

CHESTER TIMES – June 28, 1918 – NINE STORES, 18 APARTMENTS – To Be Erected at Seventh and New Market Streets by Chester Realty and Investment Company

The Chester Realty and Investment Company of 619 Edgmont Avenue closed negotiations yesterday for the purchase of the land at the northwestern corner of Seventh and New Market Streets, the settlement being affected through the Delaware Counts Trust Company. Nine store buildings and eighteen up-to-date apartments will be erected on the site. J. Franklin Levering of Twenty-Fourth and Crozer Streets is the architect. The plans and specifications for the bidders will be at the company's office in this city and a duplicate set at the company's branch office, 513 Pennsylvania Building, Fifteenth and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia on Tuesday, July 1 after which date the company will be ready to receive bids until Monday, July 7. City Engineer H. G. Lademis has about completed making a survey for the layout of the ground at Seventh and New Market Streets.

The apartment will be of the most modern kind in this city and the store fronts will be of ornate design. The apartment houses will contain seven rooms and the interior of the structure will be equipped in a thoroughly up-to-date manner.

A larger building designed to meet the requirements of almost any general purpose, will be erected in the rear of the apartments. It will be constructed of brick and concrete throughout.

The Chester Realty and Investment Company is also getting ready to build forty houses on the John Wetherill estate on Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth Streets. Plans and specifications are being prepared for this purpose extensive building operation in the northern section of the city.

THE DESHONG MEMORIAL PARK – A subject that is particularly interesting to the people of Chester at this time, is how soon will the trustees under the will of the late A. O. Deshong, be ready to give out the contract for the new art building, and show some physical evidence of putting the splendid grounds left as a legacy to the people in condition for the purposes for which they were originated. Judge William B. Broomall, Col. James A. G. Campbell and Clarence Deshong the trustees, have been working hard to bring about these things at the earliest possible date. They have in their possession some of the plans submitted by architects for the art building and will decide upon the character of structure, which will be the future home of the fine paintings willed to the people by Mr. Deshong, as soon as all of the plans and sketches are received. As this building must be constructed with a view of lasting for many years as a public institution, it will be seen at a glance that any hasty action in deciding upon the design of such a structure would be folly. As soon as the plans for the art buildings are decided upon the attention of the trustees will then be turned to the work upon the grounds.

Engineers have been at work for some time securing levels and other measurements for use in laying out the grounds for the best use to which they can be put for the enjoyment of the people. The trustees are eager to open this splendid park to the public just as soon as it is possible to do so. Few persons have any concern of the great amount of labor that has devolved upon the trustees in connection with this splendid gift to the people. A schedule of the pictures and works of art is in course of preparation and will be completed no doubt in a short time.

SELLERS PROPERTY SOLD – Record was made on Thursday of the transfer of the William and John Sellers, Jr., estate holdings comprising forty and one half acres at the northwest corner of Sixty-Third and Market Streets to the City of Philadelphia for the sum of \$306,469 or at the rate of \$6000 an acre. This was a compromise price arrived at between the City and the Sellers. The land in question as originally condemned by the city for the Cobb's Creek Boulevard. It was assessed for taxation at \$241,000.

Unusual demand for houses and lots at Llanerch Manor is reported by John J. Dougherty. This condition is a striking one in the opinion of suburban realty men in view of the somewhat dull market which prevailed during the spring and is regarded as an evidence of a summer boom. Seven lots, Nos. 4, 5, 6, 10, 11, 20 and 21 have been sold on Coopertown Road, and three modern suburban houses costing from \$7,000 to \$10,000 are being erected, two of which have been resold before being finished. On Manor Road, Lots 35 26, 27, 28, 45 and 46 have been sold and a fine dwelling erected on the first mentioned pair. Nos. 47, 48, and 49 and the houses occupying same have also been sold. A recent sale of 22 lots, Nos. 51 to 71 inclusive on Manor Road to a builder who expects to start improving the same at once with high class houses will mark the opening of the western section of the tract. On Chelton Road there have been recently sold lots No. 80, 81, 88, 89 96, 97 102, and 103 on which are being erected three attractive country homes, which are being offered for sale at from \$4300 to \$5000.

WILL BUILD FIRE HOUSE – At Colwyn, a \$5000 addition to the Borough Hall and Fire House will probably be erected in the fall. An ordinance floating a loan of \$5000 for that purpose passed first reading Monday evening. It will be voted upon by the citizens at the November elections. The new house of the Collingdale Fire Company is completed, but as yet has not been accepted by the fire company.

In the same borough, Hugh Cox will begin the erection of a dwelling on Pine Street, near the trolley station. Milton S. Staley has started work on a house for Perry Howard of Philadelphia at Pusey and Rhodes Avenue, Collingdale. The same builder has ten houses now under construction in the same borough.

