

CHESTER TIMES – February 28, 1914 – BUILDING BOOM FOR EDDYSTONE
– Episcopal Church Will Erect \$50,000 Edifice and Baldwin's Twenty-Five Modern
Houses

Right on the heels of the statement that Eddystone Borough is to have a new church costing \$50,000 comes the news that the Baldwin Locomotive Works will erect twenty-five houses on the Denis property, which was recently acquired by this large concern. It is said that the houses will be of a first class order and will be among the best in the borough.

The new church will be erected on a lot recently purchased on Saville Avenue by the members of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. Plans and specifications are being drawn and it is positively stated that work is to begin with the advent of good weather. The need for this church was discussed in a meeting of the Episcopal ministers and laymen held in this city more than one year ago, and it was manifest then that the Episcopalians in the vicinity of the large works on the east of this city would have a house of worship before very long. There is no doubt that the announcement that the new \$50,000 edifice is to be erected is the culmination of the efforts started more than one year ago.

DARBY TO BOOM – Darby Borough, one of the most rapidly growing boroughs in the county, right on the border and almost a part of the city of Philadelphia, is not to be one whit behind the other sections of the county in building matters. Darby is fast developing and there is every reason to believe that it will not be long before the people there will ask for a charter for a third class city, the granting of which is provided for in an act passed by the last Legislature.

Plans have been prepared for four dwellings and a store of modern design to be erected at the northwest corner of Third and Pine streets by Christian Hansen, brother-in-law of Julius Nelson. This operation will improve the tract of ground, which was owned for many years by Mrs. Mallin of Atlantic City. It is situated to the west of the Colwyn Public School and south of the Morrison and McCargo Auger Works. The store will be the only one built expressly for retail business purposes south of the P. B. and W. Railroad. The plans, which were prepared by E. Allen Wilson architect, are now in the offices of Swope and Sons, real estate brokers.

Two builders are negotiating for the site of the former "Old People's Home," at Third and Main Streets, which is part of the Baird Estate. They have preliminary plans prepared for first-class dwellings and have made an offer for the ground. If this deal goes through it will mean the development of the north side of Main Street from Third to Fifth Streets, which for many years has laid idle. A syndicate has the option of the ground to Fifth Street, and it is practically assured that they will go ahead with the improvements which include dwellings stores and a moving picture theater.

Plans are also in course of preparation for fourteen two-story houses to be erected on Mill Street near Lawrence Avenue by Harry Tarbottom at a cost of about \$30,000. This builder has built many houses in the Boon Hill section.

COLWYN'S NEW TOWN HALL – The Special Building Committee to prepare the plans for the proposed addition to the Colwyn Town Hall and Fire House, which was appointed by President of Colwyn Borough Council E. D. Wray, is meeting nearly every night preparing the plans. Work will be started as soon as the bonds for the \$5000 loan, which was authorized by the people are issued. The plans as outlined called for a second story on the present one-story structure and the extension of the building to the rear of the building line on Apple Street. Living quarters for the janitor are to be provided for. The

committee is composed of Former Councilman George S. Drewes, Former Burgess Samuel P. Allister, County Committeeman W. Albert Bernhart and the Property Committee of Council, A. E. Whipp and W. F. Hasselberg. There will be one more member when the additional member of the Property Committee is appointed after the full council board is secured.

BIG CITY OPERATION – Ground will be broken on Monday at Fifth and Penn Streets, by J. Irvin Taylor, for the erection of ten modern houses on the property recently purchased by him. These houses will be of the same type as the houses erected last summer at Thirteenth and Crosby Streets, modern in every detail, and of the peaked roof, wide front porch design.

When the announcement of the building was made a number of inquiries were made of Mr. Taylor as to renting them, and by the time they are finished in the next six weeks, tenants will be waiting for the houses. The demand for such houses as Mr. Taylor is erecting far exceeds the supply and as fast as he can arrange the details, he intends to keep on building others.

This operation opens up a new section, although a number of houses have been built across the bridge near Edgmont Avenue. The opening of Fifth Street Bridge has greatly enhanced the value of the ground of that section for residential purposes, and the next few years will witness a complete change in the appearance, is the general belief expressed. The new Penn Ice Cream plant will be started in a short while, and the two operations will go far to fill up the vacant ground in that vicinity.

The block of houses near completion on West Third Street, between Harwick and Trainer Streets, will be ready for occupancy in a few days. Contractor George Hewes is building these homes which will add to the substantial living houses on the west End.

NEWTOWN SQUARE FARM SOLD – The farm of John D. Baltz of Newtown Township consisting of 200 acres has been sold to W. S. Austin of Rosemont, the transfer being recorded last week. The price is \$30,000 or \$250 an acre. The farm was purchased in 1904 by Mr. Baltz from David Pratt for \$15,000.

