

CHESTER TIMES – April 29, 1916 – SHIPYARD WILL HELP EDDYSTONE –  
Builders and Investors See Great Future for the Borough in Realty Matters

The announcement this week that this city is to have a new shipyard, had given life to the real estate boom in the borough of Eddystone, investors and builders figuring that the borough will benefit almost as much as this city by the coming of this wonderful river front improvement. The big yard extends up to Ridley Creek which is the dividing line between the borough and this city and the investors in real estate are figuring that people are just as likely to build in Eddystone and need homes there as this city in view of the fact that many believe that it will be but a short time before Eddystone becomes a part of this city. The closing of the post office and also the office of Adams Express Company, making them Chester offices, has started much talk in the direction of annexation. Some idea of what confidence minded men have in the future of Eddystone is reflected in the following transactions during the present week:

In the line of building operations, the biggest deal pulled off this week was the awarding of the contract by the Globe Realty Company of which the Hon. Max E. Noustadter, chairman of the Highway Committee of the state of Virginia, is president, to William Ward, for the erection of five stores on Simpson Street, right opposite the employment office of the Remington Arms Company. Two of the stores will be 20x95 feet and three will be 20x95 feet. This is the first of a series of operations that the globe Realty Company will start, they having acquired through S. H. Adelman, the real estate broker, fifty building lots and on each of them a good building will be erected with as little delay as possible.

Sisag Mahjoubian, a builder of Philadelphia, who is now erecting the Hotel Delaware on Ninth Street, corner of Eddystone Avenue, is having plans drawn by R. H. Jaggars, for the erection of five apartment houses – three stories, each 20x40 feet. These five buildings will adjoin his present hotel. Mr. Mahjoubian acquired 200 feet of additional ground opposite this hotel and will erect thereon five more apartment houses upon the completion of the first five, that he is having plans drawn for at the present time.

Norris Handle, the department store owner of Camden, N. J., has awarded the contract for the erection of a big building on Saville Avenue, between Tent and Eleventh Streets. The building will be entirely of white tile and will be known as the “Handle Building.” The lot is 40x142 ½ feet. Mr. Handle also acquired a number of private dwellings on Saville Avenue that he is remodeling into store fronts.

Max Stadlen, an attorney of Philadelphia, who recently purchased for a syndicate of Philadelphia capitalists, a plot of ground for \$27,000 from Messrs. Sweeney & Clyde, Chester agents of the Simpson Estate, is having plans drawn for two-story apartment houses. It is his intention to first erect one row of twenty-nine houses and upon their completion, erect the balance. In all, about sixty houses are contemplated.

Harry West of Lancaster, Pa., who runs a chain of clothing stores throughout the country, purchased a store on Saville Avenue on the north side of the Eclipse Theatre and will remodel the building for a men’s clothing store. The store on the south side of the Eclipse Theatre has been said to Thomas A. Scabies, who is equipping an ice cream and candy store.

500 HOUSES FOR BOROUGH – The recent statement of President Johnson of Baldwin Locomotive works that Eddystone will be a center of activity with a population of 200,000 inhabitants, and the fact that new industries are contemplated here on account of the wonderful natural facilities of Eddystone is instilling great confidence in all who are either building, investing or settling in that new wonder city which six months ago was nothing else but a large

tract of meadows. Before the summer is over, five hundred houses will be erected. Ground for that amount has already been purchased and plans are being developed.

In some other parts of the country there is a demand for residences for Philadelphia business people and houses are being taken up as fast as they are erected. Wadas & Jones erected upward of sixty houses last summer in Upper Darby Township along the West Chester Pike. All were taken up almost as soon as completed. Other points in Upper Darby and Haverford Townships are finding the demand greater than the supply, and in one instance, in the McClatchey project near Sixty-Ninth Street, there were offers received for eighty houses of one hundred and fifty planned, before a spade was put in the ground to build. Down at Springfield, on the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company's Media division, a house was advertised one day in the papers, and the following day there were one hundred and thirty inquiries and the house was sold.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT – Media has awakened from its long period of lethargy, and with the organization of a Board of Trade is to begin a new lease of life. The immediate result is the purchase by J. Lord Rigby and Harry J. Makiver of a tract of ground and an old house on west State Street. The house will be torn down, and several stores and dwellings erected. Plans for these are now being prepared. Report has it that there will be other buildings erected, and several houses, mentioned before in this column, are under way. A contract was let this week by Caroline C. Biddle of Media, to R. C. Ballinger & Co. of Philadelphia, for a fine residence on Jackson Street. The price has not been announced, but the cost will be about \$7500.

