

CHESTER TIMES – April 10, 1915 – OUTLOOK FOR BUILDING GOOD –
Extensive Operation is the Northern Section of This City Will Shortly Be Commenced

What will be one of the largest building booms which has come to Delaware County in many years will soon be started on a large plot of ground known as “Sunnyside,” in the extreme northern section of this city, where two hundred dwellings and corner stores are to be erected. The land is situated along Chester Park, and it also adjoins PARK Place. The property was purchased last year by William Freihofer, a member of the firm of Freihofer Baking Company of Philadelphia. The land is now being laid out, and several streets are being cut through the plot, which will be paved. Plans for the dwellings and stores are now being prepared and bids will be asked for the work in the near future. The cost of this building operation will be about \$500,000. A short distance from Sunnyside is Brookhaven, which is also being rapidly developed. The plot cost \$70,000 and is on two trolley lines. It is one of the finest residential sections of Chester.

The Springfield Realty Company, which owns large tracts of land along the Media Short Line of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company in Springfield Township, has started development of that section which lies between Springfield Road and Saxer Avenue. Streets are being cut through which will be macadamized and paved, gas and water mains will soon be laid. This will necessitate an expenditure of \$60,000. As soon as the streets are graded, work on the erection of a number of houses will be started. The place is one of the prettiest in Delaware County and the realty company expects that at least one hundred houses will be built on the place this summer and fall.

PLANS FOR BUNGALOWS – The Philadelphia Construction and Building Company, which has acquired a large tract of land along Providence Avenue, Aldan, is preparing plans for the erection of twenty-five bungalows to cost about \$3,000 each. A general building boom has struck Aldan, and many houses and bungalows are going up in every section of the borough. However, the Aldan Board of Education has decided not to build a \$16,000 addition to the public school this year, as had been proposed.

Considerable building will be done in Prospect Park, which is rapidly growing to be one of the most progressive boroughs in Delaware County. Frederick Rankin will soon begin operation on an eleven-room two-and-one-half-story dwelling on Twelfth Avenue to cost \$6,000. Walter Austin has started to build a thirteen-room dwelling on Tenth Avenue, east of Washington Avenue to cost \$5,000.

The McNichol Paving and Construction Company, Cantrell Construction Company, Cantrell Construction Company, Fred Buckius Company, and Martin & Miller, who were recently awarded contracts to the amount of \$150,000, have all signed their contracts and filed their bonds, and on next Monday work will be started in Drexel Hill, Keystone, Cardigton and Highland Park on the construction of sewers.

Albert Pryor of Media, who recently purchased eight acres of woodland just outside of Media and in Upper Providence, is cutting out the chestnut trees, and plotting the place in three-quarter acre plots for the building of bungalows. These tracts are selling at \$375. The site is ideal for bungalows being high and close to Media.

John A. Wood, the real estate broker, reports having sold the three-story dwelling at Eighth and New Market Streets; a bungalow at Park Place, a dwelling at No. 317 East Tenth Street and a dwelling at 325 East Tenth Street.

Albert V. Baxter of this city has nearly completed his new home at “Sunset,” Brookhaven.

Cement walks are being constructed along the Norfolk tract above Park Place in the First Ward.

W. H. Lodge is having new roofs placed on the two brick houses owned by him at Norfolk.

AT SWARTHMORE – M. Atlee Ermold is building a new house on Yale Avenue near Chester Road.

The contract for a stone dwelling on Elm Avenue for Mrs. Henrietta G. S. Jaquette has been awarded to J. W. Meckert & Co. of Ridley Park.

The house of the Seven Gables owned by Mr. Merritt has been sold.

MANY HOMES SOLD – Lewis & Hopkins report the sale of a number of homes in Chester, the most recent being the sale of properties Nos. 626 and 628 East Broad Street and No. 1108 Potter Street. The demand for properties for rent is gradually increasing, they having rented a number of houses in the past two weeks.

