

CHESTER TIMES – April 24, 1915 – IN THE REAL ESTATE WORLD –
General Price Has Started the Grading and Laying Out of Streets on the Preston Lake

There were no real large building contracts given out during the past week in this vicinity although the contractors and builders have many inquiries in regard to new buildings many of the dwellings. General William G. Price was commenced the grading and laying out of the streets through what for years was known as Preston Lake, owned by the late Joshua P. Eyre. Some time ago Mr. Price had plans before Council which showed a good sized model city to take the place of the vacant plot of land which for years was the main sources of the ice supply for the people of this city. Whether the contemplated village will become a reality in the near future is not known at this time, but the fact that General Price has started the grading and laying out of the streets is taken as an indication that there will be some building done in the near future.

With the fine driveway in the A. O. Deshong Memorial along the Chester River completed and the improvements contemplated by General Price will give to that section of the city a vastly different appearance. That portion of the city lying north of Ninth Street between Barclay and the Chester River is destined to become an attractive part of the city at no distant day.

COLLINGDALE BOOMING – Collingdale, which for several years has been growing in bounds from a very small borough to a large and progressive municipality is still in the forefront in building, and this summer will no doubt see several hundred additional dwellings erected. Frank B. Rhodes, a lawyer of Media, who has already built many splendid dwellings in Collingdale is contemplating the erection of forty two-story dwellings, to be erected on Staley and Lincoln avenues. This operation alone would mean an expenditure of nearly \$100,000. Milton Staley, of Collingdale, is building ten two-story dwellings on Cherry Street and Chester Pike, Collingdale. Those houses will cost about \$30,000. Contractor Wilford Staley is building four brick dwellings on Amosland Avenue, Holmes, for Richard Pundy of Darby to cost \$7,000. Wilford Staley is also building a \$2000 dwelling for Peter Staley in Collingdale Samuel A. Howes and Son of Chester, are erecting a bungalow on Walnut Street, Collingdale, for Mrs. Mary Winters, this to cost about \$2000.

The Borough of Millbourne is contemplating the erection of a town hall. Millbourne for its size is reputed to be the prettiest and wealthiest borough in this state. The borough council at its meeting this week, decided to have plans prepared at once for a town hall which will also provide for a room for the fire company. The town hall is expected to cost about \$8000.

WILL DEVELOP NEW TOWN – T. Elwood Allison, owner of a beautiful tract of ninety acres in Nether Providence Township, is preparing to develop the property for a new town. The land is situated between two trolley lines, the Media Short Line of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company and the Delaware County Line of the Southern Pennsylvania Traction Company. Mr. Allison has prepared plans for the erection of nine handsome stone and stucco dwellings to be erected on the Baltimore Pike front of the property on which the Delaware County Line operates its line. These houses will cost nearly \$5000 each. Mr. Allison is building a new road through the part of the land north of the Media Short Line. This part of the tract is covered with many tall shade trees. As soon as the place shows any growth, the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company will

erect a trolley station at Allison's Crossing. The indications point strongly that the property will develop into a splendid town during the summer.

Contractor Thomas F. Manley of Clifton Heights is building two stone and frame dwellings for P. Mahoney at Oakview. The dwellings will cost \$5500 each. Contractor Manley is also building a \$3000 house for John Sandy at Oakview.

Jordan Brothers, builders of Clifton Heights have been awarded a contract to build two two-story dwellings for Robert Lehr, on walnut Street, Clifton Heights. Consideration \$4000. Jordan Brothers also have a contract to lay a maple floor in St. John's Orphanage, Philadelphia.

OUT IN THE COUNTY – P. Halbach of Philadelphia has been hired to erect a new plant for the Primos Chemical Company at Primos, this county. The building will be constructed of brick and concrete, will be two stories high and have a dimension of 42 by 125 feet. It will have a slag roof, electric light, steam heat.

It is expected that the contract will shortly be let for the new \$25,000 home for William H. Miller, president of the First National Bank of Media. The house will be built on the old homestead which occupies one square on North Jackson and Third Street.

Bids are being received for a new apartment house at Norwood to be built for J. J. Dougherty of Norwood. The building will be two and one-half stories high, 20 by 50 feet, shingle and slag roof, electric light, hot water heating. The building will contain six apartments.

The Teacher's Training School, at Cheyney, this county, is asking bids for a new disposal plant to consist of terra cotta pipe, stone work, brick work and concrete work. Some of the bids have been received by the architect.

Miss A. Hartshorne of Philadelphia is asking bids for the erection of a garage in the township of Haverford.

Harry W. Koch of Drexel Hill reports the sale of a lot corner Riverview and Marshall Road Drexel Hill to Mrs. Ramsay of Philadelphia. She will occupy a house at Drexel Hill pending the erection of her new home.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby, at the court house:

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to John Wilson of same place, lot at Clover Hill, \$500

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Anna M. Turner and Regina C. Turner of same place, lot on Huey Avenue, Drexel Hill, \$350

Darby – Edgar H. Penny packer of Darby to Cora M. Hoag of Darby, lot with buildings at Seventh and Commerce Street, \$1100

Upper Darby – Catherine Berner of Clifton Heights to Elizabeth Chestnut of same place, two lots on Garrett Road, Drexel Heights, \$500

Collingdale – Darius Pedrick off Collingdale to Elizabeth P. Hagan of same place, house and lot on Parker Avenue, Nom.

Radnor Township – Walter Laurence Bacon of Wayne to Walter E. Andrews of same place, lot with buildings on Oak Lane, \$2200

Radnor Township – Henry V. Massey, Jr. of Montgomery County to Margaret L. Hess of Radnor Township, lot with buildings on Francis Avenue, Nom.