two and one-half stories high, 41 by 36 feet, and will have a slate roof, hot water heating, parquetry floors and electric lights.

The Builders' Guide, a publication gotten out in the interest of real estate men and builders, says that plans are being drawn for a new building for the Thurlow Worsted Mills at Thurlow. The construction is to be of brick and steel, two and three stories, slag roof, steam heat and electric lighting. The architect will ask for bids in a few days.

ABOUT THE CITY – The work of enlarging the garage owned by High McCaffrey on Seventh Street, between Edgmont Avenue and Market Street, are fast being completed. The roof has been raised to permit another story and Contractor Flounders has his men at work at present making the changes necessary to the interior of the building to give more room to the tenants, the Gallagher Brothers.

H. Louis Morris is progressing nicely with the addition to the office building of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company at Sixth and Welsh Streets. The improvements will give considerable more room for the rapidly growing business of this well-known concern.

BUILDING PERMITS – The following building permits were issued by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams during the past week:

M. T. Ackerman, two 2-story dwellings with attic on Twenty-Third and Crosby Streets

Thomas O'Rourke, one-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 818 West Third Street

H. M. Connelly, one frame kitchen on Franklin Street between Fourth and Fifth streets

Mrs. A. J. Taylor, one-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron in rear of property at Nineteenth and Chestnut Streets

BUILDING NOTES

Louis Stein of 605 Green Street has had a number of improvements made to the interior of his home. A partition between the dining room and parlor has been filed away and a modern hardwood bookcase erected in its place.

Contractor William Ward has finished the erection of two porches in front of the properties owned by A. Getts at 636-640 Morton Avenue. Painters commenced the work yesterday of decorating them.

Bricklayers started this week on the erection of the side walls at the Shober operation on the northeast corner of Market Square. The joists for the first floor are in position and a scaffolding has been erected to the height of the second floor. The building will be four stories in height.

Harry W. Koch, real estate broker of Drexel Hill, reports the sale of the two-story apartment at the northwestern corner of Fifty-Fourth and Sansom Streets, Philadelphia. He has also broken ground at Drexel Hill for a detached stone and stucco dwelling for Elmer Ritchie. He also reports the sale of a detached dwelling for Elmer Ritchie. He also reports the sale of a detached dwelling and grounds for Jeremiah M. Hastings on Rosemont Avenue, Drexel Hill.

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

Upper Providence – Saidee J Spooner of Philadelphia to Lucy L. Gibbs of Media, six acres with buildings on road from Providence Road to Lewis Mills, \$4000

Haverford Township – R. Clarke Strode of Philadelphia to Carrie M. Flak of Ardmore, two lots at Brookline, Nom

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston to Thomas F. Flynn of Philadelphia, two lots at Beechwood, \$380

Media – Bryn Mawr Trust Company to William C. Ball of Media, lot with six houses at Brooke and Painter Streets, Nom