

CHESTER TIMES – September 11, 1915 – INDUSTRIAL GROWTH MARKED
– Developments of the Past Few Months in the city and County Indicate Future Prosperity

Reports of new industries for this city and county continue to multiply, and every few days brings news of some new industry for the county. Everything points to growth in general and has never been known here in the past, and residents are beginning to predict a population for Chester of 100000 or more within the next few years. As great an increase, proportionately, will be had in the county, if, indeed, the county districts do not outgrow the city.

First came the Baldwin plant to Eddystone, then the Viscose Company to Marcus Hook. These two places brought thousands of people to the county, and housing facilities have not been provided for all of these when, recently came the news that the Remington arms Company was to take part of the Baldwin property and would bring thousands more men to the county, immediately afterward the old Roach ship yard was purchased and in a short time this old plant will be turning out ships as in the old days after a long suspension. Some of the smaller industrial plants have been set in operation and now comes word that the American Co-operative Dyes and Chemical Company is to locate a plant in this city. This plant will be operating in the near future. Then, to top it off comes a report that a munitions firm is looking for a location in Darby, where they desire to establish a permanent plant.

Delaware County wants these places, and more too if they can be had, but men who are acquainted with conditions are wondering where, when, and how the men and their families who will come to the county are going to be housed. This is a serious problem for the county to solve. At the last census Chester's population was 44,500, and when the Remington Arms Company brings 23,000 men to the county, the population will be nearly doubled. The other industries will bring other thousands here, and the problem is only complicated. Where scores of houses are being erected hundreds should be going up, but builders say that money is so "tight" that they are seriously handicapped.

ACTIVITY IN THE COUNTY – In other sections of the county apparently, continuous growth is noticed. All summer long the residential sections have been steadily growing. Except for a very few sections this growth has been steady and without any one big development. Drexel Hill is a notable illustration of this in the last seven years, this pretty village has grown from nothing to a population of a thousand or more, and the last summer has been one of the seasons of its greatest growth. Samuel Crothers, who developed the village north of the Philadelphia and West Chester trolley road, George W. Statzell who developed the southern section. Harry W. Koch, a real estate dealer, and L. W. Goodman builder of bungalows, have all been exceedingly busy this past summer.

Springfield new this summer, is advancing into prominence very rapidly, and sales of properties on this beautiful tract are frequent. Contracts have been let within a few days to w. Harry Roberts for two fine homes on this tract. There are on widely-divergent parts of the tract, and will be in keeping with other houses erected there. No price has been made public, but the buildings are of about \$6000 type.

M. Atlee Ermold of Haddonfield, N.J. has purchased a plot of ground at Bywood, the development backed by V. Gilpin Robinson and A. F. Damon, Jr., and will himself build a fine home there. This will be on Sellars Avenue on one of the most attractive parts of the property. Mr. Ermold has started work on a house on Foss Avenue, Drexel Hill for Harry Swartz of Philadelphia.

PROPOSED NEW MANSE – The Olivet Presbyterian Church of Prospect Park is planning to erect a manse on Tenth Avenue. Prospect Park just across Washington Avenue from the church property. The plot for the building was purchased recently. L. E. Talley, a Garrettford builder, has work under way on a \$5000 stone and stucco house on Burmont Avenue, Garrettford, for Henry Snape, Jacob C. Buchanan, a Ridley Park builder, has been awarded a contract for a house for Maurice J. Culhane, of the same place, to be erected on Chester Pike, Ridley Park. The contract price is \$2851.

The First Presbyterian Church of Lansdowne, has awarded a contract to A. M. McClintock for a steam heating plant for the new church at Lansdowne and Greenwood Avenue, Lansdowne at his bid of \$2177.

Bids have been received by Architect I. V. Boyd of Philadelphia for a two-and-a-half-story dwelling to be built for C. N. Godfrey at Lansdowne. The building will be constructed by hollow tile 37x27 feet, wing 16x22 feet with either slate or shingle roof and electric lighting.

FINE HOME AT MOYLAN – J. Passamore Elkington of Philadelphia will build a handsome dwelling at Moylan, the structure to be two and a half stories in height, 51x27 feet with a wing 15x14 feet. The dwelling will have a slate roof, hot water or hot air heating, electric lighting, oak floors. The price has not been mentioned.

Bids will be received in about one month by Architects Hulme-Schloss Company, Philadelphia for a one-story stone church to be built at Darby by the Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church congregation. The edifice will be 48x48 feet, with a slate roof, steam heating, and electric lighting. The plans for the church are now in progress.

OPERATIONS IN DARBY – An official inspection on the part of the School Boards, architects, builders and inspectors, this afternoon at 2 o'clock will mark the formal completion of the new school house additions in Darby, which represent an outlay of \$65,000, with the furnishings.

