

CHESTER TIMES – January 15, 1916 – SOME BIG DEALS IN PREPARATION –
Enterprising Builders Plan to Erect Many Houses in Upper Darby Township

One of the largest real estate developments, planned for the early spring is that of Wadas and Jones in Upper Darby Township, a section of the county that is fast developing and which destined to become one of the most thickly settled of any of the suburbs in the eastern part of the county.

These enterprising builders purchased eleven acres of land along the West Chester Pike a short time ago, and on this tract they will erect many houses during the present year. Last year they put up over sixty dwellings, and they have found the demand so great that they have had no difficulty in disposing of nearly all of them. They are taking a large part in the development of Upper Darby.

James Wolfenden of the manufacturing firm of that name at Cardington, will also erect many homes in Upper Darby, he having purchased a tract of land some time ago near the Sixty-Ninth Street terminal.

A Chester contractor is reported to be negotiating with a Philadelphia party who is contemplating the erection of several hundred houses in this city and Eddystone, but at this time the deal is not far enough advanced to be made public. The houses are to be of the popular two-story type, and the sites for the development have already been decided upon. The deal involves upward of \$600,000, and if it goes through it will be the biggest thing of the kind that the country has ever known.

TROLLEY COMPANIES TO RUN TRAINS – The Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company, which has lines running to various sections of the county, is feeling the increase in population, very forcibly, and freely admits that the amount of traffic is getting beyond its facilities. Announcement has been made that the company intends running trains instead of single cars just as soon as it can supply the power, and work is being rushed as rapidly as possible on the erection of a new power plant at Llanerch. This will be completed in the spring, and the company will have ample power for any extensions they may desire to make. The company plans to double track its Media division, and will extend its Collingdale division into Sharon Hill.

BIG DISTILLING PLANT – Weather such as that which is being experienced today and yesterday is slightly delaying the work on the tank and other work at the new plant of the Stewart Distilling Company, the property on which the completed establishment will be situated being along the river front and extending from Madison Street to the bulkhead line near the foot of Crosby Street. Not much information is being given out concerning the twenty five men of which about thirty are carpenters and the others concrete workers and laborers.

The contract has just been awarded to the Williams Construction Company for the erection of a big tee head pier and runway, plans for which were prepared by Wadleigh & Osbourn of Philadelphia. Work on this contract is expected to be started during the early part of next week. The contract price for this piece of work is \$14,050. The Williams Company has been busy for several weeks with the driving of other piling down near the river front.

The superintendent in charge of the work of construction of the entire plant is Harry Baton, while the engineer in charge is Fred J. Queripel of Wilmington, who has a corps of assistants on the ground with him at all times.

It is the work on the concrete tanks and foundations which is delayed by the cold weather owing to the possibility of the concrete freezing. Another thing which has at times delayed work on the operation is an occasional high tide. It has been but a few days since, that there was an

unusually high tide, and the site for the new buildings was entirely covered, and the “shacks” which are used as offices stood up above the water level like buoys. It is expected that it will be well on toward the latter part of the summer before the construction of the tanks and erection of the new buildings will be completed.

NEW BUILDING FOR SHIPYARD – During the course of the past few days the contract has been awarded by the Chester Shipbuilding company to William Holcroft for the erection of a one-story brick building along front street between Kerlin and Ulrich Streets. This building will be 75 by 63 feet and 18 feet in height. From information issued at the office of the concern it will be used for the storage of pipes, paints, and other goods as well as for general purposes. Plans are also being prepared for a number of other buildings about the plant and before they have been completed there will be many changes on the place.

CONTRACTS AWARDED – A number of contracts will be awarded during the week for new builders. R. C. Ballinger & Company of Philadelphia were the successful bidders for a new \$10,000 residence at Moylan for William s. Ellis of the city of Philadelphia. This house will be constructed of brick and plaster, will be two and one-half stories, and will have a dimension of 54 by 29 feet. It will have a slate roof, hardwood floors and tile work. The heating, plumbing and electric work are reserved out of the principal contract.

Specht & Sperry, Philadelphia contractors, were successful bidders for a new residence at St. David’s for W. L. Moorehouse. The building is to cost \$10,000 and will be constructed of hollow tile and stucco, two and one-half stories, 42 by 60 feet, shingle roof, hot water heating, electric lighting, hardwood floors, and tile work.

Philip F. DuPont of Media has awarded to the Pomeroy Construction Company of Philadelphia, a contract for the erection of a fine residence at Mendenhall. The building will be of stone, and the contract price is \$25,000.

BUILDING AGREEMENT FILED – A building agreement between J. W. Worrilow, a Media contractor, and George Wharton Pepper, agent for Georgiana Hopkins Musgrove of Philadelphia, for the erection of a frame garage and cottage, and the rebuilding of a barn at Newtown square, has been filed at the Court House, Media. The contract price is \$4,319.30. The garage is to be completed by March 1 and the other buildings by May 3.

PROSPECTIVE BUILDINGS – Plans are out for an addition to the dormitory at Haverford College. It is to be constructed of stone, three stories 85 by 35 feet, green slate roof, tile and marble work, water proofing, reinforced concrete floors in bathrooms, iron stairs, safety treads. The heating and electric work reserved. Bids for new proposed building are due to be in the hands of the architect today.

Bids due on January 18 are being taken for a new house for Samuel C. Palmer in the borough of Swarthmore. It will be built of stone, two and one-half stories, 51 by 32 feet, shingle roof.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following real estate transfers were recorded in the office of Recorder of Deeds, W. I. Blake McClenachen yesterday.

Chester – The Delaware County Trust Company to Frank F. Brown of Chester, lot on Northeast corner of Ninth and Engle Streets, \$600

Wallingford – T. Elwood Allison of Wallingford to Minnie K. Marker of Norwood, lot on Church Road nominal

Swarthmore – William Heyburn and wife of Louisville, Kentucky to Arthur E. Bassett of Swarthmore, lot with buildings and improvements, on Chester Road and College Avenue, nominal

Chester – Cambridge Trust Company to Samuel Goldberg of Chester, lot with eleven houses, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129 Lewis Street, \$1,575

Yeadon – Eliza A. Dallett of Philadelphia to Agatha P. Madenspaker of Darby, lot and dwelling on Elder and Union Avenue \$3000

Upper Providence – Joseph C. McIlvain of Upper Providence to Florence McIlvain of Norristown, ten lots on Highland Avenue, nominal

Haverford – Catherine O. Rigney of Ardmore to A. Atwater Kent of Rosemont, lot on Ardmore Avenue, Nominal