

CHESTER TIMES – January 22, 1916 – COSTLY SIDING MAY DEFEAT SALE –  
Railroad Company Said to want \$135,000 to Connect Mill Property in Aston

It is said that only the price asked by the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Company for the running of a siding into the property stands in the way of the sale of the big mills at Llewellyn, Aston township, owned by Joseph H. Parvin of Philadelphia, to a company the identity of which is being kept secret, but which is believed to be either the DuPont Powder Company or the Remington arms Company. With the mills will go, if the sale is consummated, 115 houses and 142 acres of land. Negotiations have been under way for some time, but as yet, the sale has not been consummated, it is declared.

It was at first pretty generally believed that the DuPont Company was the intending purchaser, but recent reports are that the Remington Company intends purchasing the plant, and will use it as an auxiliary to the main plant at Eddystone, a siding at the Llewellyn plant being all that is needed to make direct railway connections. It is said that the price asked by the railroad to put in this siding is \$135,000, which is about equal to the price of the property. There are nine mills in all, but brick structures which cost over half a million to build, and they comprised the plant of Rhodes Brothers, at one time extensive manufacturers of woolen goods. They have not been operated for the last four years. The houses are all of brick.

The winter sluggishness, which always comes at this time of the year in real estate lines, is very noticeable at this time as compared to the activity of a few weeks ago, although real estate men say that for this time of year there is unusual activity. All are busy, and each week a few contracts are let in the county, while there is much work in progress. Probably the largest contract let during the week was that for a residence for George Wood at Wawa, the contract price which is \$41,591.12. Plans for this dwelling were prepared by Baily & Bassett, architects, and the building must be completed by September 20, 1916.

IMPORTANT CONTRACT LET – J. J. Caylor and C. V. Snider, both of Washington have let to J. M. Wolford of the same place, a contract for a two-story brick store and apartment building on Edgmont Avenue near Seventh Street, this city. The price is \$6500. The same parties have let a contract to the same contractor for alterations to a three-story building on Thirteenth Street, Eddystone, which is to be converted into a boarding house. The price is \$500.

Upper Darby Township is looking about for a site for a township building the commissioners having in mind the erection of a \$25,000 structure. The commissioners are looking for a site that is centrally located and is suitable for such a building. It is proposed to have the building include a police station, meeting rooms for township commissioners and board of health, room for borough engineer, and other officers.

A building agreement between R. C. Ballinger & Co. of Philadelphia contractors, and William Showell Ellia, owner of Moylan for the erection of a brick residence and garage at Moylan has been recorded at Media. Plans were prepared by George S. Morris and Richard Erskine, architects. The contract calls for \$700 and cost of materials and labor.

The Benzol Products Company of Marcus Hook have let contracts for improvements to their plant aggregating \$45,000. The improvement will consist of three buildings, one of which will be a research building to cost \$15,000. All will be of fireproof construction similar to those already occupied and in operation.

BIG LAND PURCHASE – Fifty acres of land on the West Chester Pike, opposite Sixty—Ninth Street Avenue, have been sold to John H. McTerminal from Garrett Road to Powell Glatchey, one of the best-known real estate dealers and builders in Philadelphia. While

the exact price paid for the ground cannot be ascertained, it is understood to have exceeded \$50,000. The transaction is one of the largest and most important made for some time.

It is the intention of Mr. McGlatchey, who built quite a considerable part of West Philadelphia, to begin as soon as possible on the erection of 50 semi-attached houses of English architecture to cost \$6500 each. There will be a garage for each building.

The street will be one of the most unique in this county or any part of the State. They will be 100 feet wide and flower beds will grace the center of the thoroughfares. Drawings are now in course of preparation by some of the best landscape artists. By early summer it is believed that 200 houses will have been completed.

**SOME PROSPECTIVE BUILDINGS** – January 31 has been set for bids to be in the hands of the architect for the new public school for the borough of Marcus Hook. The plans sent out to builders and contractors call for a two-story brick structure, 45 by 104 feet, slag roof, slate blackboards, and metal lath. The plumbing, heating and lighting are reserved out of the general contract. Plans may be obtained from the architect by builders depositing \$45.

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Nadine C. Prew of Wayne is preparing to erect a new home for himself in the town of Ithan, this county. It will be of frame and stucco, two and one-half stories, 27 by 52 feet, shingle roof, vapor heating, electric lighting, tile work. Bids are due today to be in the hands of the architect.

Earle Mendenhall of Philadelphia, has plans out for a new residence and garage to be built in Haverford Township. It will cost \$20,000. The building will be constructed of stone, lumber and rough cast and will be two and one-half stories, shingle roof, hot water heating, hard wood floors, tile work and have electric lights.

Haverford College officials are preparing to build two residences. They and one-half stories, 25 by 40 feet each, shingle roof, hot water heating, electric lighting, tile work. Bids will be taken in about ten days and work will be pushed along after the contracts are let.

The engineers are ready to accept bids on a new addition to the plant of the Griswold Worsted Company in the borough of Darby. This will consist of a brick building, three stories high slag roof, steam heating, electric lights.

**NEW HOTEL FOR EDDYSTONE** – A number of contractors are figuring on the work of erecting a \$150,000 hotel for the Remington Hotel Company, to be located in the borough of Eddystone close to the big Remington and Baldwin works. Bids for this big improvement are due to be in the hands of the architects on Monday of next week. The building will be constructed of brick and steel, steam heating, electric lights, tile work, concrete fire proofing.

**COSTLY OF RESIDENCE OF HAVERFORD** – One of the important contracts let during the week was for the erection of a \$30,000 dwelling for J. Heron Crozman, Jr., in the township of Haverford. This residence will be built out of hollow tile and plaster two and one-half stories high 24 by 112 feet, slate roof tile work, oak flooring hot air heating, plumbing and

electric work are reserved out of the bids. The contract was awarded to James H. Wells, of Philadelphia.

A FEW SMALLER ONES – Work is rapidly progressing on the alterations to the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company's office building, Sixth and Welsh Streets. Contractor H. Louis Morris expects to have the work completed in two weeks.

The extensive changes at the Alpha Boat Club, the foot of Welsh Street, are nearing completion.

On account of the cold snap during the fore part of the week the work on the row of dwellings being built by Samuel R. Bell, on Lloyd Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets, were held up.

Samuel R. Bell, real estate agent of this city is having the warehouse of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Trainer razed.

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

Upper Darby – Joseph M. Collom of Drexel Hill to Percy Kessler of Collingdale, two lots at Bloomfield, \$1

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Chester Township – James M. Wolford of Washington to Richard Eppes of Petersburg, Va. and James F. Tilghman of Newport News, Va., right, title and interest on Engle Street, \$6000

Eddystone – James M. Wolford of Washington to John Riashy of Richmond, Va., two lots on Leiper Street, \$1450

East Lansdowne – Ernest Zigman of East Lansdowne to William E. Shaw of Philadelphia, two lots on Wildwood Avenue, \$1

Ridley Township – Sarah F. Ford of Darby to Mary G. Eddleman of Philadelphia, two lots with buildings at Oakland, \$1

Collingdale – Mary G. Eddleman of Philadelphia to Sarah F. Ford of Darby, lot with buildings at Parker Avenue and Cherry Street, \$1

Upper Darby – Charles H. Dedrick of Wisconsin to Alvina H. Hoffman of Philadelphia, lot on Blythe Street, \$1