

CHESTER TIMES – March 11, 1916 – PROPERTIES CHANGE OWNERS – Transfer of City Real Estate During the Week Aggregate in Investments \$200,000

There was no abatement in the exchange of central real estate of the city during the week. If anything the sales, with one exception, went ahead in money value of those for a long time. Upwards of \$200,000 of business properties changed hands this week, and it is understood that these were purchased with a view of improving them. There is a feeling among some of the citizens that much of the land for which high prices are being paid is being bought in for speculation and not for development, but this suggestion does not hold good in the minds of the men who have inside information as to what the future holds for the city in a business sense. This city is not the only section off the county that is feeling the benefit of the coming to Eddystone and this city of the great industries. The announcement this week made by President Johnson of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, that Eddystone is destined to become a city of 200,000 was really the startling news of the week. Mr. Johnson is in a position to give out information, for his company's plant will be the main place of employment for the mechanics who will come here and, with their families, help swell the population of this city and vicinity.

BOOM OF YEADON – Yeadon, one of the smaller boroughs of Delaware County, is stepping into the forefront among the leaders with a building development which will be one of the largest of the year. This is a hundred-house development to be financed by Theodore Presser, a well-known publisher of Philadelphia, who recently purchased twenty acres of land in the borough. This tract of land lies along Church Land and Whitby Avenue, and is but a short distance from the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company's Chester Avenue line.

The operation as it is now planned, provides for one hundred houses of the semi-detached type, two stories in height and costing about \$2500 each, the total sum represented in the operation being over \$300,000. On the rear of the tract of land is the old Pembroke A. A. ball field. This will be made into an athletic field for employees of the Presser publishing house. The operation will be in charge of J. Cutler Fuller, a Philadelphia real estate broker.

Another tract which is beginning to attract attention in the real estate world of the county is the Hildebrand tract in Media. This tract lies in the exclusive residential section, and during the last month four of the plots, which average an acre in size, have been sold. Upon each of these a fine home will be erected, and it is understood that the aggregate for the four dwellings will not be less than \$25,000. The names of the purchasers are being withheld at this time.

There have been quite a number of smaller events of interest in real estate and building during the last week, with this city getting more than a full share of these. It is noticeable that among these is the purchase of his store by one merchant, the enlargement of a storehouse by another merchant, and the erection of a new store by a third. Abram Wolson of Chester has purchased his store on West Third Street, from Emma Smith, paying \$10,000 for the building. Frank Tullin, a furniture dealer, has plans ready for the enlargement of his building. The cost is not yet announced. William J. Farley, a department store keeper, broke ground yesterday on a building, which will extend from its present store on West Third Street to West Fourth Street, giving him one of the biggest stores in Chester.

Millard N. Croll, of Radnor Township, has been awarded a contract by Haverford College to erect two cottages for that college. They will correspond with other cottages on the property, and will cost \$10,597. Plans were prepared by Baily & Bassett, architects.

Flounders Brothers, Media contractors, have been awarded a contract to rebuild the house on the Joseph W. Jones farm in Middletown Township, which was burned down some months ago. The price is \$2950.

William R. Dougherty, a Philadelphia contractor, has been awarded a contract to erect two houses at Aronimink, Upper Darby Township, for Edward F. Hoffman, Esq., of Philadelphia. The contract price is \$11,000. The houses must be completed by July 5.

ERECTING SIXTY HOMES – Contractor Francis J. Moore has in hand at the present time sixty houses which he is erecting in this city and the vicinity of Linwood Heights. The houses which are being erected in this city are in the Eleventh Ward near Ninth Street and Highland Avenue while down in the neighborhood of Linwood Heights the operations are being conducted on a larger scale. The financing of the operations is by Philadelphia capital, and Mr. Moore has now in hand and laid out about all the work he will be able to handle during the next three years.

Architects have received bids for a handsome home to be erected at Springfield, to be constructed of stone and rough cast, two and a half stories and 66 feet by 27 feet. The names of the owner for the present is withheld. The architects are Savery, Scheetz and Savery of Philadelphia. The bids were due March 8.

Charles C. A. Becket of 4821 Kingsessing Avenue will build a residence at Lansdowne. The building will be hollow tile or frame and stucco, two and a half stories, 24 by 41 feet. Two bids are due March 15. Shore and Dodge of Philadelphia are the architects.

BIDS FOR NEW CHURCH – Bids on the new \$75,000 church of the St. Hedwig's parish in this city, were due on March 9. The specifications called for a one-story building, 135 by 67 feet, slate roof, steam heating, electric lighting, tile and marble work. Louis H. Giele, 1123 Broadway, New York is the architect.

The contract has been awarded by Haverford College for two residences at Haverford. The buildings will be stone and frame, two and a half stories, 25 by 40 feet each. Millard N. Croll of Radnor, was given the contract.

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

Upper Darby – James M. Thomas of Philadelphia to James Logue of Upper Darby, lot at Kirklyn, \$1

Swarthmore – Adelbert C. Lewis of Swarthmore to George H. Trexell of same place, lot with buildings on Dartmouth Avenue, \$400

Ridley Township – George Y. Edwards of Wyndom to Charles H. Lannert of Germantown, three lots at Wyndom, \$1

Marcus Hook – Willard T. Galbreath of Upper Chichester to Sebastiano Gulio of Marcus Hook, house and lot on Church Street, \$1000

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Mary H. O'Connor of Upper Darby, lot at Drexel Heights, \$230

Radnor Township – George H. Earle, Jr. of Philadelphia to Edgar B. Howard of Bryn Mawr, eight acres on Goshen Road, \$1

Tinicum Township - Christian Williamson of Manasquan, N. J. to Arletta C. Palmer of Chester, two lots with buildings at Lester, \$1,900