J. Dillwyn Durnall, a Swarthmore contractor, has received a contract from Samuel C. Palmer of Swarthmore, for the erection of a residence at Swarthmore. The price is \$5535. Charles B. Harper, a Ridley Township contractor, has been awarded a contract by Mikolay Zeleniuk of Ridley Township, for two two-story brick houses at Leiperville. The price is \$4000.

The Philadelphia Railroad Company is to build a central freight station at Fernwood for the accommodation of all of that section of Upper Darby Township and Lansdowne, it is understood. Several years ago the company purchased a strip of land along the railroad between Baltimore and Pembroke Avenues, and extending back to Union Avenue. Upon this strip the new station will be erected, and it will take the place of the stations at Lansdowne, Fernwood, Cardington and Pembroke stations. There is no sufficient siding space at any of these stations, and the new station will be centrally located and of sufficient size to accommodate the work of the four it will supersede.

Horace B. Manley of Philadelphia, has awarded a contract to S. G. Humphreys of East Lansdowne, for a bungalow at East Lansdowne for a bungalow at East Lansdowne. The contract does include grading, range, hardware, painting and light fixtures. The price is \$1850.

HOUSES GOING UP RAPIDLY – The work is steadily progressing on the building of sixty-eight dwellings on the large plot of ground formerly used as Chester baseball park, facing Twelfth, Potter, and Upland Streets. The foundations for the cellars along Twelfth Street are practically completed and the bricklayers are making good headway. The houses are being built by General William G. Price.

The building with three stores on the Pyewell Estate at Seventh Street and Edgmont Avenue is being pushed to completion. The flooring is well underway. Snider and Taylor of Philadelphia and Washington, D. C., are the contractors.

J. Francis Taylor, who is having a show room and service station erected adjoining his garage at Eighth and Deshong Streets for the Dodge Brothers motor cars, expects to get into the new building sometime next month.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – Building permits issued during the course of the week were as follows:

Mime Babe – Two-story brick dwelling on east side of Baker Street between Eleventh and Twelfth Streets, 15 feet by 40 feet and 16 feet in height.

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John Wilgus for O. Oeser, owner a- One-story brick garage in rear of 2335 West Third Street, south side of Third Street between Townsend and Palmer Streets, 23 feet by 44 feet and 10 feet in height.

Edward Knaff – One-story frame building, covered with corrugated iron in the rear of 609 East Fourth Street, south side of Fourth Street between Caldwell and Hinkson Streets, 16 feet by 1218 feet and 10 feet in height.

E. K. Helms – Six two-story brick dwellings on north side of Fourth Street between Central Avenue and Edwards Streets, 13 feet, 6 inches by 28 feet and 17 feet, 6 inches in height.

William H. Emery for William Reed – One story frame garage, covered with corrugated iron in the rear of Rose Street, north side of Rose Street, between Madison and Upland Streets, 10 feet by 18 feet and 10 feet in height.

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

Sharon Hill – Adele H. Opdycke of Sharon Hill to Harry C. Dawson, Jr., of same place, lot with buildings on Maple Street, \$5100

Haverford Township – William Tuttle of Beechwood to Elsie V. Lewes of same place, five lots at Beechwood, \$1

Swarthmore – Francis M. Sawyer of Swarthmore to Helen I. Sawyer of Rutgers Avenue, \$1

Chester Township – Richard Eppes of Petersburg, Va. to Louis Soloman of Richmond, Va. two lots at Eleventh and Engle Streets, \$210

Chester – Emma E. Bartleson of Chester to John L. Shoemaker of same place, one-half interest in hotel and lot at Second and Hayes Streets, \$15,000

Upper Darby – Mary K. Roeser of Philadelphia to George T. Wadas of Upper Darby, two lots at Observatory Hill, \$1

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Chester - Emma E. Bartleson of Chester to Peter Smith of same place, one-half interest in hotel property at Second and Hayes Streets, \$15,000

Upper Providence – Thomas Dunn of Upper Providence to Joseph T. Miles of same place, house and lot at Village View, \$1300

Haverford Township – Richard F. Kepner of Roanoke City, Va. to William J. Foot of Merion, Pa., two lots at Ardmore Park, \$300

Birmingham Township – William H. Twaddell of Florida to Richard J. Baldwin of Chadds Ford, lot at Chadds Ford, \$300