

CHESTER TIMES – July 7, 1909 – NEW TOWN AMONG THE HILLS OF ASTON – Enterprising Contractor is Preparing to Open Up “Lenni Prairie” Tract and Build a Village

William B. Bratten, who is about to begin a big building operation on the Lenni Prairie, owned by him, has received plans for the laying out of a beautiful suburb. This week the work of laying a macadamized street through the tract will be begun, and will extend from the Lenni Road to the Railroad. This will be the main street in the little town and will be known as Prairie Avenue. There will later be some new streets added and are already marked out on the plans. They will be named Chestnut Avenue, Elm Avenue, Locust Avenue and Maple Avenue. These streets are all to be paved and macadamized and the whole tract has been laid out in building lots 50 x 100 feet and larger. The plans were prepared by Oliver T. Parry, a Philadelphia architect.

It is probable that the Middletown School Board may locate a new school house in the new suburb as the Parkmount school location at the Hill, where a new town is about to spring up, would be an ideal place for a school house, and if the centralized school proposition materializes in Middletown, that would be the very place for such an institution.

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