

SAY REAL ESTATE PROVED IMAGINARY

Promoter Arrested in Chicago, Charged With Swindling Several Hundred Buyers

RELIEF IN GLOUCESTER

There was general relief among officials of Gloucester, N. J., when word was received of the arrest in Chicago of Chadorim von Foorister, a real estate promoter of alleged vivid dreams and plans. He was held in bail there on the charge of conspiracy.

Through the sale of what are said to have been imaginary building lots in Gloucester and other places, Von Foorister, with others, it is alleged, swindled several hundred persons in all parts of the country.

According to the police the alleged promoter formed a concern known as the Chadorim von Foorister-L. A. Reich Real Estate Corporation. The company, it is said, had branch offices in several cities and claimed to own 4000 lots at Gloucester. It was claimed that these lots were well surveyed and lighted. Purchasers had the privilege of paying spot cash or buying the land on the installment plan.

Von Foorister, it is said, organized two bonding companies, one called the Land Refunding Co., having an alleged capitalization of \$200,000,000 and the other named the United States Land Value Refunding Co.

Investigation, the police say, showed that neither of the two concerns mentioned had any financial backing. Von Foorister, it is said, claimed that the building lots which his concern owned were in that part of Gloucester known as Grace Iola Park.

Officials of Gloucester said today there is no such place as the park named, either in Gloucester or anywhere near it. Among others who received inquiries about purchasers about the company's building lots was Mayor Anderson, of Gloucester. He recently got a letter from a man in New York who said he had paid \$100 for one of the lots.

STEVENSON FAVORED AGAIN

Magistrate Neglected by Police for Three Years Gets Cases

After a lapse of three years Magistrate Maxwell Stevenson, Jr., resumed hearings today at the Thirty-ninth street and Lancaster avenue police station.

"Judge" Stevenson was not favored by the Vares and his rulings did not please William Wilson, former director of public safety. In accordance with his orders, it is said, the police brought prisoners for hearings to any of the West Philadelphia police stations where Magistrate Stevenson formerly held court. The judge heard all cases brought before him at his private office, 3947 Lancaster avenue.

Until today all police cases were heard by Magistrate Harris. Under the new order of things Magistrate Harris will hear West Philadelphia cases south of Market street, while cases north of Market street will be heard by Magistrate Stevenson.

RECTOR ACCEPTS CALL HERE

The Rev. Frederick Musser has accepted a call to become rector of the Church of the Covenant, Twenty-seventh street and Girard avenue, and will begin his ministry next Sunday. Mr. Musser was graduated from Haverford College and the Philadelphia Divinity School. He has been rector of St. Paul's Church, Bloomberg, Pa., since 1912. He was archdeacon at Harrisburg in 1918 and a deputy to the general convention from his diocese in 1919. A



MARY AHOUSE

BOY RESCUES GIRL FROM SEWER INLET

Manayunk Lad Acts Quickly and Effectively When Child Disappears Into Hole

DOESN'T FEEL LIKE HERO

Walking toward the corner of Wright street, at the Pennsylvania Railroad crossing in Manayunk, at dusk yesterday evening, Howard Clampher, fourteen years old, of 4861 Cresson street, saw a little girl just ahead of him suddenly disappear.

He stood for a moment in astonishment. As there has been considerable talk about spirits of late he was at first disposed to think that the little

girl had vanished in some mysterious way. But a cry made him run to the corner. There he found the lid of an inlet for waste water. Peering down into the hole he saw the head of a child. She was struggling in four feet of water.

The boy reached down and was able to grasp the little girl by the hair. In this way he was able to lift her until he could catch hold of her arms and raise her to the street. By that time she was half drowned.

Patrolman William Ward appeared and carried the child to her home. She is Mary Ahouse, seven years old, of 112 Gates street, Manayunk.

On arrival at the house the child's soiled clothes caught her mother's eyes. Mrs. Ahouse was at first disposed to be wrathful, thinking the little girl was at fault, but when she heard what had happened she almost collapsed.

It was said today that the lid of the inlet must have been loose. When the child stepped upon it, the lid turned and sent her down into the water, just as though she had stepped on a trap door.

The rescuer is being praised, but he refuses to be a hero. "I saw the kid drop out of sight," he said, with an effort to put as much

prose into his tale as possible. "When I looked down, I could see her head in the water. I just had to get her out."

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