

CHESTER TIMES – September 18, 1915 – BUSY TIMES FOR BUILDERS – New Contracts Indicate That Operations Will Be Brisk As Long As Good Weather Continues

Despite the fact that September is more than half gone and buildings started at this time can hardly be finished before cold weather arrives, there seems to be no falling off in the number of contracts let in Delaware County, and contractors and builders point to this fact as an indication that the fall and winter months will be unusually busy ones for that time of the year. A number of contracts have been let during the last few days, but all have been for small houses.

The most important real estate development of the week is that sale of 20 acres of land along the Delaware River in this city to the Stewart Distilling Company, which will erect a half-million dollar plant upon the site. This will add another to the new industries which seem destined to jump the population of this city from 36,000 to 100,000 within a few years, and the housing problem is still further complicated.

One of the most important sales of real estate recently was that of the store property at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue, owned by the Weaver Estate to Kiwa Schwartz. This store was leased by Schwartz for some years. The price paid is \$77,500.

CHURCHES FOR DARBY – It is reported that two churches will be erected in Darby in the very near future. Bids have been asked for a one-story stone church for the Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church plans for which have been prepared by Architects Hulme-Schloss Company of Philadelphia. The church will be 48x48 feet and thoroughly modern. The other is a Jewish synagogue, which is expected to draw Jewish people from Sharon Hill, Glenolden, Collingdale, Colwyn and other nearby points. The movement for the erection of this synagogue is still in its inception, however, and it is not known just when it will be erected.

Adam J. Scheidt, the brewer, has sold his magnificent country home and 20 acres of land on the Lancaster Pike at Brooke Road, Radnor Township, to Henry P. Friend of Norristown, the price being \$30,000. The price is considered exceptionally low for the property.

Charles E. Gilligan, a Clifton Heights contractor, has broken ground for two, two and one-half story seven-room stone and stucco houses on Penn Avenue, Clifton Heights. The owner is W. T. Conrad, and the price is \$5,000.

J. Passmore Elkinton of Moylan, has let a contract to J. B. Flounders, Media contractor, for a home on Bancroft Avenue, Moylan. Plans for it were drawn by Edward Delk and Thomas B. Lippincott, and the specifications call for completion before February 1, 1916. The contract price is \$9,850.

Field, Barker and Underwood, contractors, have been awarded the contract for the opening, grading and macadamizing of roads in the catholic cemetery of St. Peter and St. Paul, in Marple Township. The price has not been made public.

BUILDING CONTRACTS – Thomas J. Brown, of Brookline, has awarded a contract to Jackson Dunlap of Philadelphia, for the erection of four semi-detached dwellings on the Brookfield Estates in Haverford Township. These will be three-story stone frame and will cost \$12,500.

Reuben Brooks of this city, has let a contract to Horace H. Jackson also of this city, for the erection of a one-story brick store, 40 x 100 feet, on West Seventh Street, adjoining the Washburn Theatre. The price is \$7,600. The American Dyewood Company of Chester, has let a contract to the Kensington Copper Machine works of Philadelphia for an eight-foot vacuum pan with a condenser for the new building being erected at the plant by William Provost, builder. The price is \$5,750. Samuel A. Hewes and Son, of this city, have begun work on a store and dwelling at Second Street and Highland Avenue for Samuel Goldberg. The price is \$3,500.

Plans are in progress for a two and a half story hollow tile and plaster dwelling to be built at Radnor for C. M. Cadwalader of Radnor. The structure will be 42 x 56 feet. The equipment calls for a slate roof and hot water heating.

The Williams Construction Company of this city has been awarded the contract for a reinforced concrete bridge at Glenolden.

Franklin & Co. of Philadelphia are taking bids for a sewage disposal plant to be built at the Girls' House of Refuge at Glen Mills. The work calls for mechanical work, concrete work, pipe work and general alterations. The bids will be due on September 20.

OPERATIONS IN EDDYSTONE – In Eddystone, John Kennedy, builder, has broken ground for the erection of a two-story building on Saville Avenue, near Eleventh Street for a tailoring establishment. He will alter some of the present dwellings, including the two at the corner, into up-to-date boarding houses.

A modern motion picture theatre is planned to be erected on Saville Avenue, by the same builder, and an operation of thirty-five houses on Leiper Street, will also go up, it is understood.

The new Episcopal parish house at Tenth and Saville Avenue, is going ahead at a rapid rate and will probably be under roof in the next week.

PERMITS GRANTED – Building permits were granted to the following during the past week:

Samuel Biglesby, two-story brick addition to dwelling in the rear of 204 East Ninth street

William Provost, Jr., one-story frame building covered with corrugated iron on the south side of Third Street between Caldwell Street and Morton Avenue

E. W. Smedley, two two-story and attic dwellings on the north side of Twenty-Fourth Street between Edgmont Avenue and Lindsay Street

Samuel A. Hewes, one two-story brick dwelling with store front, at Second Street and Highland Avenue

William Hewes, two two-story brick dwellings on the south side of Hewes Avenue, between Highland Avenue and Harwick Street

William Hall, one-story brick garage in the rear of the properties at 809-112 West Eighth Street

BUILDING NOTES – Nolan Brothers will begin in a few days to close up the front of the store at Twelfth Street and Edgmont Avenue, which is undergoing improvements. The stone work for the window bases have been set and all of the iron beams have been installed.

Harry Parks of Eighth and Potter Streets has had a number of improvements made to his shop. The interior has been papered and painted, while the exterior of the building is being repainted.

A number of attractive improvements have been made to the restaurant of James Lloyd at Eighth Street and Morton Avenue.

The two new houses being erected for Philip Downey at Sixth and Flower Streets are nearing completion. The dwellings are of brick and will be two stories high, with front porches.

Contractor Charles Battin is completing the work of making an addition to the two houses at Sixth and Flower Streets, which he recently purchased.

John Brown, a Philadelphia contractor, has a large force of men at work rushing the new mold loft building at the plant of the Chester shipbuilding Company to completion. The work of erecting the roof will be commenced the latter part of next week.

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

Ridley Township – J. Borton Weeks of Rutledge to Emil Ernst of West Folsom, house and lot at west Folsom, \$1450

Chester – Joel H. Phipps of Chester to Albert Wunderlich of same place, lot on Crosby Street, south of Third Street, \$1

Haverford Township – Henry G. Paul of Jenkintown to P. A. Steward Company of New Jersey, two lots at South Ardmore, \$400

Upper Darby – John E. Bradley of Philadelphia to Roland K. Henderson of same place, lot at Highland Park, \$1

Lansdowne – William Ruddy of Philadelphia to George G. chambers of Lansdowne, lot on Drexel Avenue, \$300