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FINE NEW HOMES AT LENNI HEIGHTS – Mr. Bratten's Operation There Opens up a New Style of House Building in This County.

Delaware County, already so rich in suburban homes and fine country estates, is destined to see a continuation of such improvement upon its broad acres, particularly in that section embraced within the territory traversed by the old Baltimore Central railroad. Land heretofore overlooked for systematic development on a large scale has, from the fact of a growing scarcity of available tracts probably at a reasonable cost in the more developed sections, become attractive for improvement.

An incident of this is shown in the recent plotting out of the prairie farm of William B. Bratten, now adjoining the built-up town of Lenni, though overlooking same from a high altitude. This tract of sixty-five acres has been cut into streets and building lots, the grove section being retained for bungalows and the water system located at the highest point where artesian wells are being driven.

It is eminently proper that upon this Delaware County soil the first distinctive colony of "mission" style reinforced concrete houses and bungalows should be located, and Mr. Bratten has placed the architectural work in charge of C. R. Barry, a Philadelphia architect, who has weighed an extensive colony of houses and bungalows, ten of which, have been awarded to F.P. Reynolds & Co. contractors of Philadelphia, who have already broken ground for the same, the concrete work being subcontracted to C.R. Kraft & Co. of the same city.

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