

WAR TOWN TO BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

The United States Shipping Board has decided to sell all of its improved and unimproved property, known as "Buckman Village," Chester, Pa., at public auction on Saturday March 18, 1922, and has commissioned Joseph P. Day to act as auctioneer.

The United States Shipping Board acquired this property during the war from the Buckman family, which in turn, has owned the tract for more than twenty years. In 1902, Mr. Buckman erected the substantial country home on the property, which was then a suburb of Chester, Pa., but since that time, the City of Chester has grown rapidly in that direction and today "Buckman Village" is within the corporate limits of the city.

The entire tract comprises a little less than thirty-five acres of land, and, in

order to house employes in the near-by shipyards the Government erected 301 private dwellings and apartment houses; also a large inn, containing 152 rooms, and a garage building with twelve compartments.

Special attention was given to the laying out of "Buckman Village," so that all the natural beauties of the place would be preserved. Every improvement was installed, including water, sewer, gas, electricity, macadam roads, cement sidewalks, curbs and gutters. In the rear of the houses was laid a service alley for the removal of garbage, ashes, &c.

Now that the war is over the United States Shipping Board no longer has use for these houses, and therefore has decided to sell the property at auction. "Buckman Village" will be first of-

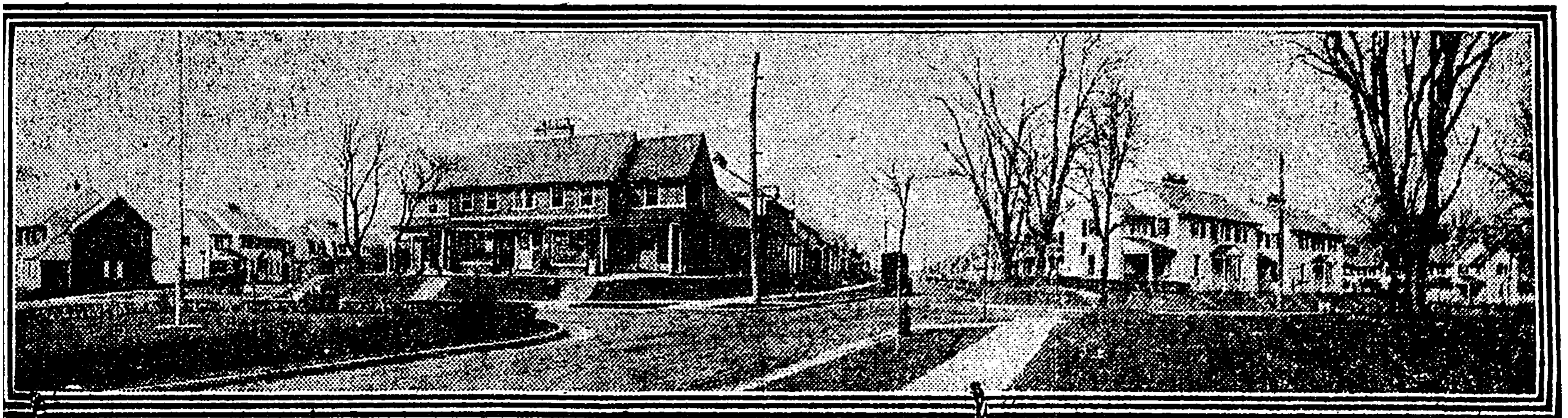
fered as a whole and then in individual units, which will give all classes of buyers an opportunity to purchase. Exceedingly favorable terms are being allowed by the United States Shipping Board for the convenience of purchasers.

In speaking of the coming auction sale, Joseph P. Day said: "The auction sale which I will conduct on March 18 for the United States Shipping Board, Emergency Fleet Corporation, means the liquidation of "Buckman Village" in its entirety. Every dwelling and apartment house is to be put up at auction and sold, and in order to give everybody an equal chance, the property will be offered as a whole as well as in individual units. Special provisions are being made so that the present occupants of the houses may purchase the buildings in which they now reside. In fact, every-

thing is being done to make this sale a fair and square auction.

"The success of the sales conducted by me at 'Yorkship Village,' 'Morgan Village,' at Camden, N. J., and 'Harri-man,' at Bristol, Pa. demonstrated that the auction method of disposing of properties of this class was the correct one, for not only did the Government dispose of a record number of houses at one time at most satisfactory prices, but the purchasers acquired homes at a figure less than they could be reproduced for today.

"Chester, Pa., occupies a unique position, being located about midway between Philadelphia and Wilmington, with splendid train service, both of these important cities. My advice is for everybody interested in buying a home to examine these properties most carefully, because I consider them well worth while."



Maple Lane, Buckman Village, Chester, Pa., to Be Sold at Public Auction by United States Shipping Board on March 18.

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