BIG OPERATION – Operations for the erection of the forty dwellings at Linwood Heights, the contract for which was let by John Keegan last week, are underway. The excavation work for the large majority of the new buildings has been finished and men are now engaged in preparing the foundations. Indications point toward the erection of many other houses on the Linwood Heights plot before the summer property sets in, many contractors from this locality having plans for estimates at the present time.

A force of workmen have been placed at work preparing ground for the erection of a large garage building on Post Road, Marcus Hook. The garage is being built for Joseph Cross and when completed will be capable of housing a large number of cars. A part of the front will be used for office purposes by the owner.

The United Roofing Company intends to start within a short time to enlarge their present plant at Marcus Hook. They have acquired a large strip of ground for this purpose and the starting of work on the new buildings will be welcomed by laboring men, as the company has given its employees steady work during the past year.

Contractor George D. Hewes has just completed the erection of four houses on Ninth Street, Marcus Hook, and they are now in readiness for occupancy. His son, Contractor Walter Hewes, is erecting two houses on the Ridge Road at Trainer and the bricklayers will finish work today. Next week he will start the erection of six dwellings at Sixth and Throw Streets, in this city and push them to an early completion.

Harry W. Koch, real estate broker, Drexel Hill, reports having leased the store and dwelling at the corner of Garrett Road and Edmonds Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa. to Clement J. Sharkey; also the sale of a detached dwelling on Bansal Avenue, Drexel Hill, Pa. to Harry G. Up house, formerly of Johnstown, Pa., assistant to the general manager of sales of the Cambria Steel Company. Mr. Koch has accepted the contract for the erection of a detached dwelling at Drexel Hill, Pa. for Frank R. Herbert. Sub-bids are being taken.

TRANSFERS AND AGREEMENTS – These real estate transfers were recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds:

Upper Providence – Joseph Richardson, executor of the estate of Ellen F. Steeper to Edward V. Steeper of Upper Providence, house and lot on Orange Street Road, \$3,000

Darby Township – Sharon Building Association to Humphrey H. Grebes of New York, house and lot on Oak Lane, \$1,200.

Upper Chi Chester – William H. Talley of Upper Chi Chester to Nathan Jones of the same place, house and lot on Newman's Creek Road, \$2,000

Chester - Emma Pierce of Chester to William Davis of same place, house and lot at 325 East Fourth Street, \$1,500

Upper Chi Chester – Richard L. Stiner of Upper Chi Chester, nine acres with building adjoining Lorenza D. M. McClintock's property, \$3,500

Chester – Holstein H. Fields of Chester to John Lip of Same place, house and lot at 2602 West Seventh Street \$1,650

Ridley Park – Estates Development Company to John McKenna of Philadelphia, two lots at Crum Lynne, \$1,180

Ridley Park – Thomas B. Donohoe of Philadelphia to John V. Moore of Prospect Park, house and lot on Kedron Avenue, \$2,400

Newtown Square – Charles H. Edmunds of Philadelphia to William Pepper of same place, seven acres on Bishop Hollow Road, \$3,000

Llanerch – Charles X. Taylor of Haverford to Charles Hele of Highland Park, lot with buildings, \$1,500

Media – Florence E. Brinton of Philadelphia to Catherine Marshall Upper Providence, lot with buildings on Monroe Street, \$1,800

Chester – Lee E. Cooper of Chester to William H. Turner of same place, house and lot at Eighth and Market Streets, \$1,000

These building agreements were filed with the prothonotary:

R. C. Ballinger & Co. of Philadelphia to build addition to stone house south of Newtown square and to be completed by June 19; consideration, \$7,125

E. Oscar Lobb, contractor of Llanerch to build a stone dwelling for Mrs. Margaret J. Davis on Coopertown and Manoa Roads, Llanerch; consideration \$6,635.35

Warren Woodworking Company to furnish vestibule panels, mantels and tile floor for houses on West Chester Pike, Upper Darby for Wadas and Jones, owners; consideration \$622.50

Competitive bids are being received by the Board of Education of Upper Darby Township for the erection of a stone schoolhouse at the corner of the West Chester Pike and Kelly's Lane, Highland Park to cost \$45,000

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