

CHESTER TIMES – May 8, 1915 – SECOND WARD PROPERTY SOLD – L. A. Burkholder Becomes Owner of Valuable Land and buildings at Twelfth Street and Edgmont Avenue

One of the important real estate deals this week in this city was the sale yesterday of the old "Eaves" property at Twelfth and Edgmont Avenue to L. A. Burkholder, the well-known druggist. The sale was made by Sweeney & Clyde, the real estate brokers for Mrs. Bessie H. Musselman, who came into possession of the property at the death of her father, the late William H. Saves, who for many years conducted a grocery store. The price paid for the property is said to be \$15,000, although those interested would not state positively what the consideration was.

The change of ownership of this valuable piece of land and buildings means much to that section of the city, for it will give to the people of the Second Ward one of the most up-to-date drug stores in the city. The property includes Nos. 1134, 1147 and 1143 on Edgmont Avenue, covers the space between Edgmont Avenue and Madison Street on Twelfth Street and runs south on Madison Street, a distance of about one hundred feet.

The store on the corner at present is occupied as a tailoring shop and the upper section is used for apartments. The store next on the avenue is occupied as a cigar store, and the one at 1145 has been empty for some time. This property will be improved at once. It is a two-story building and the new owner will enlarge it and put in a new front to accommodate the tailor store now in the main building. It is understood that the present occupant of the cigar store will remain, and that a new front and other improvements will be made to this property to make in conform with the up-to-date stores over the city.

Mr. Burkholder, for a number of years has occupied the property just across the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, he having purchased the business from the late J. M. chamberlain, and the latter from J. M. Stoeber. The property has been used as a drug store for about forty years. It is the intention of Mr. Burkholder to remodel his new purchase on the corner of Twelfth Street and Edgmont Avenue and remove his business there. The upper portion of the three-story brick structure will be made into a comfortable dwelling. The contemplated improvements to be made by Mrs. Burkholder will give to that section of the city an entirely different appearance and will cost approximately \$5000.

IN THE COUNTY – Very little that is actually new developed in the county districts during the week, although the fine weather has given the actual building work a decided impetus. Work started during the last few weeks and which has been spoken of in this column in the past, is well under way and the majority of the contractors are busier than they have been in months.

Upper Darby is getting a large part of the building enterprises of the county this year, and the same condition has been true for a couple of years, because of the proximity of the township to the Philadelphia line, and to the excellent transportation facilities which have been provided for that part of the county. No place on the outskirts of the big metropolis has better trolley service than this township, residents of much of it being nearer in point of time, to the center of Philadelphia than residents of some parts of the city.

A suburb which is being developed there and which promises unusually rapid growth is Bywood. One hundred acres of farm land along the Collingdale and Media divisions of the Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company, are being cut up and developed. Long, wide streets connecting with the West Chester Pike have been laid out

and macadamized; sidewalks have been laid, and sewers are now being put in. Many lots have been sold, and at least thirty houses will be started on the project this summer.

BALDWIN TO REBUILD – Hon. Richard J. Baldwin, whose residence, hall and store at Chadd's Ford were burned last Sunday morning, is planning to rebuild at once. Plans for the work are not completed and Mr. Baldwin is not yet ready to say very much as to what he will do. He has as yet no real idea of what the rebuilding will cost him.

J. B. Flounders, a Media contractor is making alterations and additions to a house on the Baltimore Pike, Swarthmore, for Misses Sallie and Emma Gibbons. The improvement is practically doubly the size of the house, which is of stone, and the cost is \$5000.

The Philadelphia and West Chester Traction Company is to build at once a stone station on the Media division at the land development of T. E. Allison a short distance from Media. Mr. Allison will have Media water run to the property as soon as possible, negotiations having been taken up with Media Borough Council.

Benjamin T. Levis, real estate dealer of Media, has just sold the Andrew Pryor farm of 150 acres to Laura E. Gossner, owner of the Concord Hotel property. The farm is in Birmingham Township, Chester County, but is directly across the road from Birmingham Township, Delaware County. The price paid has not been made public, but it is known that it was held at \$11,000.

BUILDING PERMITS – But three building permits were issued the past week by Building Inspector Terryl T. Williams. They were as follows:

Samuel Lax – One-story frame and corrugated iron building in the rear of 320 Penn Street

William Hewes – Two 2-story brick dwellings on Hewes Avenue between Highland Avenue and Harwick Streets

J. W. Erwin – One-story frame and iron building in rear of 1136 Highland Avenue

Harry W. Koch, real estate broker, Drexel Hill, reports the sale of a two and a half story stone and stucco detached dwelling on Maple Avenue Drexel Hill to Mrs. Jackel of Philadelphia, who will occupy it; also the sale of a detached dwelling at the corner of Drexel and Bonsall Avenues, Drexel Hill to Wallace Lippincott of Philadelphia.

The same agent has also sold three lots on Forrest Avenue, Drexel Hill to K. E. Hafer of Drexel Hill.

PLANS FOR PARSONAGE – Plans have been prepared for a large stone and hollow tile residence to be erected at Sharon Hill for Kelly Memorial Church. The new dwelling will be 2½ stories, 30 feet wide and 50 feet long. Estimates are being offered by the following building firms: W. R. Dougherty, H.E. Gran Company, Thomas C. Trafferd Henry L. Brown, F. L. Hoover and Son, F. G. English, E. T. Kreitzburg, F. E. Wallace, Pomeroy Construction Company, and J. L. Duncan.

The Pomeroy construction Company of Philadelphia is estimating on extensive alterations and additions to be made to the Philadelphia Gas and Electric Company Chester office building.

The Springfield Real Estate Company is receiving estimates for the erection of two large houses at Springfield, this county. The buildings will be of stone and rough cast with slate roofs. The bids are due on May 13. Among those submitting estimates are: R. C. Ballinger and Company. W. B. Johnson, E. Oscar Lobb, George B. Turner and W. Harvey Roberts.

The club house and gymnasium being erected at Third and Thurlow Streets for the Ancient Order of Hibernians is well under way. The foundation work has been completed and works started on the sides of the structure that will improve the general appearance of the neighborhood, when completed.

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

Morton – Edward J. Mayo of Morton to William E. Mayo of same place, two lots at Harding Avenue and Maple Street \$300

Middletown Township – J. Clarence Bonsall of Middletown Township to Esmonde H. Habbersett of same place one acre on Middletown Road, \$500

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Margaret Smith of same place, lot on Childs Avenue, Drexel Heights, \$250

Upper Darby – Samuel Crothers of Philadelphia to Mary A. Dixey of same place, lot at Childs and Taylor Avenues, Drexel Heights, \$275

Lansdowne – Anna Brady and Ida Brady, executrixes under will of Ellen Brady, to Ida M. Lowden of Lansdowne, lot on Stratford Avenue \$750

Glenolden – Arthur R. Henry and others of Philadelphia to George H. Noblitt of same place, lot near Llanwellyn Station

Eddystone – The Philadelphia Trust Safe Deposit and Insurance Company to Teonfil Ostrowski of Chester lot with buildings on Ninth Street, \$5000

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