

CHESTER TIMES – January 31, 1914 – GOOD WEATHER INSPIRES HOPE –
Much News During the Week to Give Encouragement to Real Estate Men, Local Builders
and Mechanics

The good weather this week brightened up the building aspect for the spring. While no large contracts are in view, aside from the improvements at the plant of the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company, at Front at Tilghman Streets, the contractors and builders and real estate men in general are taking a more optimistic view of the situation for the present year. It is already known that several hundred modern houses will be constructed and this with other operations to be given out when spring occurs, added to the building which is expected to be done in close proximity to the city, it looks as though there will be plenty of work for contractors, mechanics and laborers.

The work of surveying the seventy-six acre tract brought at Ridley Park by A. E. Muller & Company, has been concluded and in a short time this land will be opened up for building. The character of houses to adorn this high and healthy tract has not been made known, but it is expected that the buildings will be of a high class, especially in the vicinity of what is known as Ridley Park Lake which is a part of the purchase. The land adjoins the Ridley Park Golf Club and the new owner expects to have many offers from wealthy residents in the city to come into Delaware County to live at least during the summer months.

The land is also in close proximity to the large Baldwin Locomotive plant and other industries, and is in easy access of both Ridley Park and Crum Lynne stations. There is but little of the tract that does not have a commanding view of the Delaware River which makes it additionally desirable.

OLD DEED RECORDED – Four acres of ground in Marple Township were sold April 8, 1856 by Henry Hipple to Worrall Haws for \$227.18, which was recently recorded over half a century having passed between the sale and the recording.

With the deed were two others, one of which transferred a one-sixth interest from Alice B. Haws of Des Moines, Iowa to Edward M. Haws of Marple Township, and the other transferring a two-thirds interest from Mahala Edwards of Marple Township to Edward Haws. The prices quoted show that the land is now worth \$350 an acre. Worrall Haws, the purchaser in the first mentioned transfer, died September 15, 1881.

The new court house, or more properly the reconstructed courthouse, is rapidly nearing completion, and notwithstanding pessimistic predictions that it will not be done before the end of the coming summer, those in charge of work are looking forward to an early completion of the work, although it will hardly be completed for occupancy by the first of March, which is the time specified in the agreement. On the second floor carpenters are doing the finishing work and plasterers are doing the fancy plastering of the ceiling of the large court room, all work of this kind having been completed in the smaller court rooms, which also have the paneling of wood on the walls. The electricians are hanging the lighting fixtures in some of the rooms; the marble workers have completed their work in several of the toilet rooms; practically all of the hardwood floors on the second floor are completed; and stone workers are engraving the front of the building. The greater portion of the cement sidewalks are laid, also.

MEDIA'S HIGH SCHOOL – The usually fine weather of the greater part of the present winter has been taken advantage of by James Flounders, contractor, and the subcontractors on the building of Media's new \$80,000 school house. There has been no

letup in the work of more than a few days. The foundations are all in, the walls are up to the height of the first floor, which in some places is about twelve feet above the level of the ground, and the form work for the concrete floor, piers, and cross beams is all in position. Only the uncertainty of the weather prevents the laying of the concrete at once, as all materials and reinforcing bars are on the ground. The stone men are not held back, however, and every day sees many additional feet of granite in place in the walls. When completed the school will be one of the finest in the country and one of the show places at the County Seat.

Lindsay & Moorhouse have been making good progress on the new home for Walter Corkran at Seventh and Jackson Streets, the building being now under roof and all floors laid. Walter Johns will receive bids up until February 6, for a home to be built for his father-in law, Captain E. H. Janney of Baltimore. This to be a bungalow. This home will be located on a plot of ground of about one and one-quarter acres, this being a portion of what is known as the Rowland tract.

ADDITION TO DANK – James Flounders has just started an addition to the Media Title and Trust Company's building on South Avenue, and the masons are laying the foundation. This addition will be of brick, one story high, and will add considerably to the banking space of the company. Mr. Flounders is just completing the Roland house, about two miles northeast of Media, and is also finishing the work on the Walter Furness house above the Rose Tree. This is the largest house built in this section since the Schoen house, at Rose Valley.

J. W. Worrilow of Media is doing considerable work near West Chester. He has erected a fine residence for a party named Morgan and is also remodeling the old farmhouse for the occupancy of the manager of the farm. The old barn is also being remodel and enlarged. The Clark Thompson house and barn, about a mile north of the Rose Tree, are being remodeled by Mr. Worrilow, who is also engaged in making alterations to the Brinton Building at State and Orange Streets for G. H. Brinton and Dr. Isaac Pike, Jr., the latter having dental parlors in the building. Dr. Pike's brother, who is a throat and eye specialist, will occupy a portion of the building after alterations are completed.

EIGHTEEN NEW HOUSES – Contractor Francis Moore of the Eleventh Ward, expects to begin operations for the erection of eighteen new dwelling houses in the early spring. These houses he will build himself in the wester section of the city and he also expects to construct eight houses in the same section of Chester for a Philadelphia party. Mr. Moore, who has been a factor in the building development of the West End during the past few years, says that the building prospects for this coming spring and summer are exceedingly bright.