Joseph Hallas, Jr. of Darby, reports the sale of three houses of Builder Julius Nelson of No. 25 Cherry street, being purchased BY Henry wall of Atlantic City; 618 Darby Terrace by George G. Ball of Darby, and 628 Darby. This leaves but two for sale out of this operation that is being completed. The same agent also reports the sale of property 240 Mill Street for Harry Tarbottom, to Daniel Bryan. This is one of an operation of four just completed. He now has under construction three more of which Agent Hallas has two already sold. Several of the houses on the latter's rent list are rented, which speaks well for conditions in Darby. There are almost no empty houses in that section. C. Hansen's houses at Fifth and Spruce Streets have all been sold, and he is about to start two more.

In Collingdale, Callie Sipple has completed the erection of two houses on Hillside Avenue and will start the erection of two others in a short time.

In Sharon Hill, Julius Nelson has started a new single house on Cherry Street, which Agent Hallas has sold to H. H. Ledgard of Darby.

In Aldan, John Congleton has put up two houses, one of which is finished; the other is under construction. One of them has been sold to George Schmidt of Aldan.

OPERATIONS IN THIS CITY – Building operations at the Chester Shipbuilding Company's plant at the foot of Kerlin Street are progressing. Bricklayers are at work on one of the new structures at the entrance to the yard, while the new furnaces which are being erected by Contractor Holcroft are rapidly nearing completion.

Contractor Provost is pushing the work on the new addition to the plant of the American dyewood Company at the foot of Howell Street. The addition, a brick structure, adjoins the main building at the plant.

The operations at the plant of the Philadelphia suburban Gas and Electric Company it is expected will be completed sometime next month. Several new buildings have been erected including a retort building 90 feet high, in which there are to be installed 80 retorts. The condenser house adjoins the retort building. Within the past few weeks the Lackawana Bridge Company have had a force of men at work putting the finishing touches on the bridge that runs from the retort house to the coke bins.

Contractor Rodger Atkinson of Philadelphia is making progress with the preliminary work for the addition to the plant of the Keystone Steel Castings Company at Sixth and Lloyd Streets, which was recently purchased by the A. R. Brunner Company of Philadelphia.

Samuel R. Bell, a local contractor is putting the finishing touches on the dwellings which he erected at Fifth and Pennell Streets. There are eight new houses of two stories high, of brick construction, with front porches.

L. B. Salmons has completed two new houses at Third and Pusey Streets.

BUILDING PERMITS – The past week has been an extremely busy one in the office of Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams. Despite the fact that Monday was a holiday and the office was closed ten permits were issued. The largest was to William Provost, Jr., who is erecting a five-story brick building at the foot of Howell Street for the American Dyewood Company. The building will have a frontage of 47 feet and a depth of 52 feet. It will run about 51 feet in height. J. Irving Taylor will erect eight two-story brick dwellings containing all modern conveniences on the east side of Butler Street between Tenth and Eleventh streets. The following permits were issued for the week:

H. Louis Morris – Alterations to the building owned by the Alpha Boat Club at the foot of Welsh Street.

J. Irving Taylor – Eight two-story brick dwellings on the east side of Butler Street between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

William Provost, Jr. – One-story steel and frame building at Third and Caldwell Streets for the Aberfoyle Manufacturing Company

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Samuel Bax – One-story brick addition to the rear of the building at 217 Market Street

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Frank Rush – One-story brick addition in front of the property at 521 West Front Street

Harry Keel – One-story concrete building in the rear of the property at 312 Penn Street

Nolan Brothers – Two 2-story brick dwellings on lots 22 and 23 at Providence Heights

Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company – One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron at Front Street and Highland Avenue

BUILDING NOTES – A frame building covered with corrugated iron is being erected in the yard of the Huston Manufacturing Company, eighth and Caldwell Streets. The building will like be used for storing material and will be replaced with a brick structure at an early date.

The addition to the store and dwelling of Simon Mark, at Third and Hinkson Streets, is progressing and will give much more floor space in the store.

Carpenters have about finished the garage in the rear of the residence of E. E. Smedley at Twenty-Fifth Street and Edgmont Avenue. The contract was awarded to M. T. Ackerman

The garage in the rear of the residence at 36 West Eighth Street has been completed. The owner is Frank Bibby

Carpenters and painters are making improvements to the interior of the Arasapha Mills at Tenth and Walnut Streets

The two houses at 405-7 East Eighth Street have been improved by the erection of new front porches. The base of the porches are concrete and make an attractive appearance.

