

CHESTER TIMES – October 23, 1915 – NEW RECORDS ESTABLISHED – Land in Lots Aggregating \$60,000 Has Been Sold in Springfield Township

While the eyes of the real estate interests of this county are turned upon the activities of that section of the county lying close to Eddystone and the mammoth plants of the Baldwin Locomotive Works and the Remington Arms Company it will not do at this time to lose sight of the tremendous activity of the residential sections of the county. Real estate is selling rapidly, and there is much activity in and about this city but it is doubtful if even this busy center can outdo some other parts of the county. The record of the last four weeks is probably held by Springfield, the new development along the Media line of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company, which in four weeks has sold \$60,000 worth of real estate, all in lots with houses. It is doubtful if any other development in the county has ever approached such a record. Within the last week contracts have been let by the Springfield Real estate Company owners of the tract to W. Harry Roberts, an Ardmore contractor, for the erection of three houses on the tract. The prices have not been made public, but the houses are of the type selling at about \$5,000.

BYWOOD IN GROWING – Bywood, another development of the last year, is also feeling the boom which has struck Springfield, and a great many sales have been made there during the last weeks. Contracts for two houses have been let during the last couple of days for two houses on Sellers Avenue, Bywood, by V. Gilpin Robinson and A. F. Damon, Jr., who are developing the tract, to M. Atlee Ermold of Haddonfield, N. J., who will begin work at once. Mr. Ermold has also been awarded a contract to erect a two-and one-half story stone house at Drexel Hill for Mrs. Charles A. Wagner of Philadelphia. No price has been given out.

The first real building work on the Freihofer tract which lies along Edgmont Avenue, in the First Ward and over the line into Chester Township, has been started. Contracts have been let for six modern homes on the tract, the contractor being George M. Bricker of Philadelphia. The houses will cost close to \$5000 each, and will be located on Parkway Avenue, just off of Edgmont Avenue. This development is financed by William Friehofer of Philadelphia, and is the only development in the county where financial aid is given to home seekers, following the western idea.

Rumors are heard constantly concerning big building projects in and near this city and Eddystone, but during the last week none of these projects, aside from the one mentioned have materialized. In the vicinity of the county sent building conditions are looking brighter than for some time back, and builders of Media are encouraged by the outlook for a prosperous winter. There is little work in Media, but in the surrounding township such building work is going on or contemplated.

SECURED BIG CONTRACT – J. W. Worrilow of Media, has been awarded a contract to rebuild a barn, tenant house and garage on the property owned by the late Mark Hopkins, a prominent club man who died some months back at his property in Newtown Township. About three weeks ago the barn, garage and tenant house occupied by the farmer were destroyed by fire; and the rebuilding will cost close to \$15,000. Mr. Worrilow has received contracts for new sheds at the Newtown Friends' Meetinghouse, and for alterations and repairs to Clark Thompson's big barn in Newtown Township, and to the barn and springhouse on the J. S. Bioren place at Devon.

Mrs. Isaac H. Platt of Wallingford, has let a contract to Lindsay and Moorehouse, contractors, for the erection of a hollow tile barn, with stable, and a stone garage, the garage to have quarters for the farm manager. The big barn on the property was gutted some weeks ago,

and a roof will be put over the stone walls of the old stable portion and it will be turned into an incubator and breeder room for the poultry department of the farm. The cost will be about \$4,000. The same contractors have been awarded a contract to build an addition to the home of William Easby in Media.

The Philadelphia Electric Company has awarded a contract to the Pomeroy Construction Company for a substation for the Beacon Light Company on Essington Road, Eddystone, for the Baldwin Locomotive Works. The price is \$3810.

**THE DESHONG ART GALLERY** – The work on the new A.O. Deshong Memorial Art Library at Eleventh and Edgmont Avenue, has now progressed sufficiently to give the public an idea of what a splendid home this will be for the costly paintings and bric-a-brac that was willed to the people of this city for all time by the late A. O. Deshong. While the work went along slowly for more than a year, there were many comments that were of a complimentary character about the architectural appearance of the handsome marble hall, which is being erected at a cost of more than \$70,000. But these unfavorable comments were made before the people had an opportunity of seeing the work advanced sufficiently to show just what the building will be when completed.

