

CHESTER TIMES – May 27, 1916 – PROGRESS IN REAL ESTATE – Extensive Building Operations Under Way in the County and Contractors are Busy

Building has been started at Springfield, one of the most promising real estate developments of the county, and a big force of men, is at work grading streets, putting in sewers and water mains, laying cement walks, and macadamizing streets. Another force is putting up houses of which there will be twelve or fourteen built this summer with a possibility of more if the demand warrants it. A number of the houses built last summer have been sold and are now occupied and the Springfield Real estate Company, which is promoting the tract, expects to see a dozen more families there before the end of the present summer.

The bulk of the work being started along building lines lies in or near this city, which is one of the busiest centers of building in the State just at this time. The industries here have been developing so rapidly that there is a great dearth of houses and the demand for dwellings promises to increase rather than decrease. The biggest thing of the week in the line of dwellings is the staking out of a property at Waterville, just outside of Chester, for the erection of two hundred and fifty houses, work upon which will be begun as soon as possible.

The contract has been let for three stores at 521, 523, and 525 Market Street, which will be built for H. M. McCoy, Richard Spencer and Sweeney A. Clyde, to Flounder Brothers at their bid of \$27,087.20. The buildings will be of brick and will have apartments above. Plans were prepared by Paul A. Davis, 3rd, a Philadelphia architect.

Samuel A. Montgomery of this city has let to William Ward, a Chester contractor, the contract for six stores and apartments to be built at Ninth and Edgmont Avenue, Chester. The price is \$14,387, but the contract does not include plumbing and heating which was let by separate contract to Horace W. White of this city, for \$2445. J. Franklin Levering is the architect. Work was commenced yesterday on this improvement.

The contract will be awarded, probably, within a few days for the new bank building for the Delaware County Trust Company. The building will be at Fifth and Market Streets, will be eight stories high and will cost approximately \$150,000. Plans are being prepared for the expenditure of \$500,000 for a new school building and there are many other items of building work either under way or about to be started

IN THE COUNTY – Out in the county there is more much work, going forward and more planned for the summer. George S. Roe, a Philadelphia contractor, has been awarded a contract to build a pair of twin houses for Edward G. Hays of Pittsburgh, at Lester, Tinicum Township. The price is \$3300.

Work has been started upon clearing the lot for Media's new \$75,000 post offices, bids for which will be asked within a few weeks. An old house which stood on State Street, Media, upon a site purchased recently for the erection of five store properties, has been torn down and the debris is being cleared away. H. J. Makiver and J. L. Rigby will build the stores.

George Turner, a Highland Park builder, has been awarded a contract to build a two and one-half-story stone house at Highland Park for John H. Gorke of Philadelphia. The price is \$5350. Williamson & Weischedel, Lima builders was the successful bidders for dwelling to be built in Middletown Township by Milton S. Long. The price is not made public.

Clara Snyder of Clifton Heights has let a contract to Charles Gilligan, a Clifton Heights builder, to build two pairs of semi-detached houses on Walnut Street, Clifton Heights. The price is \$7380.

Lawrence D. Beggs of Ardmore has awarded a contract to the Graham-Campton Company of Philadelphia for a fine dwelling at Haverford, the price being \$25,000. McIlvaine and Roberts are the architects.

MILLIONS IN BUILDINGS –With 100 houses being built at Yeadon on a 10 acre tract recently purchased by Theodore Preliser of Philadelphia, representing a total expenditure of \$350,000; the erection of a new school at Highland Park, at a cost of \$65,000; an \$85,000 school at Ridley Park; big improvements and new dwellings at Bywood and at Springfield, the giving out of a contract for the erection of 50 dwellings and 100 more contemplated by John H. McClatchy, Upper Darby Township, near the Sixty-Ninth Street terminal, nearly every other borough in the county is on the eve of it building boom such as it has never had before.

Builders estimate that the value of the dwellings alone will aggregate more than \$1,000,000, which is entirely apart from the great industrial plants that are being erected at Chester, Leiperville, Eddystone, Marcus Hook and in other boroughs valued at thrice that much.

OTHER OPERATIONS – Among the operations at Springfield is that of four stores and apartments to be built for the Springfield Real Estate Company. These will be of brick and plaster, two and a half stories, 50x100 feet, with modern improvements.

Five residences are also to be built by the same company of stone, brick and plaster, two and a half stories. Plans for the above mentioned structures are in progress.

Mrs. E. C. Kirke of Lansdowne is having her fine residence renovated in the way of general alterations. The architects have received the bids.

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

Chester – Josiah Bunting of Montgomery County to Joseph T. Harris of Chester, house and lot on Deshong Street, north of Seventh street, \$1000

Springfield Township – Simon S. Bennett of Lansdowne to Philadelphia and Garrettford Street Railway Company, four and six-tenths acres on Springfield Road, \$3234