ESSINGTON OPERATION – Essington Land Company has already started a building boom in the township by awarding a contract to a Philadelphia syndicate to convert the old shirt factory building on Bartram Avenue into an apartment house. The building, when completed will contain four apartments, and will be furnished with all modern conveniences.

It is estimated that the same company will erect over one hundred houses with the opening of spring, and the nearby industrial plants activity increased, which means a great deal to the town, as houses are badly needed in this particular section of Delaware County, owing to the Baldwin Locomotive Works being close by.

Contractor Harry Petit, has started to remodel the large frame house on Printz Avenue, owned by George Kleeman. The house was built a number of years ago by the railroad company for the purpose of housing their workmen who were working on the road. The house itself was too large for a single family, and after careful consideration on the part of the owner, it was decided to make two houses out of it, which will be a decided improvement to that neighborhood.

NEARING COMPLETION – The house being erected on Wanamaker Avenue for John Hoffman, will be finished in the course of a few weeks, and it will be one of the handsomest homes in that section of Delaware County. The heating plant is being

installed, and when that is completed the house will be ready for occupancy. Owing to the plasterers not being able to white coat it, it has been standing idle for some time, but as the weather has opened a trifle the past week it is expected that there will be nothing to hinder the builder from completing it by the first week in April.

Minor improvements have been made to numerous buildings in the past month, and although bad weather was experienced the majority of the places being improved have been completed.

Charles Walber of the Riverside Hotel, has about finished the improvements to the interior of the hotel building and it presents an attractive appearance. The Green room has been remodeled and new furniture installed which makes one of the most beautiful dining halls in the county.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS –

Chester – William Baxter of Wilmington to Thomas J. Welsh and Barclay C. Marshall of Chester, house and lot at Seventh and Potter Streets, \$4,000

Aston Township – William L. Craner of Aston Township to William Lees of same place, house and lot on road from Lenni to Chester Heights, \$2,000

Haverford Township – John H. Storer of Boston, Mass. to L. T. Cooper of Philadelphia, lot at Beechwood, Nom.

Collingdale – Harman D. Denny of Pittsburgh, Pa. to Annie Talbot of Wilkes Barre, lot at Clifton Park \$150

Chester – Matthew S. Sutton of Chester to Wladyslaw Vyubkiewiez of same place, house and lot on West Fourth Street, \$1800

Chester – Kate E. Zebley of Chester to Wesley S McDowell of same place, lot at Front and Reaney Streets, \$1000

Springfield Township – August F. Blouin of Springfield Township to S. L. Krauss of Philadelphia, lot with buildings on Dale Avenue, Nom

Darby – Harry Tarbotton of Darby to Ernest P. Duncan of Collingdale, house and lot on Pine Street, \$350

Darby – Harry Tarbotton of Darby to Samuel J. R. Purdy of Darby, house and lot on Pine Street, \$300

Ridley Township – Edward W Smith and F. A. Taylor, trustees to J. B. Mearns of Burnside, house and lot at Burnside, \$1100

Darby – Warrrie H. Snell of Darby to David Robbins, Jr., of Port Norris, lot with garage on Darby Pike, \$4500

Ridley Township – Hannah J. Rogers of Philadelphia to George Rogers of same place, lot in Folsom, Nom

Chester – Elizabeth B. Oliver of Chester and Delaware County Trust Company to Thomas C. Clark of Chester, house and lot on Madison Street, \$2400

Nether Providence – Huizinga P. Woodward of Nether Providence to Charles O. Hilton of Chicago, house and lot of one acre on Woodland Avenue, \$8000

Aldan – Maris E. Bartram of Philadelphia to C. A. Bernauer of Darby, house and lot on Springfield Road, \$2200

Darby – Frank H. Benham of Philadelphia to Henry L. Bechtel of same place, house and lot at 1033 Main Street, Nom

Ridley Township – Hannah J. Rogers of Philadelphia to George Rogers of same place, lot on Rutledge Avenue, Folsom, Nom

Prospect Park – Sarah M. Duhring of Philadelphia to J. Percy Eisenbise of Norwood, lot on Tenth Avenue, \$500

Clifton Heights – J. T. Beaumont of Clifton Heights to Anna T. Connor of same place, lot in summit Avenue, \$375

Chester – J. DeH White of Chester to A. L. Lahn of same place, house and lot on Market Street north of Second Street, Nom

Chester – Hugh McCaffery of Chester to John DeH White of Chester, house and lot on Market Street north of Second, Nom

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Haverford Township – George W. Welch of Ardmore to Mary G. Jenkins of same place, two lots at South Ardmore, Nom

Chester – John DeH White of Chester to Joseph Daniel of same place, house and lot on Market Street, \$1685

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