

CHESTER TIMES – March 13, 1915 – NEW FIRE HOUSE FOR LLANERCH – Those Interested Will Expend \$17,000 in Suitable Quarters on the Pike

There were but few important real estate deals closed during the week, but there were plenty of prospective buyers. It is a known fact that a number of large buildings will be erected in the county this spring and summer, among which will be a \$50,000 school house in Upper Darby Township, and a \$17,000 fire house for the Llanerch Fire Company at Llanerch.

Although the Upper Darby School Board is being opposed at this time by citizens of Highland Park, Clover Hill and Kirklyn, because the directors have selected a site for a school house on Kelly's Lane, Highland Park, four hundred feet north of the West Chester Pike; there appears to be no doubt but that the new school house will be built this summer, and completed in time for the reception of the pupils next September.

The objection of the citizens is not against the building of a new school house, but against the proposed site, because some of the citizens believe that the school house will be hidden. The directors take the stand that three acres are necessary for a school house and athletic field, and that it should be away from trolley or automobile traffic in order to avoid injury to children.

This afternoon the citizens and school directors will meet at Highland Park, view the site selected by the School Board, and this evening a meeting will be held to take formal action on the proposition of the directors.

NEW FIRE HOUSE – The Llanerch Fire Company, one of the baby firefighting organizations of this county, has shown its thrift, enterprise and good judgment by purchasing a piece of land on the West Chester Pike at No. 1 toll gate. ON this site the company will erect a beautiful three-story stone structure, 45x75 feet. The first floor will be used for the fire apparatuses, meeting room of the firemen; second floor will be a public hall, and the third floor will be lodge rooms. This building will be ornate in appearance and will conform to the many pretty buildings in Llanerch, which is rapidly developing into one of the most beautiful suburbs in the county. H. Hayes Aikens, vice president of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company, is president of the fire company, and he, together with the hearty cooperation of the firemen have already raised \$5,000 towards the fund for the building site and new fire house.

WILL ENLARGE PAPER PLANT – A permit has been taken out through Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams by the Scott Paper Company. The factory along the river front of the company is to be enlarged to accommodate the growing demand for more room. The building is to have a thirty-foot frontage and will be one hundred and twenty feet in depth. It will be two stories high and will be of brick, similar to the buildings now being operated.

Another permit was taken out by Josiah Sleeper. He intends to have two new store fronts placed in the buildings at 613-15 Welsh Street near the present building owned by him.

DARBY IMPROVEMENTS – The coming spring will see the erection of at least two new stores on Main Street in the borough of Darby and another building on the street is being converted into a modern store.

The new stores are to be built on lot owned by Mrs. M. W. McMeekin, between her store and the George M. Dunlap property. Over the two stores a suite of apartments will

be erected. John Rhodes, the contractor who will erect the stores had the permit sanctioned by council at the meeting last Monday night.

Councilman Oscar Thurston is converting a portion of his livery stable fronting on Main Street, into a modern store. This is in line with other improvements in the vicinity. Amos Backman is pushing the alternations to his recently acquired store property at Fifth and Main Streets and the capacious new garage of C. E. Drewes on Main Street near Fifth, is about completed.

The First Baptist Church, Colored, has secured a permit to erect a temporary sheet iron structure for worship on their lot on Marks Avenue. Other permits which have been taken out include an addition to the rear of Joseph Fink's residence at 1128 Main Street and several permits for Adam Gotshall to make changes and additions to houses in the vicinity of 5th and Pine Streets. Mrs. Hartt of 41 S. Seventh Street has taken out a permit to rebuild a brick wall. Charles Pursel, 213 S. Fifth Street will erect a chicken coop in the rear of his property.

Christian Hansen, an East Lansdowne builder expects to put up an operation of houses on Spruce Street between Sixth and Seventh, and an ordinance to provide for a sewer for same was introduced at the last meeting of council.

Julius Nelson, has also planned to erect a number of new houses in the borough.

Harry W. Koch, real estate broker, Drexel Hill, Pa. and 2619 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, advises that he has sold a semi-detached house in Garrettford, Pa. to George E. Ferry in Philadelphia, who will occupy it.

LANSDOWNE HIGH SCHOOL – The handsome new Lansdowne High School building which was started last fall is under roof, and a small army of mechanics are busily engaged filling in the interior work. The school when completed will be one of the finest modern schools in this section.

The contractors hope to have the building ready in time for the commencement exercises; they at least hope to have the auditorium completed by that time.

The first floor will be for high school pupils. Each room will seat from 49 to 50 pupils, allowing for sufficient air space and light.

Samuel Bartram of Lansdowne, who has built quite a number of houses in Lansdowne, will break ground next week for a handsome new house on South Stratford Avenue. The dwelling will be of stone and shingles and it will be two and one-half stories high, all modern improvements. It will cost \$6,000.

Henry Barker, the real estate broker in the Barker building has sold a lot on the McConaghy tract on East Stewart Avenue to John E. Greenwood, who will begin the erection of a beautiful dwelling thereon in the near future which will cost approximately \$7000.

Charles Gilligan, a contractor of Clifton Heights has started the erection of two handsome dwellings on Harrison Avenue, Clifton Heights which will cost about \$3,500 each.

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

Darby – Rittenhouse Realty Company to Margaret E. Elliott of Philadelphia. Lot with buildings on Sixth Street, Nominal

Darby – Lewis P. Albrecht of Philadelphia to Margaret E. Elliott of Philadelphia. Lot with buildings on Sixth Street, Nominal

East Lansdowne – Herman Heller of Philadelphia to Arthur W. Pusey of
Middletown Township. Lot on Hirst Avenue, \$260

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