

CHESTER TIMES – February 13, 1915 – BUILDING BOOM FOR COUNTY –
Good Transportation Facilities Created a Big Demand for Country Homes

There is every indication that Delaware County will see an unprecedented boom in building and real estate development this coming spring and summer. There never has been so great a demand for homes in this county. This is attributed to the fact that hundreds of persons who live in Philadelphia realize the excellent transportation facilities in the upper end of the county, together with many municipal improvements which have been made, and which are going on in the several boroughs and townships, and the desire to get away from city life, and yet be handy to Philadelphia, where many have business interests.

There will be a greater building boom in Upper Darby and Haverford Townships this year than any time in the history of these two progressive municipalities. Ben Air, a new suburb in Haverford, is being developed by William Smith, and already many lots have been sold on this place. Streets and sidewalks are being laid out, and as soon as the weather permits, about thirty houses will be started. These houses will be of the latest design which will make another beautiful residential section for this county. About \$75,000 will be involved in the erection of these houses.

NEW HOUSES IN CLIFTON – Rhodes Shee of Clifton Heights and for many years identified with big building operations in Philadelphia, having plans prepared for the erection of thirty-two two-story, six-room houses in Clifton Heights. Just where Mr. Shee proposes to build these houses, he refused to divulge yesterday. He said, however, if satisfactory arrangements can be made with the owners of the land he has in view, he will soon begin the operation, which including the price of the land, would mean an expenditure of \$60,000.

Charles Crawford, the well-known mastery manufacturer of Clifton Heights, who recently purchased the Cocker property in Clifton Heights is having plans prepared for a handsome theatre building. The building will be built of brick and very ornate in appearance, costing about \$15,000 and will seat 3000 people.

Charles Zell, Jr. of Llanerch, is asking for bids for the erection of three three-story brick dwellings, to be erected in Llanerch. These houses will cost approximately \$10,000 and will be among the finest in Llanerch.

W. L. Rhoads of Lansdowne is soon to build three store properties on East Baltimore Avenue, Lansdowne. The stores are to be built in front of two dwellings and the improvements will cost \$8000.

SHERIFF BUYS FARM – One of the big real estate transactions which took place in this county this week, was the purchase by Sheriff John E. Heyburn, Jr. of Concord of a 31-acre farm in Birmingham Township, from Franklin E. Paige of the latter place. The farm is situated at the intersection of the Baltimore and West Chester Pikes in Birmingham Township and the price paid for the place was \$4320.

NEW POWER HOUSE – The estate of Daniel Lees will shortly begin the erection of a power house at their mill at Glen Riddle. Plans have been prepared and a number of contractors are handing in bids to the architect for the work. The building will be constructed of brick and concrete, will be one-story high and will have a dimension of 50 by 31 feet. The Lees Mills turn out a plush material and are generally running full time.

Philadelphia architects are working on plans for a residence and garage to be erected at Newtown Square, this county, and also for some alterations and additions to the

buildings already on the land. The name of the owner is withheld for the present. The new house will be built of stone, two and one half stories high, 60 by 80 feet, shingle roof, hot water heating, electric lighting and oak floors. This improvement will cost a good sum of money.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will shortly erect a power house to cost \$11,000 to be located at Paoli on the main line of this well-known railroad. It will be used when the system of operating the trains by electricity on that division is put in operation. The building will be of brick, one-story high, and will have a dimension of 30 by 50 feet. The contract has been awarded to Charles Gilpin of Philadelphia.

BUILDING NOTES – The spring-like weather of the past few days has inspired a number of property owners to have repairs made to porches, weatherboards, etc. In the northern and eastern sections of the city many roofs have been repaired and a number of houses were painted.

Leslie Taylor, who is erecting the residence for Dean J. Deakynne at Nineteenth and Chestnut Streets is making rapid headway with the work. The roof has been sheathed in and the carpenters have started to work on the interior.

The cellars for the houses to be erected by the Howard Machin Company on East Twenty-Second Street, between Upland Street and Providence Avenue, are being excavated and it will be but a few days before the stone masonry will be able to go ahead with their work on the foundations. Eight two-story houses of the airlite pattern will be erected.