DREXEL HILL WANTS CLUBHOUSE – A. B. Kyner is erecting a dwelling on Tenth Street, below Prospect Avenue, Prospect Park. Ground was broken this week. If the will of the residents of Drexel Hill is carried out, a handsome new clubhouse will be erected at that place. An organization has been perfected and already 250 shares of stock have been subscribed at \$10 a share. A committee will be appointed which will purchase the site and lay plans to erect the clubhouse building.

J. D. Sengel and Willard N. Carol of St. David's; Gray Brothers, Rosemont, Pa.; H. H. Burrell, J. P. Thompson and Metzger & Wells of Philadelphia are estimating on plans and specifications for alterations to the residence of Carroll Hodges at Radnor. Bids due July 12. Bissell & Sinkler are architects.

\$12,000 RESIDENCE AT MEDIA – A contract has been awarded to J. B. Flounders for the erection of a residence and garage at Media to cost \$12,000 for J. V. Debert of the County Seat. It will be constructed of brick two and one-half stories high, shingle roof, electric lighting, hot water heat and hardwood floors. Newton Flounders of Media is the architect.

It is reported that Melloday & Keating of Philadelphia have been awarded to make the necessary additions and changes to the Harvey property on East Broad Street, which was recently bought by St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church to be used as a convent.

Watson & Huckel are the architects. Among the improvements to be made to the present structure will be a new heating plant. An attractive stone wall is to be erected in front of the building which will make a marked improvement.

G. W. Grover of Merion has been awarded the contract for the one story brick building to be used as dog kennels at Broomall, this county for T. P. Hunter. The plans were prepared by Ballinger & Perot, architects.

Walter Smedley, the well-known architect of Media, is working on the plans for the new public high school in the borough of Media. The voters recently voted to borrow \$75,000 to build a new school, the land where the ball park is now located having been purchased for this purpose. Estimates will be asked for the institution of learning in a short time.

Settlement has been made for the residence at Fourth and Chestnut Streets, Darby, the consideration being \$13,000. The money was paid by Adam J. Gotschall, president of the Darby National bank. The property was formerly owned by the Kennedy estate.

LITTLE OF EVERYTHING – The new office building being erected by Elmer D. Pennell, the coal merchant, at his new yard, Twelfth and Walnut Streets, is now in the hands of bricklayers. The foundation walls were completed several days ago.

George H. Story, the express man, has had the interior of his residence on East Fourth Street extensively remodeled. The partition which divided the sitting room from the parlor, was torn out and the two rooms transformed into a large reception parlor, an ornate archway gracing the center of the spacious apartment. Other attractive improvements were also made on the first floor of the house.

Isaac Sanovits has completed the extensive alterations in the store, he recently purchased from Professor John P. Dougherty at 23 West Third Street. Handsome display windows of the latest design now grace the front of the building. The substantial and ornate improvements were made by James M. Hamilton.

The brickwork on the two houses being erected by Contractor Jacob R. Buchanan at Twelfth Street and Eddystone Avenue, Eddystone, has been completed and it is expected that the dwellings will be finished in the course of two weeks. The houses are of modern design.

Operations are being pushed on the erection of two modern houses along the Fairview Road in Leiperville. The dwellings will be equipped with all the up-to-date conveniences.

The first floor of the two houses being built at Twentieth and Potter Streets by Howard Taylor will soon be in readiness for the laying of the joist work for the second floor. The window frames were recently put into place and a force of bricklayers are at work on the structures.

BUILDING PERMITS GRANTED – Building Inspector T. T. Williams has issued the following permits for the week ending June 28:

Chester Steel Castings Company for the erection of an open shed on the south side of Seventh Street between Broomall and Norris Streets

William J. Wisner to build an addition, one story brick in the rear of the property at 524 West Third Street

To William Provost, Jr., contractor, for the owner, William L. Schaffer, Esq., for a two-story brick addition in the rear of the Gibson Law Building on East Fifth Street.

William Provost, Jr., contractor, for the Philadelphia Quartz Company, owner, to build a one-story frame office to be covered with title, on the north side of Delaware Avenue, between Howell and Pennell Streets

James J. Sweeney to remodel front of store and to build a one-story brick addition in the rear of the property at 307 Market Street

B. W. Sidwell for the erection of a brick garage in the rear of the property at the corner of Ninth and Potter Streets

J. Bershad to erect a one-story frame garage to be covered with iron at the rear of No. 311 West Ninth Street

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Chester – Chester Development Company of Chester to Daniel A. Dougherty of the same place. House and lot corner of Sixth and Market Street, nom

Drexel Hill – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Clayton E. Herb of Valley View, Pa., lots 672, 673, 674 on Turner Avenue, 900

Chester – Daniel A. Dougherty of Chester to Chester Development Company, property at sixth and Market Streets, nom

