

CHESTER TIMES – March 27, 1915 – LODGE TEMPLES TO BE ERECTED –
Masonic Order of Ardmore Will Construct \$55,000 Building the Coming Summer

The spring-like weather of the past week has caused general activity in real estate, and there was general selling, trading and buying done, indicating a confidential feeling among real estate men. The builders have also been kept busy furnishing bids for new houses, alterations and additions.

Two big lodge buildings will be erected during the summer; one a masonic temple at Ardmore and Masonic Avenues, Ardmore, and the other for the Knights of Pythias of Morton. The masonic temple is to be erected for Cassin Lodge, No. 273, F. & A. M. of Ardmore. The plans call for a three-story stone structure to take the place of the present building. The new building will be 70x125 feet, and it will be ornate in appearance. The cost will be about \$65,000. The first-floor will contain a banquet room, cloak room for ladies and gentlemen, lobby and ante rooms. The second floor will have a reception room, reading room, billiard room, ante rooms, and the third floor will have a lodge room which will seat 500 persons together with other rooms.

At Morton, Faraday Lodge No. 280, Knights of Pythias, will erect a two-story brick building, 365x65 feet. ON the first floor there will be a small office and store and a moving picture theatre. The second floor will be a lodge room. The plans for this building were drawn by George Grover of Morton, and bids will be opened for the work next Wednesday night. The building is estimated to cost about \$12,000

Work has begun on the new Horace K. Furness Memorial Library in Wallingford by Contractor George Tipping of Philadelphia. The building is an ornate stone structure to cost \$10,000 and is being erected as a memorial to the late Horace K. Furness, the great Shakespearean scholar.

SCHOOL BUILDING STARTED – The Lansdowne Construction

Company started work this week on the \$22,000 public school building in Morton. This structure is two stories high, and it will contain seven classrooms and will be completed by next September.

Vestes J. Spindler of Philadelphia has awarded a contract for the erection of a nine-room bungalow in Aldan to John Morgan of Clifton Heights to cost \$4000.

John McShain, a builder of Philadelphia has awarded a contract to erect a stone and cement office building with walls and gates at the entrance to the new Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Marple Township. Plans for this work were prepared by Lindley Johnson of Philadelphia and the work is to be completed in three months and is to cost \$9000.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has started to build the preliminary work for a new concrete bridge to be built over Baltimore Pike in Fernwood, to take the place of the present iron bridge. The new bridge is to be built on the freight line running from Fernwood to Millbourne. The cost of the work is not known.

Fred A. Havens & Co. of Philadelphia, have been awarded the contract to do the repair work at the Vulcan Works at Chester. A portion of this plant was damaged by fire some time ago and the cost of repairs will be \$9,750.

Tyas & Co. builders of East Lansdowne, are building two two-story stores and dwellings for A. Fearn of East Lansdowne on the Baltimore Pike and Third Street, East Lansdowne. The building will cost \$8000.

BANK BUILDING NEARING COMPLETION – The new branch of the Media Title & Trust Company in the Terminal building at Sixty-Ninth Street, is rapidly nearing completion. This new bank occupies a space on the first floor of the main entrance to the Building, and it is being built by the Lansdowne Construction Company.

J. V. Kane, a real estate broker of Clifton Heights has plans for three two-story dwellings to be erected in Clifton Heights. Edward Winterbottom, a builder of Clifton Heights is completing four brick houses and he is preparing to build several more in Clifton Heights this spring and summer.

The Ridley Park Garage Company, recently organized, has purchased a piece of land on Hinckley Avenue Ridley Park, and will begin the construction of a garage at an early date to cost about \$3500. The stockholders of the corporation are all residents of Ridley Park.

A number of improvements have been made to the two-story building at Fifth Street and Concord Avenue owned by Rhoads Brothers. The structure has been leased by Frederick Ohler.

Contractor Francis Moore has started work on the erection of two dwelling houses at Eleventh and Thurlow Streets. The foundations for the new structure are now underway.

MARKET SQUARE APARTMENT – The apartment that will be erected on the northeast corner of Third and Market Streets by George Shober, the restaurant man, will cost approximately \$20,000, according to a statement made by his attorney, J. C. Taylor yesterday. The building will be either four or five stories in height, the final plans not yet being decided upon. The ground floor will be used by Mr. Shober as a high class restaurant and the remainder of the building will be devoted to apartments. The structure will be brick and will occupy a commanding view of the square. Mr. Shober characterized the building as a “Billy” Sunday hotel that is a first class building used exclusively for persons seeking comfortable, home-like quarters.

This improvement will be one of the biggest that Market Square has witnessed in many years and will be one of the tallest buildings in the city. All modern conveniences will be used throughout the building.

The West End Realty Company has disposed of No. 2507 West Fourth Street to Joseph Speiner and wife, of 410 Hayes Street. The company has also sold to James Cohen of Third and Hayes Streets, a house at 2515 West Third Street.