Contractor Joel Phipps has nearly finished the work on the Linski Garage at Ninth Street and Morton Avenue.

Van Mercandante is rapidly finishing the work on the basement and second floor of the Odd Fellow's Temple at Eighth and New Market Streets.

Samuel Seiverd is making a number of improvements to the front and side porches of the residence of Dr. R. C. Casselberry at Seventh and Madison Streets.

The cellars for the four houses being erected at Twenty-Fourth Street and Edgmont Avenue by M. T. Ackerman will be completed in a short time.

Harry W. Kock, Real Estate Broker of Drexel Hill and 1519 Walnut Street, Philadelphia has been awarded the contract by Harry Attle for the erection of a two-story detached stone and stucco dwelling at Drexel Hill. Sub bids are being taken for the work. He also reports the sale of a lot on Maple Avenue, Drexel Hill to Mr. Artman of Philadelphia. Mr. Artman will build a bungalow for his own occupancy.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Colwyn – Rev. W. A. Fitzgerald of Darby to Lucy Smith of same place, lot on Fifth Street, Nom

Chester – Hugh T. McGinny of Chester to John McGlinn of same place, house at 721 McIlvaine Street and 1142 Spruce Street, \$3600

Chester – Anton Zarenski of Chester to Theodore Rudewicz of Chester, house and lot at 206 Hayes Street, Nom

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston to Kathryn Campbell of Philadelphia, three lots at Beechwood, \$555

Upper Providence – Clarence Yeager of New York to Frank Stoddard of Northampton County, house and lot on Orange Street Road, Nom

Colwyn – Emma R. Nisbet of Philadelphia to James B. Robertson of Darby, two lots on Third Street, \$975

Haverford Township – William D. Troth of New York to Ludwig T. Brehm of Llanerch. Lot on Davis Road, Llanerch, Nominal

Springfield Township – John S. Bioren of Nether Providence to Frank Samuel of Philadelphia. Twenty-one acres with buildings on road from Beatty's Mills to Springfield Meeting House, \$5500

Darby – James W. Anderson of Philadelphia to John F. Zachinger of same place. House and lot at Seventh and Walnut streets, Nominal

Haverford Township – Albert L. Matlack of Haverford Township to Annie S. Daley of same place, Lot with building on Davis Road, Llanerch, Nominal

Clifton Heights – Hannah T. Delaney of Clifton Heights to Alfred H. Salzman of the same place. House and lot on Berkley Avenue, \$2,700

Haverford Township – Clarence Sullivan of Haverford Township to John Knox of same place. Lot at Ardmore Park, Nominal

East Lansdowne – Howard F. Brown of Philadelphia to William L. Trites of East Lansdowne. Lot on Beverly Avenue, \$250

Upper Darby – David L. Starr of Allegheny County to Emma J. Phillips of same county. Two lots at Lansdowne Heights, Nominal

East Lansdowne – Dennis J. Leary of Philadelphia to Maggie Weathers of same place. Two lots on Glenwood Avenue, \$400

Darby – Adam J. Gotshall of Darby to George T. Nancarron of same place, house and lot on 321 South Fifth Street, \$500

Radnor Township – Thomas F. Doyle of Radnor Township to Charles S. Kline of Lansdale lot with buildings on Old Lancaster Road, \$200

Tinicum Township – Charles Buckstein of Philadelphia to A. B. Geary of Nether Providence, house and lot on Osceola street, Carbondale \$750

Chester – Bert Lee of Chester to John F. Connors of Chester home and lot on Third Street east of Norris street \$2500

Tinicum Township – Essington Land Company to Benjamin Dickman of Philadelphia, three lots on Erickson Avenue, Essington, \$900

Upper Darby – Independent Chevra Kadisho of Philadelphia to Harris Vederman of same place, twelve lots on Har Judah Cemetery, \$215

Prospect Park – George C. Moore of Philadelphia to Evan L. Moore of same place, lot on Tenth Avenue, \$1,200