

CHESTER TIMES – February 19, 1916 – SIXTY-FOUR NEW HOUSES ARE TO BE ERECTED IN SECOND WARD – Chester Realty Company Purchases Valuable Tract of Land on Twelfth Street From Walter S. Bickley For This Purpose, and Work Will Start in Near Future

Through the offices of the Chester Realty Company of which General William G. Price is the head, bids are being received for the erection of 64 modern houses which will be constructed on the plot of ground bounded by Twelfth Street, Upland Street and Potter Street, formerly known as the “Old Chester Ball Park.” It is expected that this operation will involve over \$200,000 and is one of the largest that has been attempted in Chester for a long time.

Despite the fact that negotiations have been under way for some time, and the deal for the sale of the property was not closed until a few days ago, the promoters have gone ahead with the work of getting out the plans, with the result that as soon as it was safe to do so the plans were placed in the hands of contractors and the proposition is now in such shape that it is the intention to have the contracts awarded and have the actual labor begin sometime during the early part of next month and by the early part of the summer have the buildings completed and ready for occupancy. Immediately upon completion they will be open for rental and sale.

This transaction is a most important one and will do much, it is believed, to give encouragement to some of the real estate men and builders who have been backward in following up the spirit of progress which has struck the city. The sale was completed by General Price, who sold for Walter S. Bickley the property mentioned, and it has gone into the hands of interests of a most progressive nature.

In addition to the new houses, the city will get a new street, a 40-foot thoroughfare being planned, extending from Upland to Potter Street. At the session of City Council next Monday morning, a communication will be presented to that body tendering to the municipality the highway and asking its acceptance. It is not believed by any person at all familiar with the offer that there will be any hesitancy on the part of the city in accepting the offer and taking every possible advantage of the opportunity to make the improvement.

The promoters of the buildings have adopted as the name of the new structures the “Sun Lite” houses, they being of the model which will have plenty of light as well as ventilation.

According to the plans there will be 20 houses on Twelfth Street eight on both Upland and Potter Streets, as well as 28 on the new street which has been laid out. Three different styles of houses will be included in the project, each of which will have a front and rear yard with iron fences. The houses will be two stories, porch, and each will have three bedrooms with bath and basins, while on the first floor, in addition to the customary rooms, there will be a laundry and other fittings. The interior of the bedrooms will be of white with mahogany floors and glass door knobs and every detail will be closely looked after. For heating purposes, there will be hot water and also hot air in some of the houses, while the lighting will be both gas and electricity. Combination ranges will be installed in a number of the houses, while in others there will be the gas ranges only.

One or two other propositions of considerable magnitude are now on their way through the offices of General Price and before the spring has far advanced it is expected they will be in shape to announce.

SALE ON SEVENTH STREET – Negotiations were closed yesterday by which the sale of a plot of ground on Seventh Street, immediately adjoining the Young Women’s Christian association was completed, the purchasers being the firm of J. & De. Oliver, who for a number of years have conducted a general gas, electric and plumbing business at 625 Market Street. The

plot of ground in 25 x 120 feet and the reported purchase price was \$200 a foot, making the total amount to \$5000. This price is looked upon as being a good figure for that location.

Recently the property on Market Street, which has been occupied by the Oliver firm, was purchased by Sweeney & Clyde and the tenants have been notified to vacate within a certain period. The Oliver's lost no time and immediately looked around and selected the plot which was purchased yesterday. Plans have not yet been completed for the style of the building, which will be erected, but the purchasers have practically decided upon erecting a thoroughly modern three-story brick structure, fitted up with all the latest improvements on the second and third floors and use the street floor for a display room and the conduct of their own business.

**NEW OFFICE BUILDING** – Messrs. Mowbray and Hilfinger of 56 Liberty Street, New York City, have been selected as architects for the office building to be erected on the present site of the Clayton Building at Market Square.

The building will be of steel, marble and tile construction, six stories with double elevators.

There will be running water in each office and to obviate the annoyance and expense of removing safes, steel fire proof safes will be installed in each office when rented. The building will have a frontage on Third Street of 49 feet 6 inches with a depth of 112 feet, giving ample room for the Delaware County Trust Company on the first floor and fourteen offices on each of the floors above. The present building, erected about 1886 will be demolished and work commenced on the new building about April 15.

**MORE HOUSES COMPLETED** – Arthur Machin Company have completed six magnificent twin residences on Twentieth Street at Chestnut. They have introduced several new features in home building that will readily find favor with prospective purchasers. The houses are of brick and plaster construction, have real fireplaces, hardwood floors, a back stairway and enclosed porches. The location is excellent, all the surrounding properties being improved by homes of the higher class. The street is paved and flanked on each side by row of popular several years old. The Machin concern built the “airlite” houses on Twenty-Second Street at Providence Avenue and on Madison Street, above Twenty-Second. These houses were soon sold after being completed.

**SOME OTHER DEALS** – Harry E. Marlor of Norwood has let a contract during the last few days to John J. Murphy & Company of Philadelphia, for the erection of a stone house and garage on Church Road, Wallingford. Plans and specifications were prepared by Bunting and Shrigley, architects, and the contract price is \$13,973.

John M. Hiltner of Philadelphia has awarded a contract to Eugene T. Lever a Philadelphia contractor, for a two and one-half story house at Bywood. The price is \$4575. A building agreement has been filed showing the awarding of a contract by Walter Rhoads White of Lansdowne. The contract does not include grading, electric lighting and heating. The architect is Thomas M. Kellogg. The price is \$4016.

Mary M. Ford of this city, has purchased a house and lot at Ninth and Morton Avenue, Chester from the Delaware County Trust Company. The price is \$3000. John Keegan of Marcus Hook, has sold a house and lot at Linwood Heights to Harriet M. Moore of Chester.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS** – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds McClenahan.

Morton – The Faraday Improvement Company to William E. Thompson of Philadelphia, two lots at Faraday Park, \$350

Thornbury – Thuanizin R. Kimes of Philadelphia to Jane Davis of Philadelphia, four acres with buildings on Dilworthtown Road, \$1550

Chester – Delaware County Trust Company to Banet Moskowitz of Chester, lot with store building at Ninth and Edgmont Avenue, \$10,000