

CHESTER TIMES – January 20, 1914 – COUNTY REAL ESTATE DEALS –
Large Tract of Land Adjoining Station at Crum Lynne to be Improved

A. E. Mueller & Co. et al have purchased through J. T. Jackson & Co., real estate brokers of Philadelphia, a tract of 76 acres adjoining the Crum Lynne station of the Pennsylvania Railroad in the borough of Ridley Park. The tract will be developed by Mueller & Co. on the lines of Brookline on the Philadelphia and Western Railroad and Chestnut Ridge Estates near Glassboro, N. J., two of their most recent suburban operations.

The ground is well suited for home sites, being elevated and reached by the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. It is within easy walking distance of the plant of the Baldwin Locomotive Works and other industrial establishments at Eddystone. Crum Lynne Lakes, one of the prettiest of the small lakes in that section, is included in the property. The price paid for the ground is not disclosed.

OUTLOOK GOOD IN COUNTY – The outlook in the county for the year 1914 is most promising, especially in Collingdale, where Hugh Cox will erect thirteen stores and dwellings, in addition to fifteen dwellings, making twenty-eight buildings in all, as a starter for the new year.

The stores will be built on Parker Avenue, and will add considerable to the importance of Collingdale's Main Avenue. Applications have already been made for the stores for rental before the work of excavating has even been started. The ground, which consists of twenty-eight lots, was purchased through Joseph S. Hagan, Jr. of Collingdale for a consideration given as \$10,000. The land was bought from A. Yocum of Oak Lane and Frank B. Rhodes and John T. Wolfenden. Cox expects to start excavating within a few days. The dwellings will be modern in every way and will contain nine rooms.

The members of Washington camp, F. O. S. of A. recently organized in Collingdale, are considering ways and means of purchasing a lot in Folwell's Field and erecting a two-story building to be used as a hall. The members, who at present are meeting in the Trinity Church Parish House, declare that there is need for a hall for lodges, etc. in Collingdale, and that a building of this kind would pay.

LAND VALUES JUMP – At Marcus Hook, where land values have jumped tremendously during the last two years and even during the last three months, due to its mushroom-like growth as a big industrial center. It is reported that the General Chemical Company, which has a large plant at that place, is planning the erection of a big addition. Work on the proposed addition, it is said, will start early in the spring.

George S. Idell of Philadelphia, is preparing plans for a one-and-a-half-story bungalow to be erected at Drexel Hill. Plans will be ready for bids within a week. S. G. Humphreys of Lansdowne has bought the lots in Springfield Township, upon which he will shortly begin the erection of several dwellings. R. C. Ballinger & Company have been awarded the contract for the erection of a two-and-a-half-story brick and plaster dwelling to be erected in Moylan for H. Lee.

HISTORIC MILLS CHANGE HANDS – Title to the historic Millbourne Mills on Cobb's Creek in this county, close to the Philadelphia line, has passed from the West End Trust Company for a consideration of \$55,000. The mill property was advertised to be sold at public sale several weeks ago by Samuel T. Freman & Company, auctioneers, but on the morning of the public sale the property was disposed of at private sale to the Shane Bros. & Wilson Company, which has operated the mills since the failure of the Millbourne Mills Company several years ago.

The plant consists of several well-equipped mill buildings which antedate Revolutionary times, occupying a tract of about four acres, a small part of which is in Philadelphia county. The Millbourne Mills have been operated as flour mills for almost 100 years. During the Revolutionary War the mills turned out practically all the flour used by the Continental Army. The Millbourne Mills Company went into the hands of a receiver several years ago, since which time title to the property has been held by the West End Trust Company, as trustee.

NEW SCHOOL AND CHAPEL – Ground for a school and chapel for the Catholic Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be broken at Eleventh and Main Streets, in the borough of Darby, on March 25, according to an announcement made by the rector, the Rev. William A. Fitzgerald.

At the services of the church on Sunday, subscription and cash for the new structure, aggregating all told \$7,000 were received some of the single contributions amounting to as much as \$500. It is said, while there were several contributions of \$100 each.

The new structure will be of handsome design and will cost in the neighborhood of \$35,000. The chapel will be located in the basement and the rest of the building will be for a parochial school.

The site for the church was purchased nearly a year ago, and since its establishment, the members of the parish have been worshipping in Harrifians Theater and in the old Hunting Homestead, which has been altered into a temporary chapel.

BUILDINGS AND ADDITIONS – James T. Flounders, the well-known county builder, has been awarded the contract for the extensive alterations and additions to the Media Title and Trust Company's building, in the borough of Media.

Mellor & Meigs of Philadelphia have completed plans and specifications for alterations and additions to the tenant house for A. J. Drexel in the township of Radnor. The building will be two stories and will be constructed of stone. The architects will be ready to receive bids in a few days.

Charles Bolton & Son have about completed plans and specifications and will be ready for bids in a few days for a one-story stone church building to be erected at Oakmont this county, for the grace United congregation. The Rev. James J. Freeley of 825 Highland Avenue, Philadelphia, is the pastor.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Chester – Linwood Building and Loan Association to Alexander E. Lessy of Chester, house at Second and Booth Streets, \$1650

Clifton Heights – Elizabeth M. Turner of Clifton Heights to E. W. Winterbottom of same place, lot on Harrison Avenue, \$400

Collingdale – E. D. Denny of Pittsburgh to G. W. Wilkins of Philadelphia, lot at Clifton Park, \$150

Upper Darby – William Snider of Montgomery County to E. T. Bartlett of Upper Darby, three lots at Observatory Hill, nom

Radnor Township – H. H. Garrigan of Millville, N. J. to Emidio Rossi of Radnor Township, house and lots on Coopertown Road, \$3600