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More than a dozen artists have been at work on the outside decorations for five weeks past and these are pretty well under way, and sufficiently advanced to show that the front and sides and also the rear of the new library will be artistic and patterned after some of the libraries in the old world. While the work on the outside has been progressing in regard to the carving, the inside has been keeping pace, as well as the surroundings, the grounds. In another month one of the finest memorials to any man in the county will have been completed in the shape of a home for the beautiful and costly works of art left by one of the greatest benefactors the people of this city ever had. The trustees, Judge William B. Broomall, Clarence Deshong and James A. G. Campbell, deserve great credit for their good judgment in adopting the plans from which is being evolved such a handsome structure to grace the upper section of the city, and which will be one of the features of what will prove one of the city's finest parks in years to come. The present improvements to the thirty odd acres of land situated right in the heart of the city, while a monument to the generosity of the late Mr. Deshong, will also be a credit to the name of the trustees in years to come and will cause the people to remember them with respectful consideration for their judgment in outlining the things to be done for the benefit of the people not only of this but of future generations.

**CHURCH DECORATED** – The interior of the Third Presbyterian Church has been beautifully decorated. A class of young men about sixty in number now taught by R. R. Spencer, formerly by Dr. Charles M. Stine, are responsible for this improvement. Nothnagle and Roser were the artists.

**BUILDING NOTES** – The porches in front of the residences at 814-16 East Eighth Street have been repaired and are receiving a coat of paint.

Patrick Boyle is making a number of improvements to the garage back of the property at 700 McIlvaine Street. New doors have been installed and some of the corrugated iron has been removed.

The property owned by Samuel Oglesby on East Broad Street, east of Crosby Street, which has undergone a number of improvements will be completed in another week.

Stonemasons are still engaged in laying the foundation for the Brooks Building on Seventh Street, adjoining the Washburn Theatre. The carpenters will lay the first floor joists in a few days, if the weather conditions permit.

Samuel Lax is making rapid headway on the two houses at Sixth and Fulton Streets for Thomas Birch. The stonemasons have commenced to lay the foundation.

The one-story frame garage covered with corrugated iron being erected in the rear of the residence of George Harrington at 2209 Madison Street is nearing completion.

The cellar of the two-story dwelling being erected at Nineteenth Street near Hyatt Street by Samuel Hewes & son will be excavated in a few days. Stonemasons are expected to begin work next week.

The majority of operations in the upper section off the city are about completed. In many of the dwellings which were started the early part of the summer, nothing remains to do but to place the hardware. Several fine homes have been built in that section of the city, especially in the First Ward.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS – The following transfers of real estate were yesterday recorded with Recorder of Deeds J. Lord Rigby, at the court house, Media:

Rutledge – G. F. Beck of Rutledge to Harry M. Purder of same place, house and lot on Morton Avenue, \$500

Upper Darby – Dennis Kelly of Upper Darby to Kate V. Kelly of Upper Darby to Kate V. Kelly of same place, lot at Oak Hill, \$200

Aldan – Pennock Mercer of Lansdowne to Charles F. Keever of Aldan, house and lot on Stratford Avenue, \$3700

Chester – William Dutton of Ohio to Kendal T. Scott of Chester, house and lot on Fifth Street east of Fulton Street, \$1450

Newtown Township – Gustave P. Gehring of Philadelphia to Generosa Dragonetti of same place, lots at Florida Park, \$250

Lower Chichester – John Keegan of Lower Chichester to Thomas Tonks of Wilmington, Del., house and lot at Linwood Heights, \$2125

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Lower Chichester – Cambridge Trust Company to John Keegan of Lower Chichester, lot at Linwood Heights, \$250

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Upland – George R. Crothers of Upland to John P. Grinison of same place, house and lot in Upland, \$1