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LARGE REAL ESTATE SALE IN THE COUNTY – Three Large Farms in Edgmont Township Disposed of to Samuel Riddle

One of the largest sales of real estate to one individual buyer that has been recorded in Delaware County in years took place when George T. Butler, representing Samuel Riddle of Glen Riddle, purchased three farms, 430 acres in all, in Edgmont Township. Benjamin T. Levis of Media, acted as broker in the sale.

The three farms, which are located on the highest point in Delaware County, commanding sweeping views in all directions, were owned by the following: James Patchel estate, 147 acres; Edgar C. Howard, 112 acres; William J. Neal, 170 acres. The consideration is withheld with the exception of that on the Patchel property, which sold for \$11,019. The new owner will transform his new holdings into a spacious estate, on which it is expected that he will erect a home in Hunting Hill in the near future. For years the three farms have been the scene of many an exciting finish of the Rose Tree, Kadnor and West Chester Fox Hunting Clubs, which used them as their hunting territory.

George Addis, of Knowlton, has sold his farm of seven acres to Thomas W. Redding of Chester, who will move into his new place in the early spring.

Acting as broker, Benjamin T. Levis sold the brick dwelling and two acres of ground at Upland belonging to I.M. Hidgkinson to Louis Sapovits of Chester.

In Glenolden J.W. Meckert & Co. started the erection of a bungalow of Glenolden Avenue, near the Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad station, for W.H. Harrison.

Ground has been broken by Milton L. Staley for a residence for John D. Abel of Philadelphia on Cook's Avenue, near Chester Pike, Glenolden, who will occupy it when finished.

Workmen are putting on the finishing touches on the Twentieth Century Club at Lansdowne, which will probably be completed within a few days.

The residence of Harry Stewart, Windemer Avenue, Lansdowne, which is being changed from a single to a double house, is almost completed.

J.W. Meckert & Company of Ridley Park, have obtained the contract to erect a stone and framed dwelling house for J.H. Parsons on Park Street, above Morton Avenue, Ridley Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker of East Lansdowne are negotiating for a suitable site in East Lansdowne, on which they will erect a home, probably early next spring.

The estate of Charles Leeds at Ridley Park, about 120 acres in all, it is said, has been purchased by a syndicate. The tract will be divided into building lots. The property is located between Chester Pike and Darby Creek, on which place it has a frontage of more than 2000 feet.

Elmer Ellsworth Pierce has closed negotiations for the sale of the M.H. Matlack Stock Farm in Willistown Township, south of Paoli. The purchasers are William H. Jones & Brother of Sixty-Ninth Street. The consideration has not been disclosed.

The Matlack farm contains 240 acres with Ridley Creek flowing through it. It has a frontage of over 3000 feet along the West Chester and Philadelphia trolley road, and is known as one of the show places along the pike between West Chester and Philadelphia. The farm has been retained in the Matlack family for the past eight years, having been

purchased by Jonathan Matlack in 1829. There is much activity in farm sales in this section, over 600 acres having changed hands within the past ninety days.

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