S. A. Hewes and Son started work yesterday on the erection of a stored and dwelling at the corner of Second Street and Highland Avenue. The place is being erected for Samuel Goldberg, of 115 Lewis Street and will be built of brick. It will be two stories and its dimensions will be 20x70

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby at the court house, Media:

Media – William H. Tricker, executor of Washington Hinkson estate to Justice M. Thomspson of Media, house and lot on Jackson Street, \$2200

Sharon Hill – D. Barton Kinne of Brooklyn, N.Y. to Thomas C. Potter of Sharon Hill, house and lot on Cherry Street, \$1

Ridley Township – Joseph Reed of Philadelphia to Catherine C. Reese of Folsom, house and lot in Folsom, \$1

Eddystone – David W. Wagner of Chester to Hugh McKinley of same place, house and lot on Leiper Street, \$2000

Chester – William H. Harrison of Upland to William P. Lear and Charles G. Worrilow, both of Chester, houses and lots at 623 and 625 Penn Street \$1

Upper Darby – Elmer Compton of Upper Darby to Caroline C. Roddy of same place, two lots at Kirklyn, \$1

Colwyn – Richard H. Thatcher of Philadelphia to A. P. Hill of Colwyn, lot on Fifth Street, \$200

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass to Mary L. Krewson of Philadelphia, two lots at South Ardmore; \$480

Aldan – Amos W. Barnes of Philadelphia to Edwin CC. Weber of Aldan, lot on Alhert Avenue, \$500

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Florence M. Hyland of same place, three lots at Drexel Hill, \$1

Haverford Township – George W. Deaves of Haverford Township to Albert R. Murphy of Philadelphia, two lots at South Ardmore, \$1

Collingdale – Harmar D. Denny of Pittsburgh to Mary J. Davis of Philadelphia, two lots at Clifton Park, \$300

Haverford Township – William Gibbons of Philadelphia to William B. Leech of Haverford Township, two lots at Llanerch Manor, \$1

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Glenolden – Albert G. Walker of Philadelphia to Florence M. Garrison of same place, two lots on Elmwood Avenue, \$1

Media – William H. Tricker, executor, to Ella K. Leland of Media, lot with buildings at State and Church Streets; \$2900

Millbourne – John T. Brosnan of Philadelphia to Joseph Goudy of same place, house and lot on Burd Avenue, \$1

Upper Darby – Joseph J. Goudy of Philadelphia to John T. Brosnan of same place, house and lot at Drexel Hill, \$1

Lansdowne – George J. Adams of Lansdowne to W. G. Landese of same place, lot with buildings on Steward Avenue \$1

Haverford Township – John H. Stover of Boston to Isaac T. Lewis of Philadelphia, three lots at Beechwood, \$470

Prospect Park – Anna R. Ward of Prospect Park to James Freeman of Philadelphia, lot with buildings on Lazaretto Road, \$5000

Rutledge – Andrew M. McIntyre of Rutledge to Viola B. Keyser of Philadelphia, house and lot on Linden Avenue \$5500

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Susan Devine of Philadelphia, two lots at Ardmore Park, \$330

Haverford Township – Howard M. Lutz of Upper Darby to William A Harrison of Philadelphia, lot with buildings at Llanerch, \$1

Norwood – Joseph Dougan, Jr. of Collingdale to George Fisher of Norwood, house and lot on Winona Avenue, \$1500

Radnor Township – Anna Raglan of Radnor Township to Ada B. Raglan of same place, lot with buildings on Railroad Avenue, \$1

Middletown Township – Edith H. Conrad of Middletown Township to Frances W. Ingram of same place, house and eight acres on Edgmont Great Road, \$3000

Upper Darby – Sarah P. Sellers of Upper Darby to M. Atleee Ermold of Haddonfield, N. J., lot on Sellers avenue, \$1,000

Chester – Edward C. Lilley and Ralph Lilley, executors of the estate of William Lilley to Ralph B. Lilley of Chester, house on Seventh Streets west of Penn Street, \$1

Springfield Township – Springfield Real Estate Company to James L. Reed of New York, lot on Saxer Avenue, Springfield, \$900

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Haverford Township – John N. M. Shimer of Haverford Township to Maurice Graf of Llanerch, lot on Wilmot Avenue, Llanerch, \$600

Upper Providence – Jabez Burchard of Philadelphia to Howard W. Getty of Norristown, six acres on Orange Street Road, \$1

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Kathryn V. White of Philadelphia, three lots at Penfield, \$1

Thornbury Township – George W. Kates of Washington, D.C. to Florence L. Sanville of Philadelphia, eleven acres on State Road, \$1,000

Yeadon – Frank J. Ford of Philadelphia to Daniel H. Barrow of Lansdowne, lot on Elden Avenue, \$1

Haverford Township - Samuel Boresopky of Ardmore to Samuel Matkin of same place, house and lot at Ardmore Park, \$1

Upper Providence – Harriet T. Brown of Moylan to Clarence V. Rawson of Erie County, one half acre with buildings at Moylan \$5

Yeadon – Daniel H. Barrow of Lansdowne to Lavinia Ford of Philadelphia, three lots on Baily Road, \$1

Lower Chichester – Cambridge Trust Company to John A. Knott of Marcus Hook, house and lot on road from Marcus Hook to Twin Oaks, \$1

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