

CHESTER TIMES – March 4, 1916 – DEVELOPMENT OF FIRST WARD – Streets to be Opened Through Unimproved Section for Building Improvements in Northern Section

Plans are being drawn by which it is believed that early in the spring streets will be opened and there will be made available for building purposes some of the finest property to be found in the northern section of the city.

According to the plans the project provides for the opening of Twenty-First Street from Madison Street east to the Boulevard at Providence Heights, a distance of about 3,000 feet. Chestnut Street will also be opened from Twentieth Street to Providence Avenue, connecting with the present Chestnut Street, a short distance south of Twenty-Fourth Street, for about 1,300 feet. The project for the opening of these streets has been under way for some time and has been thoroughly talked over and the proposition is now in the hands of the engineers who are drawing the sketches and getting matters to such a shape that it will be possible to lay the entire matter before City Council.

At present Chestnut Street runs from Tenth to Twentieth Streets, and then is closed as far as the point where it branches off from Providence Avenue on the west side.

It is this closed intersection which it is now proposed to open and place on the plans of the city.

Properties through which the new streets will be opened are owned by Robert and Richard Wetherill and the Hannum estate, together with some smaller interests, and the claim is made that these will be largely benefited by the changes in the city plans, in all it will throw open for building purposes about 4,300 feet of street, with a total frontage of 8,000 feet for building purposes. All this land is high above tidewater, and located in one of the most desirable building sections of the city. No formal announcement has as yet been made as to the intentions of the promoters and it is hardly probable any statement will be issued until after the plan has been laid before City Council and the ordinance has been passed opening the streets.

MAY INJURE CHURCH PROPERTY – Only one difficulty is expected to be encountered. As Chestnut Street is laid out under the present plans, it would connect with Providence Avenue just at the point where the North Chester Baptist Church stands. If laid out in a straight line Chestnut Street will cut a portion of the front of the church building, but this can be avoided by running the street at a slight angle from a distant point and making it connect in a line with Chestnut Street as now opened. In all probability this latter plan will be adopted for the reason that there would be a large protest filed immediately were it made known that there was any possibility of destroying any part of the church property.

Arrangements are being made by Frank Tollin, the furniture dealer of old Edgmont Avenue to make extensive addition to his at present large storage and warehouse on Sixth Street, east of Welsh Street. At present the building faces on St Charles Street and extends about midway to Sixth Street and from there the lot is vacant. Business has grown to such an extent that Mr. Tollin is now planning as to the best manner by which to build an extension reaching to Sixth Street, making the Sixth Street front an attractive show room. The addition as proposed will have a frontage of about twenty-two feet on Sixth Street, and be two stories in height. Aside from the additional floor space the addition will give more room in which to store reserve stock, while the first floor will be fitted up as a show room in which will be kept heavy furniture and large articles. Plat glass windows will be fitted in the front. No definite plans have as yet been drawn for the improvement but they are under way.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – Building permits issued during the course of the past week have been as follows:

Suburban Gas Company – One-story frame building covered with corrugated iron on the east side of Highland Avenue between the Delaware River and Front Street, 16 to 18 feet

E. N. Pennell – Frame structure covered with corrugated iron in the lot on the north side of Twelfth Street between Chestnut and Hyatt Streets. Twenty-four by 18 feet and 16 feet in height.

George D. Hewes – Two-story brick addition in rear of property at 111 Thurlow Street, Fourteen by 20 feet

AT MARCUS HOOK – Marcus Hook has a boom coming along of one hundred and fifty houses, it is reported, to be erected by the American Viscose Company

Eddystone's boom continues to attract a considerable amount of attention, and the surrounding places are feeling the impetus in an increased demand for all kinds of houses.

From Haverford Township come reports of activities. Brookline and Ardmore will experience great growth this coming spring; while Drexel Hill, in Upper Darby Township, and other points in the same township are not waiting for spring to begin operations. Many houses will be erected in Drexel Hill within the next few months, and a contract has been let within a few days for two buildings, one a garage and the other a dwelling, which will cost \$16,500. The garage is for the Drexel Mill Motor Company, of which Harry Withington and George Hill are owners, and will be a stone, fireproof building 70-80 feet. It will cost \$10,000. The dwelling is a two and one-half story stone and stucco building for Lindsey H. Mason, of Philadelphia, the contractor being Harry W. Hoch of Drexel Hill. The plans were prepared by E. Kenny Crothers, architect, and the building must be completed by July 1st. The price is \$6500.

Clifton Heights, one of the busiest manufacturing boroughs of the county, is getting in line with other parts of the county and is beginning to build. Plans are being prepared for many houses in the borough, and contracts will be let shortly for four houses to be erected for Harry Snyder, two for Mrs. Alice McCormick, and two for Thomas Whelan, all of Clifton Heights. The houses will all be of brick, and will be two stories in height, and will be modern in their appointment. All will be on walnut Street.

J. Morton Warner of Bryn Mawr, has received a contract to build an addition to the house and stable on the Charles R. Snowden property at Bryn Mawr. The price will be \$5,175. P. A. Waltz, a Philadelphia contractor, has been awarded a contract for two hollow tile and frame houses on Kenmore Road, Oak Lane, for Guy L. Wheaton of Oak Lane, the price being \$7600. The contract for the plumbing in the new home for William Shewell Ellis at Moylan, has been let to the Joseph S. Borle Estate at a contract price of \$1050.

The Lansdowne and Darby Saving Fund and Trust Company as let a contract to the Charles McCaul Company of Philadelphia, for additions and alterations to the bank building at Lansdowne. The building is of stone and the addition will cost upward of %5000.

Charles Pierson of Media has had plans prepared for a brick garage building on the lot adjoining his present garage on Washington Street. The building will be 82 12x 100, and will have big show windows occupying practically the entire front. J. Wesley WorriLOW of Media has the contract to do the work. No price has been given.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds W. I. R. McClenachan:

Chester – Guiseppe DeBerardinis, Chester to Thomas F. Dolan of Chester, house and lot on Spruce Street, \$2150

Ridley Township – Milton Moyer of Philadelphia to Milton C. Greim of Morton, two lots at Faraday Park, \$350

Haverford Township – Suburbs Holding Company to Katie Quinlan of Villanova, lot at Ardmore Park, \$245

Chester – Nicholas Billstein of Chester to Meyer Bloomfield of same place, store and dwelling at Fifteenth and Potter Streets, \$5000

Chester – Henry I. Ackerman of Springfield Township to Robert C. Downey of Chester, house and lot on Twenty-Third Street, \$4000

Swarthmore – Cora Dexter Wood of Norwood to Alan C. Wood of same place, lot with building at College and Swarthmore Avenues, \$1

Media – Ciara A. Menagh of Media to Samuel Campbell of Media, house and lot on Front Street, \$2400