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Gravel Pit Now School Site

By DENI SCANLON
Township Editor
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
After Tarapata and Charles H. MacMahon Jr. have designed many a building...

The "HOLE" in the square donut of academic studies is a courtyard with lecture areas on each side...

A major courtyard acts as a buffer between the academic and the front portion of the building. The resource side of the courtyard is lined with study alcoves for group or individual work.

The gravel-pit-turned-school site offers a big area for recreation purposes and parking. A section of the land to the rear of the building will be kept vacant for a possible storage and maintenance facility for school buses.

THE 30-ACRE PARCEL of property, formerly owned by Bloomfield Township, is located at Opdyke and Kensington Roads, in the vicinity of St. Hugo of the Hills.

When the school reaches its maximum of 600 students that back area will be increased by six more classrooms facing that corridor.

ESTIMATED AS A \$1,300,000 project, construction on the school will begin in September. The architects expect to have it ready for occupancy by September, 1962.

From a topographical map that looks as Tarapata puts it like a bowl of spaghetti may come a refreshing and new treatment of a school.

ON PAPER, the school is designed like a small campus. It has four basic areas—academic and research; physical education; cafeteria, kitchen and office; and the allied areas.

These areas are connected by a series of corridors and are also at different levels.

THE NOISE of activities in the girls and boys gym and from the shop areas will be confined in the lower portion of the structure.

An intermediate area includes the cafeteria (cafeteria and auditorium combination), the vocal and instrumental section, the kitchen and the allied areas and counseling offices.

A CLOSER LOOK at the academic plans illustrates flexibility for teachers and students. Educators today are beginning to use a teacher team plan which lumps science and math...

Across the corridor from each section is a lecture room that can be used for large group teaching and demonstration. Each has a partition in the center which could separate the

ready in a few weeks. Construction of the building is scheduled to start in September. Grading of the land at Kensington and Opdyke Roads is presently being done.

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WITH THESE TRENDS in mind, Tarapata-MacMahon have a recent court decision which extends the amount of commercial frontage on Telegraph Road at Mape.

It is one of six properties which the Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on tonight as possible sites for multiple dwellings.

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B'fied Township to Challenge Decision on Tel-Mape Zoning

By SAVILLA SLOAN
Special Writer
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—Bloomfield Township is appealing a recent court decision which extends the amount of commercial frontage on Telegraph Road at Mape.

THE CASE OF Tele-Mape vs. Bloomfield Township was instituted a year ago by Pontiac attorney Harry D. Wise Jr. on behalf of the property owners.

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2 Subdivision Plats Get Board Approval In B'fied Township

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP—There'll be no Maiden Lanes in Bloomfield Township.

Tasty Cargo

WEST BLOOMFIELD—These two couples may have been shipwrecked victims but from the looks of the barbecued chicken they found ashore, the fate wasn't hard to take at all.

Lathrup Increases Pay for Employes

LATHRUP—Salary rates for city employes for 1961-62 were set by council at Monday's meeting.

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W. Bloomfield Voters Defeat Library Request for Now

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1,005 Residents Say 'No' to Plea

WEST BLOOMFIELD—Township voters Tuesday to a proposal for levying a one-mill tax for five years to finance the community library.

Lathrup Action On Sewer Plans Waits Court OK

LATHRUP—A unanimously approved council resolution specified that storm water sewer plans and specifications would be filed immediately with the state health department if the circuit court acts favorably on a current suit against the city.

Conflicting Orders On Sewage Flow Stymie Lathrup

LATHRUP—That the city is placed "right in the middle" is the consensus of council members following a report on letters received from the county DPW and the state health department.

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Results of Primary Con-Con Election
Arizona Saddy Has 'Horse Flavor'
Caddy Master
With the Boys Circumnavigators Plan Safari For Club Event
Ollie Spencer Speaks Out About Football