Collingdale – Frank E. Rhodes of Media to John U. Bach of Collingdale, house on Staley Avenue, \$2000

Collingdale – Horace W. Dickinson of Philadelphia to Richard Higson of Colwyn, two lots on Spruce Street, nom

Ridley Township – Felomino Seneca of Philadelphia to Antonio Mattera of Leiperville, lot on Maddock Street, \$1729

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Arthur S. Mandy of Philadelphia, two lots at Drexel Hill, \$580

Upper Darby – Arthur S. Nady of Harry w. Koch of Drexel Hill, two lots at Drexel Hill, \$750

Upper Darby – Harry W. Koch to Philip H. Spaeter of Philadelphia, five lots at Drexel Hill, nom

East Lansdowne – Edgar W. Leonard of Philadelphia to Margaret C. Hoopes of Upper Darby, two lots on Lewis Avenue, \$500

Springfield Township – Elizabeth Harris of Springfield Township to Ezra D. Woodhead of Springfield Township, property on Delaware County Turnpike, \$1848

Darby – Charles Meadowcroft of Darby to Elizabeth T. Suttle of Philadelphia, house on Eleventh Street, \$1900

Chester – O. B. Dickinson of Chester to Sarah Laird of Chester, store and dwelling at no. 6 West Third Street, \$8500

Swarthmore – Carl E. Smith of California to W. F. Gillespie of Swarthmore, lot on Lafayette Avenue, nom

Wayne – Milton W. Young of Philadelphia to Milton W. Young Jr., of same place, lot at 210 N. Wayne Avenue, nom

Ridley Township – Faraday Improvement Co. to C. C. J. Wirz of Ancon, Panama, three lots at Faraday Park \$594.50

Bryn Mawr – Charles J. McIlvain, Jr. of Lower Merion to Walter B. McIlvain of Bryn Mawr, two lots on Polo Avenue, nom

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Sharon Hill – H. Paul Smith of Philadelphia to Walter Preston of Philadelphia, property at 215 Woodland Terrace, nom

Ridley Township – Isaac Willetts of Philadelphia to Chester Lafferty of Holmes, lot near Holmes station, \$200

Darby Township – John M. Broomall of Media to Robert M. Johnson of Sharon Hill, house and lot on Ash Street, \$900

Chester – James B. Taylor of Upper Chichester to Jacob Bershad of Chester, house on West Ninth Street, west of Barclay Street, nom

Essington – Essington Land Company to Michael Busch of Philadelphia, lot at Erickson Avenue and Island Road, \$300

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Sharon Hill – William S. Emley of Philadelphia to Whilldin Pottery Company, two lots on Hook Road, nom

Chester – Peter Byers of Chester to Frederick Birl of Chester, house on Thurlow Street, \$1700

Concord Township – Benjamin J. Schwartz of Wilmington to Sarah M. Parry of Brandywine Hundred, farm of 53 acres in Birmingham and Concord Townships, \$4850

Darby – Richard Purdy of Darby to Mary J. Farrell of Philadelphia, lot on Malu Street, \$2450

Radnor Township – James Coyle of Radnor Township to Elizabeth L. Coyle of same place, house on Garrett Avenue, nom

Upper Darby – John D. Kennedy of Philadelphia to Alfred Kennedy of Philadelphia, lot at Highland Park, nom

Ridley Township – George Sordori of Ridley Township to Ida K. Jackson of Philadelphia, brick house on lands of Swarthmore Improvement Co., nom

Collingdale – Frank Gillespie of Upper Darby to Hugh Cox of Collingdale, lot at Parker Avenue and Pine Street, nom

Chester – Richard Peters of Chester to Hope C. Henry of Chester, house and lot on Highland Avenue, nom

Colwyn – Julius Nelson of Sharon Hill to Joseph McCullough of Colwyn, house at 404 South Third Street, nom

Chester – Mary E. Edwards of Chester to Bessie C. Gilbert of Chester, house and lot on Mary Street, nom

Collingdale – Joseph C. Coates of Philadelphia to Richard Higson of Colwyn, eight lots on Spruce Street, nom

Upper Darby – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass. to P. Erwin Swartley of Philadelphia, two lots at Highland Park \$640

Middletown Township – Frank B. Rhodes of Media to Louis A.O. Larkin of Aston Township, house and lot at Lenni, \$4000

Chester – Truxton Beale trustee of Mary Beale to High McCaffery of Chester, lot at Seventh and Market Streets, \$8000

Darby Township – Elmer C. Blackburn of Sharon Hill to Herman A. Stelert of Philadelphia, house and two lots at Academy, \$3000

Collingdale – Delaware County Trust Co. to Wyoming Loan and Building association of Philadelphia, house at 313 Lincoln Avenue nom

KEITH LOCKHART COLLECTION