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A BIG BUILDING OPERATION BEGUN – Two Hundred Houses will be Erected in Upper Darby Township This Year – Back By Strong Concern

Two hundred houses and five stores will be erected on a large tract of land in Upper Darby, and the work has already been started by Fry and Company of Philadelphia, who have broken ground for the dwellings. This company some time ago purchased the property and it was understood at the time that it meant to make use of the land for extensive building operations. It is believed that there have been few larger building operations in the county outside of the city of Chester.

The company in question purchased from the sellers Estate at Milbourne, near Sixty-third and Market Streets, a short time ago the tract of land, which has been cut in building lots. Several business men in Delaware County are interested in the development company.

Three streets have been cut through the plot and it will form a veritable village by itself. Springfield water has been introduced and fire hydrants installed.

The actual work of digging the foundation has begun and it is believed that the houses will be erected in record time, and that no delays will be permitted. The promoters plan to have the work all completed this fall and to have the dwellings occupied as soon as possible.

The streets will be macadamized and paved by the owners of the operation, and a sewer system will be installed at the same time. In many of these respects, it is said, it will become an ideal community, free from the dust and heat of Philadelphia, but offering ready access to that city.

The dwellings will be modern in every way, and applications for the new houses have already been received by the company. Many people have been demanding dwellings of the kind described by the promoters and most of these people have wanted them in Delaware County.

The movement is of great interest to the people of this county, as it marks another link with the adjoining city of Philadelphia. At various times the proposition to annex Delaware County to Philadelphia has been discussed. The building up of the territory contiguous to Philadelphia will lend a new argument to the people believing in annexation.

The new community will be inhabited largely by persons who reside in Philadelphia. The transportation facilities are good and they can readily reach their places of business or employment. At the same time they have some of the delights which cannot be obtained in Philadelphia. "Anyhow," said one of the promoters, "people would rather reside in Delaware County."