The interior of the enlarged post office building has been thoroughly repainted and new swinging doors of the latest design were constructed at the Fifth and Welsh Streets entrances to the Federal structure, this week. The old doors were entirely too heavy. Children were hardly able to open the doors on account of their excessive weight. The new doors swing very easily and are a great improvement in every way over the ones that have been removed.

The annex to the Odd Fellows' Hall will be completed in about two weeks. Finishing touches are being made to the interior of the building and a great deal of this

work is being done by members of the building committee of Chester Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Horace H. Jackson is the general contractor.

The Chester Construction and Investment Company expects to have their nine stores and eighteen departments at Seventh and New Market Streets, completed in another week. The heating plant and lighting systems have been installed and the woodwork on the exterior and interior has been painted. The apartments contain all the modern conveniences and quite a number of them have already been rented.

Slate roofs are being placed on the ten dwellings erected at Twenty-First Street and Edgmont Avenue by Contractor William Ward. These houses were constructed of National art stone and present a very attractive appearance. Four of the dwellings will soon be ready for occupancy.

PERMITS GRANTED – Building Inspector T. T. Williams during the week granted the following permits:

Riter, Conley Manufacturing Company of Pittsburgh to build a concrete and steel building for the Philadelphia Suburban Gas and Electric Company at Delaware Avenue and Tilghman Street. The building will be 127 by 100 feet, forty feet high

J & J Hanna to build a two-story brick dwelling on the west side of Walnut Street between Fourteenth and Fifteenth Streets

George D. Hewes to construct two two-story brick dwellings on the north side of Third Street between Booth and Trainer Streets

David Jones, Sheriff of Chester County sold at public sale the Hotel Taylor property at Coatesville for a debt of \$64,580 for the sum of \$31,000 to Harry A. Buckley of Phoenixville

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS -

Chester – Henry L. Bechtel of Philadelphia to Wilhelmina M. Pennington of same place, houses at 114, 116 and 118 Thirteenth Street, Nominal

Chester – John Drozdski of Chester to John Bailey of Chester, house and lot on West Third Street, \$1650

Chester – James Burn of Elizabeth, N.J. to Margaret A. Valentine of Chester, house and lot on Barclay Street, \$3,350

Yeadon – Provident Life and Trust Company to Elizabeth M. Turner of East Lansdowne, house and lot on Church Lane, \$3,800

Upper Chichester – Boothwyn Farms Company to Silas Green of Brooklyn, N. Y., lot on Chichester Avenue, \$250

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Chester – Louis A. Clyde of Chester to James Friel of Chester, house and lot on Ross Street, \$1,500

Tinicum Township – Abraham Massey of Philadelphia to Charles Bonekat of Tinicum, lot at Lester, \$80

Chester – James L. Rankin of Chester to Keystone Building and Loan Association, house and lot at Sixth and Hayes Streets, Nominal

Radnor Township – G. A. Schneebeli of Nazareth to Wayne Building and Loan Association, house and lot on Lancaster Avenue, Wayne, Nominal

Swarthmore – Rev. H. E. Jackson of Essex County, N. J. to Taber Ashton of Swarthmore, house and lot on Cedar Lane, Nominal

Upper Darby – Ralph L. Aman of Wayne to George A. Dolby of Kirklyn, two lots at Kirklyn, Nominal

Prospect Park – Evan L. Moore of Philadelphia to John J. Billing of Prospect Park, lot on Lincoln Avenue, Nominal

Bethel – Andrew J. Hance, Sr., of Booth's Corner to Andrew Hance, Jr., lot situate on Naaman's Creek Road at Booth's Corner, Nominal

Chester – William G. Price, Jr., et ux., of Chester to William J. Lee of Philadelphia, brick house and lot, Fifth and Edgmont Avenue, \$3200

Samuel A. Hewes of Chester to Thomas S. Phillips of the same place, brick house and lot, Seventh and Lincoln Streets, \$1050

Samuel H. Danfield of Chester to Samuel A. Hewes of the same city, two brick houses and lots, Seventh and Lincoln Streets, Nominal

Thomas S. Phillips of Chester to Samuel A. Hewes, lot Providence Heights, \$200

Colwyn – Robert H. Comit and wife of Philadelphia to Martha A. Henderson of the same, two brick houses and lots, Nominal

Haverford – Suburbs Holding Company to George Fleiss of Philadelphia, two lots, \$640

Middletown Township – Isaac Pennington of Middletown to Samuel Trimble, M. D. of same place, narrow strip along Trimble land. \$32

Darby – Amanda A. Price of Philadelphia to Nicola Cresta and Michele Ursini of Darby house and lot on Mulberry Street, \$1000

Ridley Township – Paul Mandi of Chester to A. G. Walker and D. F. Deal of Glenolden, four lots at Ridley Park Heights, Nom

Upland – M. H. Vanzant of Philadelphia to Mary A. Vanzant of Upland, house and lot on Tenth Street, Nom

Chester – Kingsley Montgomery of Chester to William A. Dyer of Chester, lot on East Twentieth Street, \$1300

Chester – Caroline J. Moore of Chester to Charles T. Hollingsworth of Chester, house and lot on Central Avenue, \$1350

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